



Illinois Valley 2018-2019 Annual Report



Mission

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is organized as a charitable and educational organization that exists to serve the community, through programs to assist low-income, disabled, elderly, and individuals and families in need. IVEDC acts to receive, plan, coordinate, and administer Federal, State, Local and private resources towards education, employment and training, housing, energy, food and nutrition, developmental training, transportation, resource coordination, and other such related needs. IVEDC shall be a catalyst and advocate for the interest of its clients in order to improve lives and enrich communities.

Vision

Providing a broad range of individual and family services, designed to change lives, increase self-sufficiency, embody a spirit of hope, improve communities and make our service area a better place to live.

Values

- Increased Client Self-Sufficiency
 - Enhancing Communities
 - Strengthening Partnerships
 - Operational Excellence
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Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

For over a half century, the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) has been assisting citizens throughout a four county area in fighting the potential impact of poverty. During this time, IVEDC has supported young people, often single parents, in pursuing a better education that would transform their lives. IVEDC also provides comprehensive child development programs for economically disadvantaged families to ensure their children are afforded an opportunity for success. Additionally, during times of duress, individuals and families have turned to IVEDC to help them to keep the lights and water on or to make emergency repairs to their homes. In some instances, residents have sought help from IVEDC to improve the energy efficiency of their homes assuring the dwelling provided an adequate environment for young children and seniors. Other residents turn to IVEDC to provide them with transportation. Also, IVEDC has sought to ensure seniors had the opportunity for a nutritional meal and a friendly voice. Similarly, disabled adults are given an opportunity to secure employment, enjoy recreational activities and to develop life skills to enhance their quality of life. Furthermore, IVEDC employees and other supporting agencies have supported individuals seeking an opportunity to find employment or avoid homelessness.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise that this past year, IVEDC and its partners were able to assist thousands of area citizens through its multiple programs designed to fight the impact and expansion of poverty. Still, as we transition into a new year, IVEDC seeks to improve the services it currently offers and to be a catalyst and advocate for the interests of its clients. In order to achieve this mission, IVEDC will continue to seek opportunities to cooperate with other community partners, and to expand its ability to ensure the most vulnerable citizens of our communities have the tools and opportunity to become self-sufficient and enrich their lives.

Hopefully, in our efforts to achieve our mission, we will have your support and assistance.

Mike Kelly
Executive Director

Community Services Block Grant

What is CSBG?

On July 31, 1981, Congress enacted the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The CSBG Program offers information, referral, and assistance in securing services from a wide range of social, economical, health and welfare programs available to the low-income, elderly, and other disadvantaged individuals and families.

What does CSBG do?

- Included once again in CSBG is the Job Placement and Development/ Education for Employment Program which provides for sponsorship for short-term training programs such as Certified Nurse's Aide.
- During the 2019 program we implemented a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program to provide more support, job skill training, and weekly classes to assist with client needs and class preparation.
- The Cardboard Recycling Project operated at the Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center has provided employment opportunities and benefits the community through its recycling activity.
- IVEDC received funding to continue operation of a 'Homeless Prevention Program' and an Emergency Solutions Grant that allows IVEDC to assist households who are homeless or in 'near homeless/homeless' situations with the provision of rental assistance, and case management.

CSBG Success Stories

Mr. P and his girlfriend M. came into the office because they were living in their car. Through the assistance with CSBG we were able to house the young couple in a small affordable apartment. During this time both were able to get employment and will begin their GED Classes. Without the programs they wouldn't have had the money for food, utility deposits, and rental assistance as well as assistance applying for jobs and getting into the GED Class.

Miss B came into the office because she was looking for assistance receiving her CDA Credential. Miss B is a very dedicated volunteer for our Head Start Program and is currently working towards her credential while getting her hours volunteering in our programs. She will obtain her credential once the new school year begins. With limited income for the household this credential will help Miss B support her family.

CSBG Core Services

Job Placement/Development and Employment Projects – 20 individuals served

Provides employment through education services to generate jobs.

Employment Generating Projects – 20 individuals served

Operation of a Cardboard Recycling Project and a Craft Project for adults with disabilities.

Other Employment Projects- 58 individuals served

Provides transportation assistance for employment and educational purposes.

Education – 7 individuals served

Scholarships are available to assist with financial assistance for income eligible college students.

Emergency Services – 300 individuals benefited

Provides emergency services to participants in a crisis situation. (i.e. rental deposit, back rent, water deposit, car repairs, food and clothes vouchers, etc.)

Senior Citizens Programs – 84 individuals benefited

Includes operation of a senior services project to supplement and enhance elderly programming within in the agency.

Family Development/Intervention for Family Stabilization – 116 individuals served

Provides long-term case management and family development services to income eligible households.

Information and Referral - 236 individuals served

Provide various referrals to income eligible individuals.

Over 841 services were provided to individuals and families this year.

CSBG activities are developed with the ROMA (Results Oriented Management and Activity) model as closely as possible, and the CSBG Work Programs are designed with specific Outcomes in mind.



Head Start

The IVEDC Head Start and Early Head Start programs and the ISBE Prevention Initiative 0-3 program provide young children and families with support and learning to promote school readiness. Each program has developmentally appropriate and research based curriculum which is used by staff to provide opportunities for learning in the areas of social-emotional development, language and literacy, cognition, motor and physical development and approaches to learning. Families also receive support for increasing self-sufficiency and for meeting family goals.

213 children were served throughout Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun Counties through Center-Based, Home-Based or Early Head Start.

IVEDC CLASS scores were in the **top 10% nationally** in the area of Instructional Support.

Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable populations is important. **More than 90%** of the children in the program were identified as low income, in foster care or homeless at the time of enrollment.

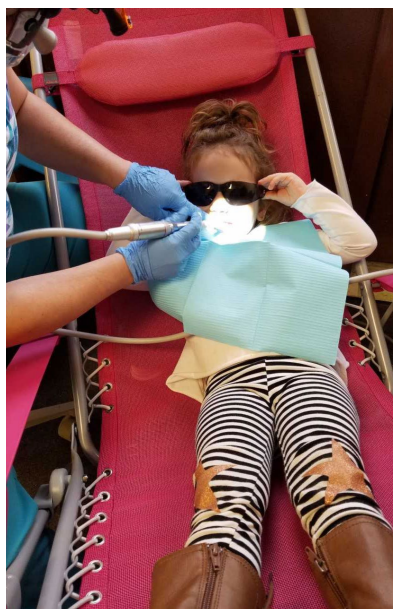
IVEDC Head Start had an **86%** average daily attendance. The national goal is 85%.

1,070 home visits were performed. Children from newborn to age five as well as pregnant women were involved in the program.

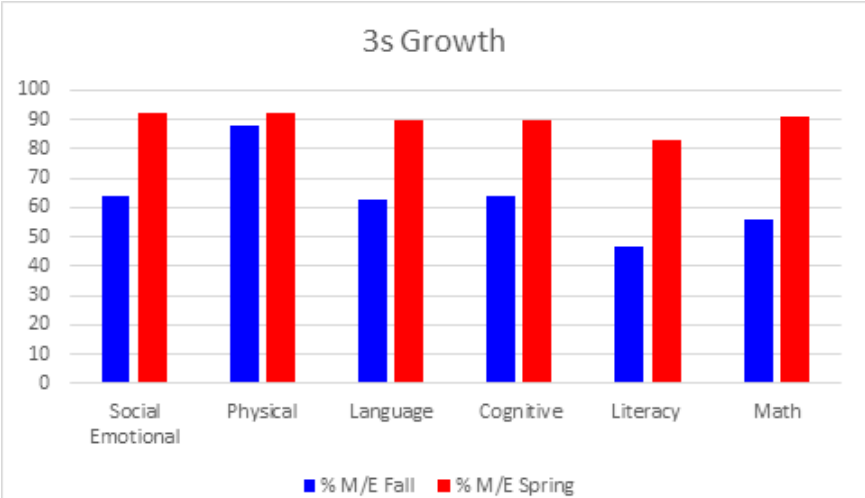
274 families were touched by the IVEDC Head Start program this year.

Completion Percentages

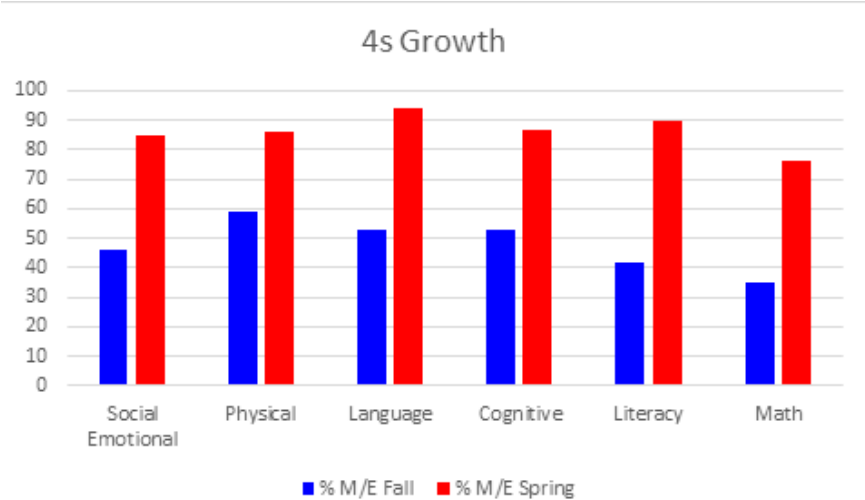
Physical	83%
Immunizations	78%
Dental	66%
Vision	74%
Hearing	74%



School Readiness



The highest percentage of growth is in literacy at 36 % and math at 35%.



The highest percentage of growth is literacy at 48% and the next is social-emotional with 39%.

Energy Assistance

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

For many Illinois Households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some instances, the household is forced to make painful decisions regarding which bill to pay and which necessities to survive without. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households afford the rising cost of their energy bill. Eligible households can receive assistance in these ways:

One-time Benefit: The amount of payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type(s).

Percentage of Income Payment plan (PIPP) Clients are required to pay 6% of their gross income toward their Ameren bill with the remainder of their budget billing paid by the program.

Reconnection Assistance may be available if a household is disconnected from an energy source needed for heating. LIHEAP may also provide for repair or replacement of inoperable furnaces for eligible home owners. The LIHEAP Program will provide direct financial assistance, referrals, outreach, and energy efficiency counseling.

Ameren Cares Grant and Liberty Utilities Voluntary Assistance Grant: IVEDC was able to provide assistance to households with someone 60 or over towards their Ameren bill to offset the high electric bill due to extreme temperatures.

Families Helped

Type of Assistance	Number of Households	Funds Expended
One-Time Benefit	2,756	\$1,497,216
PIPP	394	\$431,201
Reconnection	562	\$273,769
Furnace	24	\$45,333

Outcomes

The regular LIHEAP assistance helps to offset utility costs, helping low income households remain stable, while reconnection assistance helps insure continued service, which also helps maintain household stability, as does the Emergency Furnace Program. The PIPP Program assists with regular monthly payments to help make the payment affordable and promote making regular on time payments.

Success Story

Jordan and Macey came into the office without any income and living in their vehicle. With the help of several programs through IVEDC they were able to get housing and utilities turned on in their name. If it weren't for the LIHEAP program they wouldn't have been able to get utilities turned on in their name. Without getting utilities in their name they would have continued to be homeless due to the apartment wanting them to get utilities turned on in their name.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Illinois Home Weatherization Program (IHWAP) is designed to help low-income residents save energy and money while making the home safer and increasing the comfort of their home.

Measures performed include:

- Insulating attics, walls, floors
- Seal air infiltration leaks
- Perform health and safety task such as heating system repair or replacement, carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms and ASHRAE 62.2 compliant continuous run exhaust fans to prevent indoor air quality problems
- LED light bulbs are also installed as a base load energy saving measure as well as energy efficient refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units

Funding for the 2019 program year came from three grants, Department of Energy, Health and Human Services, and Weatherization STATE. Ameren Illinois is partnering with the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program in their territories and are providing funding to our agency to assist in weatherizing homes and perform other energy saving projects.

29 Homes Weatherized

Calhoun County.....	2
Greene County.....	6
Jersey County.....	6
Macoupin County.....	15

Average cost per home: \$10,565

22 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace

Calhoun County.....	0
Greene County.....	2
Jersey County.....	1
Macoupin County.....	19



Success Story

JoAnn is widow from a small rural town in Macoupin County. She is living off of her Social Security. Because of the PIPP program she is able to afford her utility bills each month. She also receives assistance with her propane. Without the LIHEAP and PIPP Program she wouldn't be able to afford her utility bills.

Senior Services

In-Home Care

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program is contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) to provide in-home assistance to individuals age 60 and over with one-on-one, non-medical support with activities of daily living through the Community Care Program. These activities may include personal care, housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, grooming, shopping and socialization.

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program helps make it possible for senior participants to lead a meaningful, independent life while remaining in the comforts of their own homes.

Home Care Aide, Jennifer Boyer received an honorable mention for the Mary I Hill Home Care Aide of the Year.

IVEDC received approximately 15 new clients this year.



Average # of Participants	76	Average # of Home Care Aides	26	Average Monthly Service Hours	1520
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Nutrition

Illinois Valley Senior Citizen Nutrition Program was formed in 1974 to provide nutritional meals to senior citizens, age 60 and over.

The Nutrition Program service area includes Greene, Jersey and Macoupin counties, with meal sites located in Carrollton, Jerseyville, Palmyra, Benld, Grafton, Carlinville and Brighton. The meals are designed to provide at least 1/3 of the recommended daily nutritional needs of senior citizens.

IVEDC participated in the Subaru Share the Love Event in an effort to obtain additional outside funding for the nutrition program. The event held by IVEDC was a blanket drive titled "Share the Love – Warm a Heart". IVEDC was awarded \$4,622.33 for our efforts.

Educational and entertaining activities and presentations were implemented, at no cost to the program:

- SNAP Fitness
- Silver Sneakers
- Brain & Body Wellness
- Blood pressure checks
- Senior Scam/Fraud presentations
- Financial Education
- Arts and Crafts
- Musical Entertainment
- Bingo



We continue to use volunteers from churches in all of our service areas for meal deliveries. We also have individual volunteers, on a regular basis, who assist with meal delivery. Most of our facilities are provided by and supported by the cities and senior groups where they are located.

Nutrition Services

Congregate Meals.....19,638
Home-Delivered Meals....62,971

The congregate meal units are **4,830** units ahead of last year's totals and home delivered meals are **18,139** units ahead of last year's totals.



Developmental Disabilities – Day Serv

Gillespie Rehabilitation Center

The Gillespie Rehabilitation Center is a day program operating throughout the year serving persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service areas of Macoupin and Southern Montgomery counties. Transportation is offered to all program participants.

The purpose of the Center is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational, and independent living skills training with the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment. Services are geared from basic life skills to actual work and skills training required for work tasks.

Staff work with participants, guardians, and parents to best determine needed skills and to set goals, which assist in this endeavor. Several participants are employed at the Coalfield Rest Area on a part-time basis. Many also work on our recycling contract to earn a regular paycheck. Recreational activities are provided both in house and outside the facility.

Success

Satisfaction surveys sent to participants, community organizations, parents/ guardians, and customers had an overall approval rate of 99.9%.

Enrollment

54

Macoupin

47

Southern Montgomery

4

Madison

1

Southern Sangamon

2



Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center

Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center's main objective is to help participants with disabilities perform at their highest ability. The clients set their own goals and everyone works together to help them achieve their goals as much as possible.

Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center serves persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service areas of Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties. The purpose of the programs are to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational, and independent living skills training with the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment for the participants.

All participants are offered the opportunity to earn a paycheck (dependent upon their skills, availability to work and desire to work). They are paid according to US Department of Labor standards. Cardboard recycling remains the top work opportunity for the participants.

Monthly field trips for IVJRC were implemented. Participants visited The Gateway Grizzlie Game in Sauget, IL, The Stadium Theater in Jerseyville, IL, the Highland Fair and hiking at Pere Marquette Park, as well as various outings for bowling, fishing, shopping and picnics in the park.

School Participant Totals 48

Home-Based 15



Tri-County Rural Transit

What is Tri-County Rural Transit?

Tri-County Rural Transit is a service that provides affordable and accessible transportation to the residents of Greene, Jersey and Calhoun Counties, partnering with surrounding areas transportation providers to promote independence and self-sufficiency.

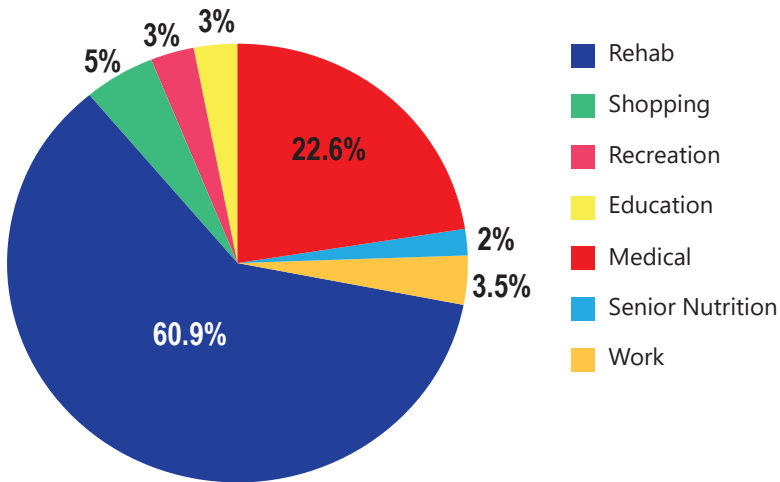
Tri-County Rural Transit serves transportation to Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties for public, senior citizens and disabled individuals. The program is open for services from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, throughout the year.

Number of Rides Completed: 22,170

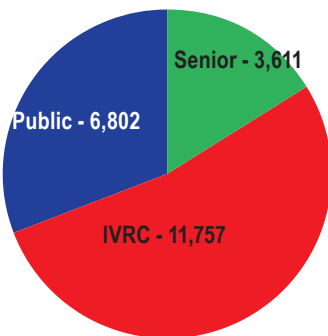
*Our Vehicles drove approximately **198,633** miles during the 2018-19 program year, approximately **1500** miles per day.*



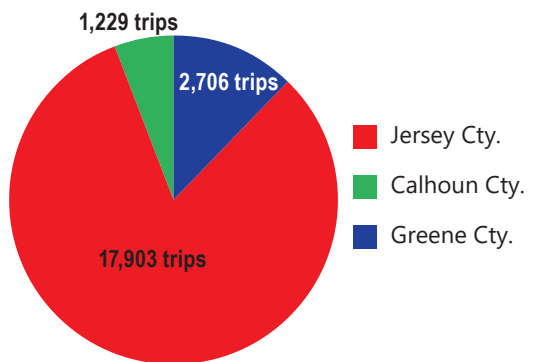
Types of Rides Provided



Population Served



Destinations



Financial Statements

Unaudited Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Revenue:	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Federal grant revenue	\$ 4,954,283	\$ -	\$ 4,954,283
USDA reimbursements	167,020	-	167,020
Total federal revenue	5,121,303	-	5,121,303
State grant revenue	1,572,244	-	1,572,244
Other grant revenue	261,339	-	261,339
Fee for service revenue	1,493,537	-	1,493,537
Program income	301,508	-	301,508
Interest income	40,650	-	40,650
Donations	15,654	-	15,654
Other income	52,750	-	52,750
In-kind contributions	123,166	-	123,166
Total revenue	8,982,151	-	8,982,151
Expenditures:			
Energy programs	\$ 2,822,173	\$ -	\$ 2,822,173
Head Start programs	1,964,418		1,964,418
Rehabilitation programs	1,434,070		1,434,070
Senior programs	1,084,657		1,084,657
Housing programs	106,336		106,336
CSBG programs	238,539		238,539
Transportation program	295,328		295,328
Other programs	52,287		52,287
Total program services	7,997,808		7,997,808
Management and general	826,031		826,031
Total expenditures	8,823,839		8,823,839
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	158,312		158,312
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,290,428	1,768,727	7,059,155
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,448,740	\$ 1,768,727	\$ 7,217,467

IVEDC Fast Facts

Incorporated in 1966

Not for profit

Community Action Agency

This agency designation was created as a result of federal legislation passed in 1964 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act – one of the “Great Society” initiatives

Board has Tri-partite Representation

- 1/3 Local Government
- 1/3 Private Groups/Interests (Lions Club, Salvation Army, Blackburn College etc.)
- 1/3 Participants of agency programs

Service Area

Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun Counties

Offices in each county

Administrative Office

 is located in Gillespie

Employs approximately 160 individuals

(full-time and part-time)

Largest Programs

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Rehabilitation
- Head Start

Approximately 4,268 households and 7,628 clients served annually



Leadership



Mike Kelly

Executive
Director



Brenda Pacini

Chief Operating
Officer



Lynn Petrelli

Chief Fiscal
Officer



Stephanie Stahlhut

CSBG/LIHEAP
Coordinator



Amy Hess

Head Start
Director



Tom Brown

Maintenance
Supervisor



Dawn Elbert

Site Manager
Jerseyville Rehab



Heather Foster

Program Director
Gillespie Rehab



Kim Costello

Senior Services
Manager



Lacey Miller

Transportation
Director

Locations

County	Programs	Address/Phone
Macoupin	All Programs	Administrative Office 223 S. Macoupin St. Gillespie, IL (217) 839-4431
	Rehabilitation	212 and 217 Walnut Gillespie, IL (217) 839-2195
Jersey	All Programs	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 405 Mounds Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-9521
	Senior Citizens	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 804 E. Franklin Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-3483
Greene	All Programs	320 5th St. Carrollton, IL (217)942-6824
Calhoun	All Programs	818 S. Park Hardin, IL (618) 576-2218



Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes peoples lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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