



2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Illinois Valley
Helping People Changing Lives



Mission

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is a charitable and educational organization that exists to serve the most vulnerable populations and to mitigate poverty through the administration of federal, state, local, and private resources. 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,

Since the mid-1960's, the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) has been assisting citizens throughout its 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. 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, and an opportunity for disabled adults to have employment and recreational activities. Furthermore, IVEDC employees and other partnering agencies have supported individuals seeking an opportunity to find employment or avoid homelessness. However, prior to 2020, never in IVEDC's history had we been forced to address the impact of a pandemic that threatens both the health and economic stability of our clients. While IVEDC is proud of the efforts put forth by our employees to address the uncertain conditions caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, it would be an understatement to say there have been huge challenges in our efforts to serve those in need. Also, all of us expect these challenging conditions to remain in place well into the 2021 calendar year.

Still, as we transition into a new year, IVEDC seeks to improve the services it currently offers, and we will strive to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and other factors leading to the deprivation of members of our community. 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 fight the impact of poverty.

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

Mike Kelly
Executive Director

Community Services Block Grant

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.

Annual Overview

- 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 2020 program we continued 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.
- IVEDC also provides financial assistance and support for other certifications offered at the local community colleges.
- 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

Miss W and her family came into the office because they had lost all of their belongings due to a house fire. With the assistance of CSBG Services, the household was able to obtain emergency lodging, until permanent residence was obtained. The household received the services of multiple programs that the agency offers. Without the programs offered at Illinois Valley, the family wouldn't have had the necessary funds to provide for their essential needs.

Miss C came into the office because she was looking for assistance receiving her CDL License. Miss C is currently working as a non CDL driver at a local transit company. She reached out to Illinois Valley because she is wanting a better career that will enable her to meet her financial needs in the future. Miss C has been very committed to her education and has been able to obtain her CDL license. Miss C is currently looking for employment where she can use her CDL License. With limited income for the household, this credential will help Miss C better support her family.

CSBG Core Services

Job Placement/Development and Employment Projects – 12 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- 19 individuals served

Provides transportation assistance for employment and educational purposes.

Education – 14 individuals served

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

Emergency Services – 205 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.)

Information and Referral - 221 individuals served

Provide various referrals to income eligible individuals.

Senior Citizens Programs – 534 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 – 120 individuals served

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

Over 1,145 services were provided to individuals and families this year.

The current pandemic made it more difficult to provide services, therefore IVEDC's numbers have been reduced from previous years. CSBG activities are set up 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.

Program Highlights

- The new Carlinville Head Start center was finally completed and licensed for the staff and children to move in near the end of January.
- The biggest challenge of the 2019-2020 program year was the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. In March 2020 we were asked to send all of our children and staff members home as part of the state mandated shut-down. Head Start staff members were challenged with finding ways to be engaged with families providing long distance learning activities. Teachers and staff learned how to create classroom groups on Facebook and created weekly packets of learning materials that were dropped off at each child's home.
- **216** children were served throughout Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun Counties through Center-Based, Home-Based or Early Head Start.
- IVEDC Head Start had an **85.5%** average daily attendance. The national goal is 85%.
- **632** home visits were performed. Head Start, Early Head Start and ISBE home visits were conducted in-person until March 13th. For the rest of the program year, the visits were done virtually
- **14%** of children moving from below level to meet/exceeds level on early learning skills. The areas of the most growth were Mathematics (20%) and Language (19%).





Health

	<u>CHS</u>	<u>CCB</u>	<u>EHS I</u>	<u>EHS II</u>	<u>GCB I</u>	<u>GCB II</u>	<u>HB I</u>	<u>HB II</u>	<u>ISBE</u>	<u>ICB</u>	<u>NMAC</u>	<u>SMCB I</u>	<u>SMCB II</u>	<u>SMCB III</u>	<u>SWM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MAXIMUM CHILDREN:	15	20	12	12	20	20	12	12	12	19	16	18	19	19	20	246
<i>Physical</i>		95	18	33	93	95	75	83	50			94	89			87
<i>Dental</i>	85	85	27	33	87	80	13	83	67	83	57	78	89	95	89	75
<i>Immunizations</i>	92	80	55	42	93	90		83	33	89		94	84		89	95
<i>Vision</i>		75	27	83	93	90	50	33	83	83	86	89	79	95		82
<i>Hearing</i>		75	27	83	93	90	50	33	83	78	86	89	79	95		82
TOTAL CHILDREN:	87		92		75		67	50	50	95	88				90	88

Outcomes

Enrollment numbers improved slightly over the previous year.

At the beginning of the new program year, the Carlinville Head Start program was in need of a new home. a new center was licensed and opened in late January, 2020. The new classroom has more room for children to spread out and a very nice playground area is being planned which will be available for use in the 2020-2021 program year.

The South Macoupin Head Start center in Benld will build a new playground that will be available for use in the 2020-2021 program year.

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.

The 2020 LIHEAP program included the **Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)** to assist income eligible Ameren customers with a monthly payment towards their bill.

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

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 and Liberty Utilities provided LIHEAP agencies, in their service territory, funding to help low-income customers with utility assistance.

Families Helped

Type of Assistance	Number of Households	Allocation Expended
One-Time Benefit	2,349	\$1,422,839
PIPP	405	\$401,412
Reconnection	452	\$273,769
Furnace	18	\$36,913

In March, all staff began working remotely and services were done via phone and mail due to the Covid-19 Shelter in Place Order. LIHEAP numbers are lower this year due to this change in structure

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

Mr. D came to IVEDC seeking assistance with LIHEAP. Mr. D is a single father who does not receive assistance from his children's mother. He is self-employed, and was struggling to manage and keep things up and going. Without the assistance from LIHEAP, Mr. D. and his children would have been without gas and electric, as he was not able to afford his payments without financial assistance.

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.

- Insulating attics, walls, floors
- Seal air infiltration leaks
- Perform health and safety tasks
- Installation of carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms
- Installation of exhaust fans
- LED light bulbs
- Replacement of refrigerators, freezers
- Replacement of air conditioning units

Funding for the 2020 program year came from three grants, Department of Energy, Health and Human Services, and Weatherization STATE.

IVEDC decided to discontinue utilizing outside contractors to perform Weatherization architectural work after an unsuccessful and lengthy contractor procurement process. IVEDC hired a two-man architectural crew to perform weatherization work on homes.

Outcomes

The projected number of homes to be weatherized for the 2020 PY was 35 but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Department of Economic Opportunity sent an order to cease all work. Unfortunately, the production goal of 35 completed homes was not possible due to time lost. 12 homes were weatherized by the end of the 2020PY.

12 Homes Weatherized

Calhoun County.....	0
Greene County.....	3
Jersey County.....	4
Macoupin County.....	5

18 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace

Calhoun County.....	1
Greene County.....	5
Jersey County.....	2
Macoupin County.....	10

Success Story

Ms. J is from a small rural town in Macoupin County. She lives solely on retirement benefits and cannot afford the amount of her electric bill. Through our program she is only required to pay a limited amount of her entire bill each month. She also receives assistance with her propane. Without assistance from 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, house-keeping, 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.

IVEDC received approximately **11 new clients this year.**

Average # of Participants	63	Average # of Home Care Aides	22	Average Monthly Service Hours	1,500
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COVID19 caused some of our clients to choose to put their service hours on hold, to minimize their exposure. This reduction in service hours was offset by the addition of the new clients.



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. The meals are designed to provide at least 1/3 of the recommended daily nutritional needs of senior citizens.

Program Overview

- We initially saw an increase in congregate meal participation this year, but then we were required to cease congregate operations due to the COVID19 pandemic.
- IVEDC participated in the Subaru Share the Love Event in an effort to obtain additional outside funding for the nutrition program. IVEDC was awarded \$2,231.48 for our efforts.
- The newly acquired building in Benld, opened to serve its first meal in February. This new facility, the IVEDC South Macoupin Senior and Community Services Center, is a much needed improvement for the community and for the nutrition program.
- 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.
- Terry Smith, was nominated and awarded the Lincolnland Volunteer of the Year Award at this year's Area Agency on Aging Lincolnland Meeting.
- FEMA, the Illinois Department on Aging, and Area Agency on Aging provided the IVEDC nutrition program with 8,000 shelf stable meals. We began distribution of these meals in June and completed deliveries in July 2020.

Outcomes

The congregate meal units were required to cease after March 11, 2020, due to the coronavirus outbreak.

We made an increase to our home delivered units and we are currently operating at 76%.

Most of our facilities are provided by and supported by the cities and senior groups in the areas in which they are located.

Program Statistics

Congregate Meals.....7,821
Home-Delivered Meals.....56,060



Gillespie Rehabilitation Center

The Gillespie Rehabilitation Center is a day program serving individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service area of Macoupin and Southern Montgomery counties. The Center is in operation 12 months a year. 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 is implemented with the approach of the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment. Services are geared from basic life skills, to actual work skills training required for work tasks.

Staff work with the 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 and the Railsplitter Rest Area on a part-time basis. The Railsplitter Rest Area contract is a new contract which was added in FY20. Many participants are also provided an income opportunity through our recycling program and craft work at our Garden Barn.

Recreational activities are provided both in house and outside of the facility.

Outcomes

IVGRC issued 55 participant surveys. The results were 97% positive.

Gillespie Rehab held several fun days with the participants. These included nacho day, a Halloween party, Christmas party, Valentine's dance with a DJ and a Thanksgiving pie/hot chocolate day.

IVRC Gillespie enrolled 4 additional clients during FY 2020.

Enrollment	55
Macoupin	48
Southern Montgomery	4
Madison	1
Southern Sangamon	2



Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center

Illinois Valley Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center's (IVJRC) main objective is to help participants with disabilities perform at their highest ability and increase self-sufficiency. The clients set their individual goals and the staff assists them in achieving those goals.

Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center serves persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near the service areas of Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties.

The purpose of the program is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational and independent living skills. This training is conducted within the least restrictive environment possible for the participants.

All participants are offered the opportunity to earn an income, dependent upon their skills, work availability and desire to work.

IVJRC has maintained the number of participants served at **50 participants**. **Home-Based Participants** ranged from **15** on 7/01/19 tp **17** on 6/30/20

Cardboard remains the top work opportunity for the participants.

Outcomes

IVJRC issued 50 participant surveys. The results were 98% satisfaction rate.

Monthly field trips for IVJRC were implemented. By the end of the third quarter, the participants went to Gordon Moore Park, a nature hike to Pere Marquette, fishing at Wok Lake, yards sales in Jerseyville, The Highland Fair, the batting cages in Wood River, Bowling at The Tri-County Bowling Alley, The Treehouse in Dow, The Jerseyville Library, The Mini-Olympics, Greenfield Pumpkin Patch, The Stadium Movie Theatre, Shamrock Shakes at McDonald's and The Jerseyville Gym.



Tri-County Rural Transit

What is Tri-County Rural Transit?

Tri-County Rural Transit is a transportation service that provides affordable and accessible transportation to the residents of Greene, Jersey and Calhoun Counties. It does so by partnering with surrounding area transportation providers in order to promote independence and self-sufficiency to community residents.

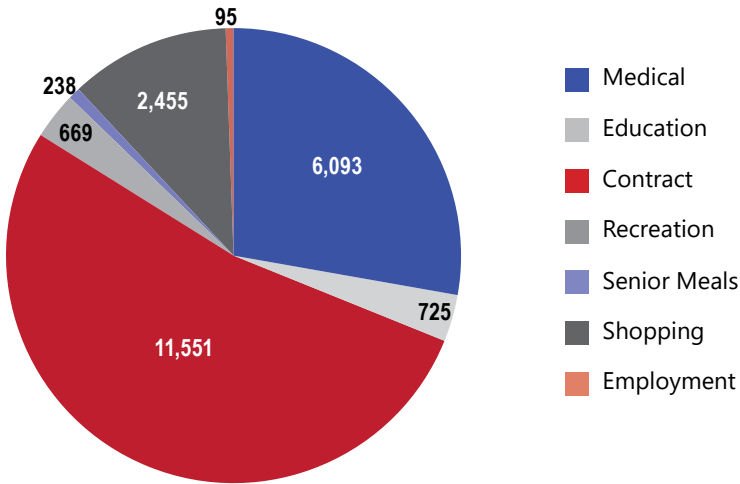
Tri-County Rural Transit provides transportation in its service area for the general public, senior citizens and disabled individuals. The program has expanded its hours of service from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday throughout the year.

Overview

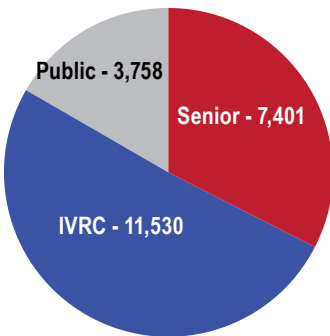
- Tri-County Rural Transit has been in operation for four **(4) full years**.
- TCRT was open for a total of **249 days** and operated for **12,866 vehicle hours**.
- **Number of Rides Completed: 22,689**
- Our Vehicles drove approximately **226,328 miles** during the 2019-2020 program year.
- TCRT received three **(3) new paratransit vehicles** from the FY18 CVP grant award. The 3 new vehicles are light duty paratransit vehicles that seat 12 passengers and is wheelchair accessible.
- **Increased ridership by 5%.**



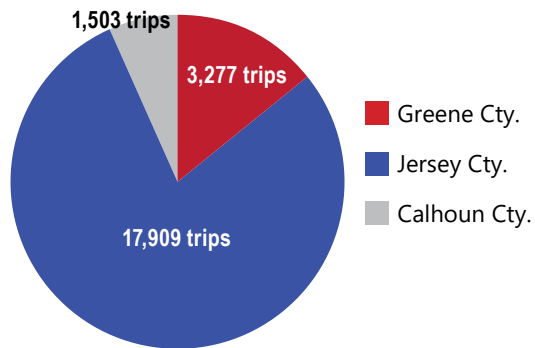
Types of Rides Provided



Population Served



Destinations



Financial Statements

PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Revenue:	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Federal grant revenue	\$ 5,086,949	\$ -	\$ 5,086,949
USDA reimbursements	151,035	-	151,035
Total federal revenue	5,237,984	-	5,237,984
State grant revenue	1,728,793	-	1,728,793
Other grant revenue	211,150	-	211,150
Fee for service revenue	1,321,592	-	1,321,592
Program income	276,930	-	276,930
Interest income	43,527	-	43,527
Donations	14,020	-	14,020
Other income	98,441	-	98,441
In-kind contributions	109,663	-	109,663
Total revenue	9,042,100	-	9,042,100
Expenditures:			
Energy programs	\$ 2,280,053	\$ -	\$ 2,280,053
Head Start programs	2,209,666		2,209,666
Rehabilitation programs	1,312,590		1,312,590
Senior programs	1,134,190		1,134,190
Housing programs	136,774		136,774
CSBG programs	198,319		198,319
Transportation program	358,451		358,451
Other programs	246,435		246,435
Total program services	7,876,478		7,876,478
Management and general	1,086,645		1,086,645
Total expenditures	8,963,123		8,963,123
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	78,977		78,977
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,491,507	1,768,727	7,260,234
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,570,484	\$ 1,768,727	\$ 7,339,211

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

Community Services
Director



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



April Hartman

Accounting
Manager/
IT Administrator



Paul Moore

Weatherization
Coordinator

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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