



MATURA Action
Corporation



ANNUAL **REPORT**

2023

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



MATURA Action Corporation

As we continue our mission to strengthen families and improve their quality of life, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we are making a meaningful impact in the lives of families and individuals in need.



In FY 23, we also saw so much devastation with the EF4 tornado that hit Greenfield on May 21, 2024 that affected several of our team members here at MATURA. Our team in Adair County were not only amongst those affected, but also a part of the recovery team. What a difficult job to help those in need while dealing with your own trauma and yet they showed up every day. We are both grateful and proud of how you have carried yourselves during this difficult time. You have come out the other side stronger.

We have also grown our partnerships and impacted more families with quality programming. From the expansion of our Child and Adolescent Health and 1st Five programs to the beginning stages of our Early Head Start collaboration with Greater Connections Child Care Center in Creston. This progress is a testament to the power of our collective efforts and the passion that drives our mission to assist those in need.

I look forward to our continued collaboration and the exciting opportunities ahead. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

Warm regards,

Danna Buls
Executive Director

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For almost 60 years, MATURA Action Corporation has been helping address issues facing low-income families by bringing resources to the community level in Madison, Adair, Taylor, Union, Ringgold, and Adams (MATURA) counties.

Our WIC/MCAH programs provide services in Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Fremont, Lucas, Montgomery, Page, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, and Wayne Counties.

MATURA Action Corporation partners with the community to provide quality programming for families and individuals in need, assisting them in achieving self-sufficiency, in strengthening families and in improving their quality of life.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Team members are recognized by MATURA have been in 5-year service increments. Each community action agency's staff member with the longest tenure and team members having been here three years were added to the ICAA Conference recognition ceremony this year.



MATURA Team Members Recognition:

- Lydia Brumfield 35 years
- Danna Buls 20 years
- Angela Pettit 15 years
- Deborah Russell 10 years
- Lisa Massey 5 years
- Whitney Ngang 5 years
- Emily Riedel 5 years
- Melissa Baker 3 years
- Teri O'Grady 3 years
- Jackie Pafford 3 years

MATURA Team Member Longevity Recognition:

Raedeen Bigelow 42 years



We thank each of you for the hard work and great care in which you serve others and how you represent MATURA to the public and to those we serve. You do indeed play a vital role.

VOLUNTEERS



MATURA utilizes volunteers throughout the agency primarily assisting in our outreach centers and Head Start classrooms.

Low-income individuals make up almost half of this time. This framework supports MATURA's mission of empowering others. Figures are for FY 2023.

269
volunteers
donated their time & talents
(includes 155 Head Start parent volunteers)

9,391.42
total volunteer hours
(includes 1,582.83 Head Start parent or former parents)

EMBRACE IOWA 2023-2024

Total # of applications:

96

- Top 3 Items Awarded:
- Vehicle repair/tires
 - Appliances
 - Home Repair

Total # of grants awarded:

42

Total unique households served:

39

Average amount requested from all applications:

\$619.46

Total Unique households served by county:

COUNTY	NUMBER
Adair	7
Adams	3
Madison	1
Ringgold	2
Taylor	5
Union	22



Total Funds Distributed:

\$23,902.51



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MATURA HEAD START 2023-2024

Medical & Dental Information

Children who received physical exam: **93.8%**

Children who received dental exam: **89.4%**

Parent Engagement Information

The following family engagement opportunities were offered throughout the program year:

- Two Home Visits
- Two Parent Teacher Conferences
- Family partnership assessment & goal setting
- Policy Council meetings monthly
- Parent Committee meetings
- Resiliency Training held at multiple program sites
- PACT time
- Creative Curriculum "end of study celebrations"
- Holiday programs
- School transition/Kindergarten round-up opportunities
- Several community event opportunities were encouraged (Parent Café, Kids Jamboree, etc.)
- All classrooms had events to celebrate the end of the school year

Enrollment School Year 2023-2024

Funded Enrollment	113
*Cumulative Enrollment	117
Average Monthly Enrollment	99
*Cumulative Enrollees Requiring IEP	19.5%
Children with Health Insurance	100%
*(includes any child enrolled at least one day)	

Number of center-based Classrooms

Bedford (in partnership)	1
Creston (in partnership)	4
Mt. Ayr (in partnership)	1
Winterset	1
Corning (AM and PM session)	1

2023-2024 Child Outcomes:

The percentage of preschoolers who met or exceeded expectations on GOLD assessments from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.

Social Emotional: 37% (Fall) to 96%(spring)

Physical: 59% (fall) to 98% (spring)

Language: 78% (fall) to 94% (spring)

Cognitive: 36% (fall) to 98% (spring)

Literacy: 33% (fall) to 95% (spring)

Mathematics: 21% (fall) to 89% (spring)

The biggest improvements were in Social-Emotional, Mathematics, and Cognitive Expectations. The least amount of improvement was in Language although it did start as one of the highest in the fall at 78%.

MATURA Head Start Child Assessment Summary -

The area of language and mathematics had the lowest percent of children meeting or exceeding expectations. Professional Development for the 2024-25 school year will include the process for referring children for speech services and including language and mathematic strategies and activities from Teaching Strategies. It should also include some transitions to use to help embed these strategies throughout the day.

Audit Information

The MATURA Action Corporation annual audit report was found to be without error and provided to the board in August 2024 by WIPFli LLP. Full report available on the MATURA website.

Fiscal Year 2022 Funding

Budget w/cola	1,117,626
Training	16,429
Non-federal Share	274,841

	Budget	Actual Expenditures
Personnel	599,627	577,421
Fringe	227,520	193,724
Travel	498	498
Supplies	7,821	16,122
Other	173,080	227,299
Indirect	109,224	102,562
Total	1,117,626	1,117,626

Federal Review Information

The most recent federal monitoring review was conducted in April 2024. A full compliance report was filed and received by the Head Start program.

“Educating Children, Empowering Families”

Fall 2023



Joel Lamb joined the Head Start Team as Program Director

Through a partnership established with Crossroads Behavioral Health, Head Start welcomed Hannah Campbell as the Mental Health Consultant.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

MATURA also assisted households in crisis with:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 261 Service continuity | 8 Emergency deliveries |
| 30 Emergency reconnects | 13 Emergency cooling air conditioners |
| 38 Furnace repair/replacements | 1 Heater |
| | 1 Fan |



138

households received approved assistance for Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Program ended September 2023.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Weatherization Assistance Program is a low-income energy efficiency program designed to make the homes of low-income clients more energy efficient thereby saving money. The program also provides important health and safety services. Energy saving measures include sealing air leaks, installing insulation in attics, walls, and crawlspaces, and tuning or upgrading heating systems.

At the beginning of FY23, we successfully hired a Weatherization Auditor/Inspector and began his training. However, he left after seven months, which limited our ability to weatherize homes in our service area. Fortunately, as we enter FY24, we have two motivated individuals in training to become Auditors/Inspectors, and we're excited about the prospect of weatherizing many homes in the year ahead.



OUTREACH CENTERS

MATURA Outreach Centers work with families that are in crisis, providing emergency assistance. These centers are successful due to the help of very generous volunteers in the community. Below shows (unduplicated) counts of those we've helped through the outreach centers:

902 families
1,848 individuals
assisted with emergency food packages

314 families
841 individuals
assisted with emergency utility assistance

150 families
464 individuals
assisted with Holiday food packages.

County General Assistance
Emergency assistance is provided for low-income county residents through our outreach centers in Adair, Adams, Madison, Taylor and Union Counties. Information concerning this program can be obtained by contacting the outreach centers listed on the back cover.

225 families
538 individuals
assisted with essential non food items

41 families
83 individuals
assisted with school supplies

Volunteer (Taylor County)
This program is funded through Iowa DHHS in Taylor County which provides friendly visiting, indirect services, and payee services to DHHS referred clients who are often elderly and handicapped individuals. This helps these individuals stay in their home with some outside assistance. Program ended June 30, 2023.

27 families
64 individuals
assisted with housing crisis assistance

118 families
477 individuals
assisted with Christmas gifts

Comments from households who received assistance in 2023:

"They help a lot of people survive!!"

"Very Resourceful! Goes beyond Help."

"We would have not made it without them."

"wonderful and helpful. Has saved my life."

WIC/CAH

Child and Adolescent Health (CAH)

The CAH program strives to ensure that children receive periodic comprehensive health screening services that include dental screening and education, immunization, and developmental/behavioral screening.

The CAH program also provides presumptive eligibility services for children who may appear to be eligible for Medicaid or Hawki, informing services for children who are newly Medicaid enrolled, care coordination services to help family's access regular health care check-ups for their children through medical and dental homes, and links families to other community-based services based upon needs.

1st Five

Public-private partnership bridging primary care and public health services. 1st Five supports health providers in earlier detection of social, emotional and developmental delays and family risk-related factors in children birth to 5, and also coordinates referrals, interventions and follow-up.

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNC)

73.07%

(95 out of 130) of Early Child Education programs in Collaborative Service Area 9 participate with the CCNCs.

Hawki

Designed to provide affordable health insurance to uninsured or underinsured working families.



I-Smile

Designed to ensure dental access to all children regardless of insurance cover.

Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC)

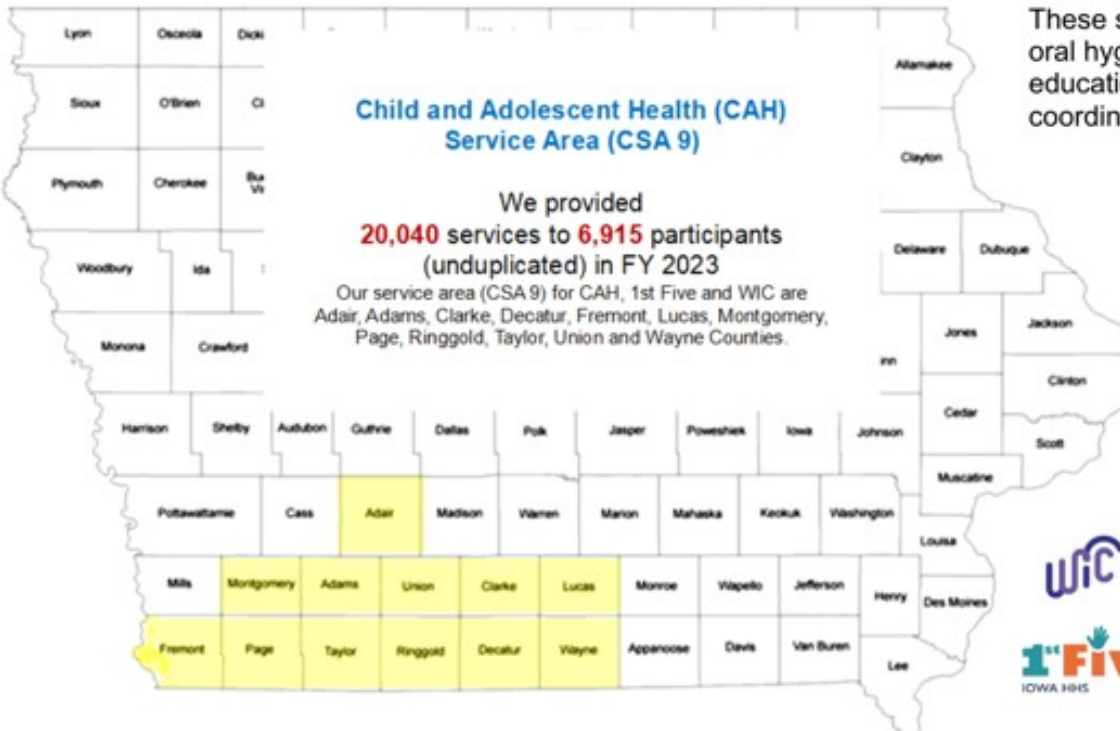
WIC services include: nutrition education, health screenings and referrals, supplemental food assistance, and food packages tailored by dietitian to meet specific need of each in-dividual. WIC is designed to serve: pregnant women, post-partum women, nursing moms, infants and children 0-5.



I-Smile

9,013 services were provided to **2,021** participants.

These services include dental screen, oral hygiene instruction, nutrition education, fluoride varnish, care coordination.



FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Federal grant revenue	\$4,273,935
State and local grant revenue	670,458
Program income	32,813
Contract revenue	111,013
Rental income	52,138
Thrift store sales revenue	111,899
Contributions	260,057
Other income	69,124
In-kind contributions	146,786
Total Revenue	\$5,728,233

EXPENSES

Program activities:	
Child education	\$1,684,092
Weatherization/energy assistance	1,553,944
Food/nutrition programs	558,082
Employment and training	161,815
Community services	916,782
Discretionary programs	130,144
Total program activities	\$5,004,859
Management and general	303,161
Total expenses	\$5,308,020
Changes in net assets	420,203
Net assets - Beginning of year	1,423,684
Net assets-End of year	\$1,843,887

The full 990 and Audit are posted on the Home Page of agency website: www.maturacommunityaction.com

CSBG CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS FY2023

4,652

total individuals served
(unduplicated)

2,233

total households served
(unduplicated)

963

single person
households

320

two adults
no children

293

two parent
households

30

single parent
male

287

single parent
female

240

multi-
generational
households

19

homeless

985

households
who own
their home

1,169

households
who rent

351

households with
non-cash
benefits only

8

active
duty
military

136

military
veterans

6

households with
income from
employment, other
& non cash benefits

590

households with
income from
employment and
non cash benefits

962

households with
other income
source & non cash
benefits



Number of Households	Poverty Level
669	Up to 50%
251	51% to 75%
365	76% to 100 %
337	101% to 125%
267	126% to 150%
183	151% to 175%
104	176% to 200%
37	201% to 250%
20	Over 250%

MATURA Outreach Centers:

Adair County

354 Public Square
Greenfield, IA 50849
(641) 743-2424

Adams County

1402 Hull St.
Corning, IA 50841
(641) 322-4096

Madison County

1724 N. John Wayne Dr.
Winterset, IA 50273
(515) 462-4704

Ringgold County

306 S. Garfield
Mount Ayr, IA 50854
(641) 464-2401

Taylor County

607 Madison St.
Bedford, IA 50833
(712) 523-3144


Union County

207B N. Elm St.
Creston, IA 50801
(641) 782-8431



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