

2014– 2015 Annual Report

Northern Tier Community Action Corporation

Helping People...



Changing Lives!

Our Dedicated Board and Staff make it all possible...



*Over 49 years of
Service to Low-Income
Families in Cameron, Elk,
McKean and Potter Counties.*



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DAVID GREENE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF THE AGENCY

As we reflect over this past year, we take this opportunity to acknowledge Ken Straub for his 40 years of service to the agency of which 28 years as Executive Director.

Now while remembering the past and looking to the future we strive to maintain the agency's mission of serving low-income families with current programs and services, while planning advancements and growth in community and economic development opportunities.

A change in management always comes with new ideas, innovation and direction. This agency will continue to be known as the core human services agency in the four county region and with continued dedicated efforts of our staff and management will be known as an innovator in the development of the programs we administer and the lives we touch.

THANK YOU to the members of the Executive Board of Directors for your dedication and service!

Sincerely,

George E. Hults
President, Board of Directors

Respectfully,

David J. Greene
Executive Director

Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

*Northern Tier
Community Action is
dedicated to
providing families and individu-
als in
Cameron, Elk, McKean & Potter
Counties with
resources to alleviate poverty
and promote self-sufficiency.*

The Board of Directors is a vital part of nonprofit structure and success by:

- ◆ Upholding sound fiscal practices
- ◆ Guiding policy development
- ◆ Providing strategic direction
- ◆ Ensuring financial viability
- ◆ Supporting executive leadership
- ◆ Representing the interests of the community



Northern Tier Community Action Corporation is governed by a volunteer 18 member tripartite Board of Directors. One-third of these members are Elected Officials or their appointees, one-third is elected from the Private Sector and one-third is elected as Community Representatives of our low-income population. These dedicated volunteers are drawn from all four counties—Cameron, Elk, McKean and Potter and serve tirelessly to offer their knowledge and experience for the governance and guidance of the agency.

Elected Officials

- ◆ Care about the communities they serve
- ◆ Move within a larger spectrum of decision makers

Low-Income Representatives

- ◆ Bring unique perspective to your story
- ◆ Have the capacity to create grassroots connections

Community Representatives

- ◆ Enhance organizational capacity with professional expertise
- ◆ Expand your reach through their connections

Success in management requires learning as fast as the world is changing.

Warren Bennis

Community Action Works..... through community partnerships.....

Northern Tier Community Action Corporation has 153 partnerships with 133 Organizations making it possible for to provide low-income families with the greatest level of empowerment to not only escape the bonds of poverty, but

We are increasingly faced with the conflicting goals of providing more service flexibility with increased funding constraints and regulations. We can accomplish this only by maximizing the use of our community partnerships.

A Way Out - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services	Coudersport School District	Office of Emergency Services
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services	DCED	Otto Eldred School District
Allegany Power - LIURP	Department of Energy	PA Department of Agriculture
American Cancer Society	Department of Health and Human Services	PA Dept. of Education Even Start/State Act 143 Family Literacy Program
American Red Cross	Department of Public Welfare	PA Head Start State Association
ATA	Dickinson Mental Health - Child Prevention Services	PA Hunger Action Center
Austin SD	Dollar Energy Fund	PA Keys
Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems	Early Intervention	PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elk County	EFSNBP	PA NW Lead & Healthy Homes Initiative
Bradford Learning Center	Elk County Cancer & Tobacco Health Education Council	PA Weatherization Task Force
Bradford Regional Medical Center - Maternity Unit & Healthy Beginnings Plus	Elk County Commissioners	PANO
Bradford School District	Elk/ Cameron Employer Consortium	Parent to Parent of PA
Cameron County Children and Youth Services - HSDF	Emporium First United Methodist Church	PHFA
Cameron County Commissioners	Family Based Mental Health Program,	Port Allegany Psych. Services
Cameron County Commissioners - HAP	Family Based Services	Port Allegany SD
Cameron County Family Center	Family Services of NW PA	Potter County Collaborative Board
Cameron County Food Pantry	First Energy CAP	Potter County Commissioners
Cameron County Ministerial Association	First Energy Warm	Potter County CYS
Cameron County Ministerial Association	Galeton SD	Potter County Early Intervention
Cameron County Optical Clinic	Good Samaritan Food Bank	Potter County Education Council
Cameron County Planning Commission (Ken)	Guidance Center	Potter County Food Banks
Cameron County School District	Helpmates, Inc. Home Health Care Agency	Potter County Habitat for Humanity
Cameron/Elk Behavioral & Development CAPSEA	Housing and Urban Development HUD IU 9	Potter County Housing Authority
Care For Children	Johnsonburg SD	Potter County Human Services
Career Link	Kane School District	Potter County ICSP
Catholic Charities	La Leche League International	Potter LHOT
CE Local Housing Options Team	Lawrence County Community Action (ESG)	Pre-K Counts
Charles Cole Memorial Hospital - Dept. of Home Health	Life and Independence for Today (LIFT)	Project RAPPORT
Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP)	McKean County Career Link	Ridgway School District
Child and Adult Care Food Program	McKean County Children and Youth Services	Sagewood - A Wrap Around Provider
Christian Food Bank	McKean County Commissioners	Salvation Army
Collaborative Boards	McKean County Family Center	Salvation Army
Community Engagement Group	McKean County Visiting Nurses	SCAN/PEP Early intervention
Community Action Association on Pennsylvania	National Fuel Gas	Shinglehouse SD
Community Education Council Elk & Cameron County	Nelson Behavioral Health Center	Smethport SD
Consortium Housing Committee	Northern Elk Food Bank	St. Marys Public Library
	Northern Potter SD	St. Marys SD
	OCDEL	Twin Tier Pregnancy Care Center
		United Way
		US Department of Agriculture
		WIC Programs
		YMCA of Bradford
		YWCA Victims Resource Center

When people make donations to non profits, they want to know that their money goes to good use.

Sam Simon

**Donations come in many forms for Community Action agencies,
from Head Start Parent volunteers,
Policy Council volunteers and NTCAC Board of Directors donating their time,
to the Food Bank Volunteers;
to the churches and community organizations, businesses, and high school students
collecting and donating food and money; and all of the “in-kind” donations. Of good
and services we receive.**

**And we recognize our
charitable foundations, corporations and local businesses donors for 2014 .**

**Stackpole-Hall Foundation
Mee Foundation
Level 3
Citizens and Northern Bank
Northwest Savings Bank
Dollar General
GKN
VFW
Knights of Columbus**

2014 DONATIONS

Value of “in-kind” donations—\$550,883

Funds from foundations, corporations and other non-profits—\$1,704

Volunteers donating their time for Community Action—3,920

Low-income volunteers hours donated for Community Action—9,610

Volunteer hours donated to Community Action—29,425 hrs.

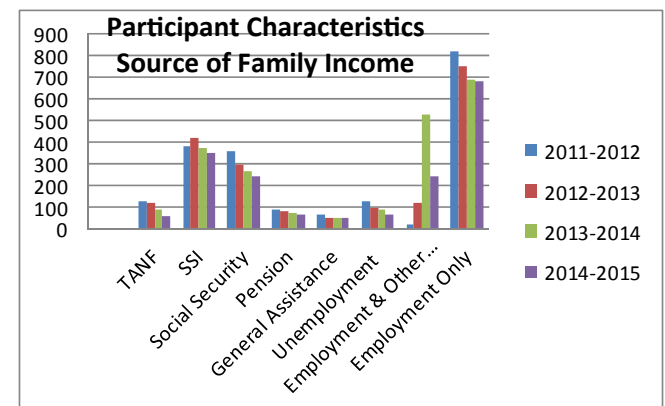
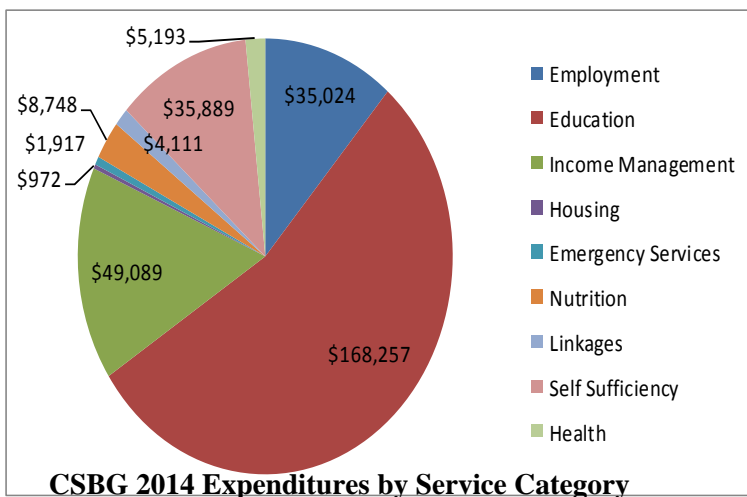
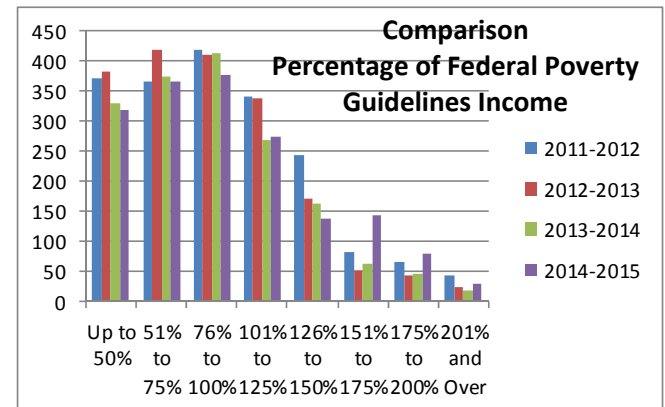
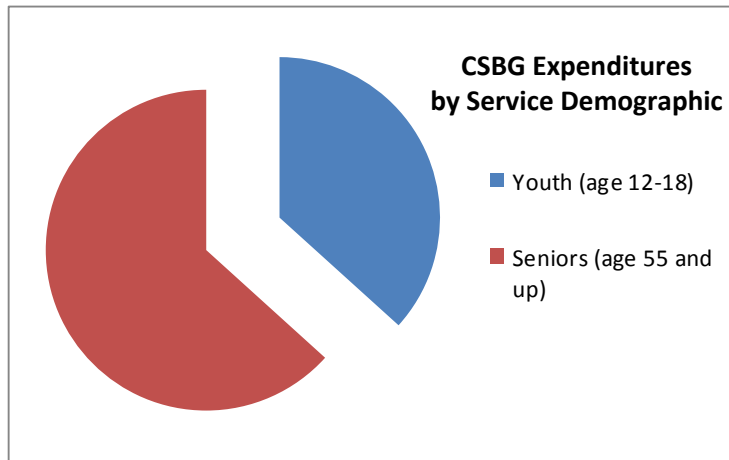


Northern Tier Community Action Serving in the heart of rural Pennsylvania

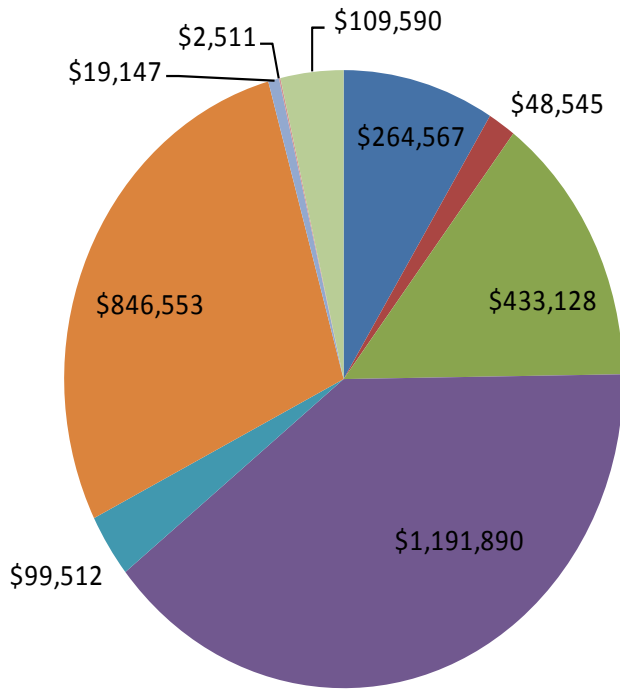
Northern Tier Community Action Corporation serves a four county north central region of the Commonwealth consisting of 3,300 square miles and 71 individual rural municipalities. According to the 2014 American Communities Survey estimates, Cameron County has a population of 4,805 with 13.12% living in Poverty. Elk County has a population of 31,194 with 10.37% living in poverty. McKean County has a population of 42,554 with 16.64 living in poverty and Potter County has a population of 17,206 with 15.1% living in poverty. The overall poverty rate for Pennsylvania is indicated at 13.3% leaving nearly 75% of our service area at or higher than the state average.

Our consumers face barriers to self-sufficiency with employment and transportation being major issues, reflected not only in people getting to and from jobs, but equally important is the lack of "living wage" jobs in our area. The 2009 - 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) indicates that 48.31 percent of occupied units paying rent nationwide pay 30 percent or more of their income on housing costs. For our four county area, 42.24 percent of occupied units paying rent have a housing cost burden. 30 percent or more of income spent on housing costs is considered a "housing-cost burden". Our consumers face ever increasing costs for housing, utilities, food, child care and education while those fortunate enough to have employment are often faced with making too much to qualify for any assistance, but not enough to "make ends meet". Politicians often debate raising minimum wage to bring individuals to a living wage, against bringing back more industry and jobs to compete for labor, driving wages to a living wage standard.

However it is debated, one real fact remains.....Community Action Agencies like Northern Tier Community Action need to be here to help lift families up and help them work through the barriers.

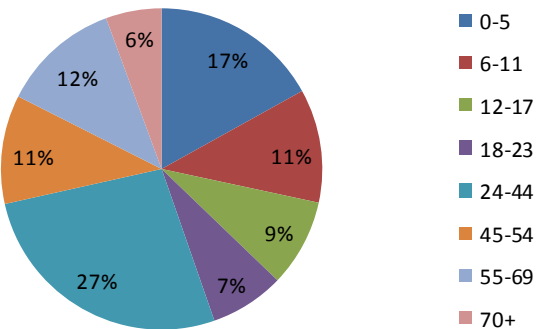


And sometimes people don't realize that 90 percent of the persistent poverty counties are located in rural America.

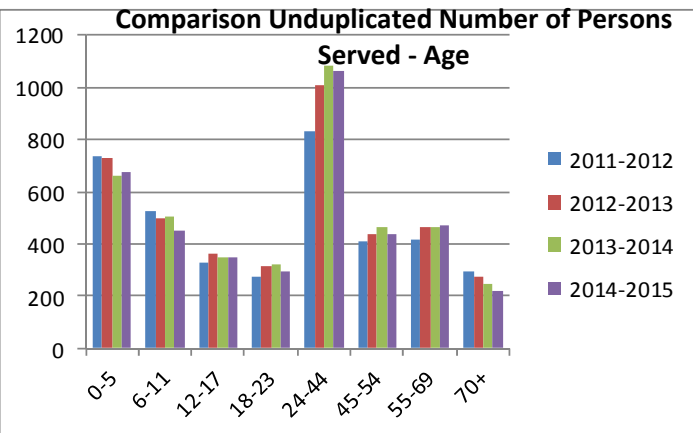


- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Department of Energy - Weatherization
- LIHEAP - Weatherization (HHS)
- Head Start (HHS)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) - CCIS & Work Ready
- Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) CCIS
- All other USDA Food Programs - TEFAP
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Department of Education (CACFP)

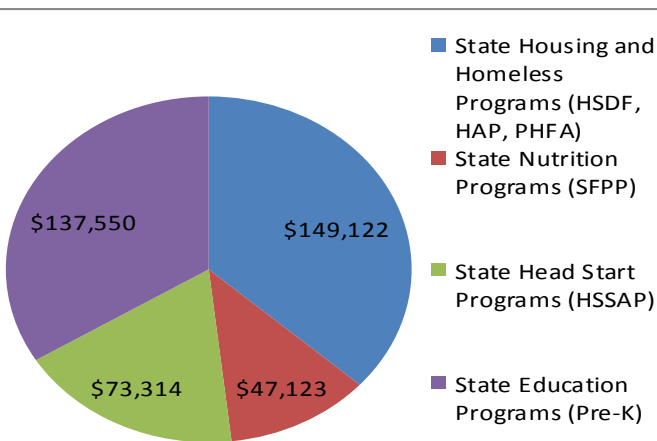
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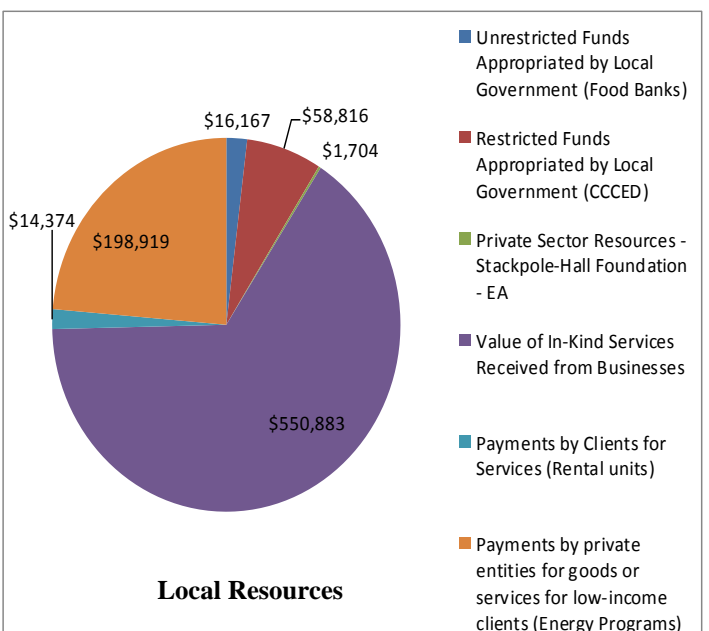
Unduplicated Number of Persons Served - Age



Comparison Unduplicated Number of Persons Served - Age



State Resources Administered and Generated



Local Resources

The challenge to people like me is, how do you use your capabilities and resources to help support things that are important to you, whether it's the arts or education or homelessness? Brian Moynihan

Early Childhood Programs

Head Start



Head Start was designed to help break the cycle of poverty, providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. The program was established to be culturally responsive to the communities served, and that the communities have an investment in its success through the contribution of volunteer hours and other donations as nonfederal share.



Head Start continues as the most successful, longest running, national school readiness program in the United States, promoting the individual development and well-being of children and their families.

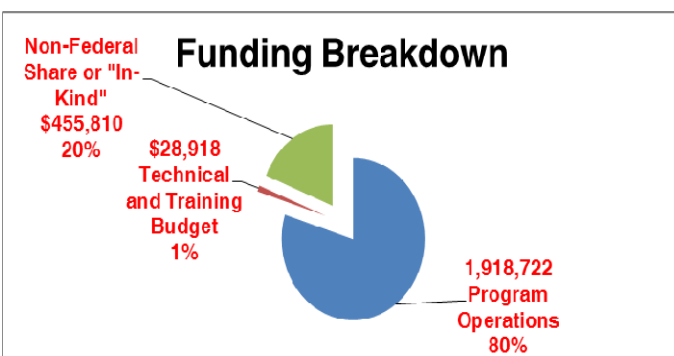
Head Start Program Centers and Home-Based locations include: Bradford I, Bradford II and Bradford III, Coudersport, Emporium, Johnsonburg, Kane I, Kane II, Otto-Eldred, Port Allegany I and Port Allegany II, Ridgway, Smethport, and St. Marys, Smethport, Elk County Area Home Base, McKean County Area Home Base and Potter County Area Home Base.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW



- ◇ Northern Tier Community Action Head Start is a pre-kindergarten program that provides educational and social opportunities to enhance the healthy development of children.
- ◇ Our program provides support for the families in Cameron, Elk, Potter, and McKean counties. It is our goal to help the children prepare for kindergarten and to reach their full potential in school as well as later in life.
- ◇ Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge.
- ◇ The staff includes a professional preschool team.
- ◇ The curriculum used is Creative Curriculum, which focuses on learning objectives inclusive all developmental domains and socialization skills within developmentally appropriate classrooms.
- ◇ Additional intervention strategies are reviewed to help families address ways to support their child's growth and development.
- ◇ Northern Tier Community Action Corporation Head Start's philosophy is focused on meeting the needs of the children and families we serve. These needs include good health, high-quality food, warmth, love and security, development of a good self-concept, successful daily learning experiences, freedom of exploration and expression, and character building. Our program is dedicated to providing the highest quality comprehensive services in child development and school readiness. We strive for collaborative relationship with other organizations that provide services to young children and families.



Our children are our greatest resource and Head Start grants help them reach their full potential.

Christopher Dodd

Head Start

HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICAL / MEDICAL HOME

Number of children with an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care = 269.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Two hundred fourteen (264) children are up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and primary health care, according to the relevant state's EPSDT schedule for well child care .

Of these, the number diagnosed by a health care professional with a chronic condition needing medical treatment .since last year's PIR was reported to be seven (7).

DENTAL / DENTAL HOME - CHILDREN

Number of children with continuous, accessible dental care provided by a dentist = 221.

MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS

Number of children who were referred by the program for mental health services outside of Head Start since last year's PIR was reported to be 13.

Of these, the number who received mental health services since last year's PIR was reported as 11.

DISABILITIES SERVICES

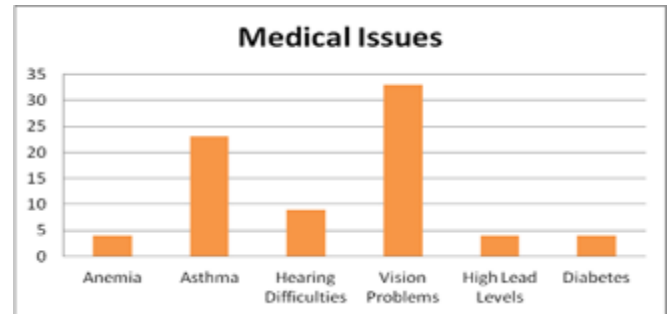
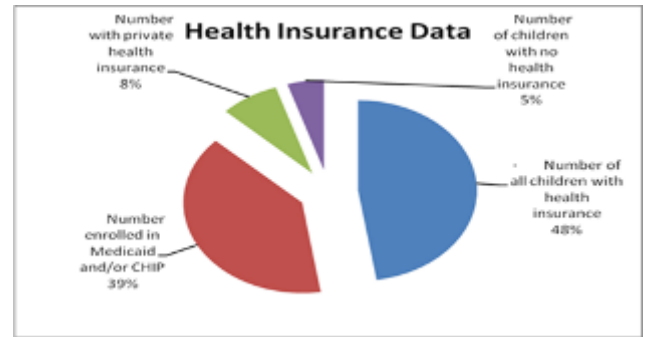
Number of children enrolled in the program that has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicating they have been determined eligible by the LEA to receive special education and related services total 67.

Prior to enrollment into the program for this enrollment year = 44

During this enrollment year = 23

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Number of children for whom the MH professional consulted with program staff about the child's behavior/mental health	25
Of these, the number for whom the MH professional provided three or more consultations	4
Number of children for whom the MH professional consulted with the parent (s) / guardians about their child's behavior/mental health	24
Number of children for whom the MH professional provided an individual mental health assessment	17
Number of children for whom the MH professional facilitated a referral for mental health services	13



Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.

Charles R. Swindoll

Head Start

Keystone STARS is one of the largest and most mature quality rating and improvement systems in the nation.

Keystone STARS program must reach new heights in continuous quality improvement, just as it expects of the participating child care providers.

The Rising STARS initiative focuses on access to the highest quality services for hard to reach / hard to serve children and families by providing supports to providers as they move up the quality scale to STAR 3 and 4 levels. Rising STARS is a two-pronged approach which redesigns: 1) the STARS grants and awards structure; and 2) the STARS subsidy add-on or tiered reimbursement rate. As of 2014-2015 all of our Head Start Centers are STARS approved!



Quality pre-kindergarten can give your child a strong start in school and in life. Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts provides free half-day or full-day pre-kindergarten for at-risk children throughout Pennsylvania. Northern Tier Community Action's Pre-K Counts Program currently enrolls 15 students at the Woodland School where we partner with the Cameron County School

District. Our teachers have expertise in teaching young children and use an approved curriculum that helps children grow both academically and socially.

Head Start is a national program administered by the Office of Head Start within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Head Start programs provide comprehensive services for low-income children from birth to entry into kindergarten. Our program administers services to 12 children in the home-based option and is located in Elk county.



The Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) funded through the US Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Service provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness,

healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.

All of our center locations as well as our three home-based locations serve a complimentary breakfast as well as a free lunch to all children. The reimbursement from the CACFP program allows our agency to promote the health and welfare of all children in our programs, and encourages healthy eating habits for all families involved with our Head Start program.

Summer Work Study Program



THE
STACKPOLE-HALL
FOUNDATION



Through the **Summer Work Study Program** funded through a partnership with Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and the Stackpole Hall Foundation once again allowed us to employ two college students. Ms. Emma Shatz and Ms. Allison McCurdy for the Head Start Program in Elk County. With management, field staff, and secretarial staff, not employed during the summer, the summer work study program benefitted Head Start with administrative support to the Head Start program.

I got to experience first hand the work that goes on for the centers to be ready for the upcoming school year. This is a job I could see myself doing when I get out of school. Allison McCurdy

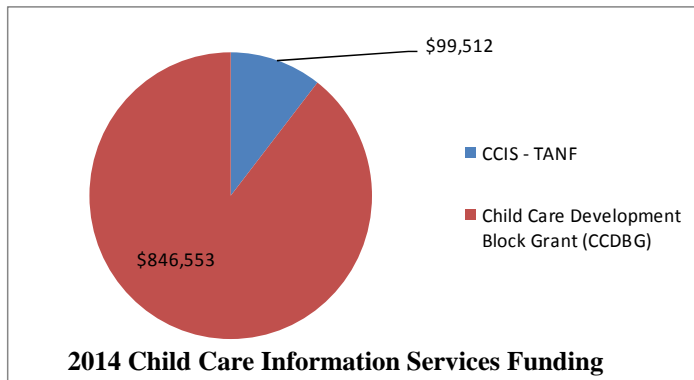
Early Childhood Programs

Child Care Information Services (CCIS)

CCIS continues as one of the human services programs operated through Northern Tier Community Action critical to stabilizing and empowering families in our service area assisting with child care costs to alleviate that expense for working families. The Subsidized Child Care Program, also referred to as Child Care Information Services (CCIS) or Child Care Works (CCW) is funded through the PA Department of Human Services and provides families with information on quality child care and personalized child care referrals to child care providers based on their specific needs or preferences. The subsidized child care program helps low-income families pay their child care costs.

Families must submit an application to the CCIS office to see if they meet the guidelines for the subsidized child care program and:

- Must live in Pennsylvania
- Have a child or children who need child care while parent or caregiver work or attend an education program
- Meet income guidelines for family size
- Work 20 or more hours a week - or-
- Work 10 hours and go to school or train for 10 hours a week
- Have a promise of a job that will start within 30 days of application for subsidized child care
- Teen parents must attend an education program
- The child who needs care must be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency
- Have proof of identification for each parent or caretaker in the home.
- CCIS pays a regulated state rate for the child care costs directly to the child care facility/provider and parent/caretakers pay a small portion based on family size and income.



Transportation (cost and availability), area economic conditions, high rates of unemployment combined with a lack of “living wage” jobs in our area, and the ever increasing cost of living, low-income families find it nearly impossible to afford quality child-care without these services. These are our families, friends and neighbors that make up our communities and contribute vitally to our local economies. 49 families were able to obtain quality care for children or other dependents through CCIS in FY2014. CCIS continually provides outreach to families throughout the year at various area events, such as county fairs, family day activities



Quality child care, health insurance coverage, and training make it possible for former welfare recipients to get, and keep, jobs.

Mel Carnahan

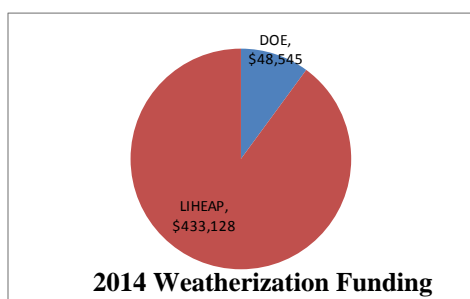
Weatherization Assistance and Energy Programs

Weatherization as defined by the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) differs in many ways from what is commonly called "weatherizing your home." The latter involves low-cost improvements like adding weather-stripping to doors and windows to save energy. These measures made up the services WAP provided in its early years and are likely responsible for the program's name.



Today, WAP's weatherization services consist of cost-effective energy efficiency measures for existing residential and multifamily housing with low-income residents. Under this definition, it includes a wide variety of energy efficiency measures that encompass the building envelope, its heating and cooling systems, its electrical system, and electricity consuming appliances.

The benefits of weatherization begin with reducing the energy bills of recipients for a long period of time. Some measures, such as insulating walls or roofs, for example, can provide savings for the lifetime of a house—30 years or more. Other measures, such as making heating or cooling equipment more efficient, will provide savings for 10–15 years. On average, the value of the weatherization improvements is 2.2 times greater than the cost.



WAP serves low-income families free of charge and limits the amount of money spent on any single residence as determined by federal rules. (The average expenditure is \$6,500.) Only the most cost-effective measures are included in the upgrade of a particular home. This constant pressure for low-cost energy savings has become the trademark of weatherization and distinguishes it from the larger home retrofit industry.

Another distinguishing feature of weatherization is attention to an all-around safety check. Many buildings are old and in need of repair. Weatherization service providers check major energy systems to ensure occupant safety.

Increasingly, weatherization service providers look at the house as a system under the concept of "whole-house weatherization."

Weatherization comprises a comprehensive series of energy efficiency measures that are based on sophisticated analyses of individual homes. These analyses take the whole-house approach, which maximizes energy and dollar savings. Weatherization has become a leader in advancing home energy science and in helping spawn a new industry providing home energy efficiency services to the wider public.

NTCAC offers a variety of **Energy Assistance Programs** through both utility donated and private funds. These programs are available to those customers that are experiencing difficulties in paying for or restoring utility service. Priority is given to low-income, high-usage, payment troubled customers.



The energy assistance programs use the Federal Poverty Guidelines for eligibility, along with client need. West Penn Power, FirstEnergy/Penelec, National Fuel Gas, and UGI all have usage reduction programs implemented through NTCAC. Eligibility is based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines and customer energy consumption. These programs provide, but are not limited to, many of the same services and materials provided by the State Weatherization Program. Customers may apply for both the utility, gas and electric, and the state programs. Heating emergencies are referred to Northern Tier Community Action during a specified time of year. Applications are distributed by the Department of Public Welfare County Assistance Office. Once eligibility is determined the referral is made to the Weatherization Assistance Program in coordinating efforts to eliminate "no heat" crisis situations throughout the four county service area. Many of these programs provide energy education and targeted utility related energy conservation measures to eligible consumers.

2014 Statistics

Number of families provided weatherization and energy assistance services:

- Cameron County43
- Elk County.....99
- McKean County285
- Potter County189

Total 616

Housing Programs



NTCAC is continually searching for additional opportunities and services to help stabilize families with shelter and/or utility assistance. Shelter assistance is generally in the form of assistance with preventing foreclosure, providing a security deposit, first month's rent, past due rent or utility assistance.

Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, accounting for about 41% of the nation's homeless according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Within these families, more than 1.3 million children are homeless at some time each year. On any given day, at least 800,000 Americans, including about 200,000 children, find themselves without a home. This could be any of us. According to the Corporation for Enterprise Development, nearly half of Americans are living in a state of "persistent economic insecurity," that makes it "difficult to look beyond immediate needs and plan for a more secure future."

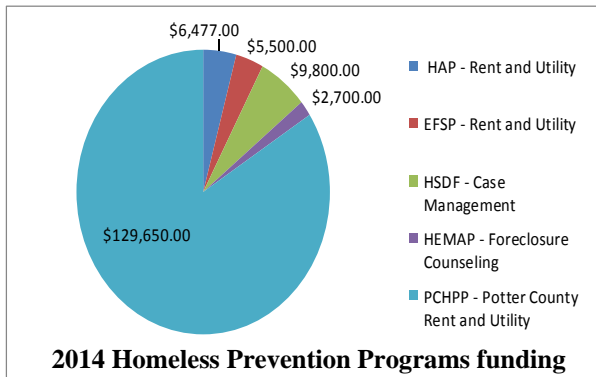
NTCAC programs partner with other human service providers in all four counties. This collaboration ensures resources are available to assist most individuals or families to get through the crisis at hand. Through these programs, case management is provided to connect the clients with important stabilization resources.



The **Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)** funded through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), allows NTCAC to provide counseling services and processing applications for the HEMAP. HEMAP provides not only the potential opportunity for homeowners to re-finance mortgage arrearages to bring them current on the mortgage and property taxes, but also buys the homeowner up to 90 days time to work with lenders and servicers to come to alternatives to foreclosure.

The **PHARE—Potter County Homeless Prevention Program** funded by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) through Marcellus Shale Impact Fees collected under Act 13, 2012 via the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) fund to address the impacts from drilling. The PCHPP was created through a collaborative partnership between Northern Tier Community Action, Potter County Commissioners, Potter County Human Services, A Way Out, Potter County Habitat for Humanity and the Potter County Housing Authority to provide case management with financial assistance for qualified low-income families affected by the reduction of available rentals and increased rental costs impacted by the Marcellus drilling in Potter County.

The **Cameron County Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)** funded by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) through Cameron County provides emergency rental and/or utility assistance and case management to low-income families in Cameron County struggling to overcome another obstacle in their daily lives.



The **Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)** also funded by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) through Cameron County, allows us to provide additional Case Management Services to individuals and families in Cameron County.

The **Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSNBP)** was established on March 24, 1983, with the signing of the "Jobs Stimulus Bill," Public Law 98-8. That legislation created a National Board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. Local Recipient Organizations (LRO's), whether nonprofit or governmental, may apply. The Local Board is responsible for considering all applications, and for determining which organizations will receive funds. The Local Board also determines which services are funded. Contact the National Board staff for specific local contacts. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program at the local level through NTCAC provides emergency assistance consisting of food, rental and/or utility assistance in both Cameron and Elk counties.



2014 Statistics

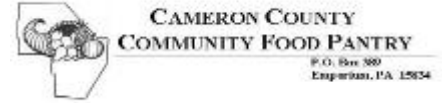
Number of families provided rental assistance through HAP & EFSP:70
 Number of families provided utility assistance through PHARE—PCHPP.....18
 Number of families provided foreclosure prevention counseling through the HEMAP.....24

Total 112

Food & Nutrition



NTCAC continues to partner with three area food banks (Christian Food Bank - St. Marys, Good Samaritan Food Bank-Ridgway and Northern Elk Food Bank- Johnsonburg) in Elk County and one in Cameron County (Cameron County Food Pantry-Emporium). NTCAC provides administration of state and federal funding through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the PA Department of Agriculture - State Food Purchase Program (SFPP), provide food subsidies that help families have nutritious meals.



The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSNBP) funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funds for Local Recipient Organizations (LRO's) to purchase additional food items. Local food collections and cash donations from the Emporium Foundation, Mee Foundation, area businesses such as Level 3 and Stoltz of St. Marys, clubs and organizations such as the Vets and Rotary make up a sizeable portion of each food bank's distribution. These programs and the food banks bring a variety of volunteer opportunities in our communities with churches and local civic organizations providing many of the dedicated volunteers.



Collaborative efforts between the Food & Nutrition Program and the Weatherization Assistance Program work well for distribution of light bulbs from West Penn Power

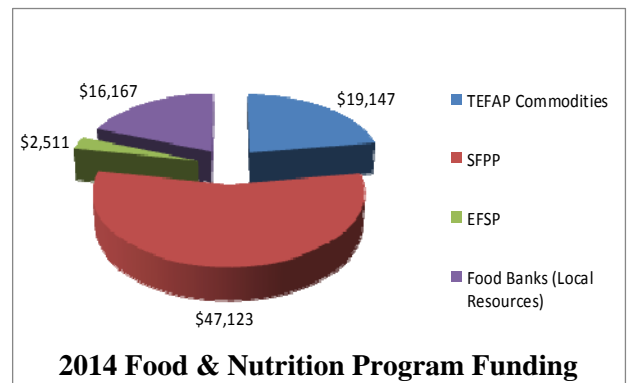


Second Harvest Food Bank of Erie, Pa., is a member of the national organization Feeding America and is a nonprofit charitable organization with the mission to distribute food to hungry people and eliminate the waste of food. Second Harvest allows purchase food items by qualifying organizations. When available, Second Harvest also provides bonus TEFAP commodities to area food banks. NTCAC, d.b.a. the Cameron County Community Food Pantry, entered into a member agency agreement with Second Harvest in

June of 2013. During calendar year 2014, Second Harvest delivered 99,286 pounds of food with an associated cost of \$11,655.66 to the CCFP.

2014 Statistics

Number of families served with food assistance:505
 Number of food boxes distributed:10,351
 Number of pounds of food distributed:205,163



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