Dedicated to People & Communities

At Community Action we provide access and opportunity for those we serve and those who support our efforts. Through innovative programs and strong community partnerships we eliminate barriers, establishing clear pathways to economic self-reliance.

Since 1965, Community Action has worked hard every day to achieve this mission, by reducing poverty that already exists in our communities, and preventing it from happening to local families and individuals in the first place.

Five things that set us apart

1. We secure and invest more resources to fight poverty in Rock & Walworth Counties than any other not-for-profit organization. Each year, we invest approximately $10 million in our communities.

2. We are a 100% local and independent organization, with entirely local leadership who are focused on our communities’ unique local challenges. No national parent organization sets our agenda.

3. We help people by empowering them with opportunities to help themselves; focusing on long-term benefits, not quick fixes.

4. We provide people and our communities with solutions to a wide spectrum of poverty problems, rather than focus on one single issue. To achieve this, we offer several programs in Rock & Walworth Counties.

5. By reducing poverty’s negative impacts, which affect us all, we make our communities a better place to live for every person in them.

Community Contributions are Critical

Community Action’s funding comes from a variety of sources, with gifts of financial support from individuals, families, churches, organizations, businesses, foundations, and the United Way playing a critical role.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Community Action, Inc. complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

Read more about the impact of Community Action’s programs:
A variety of programs to meet our communities' needs

### Housing

**Coordinated Entry System**
If you are in need of housing assistance, rather than apply at several agencies you can complete a pre-screen form at Community Action to determine eligibility for multiple housing programs in Rock and Walworth counties.

**Rapid Rehousing**
Aims to help individuals or families experiencing homelessness move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing through short term rental assistance and supportive services. Enrollment is only available through the Coordinated Entry System. Call (608) 313-1302 or (608) 313-1303.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**
Provides housing stability services to chronically homeless individuals and families with a physical or mental health disability. Participants are provided the opportunity to develop skills and access resources needed to support permanent housing. Enrollment is through Coordinated Entry system. Call (608) 313-1325.

**Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless**
Twelve units of emergency shelter in Darien Township, available for stays of up to 60 days. Contact the shelter at (262) 862-3662.

**Affordable Housing**
Development & ownership of affordable housing including homes in Beloit’s Merrill Neighborhood and apartments for seniors in Beloit, Delavan, and Evansville. Call (608) 755-2464.

### Child Care

**Our Janesville Learning Center and P4J**
Our Janesville Learning Center and P4J provides your child with professional educators, developmentally appropriate curriculum and an environment that promotes life-long learning.

- Serving children ages two weeks to 12 years old.
- Open Monday-Friday 5:00am-11:30pm
- Morning and afternoon P4J sessions
- For tours and enrollment call (608) 755-2488

### Health

**PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program)**
This program seeks to educate African-American and Latino youth ages 11-19 about the importance of abstinence and healthy relationships. Goals of the program are to reduce STIs in our youth and educate them about safer sex. Call (608) 313-1213 for more information.

### Outreach

**AWARE in Evansville**
Provides Snackpacker weekend food distribution, emergency assistance, school supplies, drivers education scholarships, Toys for Evansville, Koats for Kids and more for low-income residents who live in the Evansville School District. Call (608) 882-9900 for more information.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program**
Distribution of all federal government food commodities to food pantries in Rock and Walworth County. Call (262) 728-8297 for more information.

**After School and Senior Programs**
Community Action partners with other local agencies to provide youth and senior programs at the Merrill Community Center in Beloit. Call (608) 313-1206 for information about the programs and partnerships.

**Community Sharing Garden**
The Sharing Garden program consists of several gardens in Beloit’s Merrill Neighborhood: Porter Avenue Garden, Pumpkin Garden and Perennial Garden. Call (608) 313-1209 for information.

**NRSRA Program**
Community Action works with the City of Beloit in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area. This program helps families in the Hackett and Merrill neighborhoods navigate a variety of community resources. Call (608) 314-4825.

### Training

**Beloit Fresh Start**
Effective education and job-training program providing disconnected youth opportunities to help themselves while helping others in their community. Call (608) 313-1309 for more information.

**Fatherhood Initiative**
Program designed to help qualified fathers in Rock and Walworth counties develop job skills to become gainfully employed and enhance their parenting skills. Call (608) 313-1324 for more information.

**Work-n-Wheels**
A program offering driver’s education scholarships and financial assistance for driver’s license renewal and reinstatement costs. Learn more at (608) 882-9900.

**Transitional Jobs Program**
Program designed to provide subsidized employment to Rock and Walworth County residents who meet eligibility standards. The program helps participants move into unsubsidized employment that becomes a stable source of income, improve their skills and increase their work experience. Call (608) 313-1324 for more information.

### Weatherization

Energy conservation that lowers utility costs for income-eligible households in both counties. This program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources. Candidates for Weatherization must first contact Energy Assistance. To directly contact Weatherization call (608) 755-2464.

For **Energy Assistance** call:
Rock Co. (608) 363-9200
Walworth Co. (262) 427-8505