

Priorities FY21-22

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HEALTH

Result 1: Story County residents have access to enough food and healthy food

Strategy 1.1: Reduce the meal gap

Strategy 1.2: Improve access to and/or an ability to prepare nutritious food

Result 2: Children, youth, and adults are emotionally, behaviorally, and socially well

Strategy 2.1: Increase awareness of mental health and available prevention and treatment services

Strategy 2.2: Improve access to behavioral health services

Strategy 2.3: Increase opportunities for underserved populations to reduce social isolation, increase positive, healthy social interactions and experiences, and receive social-emotional support

Result 3: Story County residents are physically well

Strategy 3.1: Increase access to preventative, curative, and palliative care

Strategy 3.2: Equip individuals to negotiate the healthcare system

Strategy 3.3: Promote safety

EDUCATION

Result 1: Children enter school developmentally on track

Strategy 1.1: Address child and family basic needs

Strategy 1.2: Foster child development

Strategy 1.3: Provide resources and supports to families and caregivers that strengthen interactions and promote early learning in a home environment.

Result 2: Children exit 3rd grade reading at grade-level

Strategy 2.1: Child and family basic needs met

Strategy 2.2: Foster child development

Strategy 2.3: Involve the community to increase wrap-around supports

Result 3: Learners develop the skills needed for life and career, including but not limited to civic literacy, employability skills, financial literacy, and health literacy

Strategy 3.1: Ensure learners are engaged

Strategy 3.2: Ensure families and/or support systems are engaged

Strategy 3.3: Decrease barriers to participation and success

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Result 1: Access to basic needs

Strategy 1.1: Provide housing assistance **Strategy 1.2:** Provide emergency services

Strategy 1.3: Ensure access to reliable transportation

Strategy 1.4: Grow knowledge of community resources to help meet basic needs

Result 2: Increasing income

Strategy 2.1: Assist clients in securing or maintaining employment

Strategy 2.2: Provide affordable childcare to working parents

Strategy 2.3: Provide supports for additional workforce-related education/training

Strategy 2.4: Promote the development of soft skills and other workplace readiness skills

Strategy 2.5: Facilitate access to tax refunds

Result 3: Increased financial capability

Strategy 3.1: Provide financial education

Strategy 3.2: Support access to banks' financial services

Strategy 3.3: Increase financial opportunity



Priorities for 2021/22

(NOTE: Priority categories AND sub-bullets are in priority order)

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#1 Meet basic needs, with emphasis on low to moderate income:

- Quality childcare cost offset programs, including daycare and State of Iowa licensed in-home facilities
- Food cost offset programs, to assist in providing nutritious perishables and staples
- Medical and dental services
- Housing cost offset programs, including utility assistance
- Sheltering
- Transportation cost offset programs
- Legal assistance
- Disaster response

#2 Meet mental health and chemical dependency needs

- Ensure substance abuse prevention and treatment is available in the community
- Provide outpatient emergency access to services
- Provide crisis intervention services
- Provide access to non-emergency services

#3 Youth development services and activities

- Skill development and enhancement
- Summer enrichment/prevention of loss of learning



ISU Student Government supports community services that benefit Iowa State Students that cannot easily be obtained from resources available on campus.

- 1. Childcare Services, with a specific emphasis on infant and toddler care
- 2. Services providing aid to victims of sexual assault
- 3. Substance abuse prevention and treatment
- 4. Programs that empower traditionally discriminated-against peoples
- 5. Legal Services not provided by Student Legal Services with a specific emphasis on probation services



Services funded by Story County must be available and accessible countywide

The following service categories are listed in a prioritized order (sub-bullets are <u>not</u> prioritized):

- 1. Services addressing basic needs
 - Affordable, quality childcare
 - Affordable, quality housing (including temporary/transitional housing)
 - Transportation
 - Food and nutrition
 - Access to medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring care
- 2. Services addressing safety and well-being needs
 - Legal assistance
 - Social and educational development and opportunities
 - Access to emergency services
- 3. Services promoting self-sufficiency
 - Services and supports allowing people to remain in their homes
 - Education and awareness