

Community Initiatives and Social Services



Our Mission

KVCAP partners with area residents, organizations, state and federal entities, creating solutions to the conditions of poverty in order to strengthen individuals, families and communities.

Community Action

KVCAP is one of 10 Community Action Agencies in Maine. All ten agencies receive Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.

CSBG is the cornerstone of community action programs across the country and the driving force behind the mission to eliminate or reduce the conditions of poverty.

KVCAP is governed by an 18 member tripartite board made up of public, private and low-income representatives from our region.

Maine Families

Offers home visiting services for all expectant parents or new parents in Kennebec and Somerset counties, including information on child development, health and safety, parent education, and links to other community resources. Participation is voluntary and free of charge. No income restrictions. 859-2537 or 859-1577.

The Family Enrichment Councils of Kennebec & Somerset Counties

Provides educational programs for children and parents as well as mandated reporter training for providers. Its mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect. 859-1514 or 859-1580.

Families in Transition

Provides transitional housing and case management services to tenants living in KVCAP's Transitional House in Augusta. Services specifically for young parents up to age 22. Income restrictions and other eligibility criteria apply. 859-8517 or 869-1542

South End Teen Center

Provides a safe after school environment for teens in grades 6-12, including meals, a computer lab, field trips, and more. During summer, the SETC offers Summer Blast Field Trips and hosts a lunch program for children and teens. The SETC is a collaborative project with the Alford Youth Center and is a Boys and Girls Club Unit. No income restrictions. 873-5621

Employment Services

Provides one-on-one and group support to unemployed/displaced workers, including information, referrals, and job search skills. Partners with adult education to offer WorkReady classes. No income restrictions. 859-1584

Health Navigator

Provides community outreach and education regarding the Affordable Health Care Act and assists people to apply for and enroll in health coverage through the marketplace. No income restrictions. 859-1567

Transportation Services

Kennebec & Somerset Explorer

Provides regularly scheduled public bus services throughout the Augusta-Waterville area and within the greater Skowhegan community. No income restrictions apply. 622-4761 (Augusta), 877-5677 (Waterville), 474-2501 (Skowhegan)

KV Van

Provides door-to-door transportation for medical and social service appointments. Income restrictions apply. 877-5677 or 1-800-542-8227

Child & Family Services

Early Head Start, Head Start, Child Care and Preschool

Infants & Toddlers

Provides full-day, center-based services for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years. The multi-age infant/toddler program features individualized infant feeding and sleeping routines, breastfeeding friendly settings, daily written communication to parents, staff trained in infant/toddler development and care, and small group size of 8 children with primary caregivers.

Families can also choose the home visiting option to receive Early Head Start services in their homes for children birth to 3 years, with weekly visits, playgroups, educational activities, parenting support and more.

Preschoolers

Provides high quality preschool for children 3-5 years of age. Children participate in age appropriate learning experiences that promote school readiness. Part-day, part-year preschool for children ages 3-5 are offered in collaboration with public schools. Full-day, center-based services are also available in certain locations to support parents who are working or going to school. Program focus is on literacy, numeracy and math skills, creativity, health and nutrition, and social-emotional development.

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Parents in all service locations receive support in meeting personal and family goals, educational opportunities, connections with other parents and community resource and referral information. In some instances income restrictions apply. 680-7211

Energy & Housing Services

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Provides assistance to low-income homeowners and renters to help pay heating costs. Program is not intended to pay for all heating costs. Income restrictions apply. 1-800-542-8227.

Home Repair Services

Provides assistance to make essential home repairs or improvements, such as roofing, siding or windows or for health, safety and/or accessibility repairs. Income restrictions apply. 859-1635

Home Energy Audits

Offers home energy audits for homeowners who want to reduce the cost of heating their home. No income restrictions. Fee for service. 859-1636

CMP Pole Assistance Program

Provides a credit up to \$2,800 on the installation of electrical pole lines to a new residence. Income restrictions apply. 859-1684

Real Estate Development

Builds/sells homes through the affordable housing development of Cony Village LLC, located on Cony Road in Augusta. No income restrictions. 859-1635

Housing Services

Provides pre- and post-purchase counseling and education and foreclosure intervention. No income restrictions. 859-1622

Financial Education Counseling

Provides free personal financial counseling and education for individuals and families. No income restrictions. 859-1622

Telephone Assistance Program (TAP)

Provides a monthly credit and/or assistance with connection of a telephone. Some restrictions apply.

Please call or stop in at any of our KVCAP offices.

1-800-542-8227

Call us toll free

Waterville 859-1500

101 Water Street and 97 Water Street

Skowhegan 474-8487

26 Mary Street

Augusta 622-4761

22 Armory Street

Visit us online: www.kvcap.org



BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

Directory of Services

If you qualify for LIHEAP, you may also qualify for these programs:

Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)

Provides emergency heating assistance one time per heating season.

Low-Income Assistance Program

Provides help to low-income homeowners and renters with their electricity bills.

Weatherization

Provides energy saving measures such as insulation or weather stripping.

Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP)

Provides repair or replacement of non-working or condemned heating systems to homeowners.

Above Ground Storage Tank Replacement Program

Provides heating oil tank repair or replacement for tanks that meet criteria. Income restrictions apply.

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