

## Service Areas

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### Community Support

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# Programs & Services



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# Child & Family Development

## Child Care Assistance Program

The Child Care Assistance Program provides subsidies to help low-income families pay for childcare. Audubon Area is the service agent for the Kentucky Child Care Assistance Program in the 34 western and central Kentucky counties and provides services in the Green River, Pennyriple, Barren River and Purchase Area Development Districts.

The Resource and Referral program promotes quality child care by providing educational opportunities to child care providers and information to parents about the various child care facilities in the area. Audubon Area's Resource and Referral program serves the Green River and Pennyriple Area Development Districts.

## Head Start, Early Head Start

Head Start operates more than 60 centers in 16 counties, most nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. All programs provide resources to enhance the development and health of children with services focusing on early childhood, health, nutrition, family support and community development.

- Early Head Start serves children birth to age 3, and Head Start serves children ages 3 and 4.
- Migrant Head Start program serves children ages birth to 5 of migrant families who earn at least half of their income from agricultural endeavors.
- Other Head Start Initiatives include: Family Child Care Nutrition Program; Head Start Training and Resource Project; Child Care Partnerships and a *Reggio Emilia Pilot Project* in Henderson, Kentucky.

# Community Services

## Community Services

These programs serve the seven-county Green River Area Development District region.

- The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program assists with heating costs.
- The Emergency Food and Shelter program assists clients with utilities.
- The Kentucky Educational Stipend/Scholarship Program provides funding to clients to further their education at an eligible institution.
- The Senior Community Service Employment Program, or Title V, helps people age 55 and older find employment.

## Counseling Services

Counseling Services provide short-term intensive counseling and education. The staff is trained to diffuse crisis and teach preventive methods and self-sufficiency. Staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Kentucky Intensive Services Program serves nearly every Kentucky county. It is a three-month program for youth and their families involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice system.
- Family Preservation, a four to six-week program, serves the seven-county Green River region. These are families that are in crisis and have at least one child at imminent risk of removal.
- Family Reunification seeks to bring together families whose children have been removed.
- Families and Children Together Safely works with those families who are not eligible for other Counseling Services.

## Juvenile Services

These services are intervention programs in Daviess County that work with youth at risk of being referred to the juvenile justice system.

- The FIRST (Family Intervention Resource Service Team) Project is a diversion program for youth who commit first-time status offenses, such as truancy.
- The In-House Crisis Program serves families and youth in Daviess County's middle schools.
- The Parenting Program consists of a 12-week parenting class for families of at-risk youth.

## Senior Service Corps

These programs rely on volunteer help to serve eligible seniors in the seven-county Green River Area Development District region.

- The Foster Grandparent Program is one of four in the state that assists children birth to age 21 with special needs. Volunteers age 60 and older serve as role models as they motivate and mentor children to improve their physical, mental, emotional and social development.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is one of nine in the state. Volunteers age 55 and older serve in nonprofit organizations, such as schools and hospitals.
- The Senior Companion Program is one of three in the state that helps the homebound live independently. Volunteers age 60 and older provide laundry assistance, transportation, companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation and more.

# Community Support

## Green River Intra-County Transit System

GRITS provides public transportation for the Region 3 Empower Kentucky Human Service Transportation Delivery Project. The program's focus is to increase rural citizen mobility, especially for the elderly, low-income and handicapped. Some clients ride at no cost to them, since some social service agents contract with GRITS for transportation. GRITS also provides public transportation in counties with limited options.

## Housing Services

These programs seek to provide safe, affordable and energy efficient housing to eligible clients.

- The Weatherization Program is available to homeowners in the seven-county Green River Development District area. Trained technicians first complete an energy audit on homes and then caulk, weatherstrip and/or repair or replace heating units if needed.
- The Home Program builds two to three homes every two years for Weatherization clients whose homes are beyond repair.
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund covers items not funded under the Weatherization Program, such as cooling or roof repairs.
- Lincolnshire/Lincolnshire North Apartments consist of 208 Section 8 subsidized units in Owensboro.