

# Families

## HEAD START

The Audubon Area Community Services, Inc. Head Start encompasses a broad range of child development programs. The **Audubon Area Head Start** received the **Program of Achievement** award of the National Head Start Association in May 1997 in Boston.

Child and Family Development Services:

- .. Disability Services
- .. Health Services
- .. Nutrition
- .. Family Services
- .. Parent Involvement
- .. Literacy
- .. Early Head Start
- .. **Free To Grow**
- .. Child Care Resource & Referral
- .. Family Development Centers—**Rolling Heights** and **Audubon**
- .. Family Child Care Homes
- .. Specially Funded Project
- .. P.R.A.I.S.E (*Disabilities Program*)
- .. Handy-O (*Intergenerational Program*)

The Audubon Area Head Start operates in 55 local centers—ten are currently accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) with seven more awaiting accreditation.



## FOSTER GRANDPARENT

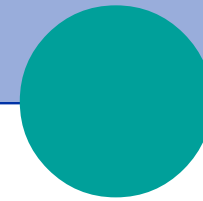
Foster Grandparent (FGP), one of four in the state, serves the seven Green River Area counties.



- .. Enables persons aged 60 and over to remain physically/mentally active enhancing self-esteem.
- .. Enables children with either exceptional or special needs to achieve improved physical, mental, emotional, and social development.
- .. Activities include tutoring, reading, listening, mentoring, motivating and serving as role-models.

## WEATHERIZATION, HOUSING

- .. Weatherization services help families reduce home heating and cooling costs through insulating, caulking, and air infiltration stoppage; repairs and replaces heating systems (furnaces) and hot water heaters.
- .. HOME, a Kentucky Housing Corporation-funded program, works in conjunction with the Weatherization program to perform major rehab or construction on homes.
- .. Demand-Side Management (DSM) incorporates the AACS as one of five Community Action Agencies working with Western Kentucky Gas. DSM assists eligible clients to curb their residential energy usage and costs.



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# Strengthening Families and Communities

## COMMUNITY SERVICES (CSBG)

**HEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program).** Assists eligible low-income households with the cost of home energy.

**FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).** Various services provided for six

Green River Area counties—Davies, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster—which include utility assistance, self-help projects, food banks, and limited rental-mortgage assistance.

**KENTUCKY CSBG EDUCATIONAL STIPEND/SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Provides assistance to individuals enrolled or planning to enroll to further their education at an eligible institution.

## LINCOLNSHIRE APARTMENTS

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Audubon's 100- and 108-unit apartment complexes. Owned and managed by the agency's Assisted Housing Management Center—which also administers additional KHC funding.



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## FAMILY PRESERVATION

FPP. A family-based program providing short-term intensive counseling/education.

- Remove/diffuse the crisis, teach methods of crisis prevention as well as self-sufficiency.
- Based on *Homebuilders Model* which emphasizes the uniqueness and value of ALL families and structures teaching around a family's strengths.
- A staff member is available 24 hours a day on a somewhat flexible schedule.



## GREEN RIVER INTRA-COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

GRITS. A demand-response rural public transportation provider operating in seven Green River Area counties—2,628 square miles.

- 199,242 "ridership"
- Program focus—increasing rural citizen mobility—especially the elderly, poor, and handicapped by providing a connecting link between the service provider and clients.
- Some clients ride GRITS free of charge, since many social service agencies have contracted with GRITS for transportation. GRITS also provides general public transportation.



## RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

Funded under the National Senior Service Corporation, the RSVP program, one of nine in the state of Kentucky, began in 1972.

- Volunteers age 55 and over serve on a regular or short term basis throughout their communities. There are no requirements regarding education, income or experience for an older adult to become a senior volunteer.
- Volunteers serve in schools, libraries, day-care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, police departments, environmental projects, museums and other organizations.



## SENIOR COMPANIONS

SCP, one of three in Kentucky, serves the seven Green River Area counties.

- Offers volunteers—men and women age 60 and over—stipended opportunities to remain active in their community.
- The assistance helps the homebound person live independently while linking them to appropriate and available community services.
- Activities include companionship, daily activity assistance, short-term acute care assistance, meal preparation or shopping, taking walks or errands.



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