

Center For Siouxland

Programs and Services

- 1. Bridges West Transitional Housing** – The program provides housing and supportive services (case management; health, dental, and mental health care; child care; substance abuse counseling and treatment, transportation, education, youth enrichment activities; and basic needs) for up to 24 months for homeless families, couples, and individuals who have exhausted all personal resources and would be on the street if transitional housing was not available.
- 2. Client Trust/Representative Payee Program** – These programs offer money management and protective payee services for elderly and/or mentally or physically handicapped persons not able to manage their own financial affairs. Financial Case Managers work with clients to meet their basic everyday needs, manage their finances and assets, and help them obtain medical/mental health services. The goal is to ensure a stable standard of living for those on a limited income.
- 3. Consumer Credit Counseling** – The program provides free, confidential credit counseling. Certified Credit Counselors assist with budgeting, debt reduction, money management, job layoffs, first-time home buying, and more. Counselors also conduct a variety of community outreach including workshops, seminars, and credit report reviews on-site at area businesses, colleges, and high schools. The Debt Management Plan (DMP) is a fee-based program that helps solve credit card and other debt problems.
- 4. HUD Certified Comprehensive Housing Counseling** – This program provides counseling and education for homebuyers, homeowners, and renters including: Pre-Purchase Counseling and Education, Post-Purchase Counseling and Education, Mortgage Default and Delinquency Counseling, Foreclosure Counseling, and Rental Counseling.
- 5. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – This volunteer-driven program provides free income tax preparation and filing to low- to moderate-income individuals. In partnership with the United Way of Siouxland, the program promotes the Earned Income Tax Credit and saves the clients hundreds of dollars in paid tax preparer fees. Although the busiest time for taxes is from February 1 to April 15 each year, volunteers are available through June each year to file taxes from previous years.
- 6. Prescription Medication Assistance** – The program helps clients who are facing an immediate financial hardship obtain prescription medications for which they cannot afford the co-pay.