ACAP Economic Development serves job seekers and employers County-wide. Individuals, who are looking for a first job, a next job, a better job, or a whole new career, meet with individual Career Counselors to help them plan their next steps. Local employers looking to attract and retain more skilled workers can access technical and funding assistance to support on-the-job trainings and formal apprenticeships.

In 2019, ACAP Economic Development served Van Buren (Inc. Keegan) as follows:

| *individuals | (age 16-24) were provided assistance to train for future employment through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Funds | * |
| *individuals | were provided assistance to train for future employment through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Funds | * |
| *individuals | who lost their jobs were provided assistance to train for future employment through Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Funds | * |
| *women | were assisted through the Women in Apprenticeships and Non-Traditional Occupations (WANTO) Program | * |

For 47 years, the Aroostook County Action Program has been providing services and resources that help individuals and families to achieve greater economic independence.
ACAP Early Care and Education Programs provide families with comprehensive and affordable high quality prenatal, infant, toddler and preschool education and child development services.

In 2019, ACAP Early Care and Education Programs served Van Buren (Inc. Keegan) as follows:

**Investment:**

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<th>Families</th>
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<td>*</td>
<td>with children ages three and four received comprehensive Head Start services through a licensed ACAP Early Care and Education Center</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>participated in ACAP's Early Head Start program that provides comprehensive child development services, prenatally through age three, at ACAP Early Care and Education Centers and in homes across The County</td>
<td>$53,936.00</td>
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<td>*</td>
<td>were enrolled in ACAP's Child Care Program which provides child care from infancy to six years of age to children through our State of Maine Level 4 Quality Rated and licensed facilities</td>
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<td>between the ages of three and five with developmental disabilities were provided specially designed instruction and educational support through ACAP's Early Intervention Services</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>were provided with food meeting USDA nutritional guidelines at licensed childcare facilities through the Child Care Food Program</td>
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**WHOLE FAMILY & INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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<td>3</td>
<td>were provided comprehensive services (coaching), including personal guidance, support and advocacy, as well as home energy reduction, financial literacy, job training, education, and assistance securing employment, among others</td>
<td>$5,985.45</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>otherwise not eligible for support through a Federal or State program received assistance through ACAP’s Helping Hands program to get them through an emergency situation - most notably fuel to heat their homes and follow-up case management</td>
<td>$2,003.40</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>were provided assistance with numerous needs including food, shelter, financial management, referrals, navigation and other resources in time of urgent need when other supports were not available or enough</td>
<td>$321.92</td>
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ACAP Prevention and Wellness Programs assist County residents in achieving optimum health and well-being through programs that support better nutrition, physical activity, oral health, tobacco and substance use prevention and education, and more.

In 2019, ACAP Prevention and Wellness Programs served Van Buren (Inc. Keegan) as follows:

| 69 households | received education and food vouchers to assist children at nutritional risk, or pregnant or nursing women. The food vouchers are redeemed at local participating grocery stores for fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and whole grain foods | $11,790.03 |
| 22 children | received dental sealants at no cost through ACAP's oral health program, which operates the program on-site at all County public elementary schools | $1,159 |
| 117 children | were provided clinical assessments, dental cleanings, and other oral health care through ACAP's Kids Integrated Dental Services | $3,756 |
| 10 individuals | received support and built leadership skills on issues of social justice, restorative practices, and public health through the Youth Engagement Program affiliated with the Maine Youth Action Network | $3,343 |
| 2 individuals | both youth and adults were provided information and assistance in preventing the initiation of tobacco use, secondhand smoke exposure in the home and workplace, and connected to smoking cessation resources | $105.08 |
| * individuals | received education, information or took part in programs offered in local communities to raise awareness about the impact of substance use and related public health concerns | * |
| 650 individuals | engaged in activity to raise awareness and reduce the occurrence of youth obesity, build leadership skills and support adults in engaging with youth in positive and meaningful ways | $5,200 |
| 5 individuals | received Breastfeeding Education and Support to encourage breastfeeding as a primary source of infant nutrition | $383 |

Altogether, 234 County residents were provided information and assistance by ACAP with Health Insurance Enrollment in the Open Marketplace through ACAP's Affordable Care Act Navigator Program. Assistance was offered at ACAP locations in Presque Isle, Houlton and Madawaska.
ACAP Energy and Housing Services and Programs assist homeowners and renters with safe and energy-efficient housing needs through a variety of services and benefits to low-income households and others.

In 2019, ACAP Energy and Housing Programs served Van Buren (Inc. Keegan) as follows:

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<th>3 households</th>
<th>had weatherization work and central heating improvements completed</th>
<th>Investment: $14,611.82</th>
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<td>14 households</td>
<td>received assistance for heating system improvements, such as cleaning, tuning, evaluation, burner retrofit, repair, replacement or conversion and above-ground storage tank replacement</td>
<td>$29,088.18</td>
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<td>1 household</td>
<td>had repair work completed on their home to ensure they could live safely</td>
<td>$11,850.00</td>
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<td>266 households</td>
<td>received financial assistance to heat their homes through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)</td>
<td>$177,697.00</td>
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<td>18 households</td>
<td>received financial assistance through the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) to obtain an emergency fuel delivery or prevent an electrical disconnect</td>
<td>$6,541.22</td>
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<td>160 households</td>
<td>were provided assistance with their electric bill through the Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP)</td>
<td>$50,099.20</td>
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<td>* individuals</td>
<td>took part in ACAP’s 10-hour Homeownership Education Course that teaches the essentials of successful homeownership.</td>
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<td>* individuals</td>
<td>were provided with Homeownership Support Counseling because they were at risk of falling behind on their mortgage payments or facing foreclosure</td>
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<td>* households</td>
<td>received Energy Audits completed by ACAP staff through a partnership with Emera Maine</td>
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*In columns throughout this report where no units of service or investment amount is noted, that specific service was not accessed by members of your community in 2019. We have included these in your report to make you aware of these services as you work with individuals and families in your communities who might benefit.

Please note:
Although the overall units of service and total dollars invested figures on the front page represent the overall cumulative numbers for your community, this report does not include all of the individual programs ACAP administers that benefit your community. All of our services are reflected in our 2020 Directory of Services.