

As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, West CAP needs the support of the communities we serve. If you would like more information on any of our programs or would like to help by making a donation or contributing your time, please contact us.

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**Strong, Secure Families
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Housing Development & Weatherization

Community Housing Development Organization

We partner with private for-profit businesses and non-profit groups to plan, finance, and build good quality, affordable housing that is energy efficient and responds to local community needs. CHDO is also committed to providing long-term housing options that allow residents to build their personal assets through mutual or cooperative ownership.



Over the past sixteen years we have developed, either through acquisition and renovation, or through new construction, over 310 housing units of housing in communities in western Wisconsin and one project in Iowa. On a typical project, CHDO coordinates the land purchase, assembles the development team and partners, arranges financing, serves as the general contractor, and stays with the project as asset and property manager.



West CAP currently offers affordable rental units in Barron, Clayton, Colfax, Ellsworth, Glenwood City, Hammond, Rice Lake and St. Croix Falls.



Weatherization

Our Weatherization program offers a range of services, including insulation and minor repairs. The program identifies and blends a variety of sources of financial assistance for each project.

Our professional staff looks at each home, provides a technical assessment and complete hands-on work to correct problems, including:

- Insulate attics, walls and floors
- Repair or replace furnace
- Computerized energy audits and air infiltration testing
- Perform a general health & safety inspection

Applying for Energy Assistance at your local Wisconsin Heating Energy Assistance Agency (WHEAP) is the **First Step** in determining your eligibility for weatherization services.





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Homeless Prevention

West CAP helps families address their immediate housing needs and connects them to a full range of community services.

Temporary Assistance—financial support to maintain housing.

Transitional Housing—stability for homeless households—direct assistance, creating goals, attaining self-sufficiency.

Housing Choice Vouchers—long-term rental assistance for low-income households.



Homeownership

West Cap assists families in understanding and attaining responsible home ownership. Our HUD certified housing counselors provide several services:

- Home Buyer Workshops
- Down payment and closing cost assistance
- Foreclosure Intervention Workshops
- Foreclosure Mitigation—finding solutions, understanding options, limited financial assistance.

Menomonie Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is a place for the community to provide a profitable marketplace for farmers to generate extra income. It also provides an opportunity for consumers to purchase fresh products directly from area farms, such as vegetables, fruit, eggs, meats, and handmade crafts.

The Market is held at the Dunn County Fairgrounds on Wednesdays from 11:00am-6:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am-2:00pm starting May 21st through October.



Food Access & Resources

TEFAP—Our Food Access & Resources Program supports a network of local food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters that provide emergency food assistance for low-income families. Our emphasis is on building partnerships with community groups to meet local food needs and ensure access to quality food. We coordinate food distribution assistance to 30 community sites.



Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program—provides vouchers to hundreds of low-income seniors to buy fresh foods directly from local markets.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program—works to improve the health of low income adults age 60+ years by supplementing their diets with nutritious foods. Income eligible seniors receive a monthly supplemental food package, and pre-registration is required.

Family Table—families come together for weekly shared cooking sessions with hands-on cooking instruction, recipe sharing and tips for managing the family food budget. Members work together to prepare batch meals to take home for family use.

JumpStart/Ideal Auto

Owning a reliable, fuel-efficient car can dramatically improve the quality of life for low-income working families, providing access to better jobs, good daycare, family activities, and medical services.

JumpStart helps low-income families obtain a low-interest loan to purchase a reliable, fuel-efficient, late model car. A monthly savings account is also established to provide funds for regular maintenance and repairs. JumpStart clients are expected to follow program rules for making loan payments on time and maintaining insurance coverage.



Donate Your Car

Find out why donating may be better than trading-in. West CAP can offer the highest tax deduction value.

For more information visit www.idealauto.org or call 800-606-9227

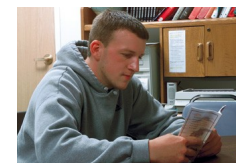
Literacy & Skills

Enhancement

The Skills Enhancement Program provides low-wage workers access to educational and training programs that increase their jobs skills and improve their employment options. Participants receive career development support and financial assistance to achieve their goals.



West CAP's Literacy Program offers one-on-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their literacy skills in order to enhance their lives and ability to gain employment.



Participants are individuals who have had difficulty learning through the traditional educational

system or English language learners. The program uses community volunteers as tutors who are trained to provide student centered education.

Housing Rehabilitation

Funds are provided for making essential improvements to single-family homes serving as the principal residence of low-moderate income owners. Eligible costs include energy-related improvements, accessibility improvements, lead-based paint hazard reduction, and repair of code violations.

To qualify, homeowners must be at or below 80% of the county median income, it must be the primary residence, and is a single-family home (mobile homes do not qualify). The homeowner must have equity in the home. The home must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards upon completion.

