Carlton County Services

Mission:

AEOA’s mission is to strengthen communities by providing opportunities for people experiencing social and economic challenges. AEOA provides services to community members through five major departments including Employment and Training, Head Start, Housing, Senior Services, and Arrowhead Transit. Not all departments operate programs in every county within AEOA’s service area.

Key staff and board members:

Executive Director: Paul Carlson
Department Directors: Julie Greenly (Employment & Training); Jim Glancy (Fiscal Services); Skip Ferris (Head Start); Cathy Pazzelli (Human Resources); Scott Zahorik (Housing Services and Assistant Executive Director); Beth Peterson (Planning); Marilyn Ocepek (Senior Services); Jack Larson (Arrowhead Transit).
AEOA Board: The Agency is governed by a 27-member board, representing an equal cross-section of low-income individuals, public officials, and private sector parties. Currently, there are two representatives of Carlton County on the Board.
Number of staff members: Twenty-five (25) employees work in Carlton County
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In Carlton County, AEOA served...

- Adult Basic Education provided service to 184 Carlton County residents. This could include basic skills improvement, GED preparation, college and career readiness, employment skills, digital literacy, life skills, and English language learning.
- Last year, approximately 292 people who were low-income, on public assistance, or were dislocated workers were assisted with employment- and/or education-related needs.
- Senior Employment Programs provided 13 individuals with an opportunity to build a pathway into employment for our low-income, older citizens, ages 55 and older. Entering the workforce, they learn and apply new skills while earning a paycheck.
- Senior Nutrition provided 42,739 nutritious meals to seniors, roughly averaging 170 meals per day. Of those meals, 25,264 were delivered to older people who are homebound.
- Arrowhead Transit provided 85,092 rides to Carlton County passengers, totaling 291,542 miles.
- Rural Rides provided 4,914 work-related rides to obtain or maintain employment.
- The Volunteer Driver Program had 28 volunteers and provided 2,290 rides.

AEOA is committed to continuing our strong partnership with Carlton County. We are proud of the work we do to help struggling households meet their basic needs met; homebound seniors live in their own
homes; and to help people find work and have the transportation to get there. We currently have twenty-five (25) people working in Carlton County who contribute to the local economy and are very dedicated to the services they provide.