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## OACAC accepting applications for assistance

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The Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation Taney County Neighborhood Center announced that it invites families or individuals to apply for assistance with emergency and non-emergency needs.

OACAC's Taney County Neighborhood Center is "the point of entry" for those in need of services. After making an appointment at the center, a family resource specialist will meet with families and discuss their situation and refer them to the OACAC community programs that can help, according to a news release.

The following services are offered through the Taney County Neighborhood Center: family support, emergency assistance, targeted coaching, school readiness fairs, workshops and community projects. The center is also a portal for HUD Section 8 Housing and OACAC's Weatherization Program.

Family support is a long-term program that focuses on helping an individual achieve their education and employment goals, such as obtaining a GED. A family resource specialist helps to identify strengths and create a plan to help an individual achieve their goals and move toward self-sufficiency.

Targeted coaching is a short-term program that empowers an individual to address barriers that may be getting in the way of self-sufficiency.

A variety of workshops are offered throughout the year aimed at helping families overcome obstacles resulting from poverty. Workshops cover many subjects, including finding and keeping a job, budgeting, money management, nutrition, health management and parenting skills.

For more information, stop by the Taney County Neighborhood Center at 115 Corporate Place, Branson, call 417-239-1882 or go to [www.oacac-caa.org/oacac/content/neighborhood-centers](http://www.oacac-caa.org/oacac/content/neighborhood-centers).

This program is funded in whole/or part with federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, the release said. The funds received from the Family Support Division are all federally funded.



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