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**(Neb.)-Community Action Agencies To Release State-Wide Poverty Study**



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*Photo: The region's local community action agency is Northwest Community Action Partnership, located at 270 Pine Street in Chadron.*

(CHADRON)-Community Action of Nebraska and its nine state-wide community action agencies will release the results of a community assessment survey next week. The findings will be made public on Tuesday, March 11th, at the state capitol in Lincoln.

The Community Assessment Report is based on a random survey of residents across the entire state of Nebraska and contains comparative data from 2010 and 2013, highlighting the most pressing economic challenges faced by Nebraskans. Both statewide and regional data are included on the following topics:

- Healthcare issues
- Housing barriers
- Perceptions of poverty
- Child and youth needs
- Basic needs
- Employment barriers
- Income and finance behaviors

Survey highlights will include:

- Access to mental health care and disability services for both adults and children were top health issues.
- Respondents report that a barrier to homeownership was being unable to make a down payment.
- One of four said they were financially worse off than the previous year.

The report will be available on the Community Action of Nebraska website at [www.canhelp.org](http://www.canhelp.org) after the statewide release. Community Action of Nebraska (CAN) is the state association for Nebraska's nine community action agencies (CAAs), serving all 93 counties in Nebraska. CAAs are private non-profit organizations

established under federal law to combat the presence and impacts of poverty in communities across the U.S. Programs commonly administered by CAAs include employment assistance, home weatherization, Head Start and Early Head Start, food assistance, housing assistance, and utility assistance. For more information, contact Northwest Community Action Partnership at 432-3393.

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