

SPCAA + Bailey County →→

South Plains Community Action Association and its vital programs are at risk for being totally eliminated or severely defunded. These hurtful impacts go beyond program budgets. Here’s some important data you should know living in Bailey County.

Bailey County Population

7,031 Total Population

2,250 Households



16 percent of Bailey County lives below the poverty line. That is 1 in every 6 people you meet.



1 in 4 people living in Bailey County have zero health coverage or insurance.

Data provided by the U.S. Census

SPCAA Programs in Bailey County\*

- Energy/Utility Assistance
  - Head Start
  - Health Insurance Navigator Program
  - Transition Out of Poverty (TOP) Program
  - Child Care Services
  - Workforce Solutions
  - Weatherization Assistance
- Senior Companion Program
  - SPARTAN Transportation
  - Project CHAMPS
  - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
  - Income Tax Prep Assistance
  - HOME Housing Program
  - Section 8 Housing
  - Multi-Family Housing Rental Program

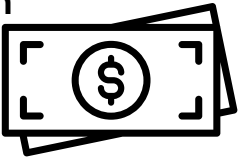
\*ALL of the programs above are at risk of being eliminated

SPCAA + Your Workforce

In 2024 alone, SPCAA contributed over \$184k in household income to employees of SPCAA living in Bailey County.

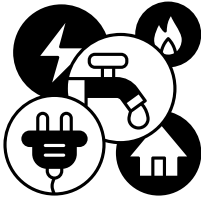


SPCAA paid over \$31k in “Work Experience” wages for subsidized employment in 2024.



SPCAA + Your Residents

In 2024 alone, SPCAA spent \$136k in utility assistance for families living in Bailey County.



In 2024, 54 families in Bailey County had children enrolled in SPCAA Head Start.



SPCAA + Your County Seat

In 2024 SPCAA paid over \$12K to the City of Muleshoe for energy assistance.

Muleshoe ISD



Muleshoe ISD received over \$226k in their partnership with SPCAA Head Start, this includes teacher salaries.

# Who We Are

*South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) is a non-profit organization that provides assistance in over 100 counties across Texas. Throughout all of our programs we are focused on enabling people to achieve self-sufficiency and escape poverty by providing them with the resources to achieve that goal. We provide assistance like job training, education and tuition assistance, child care, transportation, health services, and much more.*

## Picture This:

You and your spouse are happily married with two children. Like so many other families across the United States, through no fault of your own, you fall on hard times and quickly slip into poverty. Being the hardworking parents that you are, you and your spouse weigh your options on how to escape the cycle of poverty. You decide the best long-term solution for you and your family is to go back to school and earn your CDL. While you search for options, your spouse thankfully has found employment at a local convenience store, but you know it is not enough. The CDL program you find is a 12-month contract out of state that would force you to leave your children and spouse behind, which would put an even bigger strain on you and your family. What do you do?

## SPCAA Provides **Real Solutions**

The scenario above is a **real** situation our client Ruben Ramirez found himself in. He and his wife Laura first visited SPCAA to receive utility assistance. Thanks to a dedicated center worker, the family also received assistance through our Transition Out of Poverty program along with our Workforce Solutions WIOA program which helped Ruben take local classes for his CDL so he wouldn't have to leave his family for 12 months.



By June of 2024, just a few months after reaching out to SPCAA, Ruben and Laura were at 125% the federal poverty level and both fully employed. By November of that same year, they were able to **purchase their first home**.

*SPCAA sees cases like these daily. We assist hardworking, **real** people to provide long-lasting, **real** change in their life.*

## What You Can Do

**In order to best protect vital SPCAA programs, we urge you to contact your local representative and ask them for their explicit support.** "I am a constituent of Bailey County, and I am concerned about potential upcoming federal budget cuts to programs like [insert your choice of SPCAA programs]. This would be devastating for my community, and I respectfully ask that you oppose any proposed budget cuts to programs like these in the upcoming future."

### **Your Representatives**

**U.S. Congressman**

Jodey Arrington: (806) 763-1611

**U.S. Senator**

John Cornyn: (806) 472-7533

**U.S. Senator**

Ted Cruz: (214) 599-8749