

SPCAA + Hockley 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 Hockley County.

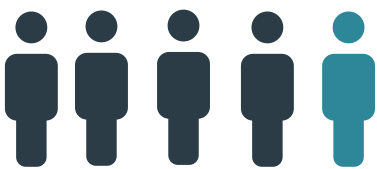
Hockley County Population

21,505 Total Population

8,058 Households



15 percent of Hockley County lives below the poverty line. That is approximately 1 in every 7 people you meet.



More than 1 in 5 individuals in Hockley County have zero health coverage or insurance.

Data provided by the U.S. Census

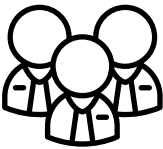
SPCAA Programs in Hockley County\*

- Energy/Utility Assistance
  - Head Start
  - WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
  - Health Insurance Navigator Program
  - Transition Out of Poverty (TOP) Program
  - Child Care Services
  - Workforce Solutions
  - Weatherization Assistance
- Senior Companion Program
  - Project CHAMPS
  - SPARTAN Transportation
  - 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

There are 134 active SPCAA employees in Hockley County and in 2024 SPCAA payroll paid over \$3.7 million in wages.

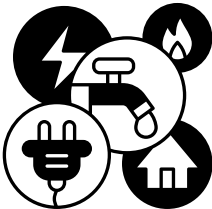


SPCAA paid over \$257k towards Workforce participant support and assistance in 2024 for Hockley County.

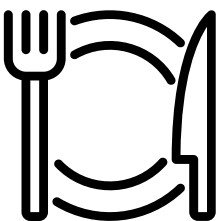


SPCAA + Your Residents

In 2024 alone, SPCAA spent over \$414k in utility assistance for families living in Hockley County.



In 2024 alone, SPCAA spent over \$127k on snacks and meals for Head Start students in Hockley County.



SPCAA + Your County Seat

In 2024, SPCAA spent nearly \$400k in their Head Start partnership with Levelland ISD, this includes teacher salaries.



In 2024, 177 children in Levelland relied on Head Start for early childhood education, health services, and family support.

Data provided by the 2024 SPCAA Annual Report

# 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 Hockley 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