

HEALTHY CASS 2025-26

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NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of Community Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Emergency Relief ◦ Rent ◦ Utilities ◦ Other Needs <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 1.1: Awareness of Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Collaborate with employers and organizations to raise awareness of services in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Food & Healthy Eating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Health Promotion ◦ Local Education ◦ Local Resources <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 1.3: Non-Traditional Delivery of Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use a unified approach to educate various sectors on the difference between food and nutrition security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cass County Cancer Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Screenings ◦ Prevention ◦ Survivorship <p>State Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iowa has the second-highest rate of new cancer diagnoses in the U.S., with Cass County being 1st for the highest cancer incidence rates.
FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Improvement Plan Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Learn about the 2025-2028 Cass County Priorities ◦ See what projects your organization would like to get involved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteerism Task Force Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hear from the volunteerism task force and their plans to improve volunteerism in Cass County. <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 2: Increase engagement in active living among all people in Iowa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Wellness Community Awareness & Resources <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 1.1: Awareness of Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Encourage employers and organizations to adopt behavioral health policies and practices for employees.

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MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Oriented Full Circle Resource Navigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ From Crisis to Careers - Discuss how we work together to move families to stability. <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 1.3: Non-Traditional Delivery of Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Expand existing behavioral health programming in rural areas through innovative partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ How do we redefine Senior Centers in Rural Iowa? <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 2.2: Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Collaborate with a variety of partners to cross-promote existing programs and expand their reach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cass County Mental Health In Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Update on the County Wide Hope Squad Project <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Area 2.2: Children and Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Increase prevention programming for youth ages 0-18
AUGUST 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Misuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Resources in Cass County ◦ Resources in our Region <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1: Improve access to behavioral health services for all people in Iowa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Making Healthy Food Accessible to all <p>State Priority Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1: Reduce barriers to affordable, nutritious foods for all people in Iowa.