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June Newsletter



Region II Information

RPIC Region II and Region III to Host T/TA Meeting

On August 15 & 16, 2018, NYSCAA and the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP) will convene a two-day event in Harrisburg PA, bringing together state associations, state CSBG offices, representatives from the Office of Community Services (OCS), the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), the National Association for State Community Services Programs, the Association of Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers (ANCRT) and others. As a part of the CSBG Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium (RPIC), stakeholders within Regions II and III to identify effective regional strategies to strengthen collaboration and to align training and technical assistance activities and resources among the statewide Community Action networks and the regions.

Over the last year, the RPIC State lead associations across the country have successfully organized forums with their State CSBG agencies and national/federal partners including OCS, the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP); the Association of Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers (ANCRT), among others.

These forums have proven to be a unique opportunity to share ideas, promising practices; and develop approaches to implement the goals of the RPIC Training and Technical Assistance initiatives. Regions II and III are excited to be a part of this effort and look forward to a productive meeting.

Funding Still Available for Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico Relief

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain reports that funds are still available for Hurricane Maria Relief Efforts. A majority of the grants from this fund will go directly to Community Action Agencies and other appropriate organizations located in Puerto Rico whose mission is to

assist families in the community which includes victims of the Hurricane after the emergency efforts end.

Proposals should summarize the project for which funding is sought by responding to the questions in the Proposal Format Document. A proposal may be submitted at any time. Requests for programs in Puerto Rico cannot exceed \$10,000 and will be considered on a rolling basis as funds allow. The Foundation's eligibility requirements are noted on the Proposal Format Document which is available for download at <https://cfgnb.org/requests-for-proposal/>. To learn more about the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain go to www.cfgnb.org.

Community Foundation President, David Obedzinski indicated that fundraising began within 48 hours of the storm and still continues. Funding has been helping agencies and school systems to aid displaced families. The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, the American Savings Foundation with the support of New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart and Bobby Sanchez, Connecticut House of Representatives established the Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico Relief Fund at the Community Foundation.

Save the Date: Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

The 2018 Annual Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado August 28-31st. The Partnership has announced the keynote speaker Kathryn Edin, a nationally prominent poverty researcher. Edin's work includes 8 books and 80 journal articles informed by her direct observation of the challenges faced by low income individuals and families.

NASCSP will hold its Annual State Monitor's Training Pre-Conference (September 17-18) and the Core Conference (September 19-21). The Monitor Training will address the important role of monitors in program improvement, review best practices and an in-depth review of CSBG monitoring standards. The Core Conference includes tracks for CSBG Programs and Weatherization Assistance Programs, and will provide opportunities for professionals to discuss strategies for meeting new challenges in improved and accountability.

The 2018 RPIC Conference will take place September 27th and 28th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Binghamton, NY. Invited speakers from the National Community Action Partnership, CAPLAW, the Office of Community Service and representatives from State CSBG Offices, and experts in Risk Management, Human Resources and Finance will address key capacity building issues affecting Community Action Agencies.

Upcoming NYSCAA IT Webinars July-September

These sessions will use the GoToWebinar Platform. For more information on the series, please contact Daniel Healy, Director of Information Technology at dhealy@nyscommunityaction.org. Registration details will be sent out as they become available.

The schedule of webinars is listed below:

- July 13th, 2018 The Basics of running a presentation
- July 20th, 2018 MS Word and the Basics of Word Processing
- August 2nd, 2018 Social Engineering, Data Protection, Op-Sec
- August 16, 2018 Poll production- Survey Monkey and Doodle Poll
- August 23rd, 2018 Microsoft Publisher and the basics of Desktop Publishing
- September 6th, 2018 - Computing Basics Q&A
- September 20th, 2018 Basics of Adobe Acrobat



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