



## NYSCAA Newsletter - October 2018

### From the CEO

Dear Friend,

Happy Fall! The leaves are falling and a new fiscal year has begun. As we move into the 2018-2019 year, NYSCAA is focusing on the future. We are undergoing a thorough strategic planning process, and we are looking for a [Strategic Plan Consultant and Facilitator](#) to help us with this process. If you know of someone who might be interested, please point them [to this RFP](#).



It was great to see familiar and new faces at our Executive Director Seminar, which took place in Syracuse on October 22nd and 23rd. The event brought 28 Executive Directors from across the state together to discuss current trends in Community Action. Topics included an HR law update, a data discussion, an update from the Department of State, and an address by David Bradley, CEO for the National Community Action Foundation. We heard about the accomplishments achieved by CAAs over the year including building affordable and supportive housing, establishing work supports for vulnerable workers, creating a mobile farmers market, and collaborating with schools to increase Head Start opportunities. CAAs have certainly been busy meeting the needs of their communities!

Moving into the end of the month - I look forward to meeting with the participants in our Emerging Leaders Institute. It is always rejuvenating to see the next generation of Community Action leaders!

Before I close, I want to welcome back Phoebe Schimpf who has returned to NYSCAA as our Program and Technology Director. As you may know, Phoebe worked at NYSCAA from 2013-2017 as the Director of IT. Phoebe returns with even more experience with e-learning which will be one of our focuses in the upcoming year. Phoebe will also continue to provide support to you, our members, with your IT needs. Please join me in welcoming back Phoebe. She can be reached at [pschimpf@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:pschimpf@nyscommunityaction.org).

With thanks,

[Jackie Orr](#), NCRT

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### FY 2018 CSBG Annual Report - Extended Due Date

Important news! There is an update on timelines for submission of State Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) annual reports for Fiscal Year 2018, including an extension in the deadline for submission of the FY 2018 annual report.

[Click here for more!](#)

Note- there will be a webinar on Thursday, November 1 at 4:00pm, hosted by NASCSP, to discuss the Annual Report and

preparing for the reporting deadline. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Just released - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Report

The United Way ALICE Reports use new measures to provide a more accurate picture of financial insecurity at the state, county, and municipal level. The reports focus on individuals that are above the federal poverty level, but do not earn enough to afford a bare-bones household budget of housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care. [Click here for the latest report](#) - and make sure to drill down to your county details!



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## Community Commons Spotlight Article:

### Bearing the Burden: How Racism-Related Stress Hurts America's Black Mothers and Babies



NYSCAA members have access to the [Community Commons](#), an excellent resource for data from many different data centers. This month, we're highlighting the article "Bearing the Burden: How racism-related stress hurts America's black mothers and babies." Though the United States spends more on health care per person than many other developed countries, the US has one of the highest infant mortality rates among developed countries. The infant mortality rate in the United States is also informed by significant disparity across race. In 2015, the black infant mortality rate was 11.3 babies out of every 1,000. The same year, the white infant mortality rate was 4.9 babies out of every 1,000. Consistently, black infants are more than twice as likely to die before their first birthday than white infants. [Click here](#) to read the full article from the Community Commons.

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Save the Date: Poverty Symposium 2019 to be held the week of March, 25th 2019!  
(Final date TBD)

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## National Professional Development Opportunities

Community Action Partnership  
2019 Management and Leadership Training Conference  
New Orleans, LA  
January 15th-18th 2019  
[Click here](#) for more information.

National Association for State Community Services Programs  
2019 Winter Training Conference  
February 11th-12th, Pre-Conference Event  
February 13th-15th, Core Conference  
[Click here](#) for more information.

Community Action Partnership  
2019 Annual Convention  
Chicago, IL  
August 26th-27th, Pre-Convention Training  
August 28th-30th, Annual Convention  
[Click here](#) for more information.

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## Highlights from our Agencies

### *Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., expands to Sullivan County*



In September, Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., (UCCAC) was awarded the Sullivan County RFA that was released in July 2018 by NYS DOS. UCCAC has been temporarily working in Sullivan County since August of 2017 when NYS DOS Community Services division offered a T-Contract to provide community services to the residents of Sullivan County. Since August, UCCAC has helped with emergency food, clothing, holiday meals, holiday gifts, weatherization referrals, rent/mortgage and/or utility assistance and referrals for other programs offered by other county not-for-profits. Beginning August 2018, UCCAC offered the first ever Farm Stand in Sullivan County being held at Action Towards Independence (ATI) in Monticello, NY. In addition, UCCAC expanded office hours to Liberty, NY at the United Methodist Church one day a month. We are proud to announce that Brain Meade will be the new Assistant Program Director serving Sullivan County. He begins on October 29th with training at the Kingston Outreach Office. We expect Monday - Friday office hours to begin around November 14th. UCCAC is excited about its' expansion into another county and looks forward to growing the community services program in Sullivan!

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### *WestCOP to Host 53rd Annual Gala*

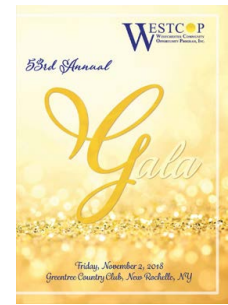
When: Friday November 2nd 2018

Where: Greentree Country Club

New Rochelle, NY

What: WestCOP will host a celebration celebrating the 53rd anniversary of WestCOP and honoring community members, funders, sponsors, and staff.

[Click here](#) for ticket information.



## Community Action of Greene County, Inc. Partners for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Community Action of Greene County, Inc. continued their partnership with Greene County Transit to bring awareness to Domestic Violence through signage on the area's buses.



## Cattaraugus CA Hosts "Empty Soup Bowl" Dinner to Fight Hunger



Earlier this month, Cattaraugus Community Action hosted an "Empty Bowl" dinner. "Empty Bowls" dinners bring community organizations and local artists together to fight hunger. At the event, guests bought soups made by volunteers and local donors, and all proceeds benefited the Lighthouse Community Kitchen, the soup kitchen operated by Cattaraugus Community Action. Guests choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

## Cayuga/Seneca CAA partners with the Auburn YMCA on Domestic Violence Prevention

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. partnered earlier this month with the Auburn YMCA "Wednesday Morning Roundtable" to host a program on domestic violence prevention. The Agency contracted with Lundy Bancroft, a nationally recognized expert with over 25 years experience in the fields of abuse, trauma, and recovery, to engage upwards of 70 community leaders on the dynamics of domestic violence and services available locally including our new Risk Reduction Enhanced Response pilot program. CSCAA provided a 2 day local training with Lundy Bancroft; over 120 individuals attended including criminal justice partners, service providers and families impacted by domestic violence. Additionally, the Agency sold custom-designed apparel to raise awareness and held its 9th annual Wear Purple Day Rally in downtown Auburn.

### *Community Action of Orleans & Genesee Solicits Donations for Holiday Program*

Community Action of Orleans & Genesee's "Holiday Program" provides holiday baskets for families unable to celebrate due to financial or medical challenges. If you would like to sponsor a family, or know someone in need, contact the CA office at 585-589-5605 for more information.



### *Action for a Better Community Hosts 15th Annual Signature Luncheon*

Action for a Better Community recently hosted their 15th Annual Signature Luncheon, which featured City of Rochester Mayor Lovely A. Warren. The event also featured 4 award winners for community service recognition.



### *Opportunities for Otsego Receives \$3 Million Grant to Provide Trauma-Informed Legal Services*



Opportunities for Otsego is one of 61 victim assistance programs in New York State to be awarded funding to hire attorneys who will support crime victims with civil legal matters, such as divorce, custody, immigration and financial issues. Administered by the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS), the federally funded grant will allow the Violence Intervention Program to provide free legal help to the victims they serve.



# The Promise of Community Action

*Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*



## Our Agencies

Click on Name of Agency to Visit Website: [Action for a Better Community, Inc.](#) \* [Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc.](#) \* [Albany Community Action Partnership](#) \* [ACCORD Corporation](#) \* [CAPC of Jefferson County](#) \* [Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.](#) \* [Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.](#) \* [Chautauqua Opportunities Inc.](#) \* [Columbia Opportunities, Inc.](#) \* [Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Capital District Region, Inc.](#) \* [Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.](#) \* [Community Action of Greene County, Inc.](#) \* [Community Action of Orleans & Genesee](#) \* [Community Action Partnership for Madison County, Inc.](#) \* [Cortland Community Action Program, Inc. \(CAPCO\)](#) \* [Delaware Opportunities](#) \* [Dutchess County Community Action Agency, Inc.](#) \* [Economic Opportunity Program Inc. of Chemung County](#) \* [EOC of Nassau County - Hempstead](#) \* [EOC of Suffolk - Patchogue](#) \* [Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc.](#) \* [JCEO of Clinton & Franklin Counties](#) \* [Lewis County Opportunities, Inc.](#) \* [Livingston County Planning Department](#) \* [Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.](#) \* [NYC Department of Youth and Community Development](#) \* [Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.](#) \* [Opportunities for Broome, Inc.](#) \* [Opportunities for Chenango, Inc.](#) \* [Opportunities for Otsego, Inc.](#) \* [Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.](#) \* [Path Stone](#) \* [PEACE, Inc.](#) \* [Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.](#) \* [RECAP](#) \* [Saratoga County EOC, Inc.](#) \* [Schenectady Community Action, Inc.](#) \* [Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc.](#) \* [St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc.](#) \* [Tioga Opportunities, Inc.](#) \* [Tompkins Community Action, Inc.](#) \* [Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc.](#) \* [Warren/Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc.](#) \* [L.E.A.P.](#) \* [WestCOP](#) \* [Wayne County Community Action Program, Inc.](#) \* [Wyoming County Community Action, Inc.](#) \* [Yonkers Community Action Program, Inc.](#)

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