



NYSCAA Newsletter - November 2018

From the CEO

Dear Friend,

It has been a whirlwind during my first few months at NYSCAA. We have been very busy – holding a very successful RPIC Conference with CAAs from neighboring New Jersey and State Association staff from Puerto Rico; gathering CAA ED/CEOs for a terrific learning and sharing Seminar; and holding a valuable Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) seminar. At the seminar, I had the pleasure of meeting those Community Action leaders who are committed to expanding their leadership and management skills and enhancing their understanding of the history and purpose of Community Action. We have much more on the horizon which you will read in this newsletter.



We received over 125 responses to the strategic planning survey that was sent to NYSCAA members. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and comments about the future direction of NYSCAA. Thanks also to our community partners, some of whom have participated in the planning process. I am very excited to see the results from this effort and am looking forward to charting a new course for NYSCAA.

As we move into colder weather and the holidays, this can be a difficult time of year for those with limited resources. Whether through offering food baskets, distributing winter clothing, providing energy assistance, or bringing cheer to a family through a holiday family event, Community Action is there to help make ends meet and to help ease the challenges faced by our fellow community members.

With gratitude for all you do,

[Jackie Orr](#), NCRT

ROMA Alliance

We are pleased to announce that NYSCAA will be forming a ROMA Alliance, a group comprised of Certified ROMA Trainers and ROMA Implementers in NY. Jessica Collier from DOS will be helping to facilitate the group. In general, the group will focus on the implementation and application of ROMA in a CAA, clarifying roles and responsibilities of ROMA Professionals, and other activities the group determines. If you are a certified ROMA Trainer or Implementer, make sure to join us for the first webinar on December 19th at 11:00am. [Click here to register.](#)



CSBG Annual Report

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NYSCAA will hold a webinar on December 19th at 1:00pm to review the CSBG Annual Report and discuss the methods that CAAs will use to submit data for Module 2, 3 & 4 to DOS. We will be adding to the resources provided by NASCSP for those agencies that may need additional help around submitting their data [Click here to register](#) for the December webinar!

Emerging Leaders Institute – Applications now being accepted

ELI is a year-long leadership development program designed to build the capacity of future leaders within New York's Community Action Network. This collaborative learning experience incorporates:

- Formal training to build skills and knowledge
- Peer networking opportunities to build local and statewide relationships
- Book talk(s) with books chosen by the group

Participants will explore their leadership styles, develop leadership aptitude and empower themselves and others. By equipping Emerging Leaders with these critical skills, NYSCAA is ensuring that Community Action Agencies are able to continue the important work of helping people, changing lives – our mission that impacts hundreds of thousands of low and moderate-income New Yorkers every year.

Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming 2018-19 ELI cycle. [Interested in applying? Click here](#) – applications will be accepted through January 11, 2018.

Join the Learning Community--2019 Opportunities Now Available!

Don't miss your opportunity to engage with the Learning Community in 2019! Join the Learning Communities Resource Center on December 5th at 2pm ET to learn about the upcoming opportunities in 2019. The webinar will introduce the 2019 Learning Community Groups, review the application process, and share the exciting benefits of the Learning Community. [Click here to register for the webinar!](#) The application deadline is January 25, 2019.

Public Charge Rule

From the Partnership..."The Community Action Partnership, the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP), and CAPLAW have been following a recent initiative being pursued by the Department of Homeland Security, which would make changes to what is referred to as the Public Charge Rule. Under the proposed changes, use of certain government programs would count as negative factors against legal immigrants when they apply for citizenship. Medicaid, SNAP, and certain housing programs are specifically called out in the proposal. CSBG, WAP, LIHEAP, and Head Start are not included in the proposed rule. However, this proposal could have spillover effects negatively impacting Community Action programs and customers.

The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on October 10th, kicking off a 60-day comment period. "

The National Partners held a webinar recently which gave an overview of the proposal and shared suggested comments and templates that your agency can use to officially weigh in the proposal if you so choose. [Click here](#) for the recording. Comments on the Federal Register Notice are due December 10th.

Community Action Partnership - Board of Directors Opening

There is currently an opening for the position Third Vice-Chair for the term running through August, 2020. The Partnership's bylaws call for the Partnership board to fill the position for the remainder of the term and as part of this process, the board is seeking nominations from the Network. Please consider nominating someone or consider running yourself. Please reach out to Amy Turner Executive Director of Mohawk Valley Community Action who is the Region II representative on the CAP Board for further information. Amy can be reached at aturner@mvcaa.com.

[Click here](#) to learn more!

Upcoming NYSCAA Events



We are busy planning for our next series of conferences and seminars. As we pin down dates and times we will let you know – but in the meantime here is some information for you to begin marking up your calendars!

Poverty Symposium – Week of March 25th, 2019 Capital Region

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Poverty Symposium will be held the week of March 25th, 2019 in the Capital Region.

We plan to hold the conference over two days, with the first day tentatively being scheduled from 10-4, and a half-day on the second day.

NYSCAA will also schedule an Emerging Leaders Institute session and a Board Meeting that same week, prior to the Symposium.

Emerging Leaders Institute

Three Seminars will be held for those in the Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI). Sessions will be paired with the Poverty Symposium in March, Meeting of the Minds in May, and the RPIC Region II Conference in September. Interested in applying to become a member of ELI? [Click here!](#)

Regional Meetings

Five Regional Meetings will be held around NY State. These regional meetings will be coordinated with the Department of State, and run between late April through June, 2019.

Professional Development Conference - Week of June 3rd, 2019 - Mid-Hudson Valley

NYSCAA's annual June Professional Development Conference will be held the week of June 3rd, 2019 in the Mid-Hudson Valley. The conference will include the Annual Community Action Awards Ceremony – so start making your list of nominees now!

RPIC Region II Conference Location TBD

The annual RPIC Region II Conference will be held the week of September 16th. We look forward to working with our Region II partners in New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to create an exciting event! The Emerging Leaders Institute seminar will also be paired with this event.

Job Opportunities

NYSCAA is hiring! We have an opening for a Grant and Training Manager. [Click here to read more!](#) Application deadline is December 7, 2018.

Check out job opportunities at Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency and ProAction of Steuben and Yates! [Click here to view CA job listings and add your own!](#)



National Professional Development Opportunities

Community Action Partnership 2019 Management and Leadership Training Conference New Orleans, LA

The 2019 Management and Leadership Training Conference (MLTC), will take place from January 16-18, 2019, in New Orleans, LA at the Westin New Orleans Canal Place. The theme for this year's event is Community Action: A Voice for Change. Click [here](#) for more!

National Association for State Community Services Programs 2019 Winter Training Conference Arlington, VA

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.

Highlights from our Agencies

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Have something you would like to share in our upcoming newsletter? Email pschimpf@nyscommunityaction.org by December 10th, 2018. Pictures appreciated!

NYC DYCD - National Runaway Prevention Month



November is National Runaway Prevention Month, an initiative to help raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis, the issues that these young people face, and the role the public can play in finding solutions to end youth homelessness. On November 14, DYCD hosted their annual RHY Bowling event in recognition of Runaway Prevention Month, where participants in DYCD's RHY programs enjoyed a night of music, food, and STRIKES.

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency - 1 of 2.org



Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA), has collaborated with Utica College's Multimedia Web Design to launch a five-week awareness campaign, which includes 13 stories examining poverty from different angles.

The project's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds share facts, research, images and perspectives from various organizations locally and globally at a time when perspective is essential. You can watch and listen to these stories, most of which focus on the work of the MVCAA, which also oversees the region's Head Start program. Check it out at: <https://1of2.org/>

CAPMADCO - Wrapped in Love Campaign



Community Action Partnership for Madison County is now in their 5th year of the Wrapped in Love campaign. Each year, CAP graciously receives annual donations of scarves, hats and gloves of all sizes and designs; both hand-made and purchased.

Beginning in November, when the temperature drops, their dedicated Housing Team distributes numerous sets in local communities, tying them to fences, trees, poles, bushes and other approved locations to provide protection and warmth from the elements for those in need.

RECAP - Mill Street Cafe



After years of renovations to the historic building it now calls home, Mill Street Café opened for business in Middletown this summer. The site is administered by anti-poverty nonprofit Regional Economic Community Action Program (RECAP), and is modeled after their Fresh Start Café job readiness program whose participants are typically long-term public assistance recipients who learn skills to succeed in the service industry. Training participants for the Mill Street Café will typically be drawn from several sources within RECAP as well as agencies and the community at large. The success of participants is largely due to the mentorship and leadership from the women who oversee the café's operations including purchasing, scheduling, customer service, and job development and readiness.

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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