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February 2019



Region II Information

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Community Action Partnership: National Impact Report

Recently the National Community Action Partnership released their "National Impact Report – Building Opportunity for All." – a compelling reflection of how Community Action works, and how Community Action Agencies across the country are responding to local needs. In addition, the partnership has made all the graphics, images, fonts, and infographics available to all Community Action Agencies for use and modification to create their own Impact report.

The National Community Action Partnership also brings you an exciting and alternate way to educate yourself on all that the report has to offer. Stay up to date with their new six-part podcast. To check out the podcast on Soundcloud, [click here](#).



COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
National Impact Report
Building Opportunity for All


Webinar for Region II CAAs - Grant Writing as Sacred Service - February 28th at 10 AM

Grant writing can be a really stressful endeavor. Join Jana Hexter for an absorbing conversation about how to approach grant writing so that you are left fulfilled and nourished by the process.

In this webinar you will learn:

- 7 reasons that grant writing is stressful and takes a toll on you
- An effective alternative to grant writing in a fast-paced, high-pressure and fear-driven environment
- 11 questions for conscious grant writing



About the instructor:

Jana Hexter is the author of Grant Writing Revealed: 25 Experts Share Their Art, Science, and Secrets, and founder of GrantsChampion, a grant development and training business. She has raised over \$70 million and written well over 150 successful proposals for a wide variety of non-profit organizations throughout the nation. Jana has served on the National Board of GPA and as a subject matter expert for the Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPIC) to develop the Grant Professionals Certification exam. In addition, she has served on peer review panels for New York state and the United States Department of Education.

[Click here to register!](#)

NASCSP and OCS Webinar: CSBG SmartForms for Annual Report Modules 2, 3, and 4

The webinar on February 6th to review the new CSBG SmartFORMS for Modules 2, 3, and 4 of the new Annual Report was cancelled. It will be held on February 20th. To register for the webinar, [click here!](#)

Share Your Annual Report with Virtual CAP!

Virtual CAP has been collecting CAA Annual Reports from around the country. For a detailed look into all the Annual Reports that Virtual CAP has collected from around the country, [click here!](#)

Many of you have them posted - but if yours is not, please reach out to Ken Ackerman at ken@cafa.org

NASCSP Releases Two New Helpful Resources for the CSBG Annual Report



CSBG List of "Other Indicators" - NASCSP released a list of other NPIs that can be used when reporting in the CSBG Annual Report. This is a list of common indicators that the CSBG network said were missing from the Annual Report. NASCSP reviewed hundreds of indicators from the network and with the help of the CSBG Data Task Force, narrowed them down to the most common indicators not already found in the Annual Report.

CSBG Annual Report Lexicon - This Lexicon serves as a dictionary for terms in relation to CSBG and the Annual Report. The Data Task Force Guidance and Training Committee has worked extensively on this tool, and the general DATA Task Force has provided feedback to ensure the definitions are acceptable and useful for the Network. The document is meant to be a quick reference for terms as you work on your Annual Report submissions.

Both resources can be found on NASCSP's website by [clicking here](#).

U.S. Census Bureau: Census 2020 - Audience Outreach Toolkit

People may not want to participate in Census Bureau surveys for different reasons. Considering this in your outreach strategy can help in reaching your community more effectively. The United States Census Bureau has gathered insights about what works and has come up with recommendations and questions to ask yourself when developing your communications.

For information on how to get involved and to view the Audience Outreach Toolkit, [click here!](#)

Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Advances Success for First Generation College Students

Investments in early childhood development have high returns economically and improve health outcomes throughout the lifespan. However, investing in other periods of life, such as the transition between K-12 education and higher education, also make a big difference. Higher educational achievement correlates with lower rates of chronic disease, improved overall health, lower smoking rates, and lower rates of disability. These health disparities often continue, and deepen, from generation to generation.

For the full article and to learn more, [click here!](#)



Which Neighborhoods Boast the Longest Life Expectancy?

"Two miles separate residents of Schenectady's Hamilton Hill from those on the north side of the city. But when it comes to how long they'll live, the difference is much greater - 21.2 years, to be exact"

Interested in the effect of neighborhood unemployment and income on life expectancy in NY and NJ and across the country? For more information follow [this link](#).

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National Professional Development Opportunities

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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.

CAPLAW
National Training Conference
Charlotte, NC

June 19 - June 21, 2019
[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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