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Newsletter



## Region II Information



### **\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\***

#### **2017 RPIC Region II: Finance, Human Resources, & Leadership Conference**

The 2017 RPIC Region II conference date has changed! The new dates will be September 18 and 19 at the [Heldrich Hotel](#) in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The hotel location has not changed.

We are also looking for volunteers to join our Conference Planning Committee. If you are interested in helping us plan the conference and identify workshop topics and speakers, please email Francesca Sommer at [sommer@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:sommer@nyscommunityaction.org).

#### **Phoebe Schimpf, Deputy Director**

We are excited to announce our Director of I.T., Phoebe Schimpf, has been promoted to Deputy Director for NYSCAA. In her current role, Phoebe has proven a valuable and respected asset to the state's Community Action Network and our team at NYSCAA. We are looking forward to working with her in the new role. Please join us in congratulating Phoebe on this new opportunity!

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## National Partner News



## National Community Action Foundation

Connecting Communities to Washington Since 1981

### National Community Action Foundation Sponsorship

The National Community Action Foundation's Legislative Conference is March 14-17, 2017. They are looking for conference sponsors. Sponsors will be displayed during conference sessions, featured prominently on their event smartphone application, and have the option to have an exhibition table. If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, [click here](#) to view their different levels.

NCAF also has an option to advertise your agency or program in their event booklet. [Click here](#) to see more details about submitting an advertisement.

### CSBG Dear Colleague Letter FY 2017 2nd Quarter Allocations

Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update on allocations of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding during the second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.

Based on the Continuing Resolution (CR) passed by Congress and signed by the President on December 10, 2016, a second allocation of CSBG funds in the amount of \$223 million is being released with funding through April 28, 2017. A chart outlining the amounts allocated to all States, Territories, and Tribes through April 28, 2017 is included.

Please note that 1% of the total annualized CR funding level for CSBG has been reserved to preserve the Secretary's authority to transfer funding within HHS's discretionary accounts. Final FY 2017 allocation amounts for each state will be determined based on the application of the CSBG formula after passage of a full-year appropriation. [Click here](#) to read the full letter.

### Presentations from the 2017 MLTC

If you were unable to make the Partnership's 2017 Management Leadership and Training Conference last month or wanted to catch a session you had to miss, their speaker presentations are now available online. Some of the workshop topics covered were: Rural IMPACT Initiative, Bridging the Gap Between Program and Finance Staff, Using Data: Community Commons, and, Developing Your Leadership Team. [Click here](#) to view the documents and see what other sessions they hosted.

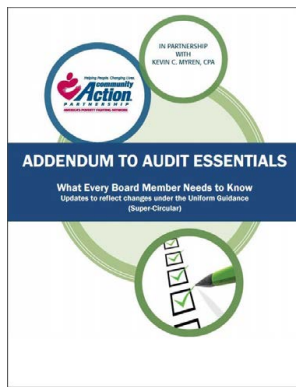


### Welcome J. Janelle George

The Federal Office of Community Services appointed J. Janelle George as their new Acting Director. As the Acting OCS Director, Ms. George will provide oversight in the areas of budget, human resources, and procurement. Her primary responsibility will be to strengthen the administrative and management support provided to each of the Office of Community Services' four divisions and six programs. Ms. George has been with the Office of Community Services for nine years and has direct experience working with the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) network.

### Audit Essentials: What Every Board Should Know

The Community Action Partnership's *Audit Essentials: What Every Board Should Know* has created an addendum to reflect changes under the Uniform Guidance. [Click here](#) to access the addendum.



## In the News and Useful Information

### The New CSBG Annual Report is Cleared, Now What?

The CSBG Annual Report received OMB Clearance on January 12, 2017. The new CSBG Annual Report marks the largest overhaul of CSBG data collection and reporting since the first comprehensive CSBG Information Survey (CSBG-IS) was developed in 1983. On January 20, 2017, the Office of Community Services (OCS) released [CSBG IM # 152 Community Services Block Grant Annual Report](#) which details guidance on the implementation and timelines for online submission of the CSBG Annual Report.

The CSBG Annual Report will be implemented in a phased-in approach. Module 1, State Administration, will be the first module to be reported in OCS' On-Line Data Collection (OLDC) system and is due on March 31, 2017.

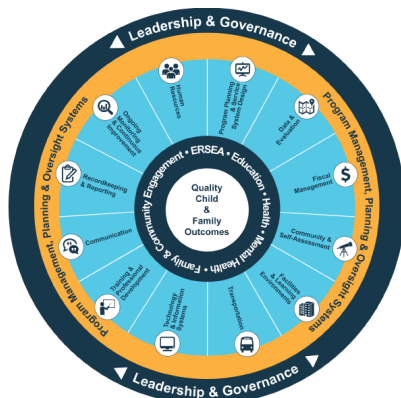
March 31, 2017 Submission Date (FY16 data): States are required to submit Module 1 of the new CSBG Annual Report in OLDC. States complete Sections E-G and the NPIs in the CSBG IS as they have typically done.

March 31, 2018 Submission Date (FY17 data): States are required to submit Module 1 of the new CSBG Annual Report in OLDC. States complete Sections E-G and the NPIs in the CSBG IS as they have typically done.

March 31, 2019 Submission Date (FY18 data): States are required to submit Module 1-4 of the new CSBG Annual Report in OLDC and will no longer report in the CSBG IS Survey access database.

For further information regarding useful tools, upcoming webinars, and your Region's point of contact, visit the NASCSP's State of Poverty Blog [here](#).

### Head Start Management Systems Wheel



The Head Start management systems wheel is a visual representation of the 12 program management, planning, and oversight systems that are critical to high-quality service delivery. Head Start program leaders consist of three key entities: the governing body/Tribal Council, Policy Council, and management staff. The governing body/Tribal Council assumes the legal and fiscal responsibility for the program; the Policy Council sets the direction; and management staff oversees the day-to-day operations. The yellow circle outlines the scope of these systems consistent with the five-year project period. The segmented aqua blue ring outlines each of the individual management systems, which in turn, work together to inform and influence the program's service delivery, represented by the inner blue circle. [Click here](#) to learn more

and view the interactive tool.

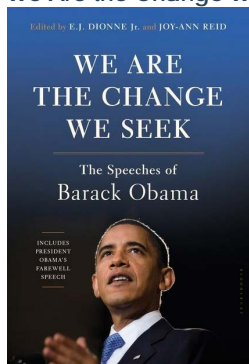
### EITC Awareness Day

January 27, 2017, was Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day and our friends at [CLASP](#) put together ten reasons to love the EITC.

1. The EITC is a high effective anti-poverty tool.
2. The EITC supports and rewards work.
3. The EITC helps families afford necessary expenses.
4. The EITC reduces evictions.
5. The EITC benefits the local economy.
6. The EITC is pro-family.
7. The EITC can be advanced at the state and federal levels.
8. The EITC improves long-term outcomes for recipients' children.
9. The EITC has bipartisan support.
10. The EITC can, and should, be expanded to reach more workers not raising children.

[Click here](#) to read more details on each of these ten reasons.

### We Are the Change We Seek:



A collection of Barack Obama's greatest speeches edited by columnist E.J. Dionne and MSNBC host Joy Reid.

*We Are the Change We Seek* is a collection of Barack Obama's 26 greatest addresses: beginning with his 2002 speech opposing the Iraq War and closing with his final speech before the United Nations in September 2016. As president, Obama's words had the power to move the country, and often the world, as few presidents before him. Whether acting as Commander in Chief or Consoler in Chief, Obama adopted a unique rhetorical style that could simultaneously speak to the national mood and change the course of public events. Obama's eloquence, both written and spoken, propelled him to national prominence and ultimately made it possible for the son of a Kenyan man and a white woman from Kansas to become the first black president of the United States. Buy the book [here](#)

on Amazon.

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## National Training Opportunities



### NYSCAA Training & Events

#### Intermediate Survey Monkey

March 8, 2017 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Click here](#) to register

#### 11th Annual Symposium on Poverty & Economic Security

March 28 & 29, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn - Troy NY

[Click here](#) to register!

#### 2017 June Professional Development Conference

June 1-2, 2017

High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid NY

Registration will open soon!

**IT Webinar: The Why & How of Social Media**

July 18, 2017 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Click here](#) to register

**RPIC Region II: Human Resources, Finance & Leadership Conference**

**DATE CHANGE** September 18-19, 2017

The Heldrich Hotel, New Brunswick, NJ

Stay tuned for more information



***WIPFLi Training Opportunities***

**In-Depth Training on OMB's Uniform Guidance**

March 7-8, 2017

Dallas TX

Cost: \$645.00

[Click here](#) for more information

**Webinar: Davis Bacon Act for HS/EHS**

April 25, 2017 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)

Cost: \$195.00

[Click here](#) to register

**Webinar: Early Head Start/Head Start Teaching Financial Literacy to Parents**

March 30, 2017 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am (CST)

Cost: \$95.00

[Click here](#) to register

**Webinar: Head Start/Early Head Start Engaging Parents in the Program**

April 4, 2017 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am (CST)

Cost: \$95.00

[Click here](#) to register

**Webinar: Early Head Start/Head Start 101: A Program Overview**

April 11, 2017 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (CST)

Cost: \$195.00

[Click here](#) to register

**Webinar: Uniform Guidance Update**

April 13, 2017 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am (CST)

Cost: \$195.00

[Click here](#) to register

**18th Annual Wipfli National Training Conference**

July 9-14, 2017

Las Vegas, NV

[Click here](#) for more information

***Upcoming Events:***

**2017 NCAF Legislative Conference**

March 14 - 17, 2017

Washington, DC

[Click here](#) to register

**2017 NASCSP Mid-Winter Training Conference**

March 27-31, 2017

Arlington, VA

**2017 Anti-Hunger Conference, Hunger Solutions**

May 17, 2017

Albany Capital Center, Albany NY

**2017 CAPLAW National Training Conference**

June 7-9, 2017

Denver, CO

**The Community Action Partnership's Annual Convention**

August 29 - September 1, 2017

Philadelphia, PA

[Click here](#) for further information

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## Resources



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