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Newsletter



## Region II Information



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

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2017 RPIC Region II: Finance, Human Resources, and Leadership Conference! The conference will be held at the [Heldrich Hotel](#) in New Brunswick, New Jersey, September 18 and 19. We have already started to convene a conference planning committee to bring in the best to increase our network's capacity. If you are interested in joining our conference planning committee, please contact Francesca Sommer at [fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org). We are looking forward to hosting the event in New Jersey this year and hope to have a great turnout throughout Region 2!

### Aaron Wicks & Georjean Trinkle - CSBG Data Task Force

The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) has announced the members of their new Data, Analysis, and Technical Assistance (DATA) Task Force. They are convening the CSBG DATA task force to assist the Office of Community Services (OCS) in understanding and addressing the CSBG network's data needs and the use of data for analysis and continual improvement of results. NASCSPP received an impressive response from the network with over 100 applications. We are pleased to announce that Aaron Wicks, from New York's Action for a Better Community, Inc. and Georjean Trinkle from New Jersey's NORWESCAP were selected to be on the committee. Congratulations to them both! [Click here](#) to see who else will be on the CSBG DATA Task Force.

# National Partner News

## Community Action Partnership's Branding Summit

The Community Action Partnership is looking for experienced communication staff, executive directors, and other CAA staff to join their Branding and Communications Summit on April 26-27, 2017 in Chicago, IL. The event will help us increase the visibility of the Community Action network and highlight our unique mission and values. The event features Nathalie Laidler-Kylander, an expert on nonprofit branding and the author of the book, *The Brand IDEA*, as the keynote speaker. Please note that this is less of a training and more of an opportunity for Community Action staff to discuss communication and leadership ideas. [Click here](#) to register!



## 2016 CSBG Highlights

The 2016 CSBG highlights produced by The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) has been released. Each year NASCSPP conducts a detailed survey of the CSBG network that describes the sources of funding, services provided, clients and communities assisted, and the results achieved. [Click here](#) to view the report and stay tuned for individual state fact sheets!

## Dear Colleague Letter: Annual Report Module 1 Form Goes Live!

Dear Colleagues:

As announced in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Action Transmittal released February 17, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget has approved the new CSBG Annual Report. The Office of Community Services (OCS) is pleased to provide access to the Annual Report through the Online Data Collection (OLDC) site located through the ACF Grants Center of Excellence, Grant Solutions Visit disclaimer page. Beginning March 2, Module 1 of the Annual Report will be available through OLDC. Module 1 will be due on April 7, 2017. Additional Modules of the Annual Report will be available beginning in 2019. Until that time, states should continue to complete the IS Survey, also due on April 7, 2017. [Click here](#) to read the full letter.

## Organizational Standards 2.0 - Webinar Series



The Community Action Partnership's Organizational Standards Center of Excellence has released a new webinar series for Community Action Agencies, State Associations, and State CSBG Lead Agencies. The sessions are designed to provide continuing support for agencies to meet and exceed the Organizational Standard as we move into the second year of implementation. The webinars will cover topics such as documentation requirements to show compliance with the standards, accessing available technical assistance resources and requests for resources, and promising practices to help agencies go beyond compliance to improve their management operations. [Click here](#) to register

- Webinar Two: Community Engagement - April 6, 2:00 - 3:00 EST
- Webinar Three: Community Assessment - April 26, 2:00 - 3:00 EST

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## In the News and Useful Information

### NY CAA's Pilot New Housing Opportunity for Formerly Incarcerated

Schenectady Community Action, Inc., PEACE, Inc., and Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. were selected to participate in a pilot project announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to help formerly incarcerated New Yorkers safely reunite with their families. Housing authorities and New York State are responding to a call from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to

allow carefully screened and monitored people with convictions to live in public housing with their families. NYS Department of State is providing funding for case management to track these individuals, and the Department of Correction and Community Supervision will monitor participants and undertake home visits as part of the normal course of parole supervision. These three Community Action Agencies will provide the case management services to enrollees and their family members. The public housing authorities will have the ability to review a number of important factors to help ensure that participants do not pose a public safety risk for their communities and residents. These factors include an individual's criminal background, their path to rehabilitation, and family structure. At the end of the pilot program, successful participants may return to the household on a permanent basis.

### Children's Experience with Parental Employment Insecurity & Family Income Inequality

New research commissioned by the Foundation for Child Development, "Children's Experience with Parental Employment Insecurity and Family Income Inequality," by Donald J. Hernandez and Jeffery S. Napierala, has resulted in the creation of the Index of Parental Employment Insecurity. The intention of this effort is to provide a more accurate picture of the economic health of families and investment in children's development. The report developed an index to analyze parental employment insecurity comprehensively, and present additional analysis of changes in family income inequality. Research conducted from the time of the Great Depression to the present shows that economic stresses associated with unstable parental work or income loss can be demoralizing for parents and lead to disruptions in daily living. These disruptions can result in family conflict and turmoil in family relationships, including a negative impact on parenting and, for children, diminished self-confidence, antisocial and hostile behavior, and lower educational attainments. [Click here](#) to view a synopsis of the article or [click here](#) to download the full report.

#### BOX 3. THREE DISTINCT STATES DEFINE PARENTAL EMPLOYMENT INSECURITY: UNEMPLOYMENT, HIDDEN UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT.

This index has three component indicators, each calculated for the past month and for the past calendar year. A child is classified as experiencing parental employment insecurity during the past 15 months, if at least one parent experienced unemployment, hidden unemployment, or underemployment.

► **Unemployment** (Annual or Official Monthly): A parent was not employed and was looking for work.

► **Hidden Unemployment** (Annual or Official Monthly): A parent wanted and was available for work, but was not looking for work, because the parent believed that jobs were not available or that jobs were not available for which the parent would qualify.

► **Underemployment** (Annual or Official Monthly): A parent worked part time but wanted a full-time job.

*Note: See Appendix A for sources and detailed discussion.*

### International Women's Day

Throughout ancient and modern history, women have collaborated and lead purposeful action to redress inequality in hopes of a better future for their communities, children, and themselves. Whether through bold well-documented action or humble resistance, women have a long history of uniting equality and achievement. Along the way, one particularly powerful collaboration lead to a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity, International Women's Day, first observed over a century ago, for celebrating the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women. Observed this day on March 8, 2017, International Women's Day embodies values and principles that reflect and reinforce the values that drive our Community Action Network.

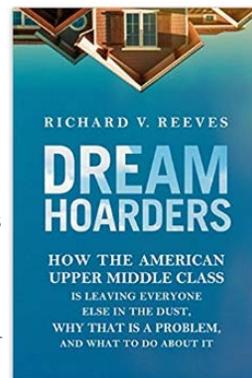
- Justice
- Dignity
- Hope
- Equality
- Collaboration
- Tenacity
- Appreciation
- Respect
- Empathy
- Forgiveness



Join us as we celebrate International Women's Day and the values it embodies on more than just one day a year! [Click here](#) to visit the International Women's Day website.

**New Book from our Favorite: Richard Reeves**

*Dream Hoarders: How the Upper Middle Class is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why that is a Problem, and What to do About it*, focuses on the widening gap in American society between the upper middle class and everyone else. Reeves shows that the growing separation between the upper middle class and everyone else can be seen in family structure, neighborhoods, attitudes, and lifestyle. Those at the top of the income ladder are becoming more effective at passing on their status to their children, reducing overall social mobility. These various forms of "opportunity hoarding," make it harder for others to rise up to the top. Examples cited in his book include zoning laws and schooling, occupational licensing, college application procedures, and the allocation of internships. This fascinating book shows how American society has become the very class-defined society that earlier Americans rebelled against - and what can be done to restore a more equitable society. [Click here](#) to buy the book!




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## National Training Opportunities



### NYSCAA Training & Events

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

March 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

**Webinar: Continuous Change: Ready Set, Go!**

March 16, 2017 - 11:00 - 12:00 PM (CST)  
 Cost: \$95.00

[Click here](#) to register

**Webinar: Early Head Start/Head Start ERSEA**

March 28, 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 am (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 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

[Click here](#) to register

**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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