



Region II Information

RPIC Finance, Human Resources and Leadership Conference Highlights Region II Collaborative Efforts

The September 18th & 19th, 2017 RPIC Region II Finance, Human Resources and Leadership Conference, held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, highlighted the efforts between state association partners and the lead CSBG offices to coordinate the delivery of state and regional Training and Technical Assistance efforts. The Puerto Rico Community Action Association (PRCAA) and the newly formed Puerto Rico State CSBG Office, ODSEC, participated on a panel presentation with the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP); the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey (CAP-NJ) and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; NYSCAA and the New York State Department of State, Division of Community Services to discuss each state's collaborative efforts to provide Training and Technical Assistance to their respective state community action agency networks.

This year, the conference was co-hosted by NYSCAA and the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey (CAP-NJ) and the Puerto Rico Community Action Association (PRCAA). The program included the following topics and speakers:

- Keynote Address: *Community Action: Today and Tomorrow*; Denise Harlow, CEO, National Community Action Partnership
- Panel Presentation: *RPIC—the “C” is for Collaboration-- Federal and State Perspectives*
- *The Impact of Bias in Community Action*; Myka Piatt, NCMRT, Temple University
- *Assessing Risk Assessment Strategies*; Doug Sauer, CEO, New York Council for Non-Profits (NYCON)
- *Developing a Local Theory of Change*; Myka Piatt, NCMRT, Temple University
- *Cost Allocation Methods for CSBG Agencies*; Edward Bethea, Executive Vice President/COO, Gateway Community Action Partnership
- *Communicating to Connect*; Alan Krieger, CEO, Krieger Solutions, LLC.

In addition, the Honorable James Cahill, Mayor of New Brunswick, New Jersey provided remarks on the importance of community action in New Jersey. To access the conference agenda and program materials, click on <https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/RPIC2017>

Did you attend? [Please click here to fill out our survey - help us make next year even better](#)

National Community Action Partnership Releases 2017 State TTA Plan Report

Last week the Community Action Partnership released a report summarizing the Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) data which was submitted by State Associations and State CSBG Lead Agencies in their FY 2017 State T/TA Plans. All states are expected to develop an annual State T/TA Plan to include T/TA needs of the state network; T/TA resources available from the State Associations and State CSBG Lead Agencies and the Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium Lead Association; anticipated outcomes, implementation strategies and timelines. Each State completed their initial T/TA Plan in May, which detailed State T/TA activities planned through the end of FY 2017. On October 16, 2017, states submitted their 2017-18 T/TA Plans.

The Organizational Standards Center of Excellence (OSCOE) aggregated national and regional data to develop a comprehensive picture of the CSBG Network's T/TA needs, resources and activities. The report provides snapshots of the aggregated data from 43 states as reported in their FY 2017 State T/TA plans. This initiative promotes coordination between State Associations and State CSBG Lead Agencies and is intended to maximize available of T/TA resources to support local Community Action Agencies. For information contact Jarle Crocker, at jcrocker@communityactionpartnership.com or Francesca Sommer at fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org.

Hurricane Disaster Relief Continues

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria have greatly impacted the people and communities of Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. The Community Action Partnership is collecting donations for the Community Action Agencies in the affected areas to help them restore operations so they will be able to serve those in need during what is anticipated to be a lengthy recovery process. Donations collected to directly assist agency personnel to safely return to work and continue to serve their communities. Community Action Partnership has created an online portal to collect these donations. To make a donation, [click here](#).



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