



August  
2017  
Newsletter

## **RPIC REGION II FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2017**

We are excited to have great Speakers/Presenters including....

**Jim Cahill, Mayor of the City of New Brunswick, NJ**



**Jim Cahill is the 62nd Mayor of the City of New Brunswick. He has served continuously as Mayor since 1991. During his tenure as Mayor, New Brunswick has experienced an unprecedented wave of growth and investment that has transformed this once declining industrial City into a**

thriving 21st Century Urban Center. Mayor Cahill spurred collaborations among the private sector, the City's health institutions, Rutgers University, Middlesex County, and the City's redevelopment partner, the New Brunswick Development Corporation, to propel the New Brunswick Renaissance forward with more than \$2.5 billion invested in the construction of new residential, retail, office, educational and healthcare facilities. [Read More](#)

## Panel Presentation

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Panel Presentation- Moderator, Francesca Sommer, Director of Performance Management, NYS Community Action Association

**RPIC**—The “C” is for Collaboration: Federal & State Perspectives

*Jarle Crocker, Ph.D., NCRT, CCAP, Director, Training & Technical Assistance, National Community Action Partnership*

*Veronica Cruz, Ph.D., Director, Division of Community Services, New York State Department of State*

*Karla Digirolamo, NCRT, CCAP CEO, NYS Community Action Association*

*Francisco Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Community Action Association Inc.*

*Annette Marchese, Bureau Manager, Division of Community Services, New York State Department of State*

*Aliya Anderson Smith, NCRT, Administrative Advisor, Community Action Partnership of New Jersey*

*Jennifer Underwood, NCRT, Senior Contract Administrator, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Community Resources, Office of Community Services, New Jersey*

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**DAY ONE**  
**At-A-Glance**



**AGENDA**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**  
**THE HELDRICH HOTEL**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION**

**1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
**Aliya Anderson Smith**, NCRT, Administrative Advisor, Community Action Partnership of New Jersey  
**Karla Digirolamo**, NCRT, CCAP, CEO, NYS Community Action Association

**1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Keynote Address**  
**Denise Harlow**, NCRT, CCAP, CEO, National Community Action Partnership

**2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Panel Presentation- Moderator, Francesca Sommer**, Director of Performance Management, NYS Community Action Association  
**RPIC—The “C” is for Collaboration: Federal & State Perspectives**  
**Jarle Crocker**, Ph.D., NCRT, CCAP, Director, Training & Technical Assistance, National Community Action Partnership  
**Veronica Cruz**, Ph.D., Director, Division of Community Services, New York State Department of State(invited)  
**Karla Digirolamo**, NCRT, CCAP CEO, NYS Community Action Association  
**Annette Marchese**, Bureau Manager, Division of Community Services, New York State Department of State(invited)  
**Aliya Anderson Smith**, NCRT, Administrative Advisor, Community Action Partnership of New Jersey  
**Jennifer Underwood**, NCRT, Senior Grant Manager, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Community Resource, Office of Community Services, New Jersey

**3:30 – 3:45 p.m. BREAK**

**3:45 – 4:30 p.m. The Impact of Bias**  
**Myka Platt**, NCMRT, Program Manager, Temple University

**5:30 – 7:00p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION**

**Welcome to New Jersey**  
**Jose Carlos Montes**, M.Div. CEO, PRAB  
**DINNER ON YOUR OWN—THE BEST OF NEW BRUNSWICK**  
**(see conference materials for recommendations)**

**REGISTER NOW! 2017 RPIC Region II Finance, Human Resource, and Leadership Conference!**



**Location: The Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center**

**Address: 10 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

**Agenda: [Click here for agenda](#)**

**Hotel: The Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center**

- **Room Rate: \$139.00**

- Group Code: New York State Community Action Association
- Book your room(s): [Click here for online link](#)
- Deadline: Book your room by 9/11/2017
- Check in: 4:00 PM
- Check out: 12:00 PM
- Other Dining suggestions [Click here](#)

This year, the annual Region RPIC II Finance, Human Resource, and Leadership Conference will be held on September 18 and 19, at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Hosted by NYSCAA, the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey and the Puerto Rico Community Action Association, this year's event will feature key federal and state updates from HHS Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services; the National Community Action Partnership; the National Association for State Community Services Programs; and representatives from the Region II Lead State CSBG offices. Topics will include ROMA Next Generation; Promising Practices and Innovation in Community Action; Collaborative Regional Training and Technical Assistance; and "Lessons from the Road."

The Heldrich Hotel is easily accessible by highway, rail and air. Program and hotel registration information is on the [NYSCAA website](#).

For more information contact Francesca Sommer at [fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org) or Aliya Anderson-Smith at [aanderson@communityactionpartnershipnj.org](mailto:aanderson@communityactionpartnershipnj.org)



A "Welcome to New Brunswick!" networking reception will provide participants with a chance to reconnect with colleagues.

#### [RPIC Region II Submits First Training and Technical Assistance Plan](#)

As the RPIC Region II Lead Association, NYSCAA has been an active participant in the OCS-OSCOE Training and Technical Assistance Coordinating Workgroup, comprised of the Community Action Partnership, the National Association for State Community Services Programs, representatives from the federal Office of Community Services (OCS) and the RPIC Lead Associations. This Workgroup convened to develop a more uniform method to identify various state and regional T/TA needs and available resources. This initiative is intended to promote increased collaboration between and among state associations and state CSBG offices and clarify T/TA capacity at a regional level.

On March 10, with the release of the final T/TA Template, NYSCAA convened training session for the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey and the Puerto Rico Community Action Association to discuss the process for developing their respective state T/TA plan. Future convenings will be held in partnership with the Region II state CSBG offices and associations, to begin crafting the 2017-18 State T/TA plan.

The development of a regional/state T/TA planning approach reflects one of the major 2016-17 CSBG Training and Technical Assistance project goals --- "Maximizing and Aligning T/TA Resources across State CSBG Lead Agencies, State Associations, CSBG-eligible entities and national technical assistance grantees to meet the needs of the CSBG Network in the State."

To date, the initial launch of the new T/TA template has provided NYSCAA, as the RPIC lead association, with a more global understanding of partner state needs, resources and capacity. This valuable information will help to further define and enhance NYSCAA's future activities in the 2017-18 grant cycle.

NYSCAA wants to thank our state CSBG agency, the New York State Department of State, and our state association partners and CSBG lead agencies for their efforts. Questions may be directed to Francesca Sommer, Director of Performance Management Services at [fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org).



## Excel Pivot Tables and Charts – September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 AM

In this session, we will learn how to create different types of charts, and analyze large amounts of data through powerful Pivot Tables/Charts.

Graphs are so useful because they display information in a manner that is easy for people to comprehend. Join us to learn how to choose the right chart for your data, and how to tailor it to your needs.

Pivot Tables can help you quickly analyze and summarize large amounts of data. We will look at both Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts – and show you how to make a concise summary out of thousands of rows and columns of unorganized data.

Join us for this webinar to learn more about:

- Pivot Tables
- How to create charts and graphs
- 5 common chart types
- How to fine-tune your charts with additional shortcuts, fills and labels
- How to choose colors, lines, and shapes for maximum impact

Registration Link: <https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/event-2613749>



## PowerPoint Essentials – September 28 from 10- 11 AM

Join us for this one-hour session as we delve into creating memorable PowerPoint presentations. We will tackle:

- Understanding Best Practices for designing presentations
- Getting your message across using photos and graphics
- Determining when animation is most beneficial
- Working with slide masters
- Creating and Modifying Handout, Note and Slide Masters
- Using Presenters View
- Looping Presentations and more!

Registration Link: <https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/event-2613760>

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# National Training Opportunities



## NYSCAA Training & Events

# WEBiNAR



**NYSCAA Webinars/Training (free!):**

## Webinar: Excel Pivot Tables and Charts

September 7, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

## PowerPoint Essentials

September 28, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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# Resources

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