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Region II Information

NYSCAA Welcomes New CEO Jackie Orr

Dear Friend,

I hope the dog days of August are treating you well. I am thrilled to be back at NYSCAA as the Chief Executive Officer and happy to be once again with the Region II RPIC and working with the other Community Action Associations in the region.

I was able to meet up with colleagues from the NJ Association and the NJ CSBG State Office at the RPIC Region II & III Convening held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania earlier this month. It was a valuable experience learning about the collaboration and initiatives between state offices and state associations.

I look forward to reconnecting with, and getting to know new, friends and colleagues in the Region II Community Action network. I am looking forward to seeing you at the RPIC Region II Conference in Binghamton, NY on September 27&28. See more information in this newsletter about the outstanding topics and presenters we have lined up.

Please feel encouraged to reach out to me directly at jorr@nyscommunityaction.org.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie Orr".

Jackie Orr, NCRT
Chief Executive Officer
NYSCAA

RPIC Regions II & III Convene in Harrisburg, PA

On August 15th and 16th, NYSCAA and the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP) brought together key stakeholders in Region II and III for a two day meeting in Harrisburg to identify effective regional strategies which states have developed to coordinate training and technical assistance resources among the community action networks.

Representatives from the HHS Office of Community Service (OCS), the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc. (CAPLAW), the Association of Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers (ANCRT), and the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP), state CSBG offices and associations shared approaches and promising practices used to deliver training and provide technical assistance to their respective networks. Head Start integration and collaborative efforts were also highlighted.

New York and New Jersey identified potential collaboration around ROMA Next Generation Data Collection and Analysis and Leadership. Specifically, New York and New Jersey will work to start ROMA Task-Force/Workgroups to focus on peer sharing among ROMA trainers and implementers; to identify uniform ways to report on the National Performance Indicators (NPIs); to cultivate regional approaches and partnerships with Head Start and Weatherization; and identify data collection and analysis that will help to drive strategic planning, program evaluation, and service delivery.

Over the last year, national partners and RPIC lead associations across the country have successfully organized similar forums, which have provided a unique opportunity to share ideas on how to implement the goals of the RPIC Training and Technical Assistance initiatives.

NASCSP: CSBG Annual Report...Ready, Set, Go!

As a member of the National DATA Task Force (TF), CAP-NJ recently spent some time at an in person meeting that covered four main agenda items:

- Make progress on sub-committee deliverables
- Develop recommendations for "Other Indicators" by domain
- Decide on process and timeline for upcoming OMB Clearance
- Determine DATA TF priorities and timeline

The DATA TF really got into the weeds analyzing the Instruction Manual and discussing the implementation of the CSBG Annual Report. We were excited to see the latest in the transition from CSBG IS Survey to the CSBG Annual Report and how this reporting will help our continual improvement as a network. Data collection and the systems we utilize to affect change with data is very detail oriented and we are looking forward to an upcoming in-person New Jersey training in October where all of our CAA's will see the changes to our Performance Management framework. This in-person training is the second training provided by NASCSP for New Jersey in this area.

ROMA

We finished up our summer ROMA series in Newark hosted by the United Community Corp (UCC), and surrounded by ROMA trainers and several CSBG funded agencies along with NJ DCA. As always, our ROMA trainers were so well prepared and the evaluations were outstanding. It is exceptional to see the network come together and we are very appreciative of OCEAN, Inc. and Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership, Inc. for sharing their resources and providing the trainers for the CAA network.

CAP-NJ Training Activities and Conference

CAP-NJ will be delivering a full day conference to our CSBG network in September, focused on RISK: Reassess, Impact, Sharing Knowledge. There will be break out sessions that include topics that focus on evidenced-based programs and promising practices, cyber security, and reducing physical safety risks for field and office staff. We are looking forward to hearing from experts in the field to help strengthen our network so we can boldly impact poverty.

Register Today for the RPIC Region II Conference!

The RPIC Conference is an excellent opportunity for Community Action staff in Region II to hear from state and national experts in the areas of Risk Management, Finance, Human Resources, Leadership, and to network with colleagues from New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico.

The 2018 RPIC Conference will be held in Binghamton, NY on September 27th and 28th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

Registration is OPEN! Register TODAY and enjoy learning from colleagues and experts in the field. Denise Harlow, CEO of the Community Action Partnership will be the Keynote Speaker and other invited presenters include CAPLAW; the New York Department of State; New Jersey Division of Community Affairs; US Census Bureau NY Regional Office; Krieger Solutions, LLC; University of Missouri/Missouri Cares; and the New York State Council of Nonprofits among others!

The Preliminary Agenda is available by [clicking here](#). The agenda is divided into three targeted tracks: Finance/Compliance, Leadership/Management, and Human Resources/Compliance. These tracks aim to offer valuable information for folks across all roles in our local Community Action Agencies.

[Click here](#) to register!

Save the Date: Upcoming Professional Development

The 2018 National Association for State Community Services Programs Annual Training Conference will take place September 17th -21st in Bellevue, Washington. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.



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