



Region II Information

Agency Spotlight

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Hosted a Press Conference for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the coordination of services offered by the NJBPU's Comfort Partners Program and NJDCA's Weatherization Assistance (WAP) Program



Pictured to the left: NJBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso and Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver NJDCA Commissioner sign the interagency agreement.

NJ Board of Public Utilities and N.J. Department of Community Affairs Team up to offer Better Energy Conservation Solutions to Low-Income Households

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) have teamed up to better coordinate the delivery of two separate programs with similar missions to assist low-income families and individuals to improve their home's energy efficiency in an effort to conserve energy, provide a safer dwelling environment, and reduce

monthly energy bills.

The two State agencies approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formalizing the coordination of services offered by the BPU's Comfort Partners program and the DCA's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to low-income households using the same network of contractors and service providers.

"It gives us a great sense of satisfaction to better coordinate two great programs to benefit low-income residents who need help improving the safety their home's environment and its efficient use of energy," said BPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. "Often one program or the other is prevented from making needed improvements due to issues that lie outside either program's criteria or for health and safety barriers. This agreement will bridge that gap and help those who need our help."

"The core responsibility and goal of both our organizations is to provide assistance to the residents of New Jersey who have limited means and are struggling to get by." "This partnership is a massive step forward in achieving that goal on a much larger level" said Mike Hussey, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Weatherization Director.

"By pooling the resources of both programs, we have expanded our ability to help families that may not have qualified for our services individually. In working with Comfort Partners, those families can now receive the help they so desperately need. This was proven in the very first home O.C.E.A.N., Inc. and Comfort Partners weatherized through the pilot program.

Read more at www.oceaninc.org

Association of Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers Newsletter

Check out the new ANCRT newsletter – "Know News is Good News"! The newsletter is full of great information such as ROMA Training for Board resources, and the re-certification process for ROMA Trainers.

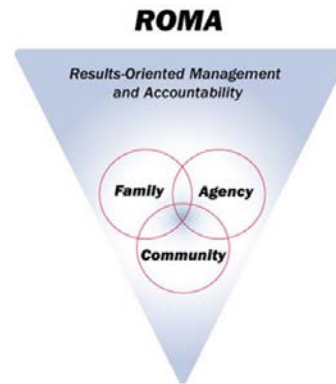
You can access the newsletter via the ANCRT site: <https://ancrt.org/newsletter>

Thinking of sending a staff person to become a Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer (NCRI)?

While the Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer (NCRI) is an identified leader who helps create and maintain an agency-wide culture, s/he is not the sole ROMA contributor in the agency. Having completed the ROMA training process, the NCRI can better assist in reviewing agency practices to support compliance with the Organizational Standards and helping to create a results-orientation to decision-making, capacity building and achieving the goals of your agency. This is the way to maintain high quality Community Action agencies.

Who should become an NCRI? Check out [this resource](#) from ANCRT!

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Community Action Partnership: Join the Learning Community -2019 Opportunities Now Available - Apply now!

Don't miss your opportunity to engage with the Learning Community in 2019! You can learn more about the 2019 Learning Community Groups, review the application process, and see the exciting benefits of the Learning Community at <https://communityactionpartnership.com/learning-communities-resource-center/>. The application deadline is January 25, 2019.

Community Action Partnership - Board of Directors Opening

There is currently an opening for the position Third Vice-Chair for the term running through August, 2020. The Partnership's bylaws call for the Partnership board to fill the position for the remainder of the term and as part of this process, the board is seeking nominations from the Network. Please consider nominating someone or consider running yourself. Please reach out to Amy Turner, Executive Director of Mohawk Valley Community Action, who is the Region II representative on the CAP Board for further information. Amy can be reached at aturner@mvcaa.com.



[Click here to learn more!](#)

CAPLAW Resource: CSBG and Head Start Crosswalk

CAAs that run Head Start programs are tasked with following two sets of different, yet overlapping, requirements that apply to the funding they receive under the CSBG and Head Start Acts. CAPLAW developed a crosswalk showing the connections between the two sets of requirements to help CAAs better understand the overlap and establish a more integrated approach to compliance. [Click here to learn more!](#)

RPIC Region II Conference

Location TBD

The annual RPIC Region II Conference will be held the week of September 16th. We look forward to working with our Region II partners in New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to create an exciting event!

Wanted: Volunteers for Conference Planning Committee

NYSCAA is looking for volunteers to help plan topics/presenters for the RPIC Conference. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Orr, CEO, NYSCAA at jorr@nyscommunityaction.org or 518-690-0491 x 24.



National Professional Development Opportunities

Community Action Partnership 2019 Management and Leadership Training Conference

New Orleans, LA

The 2019 Management and Leadership Training Conference (MLTC), will take place from January 16-18, 2019, in New Orleans, LA at the Westin New Orleans Canal Place. The theme for this year's event is Community Action: A Voice for Change. Click [here](#) for more!

National Association for State Community Services Programs 2019 Winter Training Conference

Arlington, VA

February 11th-12th, Pre-Conference Event
February 13th-15th, Core Conference
[Click here](#) for more information.

CAPLAW National Training Conference

Charlotte, NC

June 19 - June 21, 2019
[Click here](#) for more information.

Community Action Partnership 2019 Annual Convention

Chicago, IL

August 26th-27th, Pre-Convention Training
August 28th-30th, Annual Convention
[Click here](#) for more information.



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