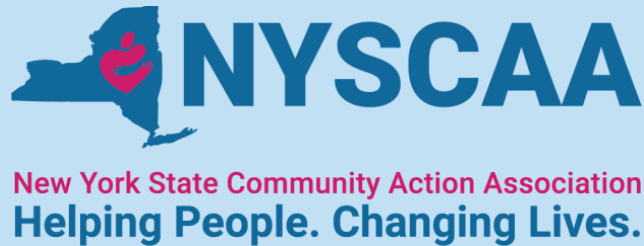


January 2023 NYSCAA News



A Word From NYSCAA's CEO:

Dear friend,

I hope you all had a joyous New Year. Thank you for all of the work you do every day to ensure a better tomorrow for your clients and communities.

As we look ahead to 2023, I'm excited about the opportunities that staff and agencies will have to improve the lives of the communities you serve. We begin our Emerging Leader Institute and Motivational Interviewing, with full classes for each.

Save the Date: On March 28th we will host the second-annual Virtual Community Action Symposium (FKA: Region II Convening). This symposium is an opportunity for CAA staff to join together for a day of sharing our best programs and ideas.

We are also pleased to announce that we will host 5 Regional meetings in-person this year. The meetings will be held in May and June. More information will be available soon.

We are also excited that preparation for our annual conference has begun. We are developing the agenda and securing the location. Keep an eye out for a save-the-date!

Jacqueline Orr, CEO

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The Promise of Community Action:

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

NYSCAA News:



Check Out What's New on NYSCAA Learn

NYSCAA Learn has over 70 courses and resources covering topics from Community Action, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, HR, to data, poverty and frontline staff topics and technology! These courses are free to all NYSCAA members. We have both interactive elearning and just added recordings and resources from recent webinars on NYSCAA Learn. Start and stop any of these courses without losing your progress. In addition, you will receive a certificate of completion for each course you finish.

Find the right course for you in the [NYSCAA Learn](#) catalog. We are adding new courses all the time— so bookmark the page and explore frequently. You'll need to sign in to see the full catalog online. You can filter courses by topic area so that you can focus on the subject matter that interests you.

Upcoming Trainings and Events:



2nd Annual Community Action Symposium

NYSCAA collaborates with all states from Region II to create the second-annual virtual Community Action Symposium. This one-day event will allow agency staff from Region II to share innovative programming ideas.

Event details and registration information will be coming your way soon.

Highlights from New York's CAAs:



Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. Supports Stronger Families Through DADS.

[Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.](#) hosts a 24/7 DADS program, where facilitators support dads in their goals to grow and learn strategies for stronger parenting over six weeks. In addition to teaching the curriculum, facilitators also spend a great deal of time listening to the dads' stories and learning from their real-life situations. All of that culminates on graduation day when the Facilitators witness the dads holding up their certificates with their families in attendance. While we significantly impact the dads, they also impact the community.



Delaware Opportunities, Inc. Provides Hygiene Products and Supplies to Students.

[Delaware Opportunities, Inc.](#) recently partnered with the Sidney CSD Jr/Sr High School to provide their students with hygiene products and supplies. This partnership allows students to access necessary items quickly and for free, alleviating a potential barrier to school attendance and success.

Monthly Myth Series:



Myth: Childhood poverty is synonymous with broken homes and bad families.

Reality: Statistics show that households led by a single parent are more likely to be below the poverty line than 2-parent homes. But the dangerous myth is that a single-parent-headed household is a broken home. All families, no matter their structure, are valuable. Some studies show that poverty factors into decisions to delay marriage, which may help explain the single-parent statistic.

[Click here](#) to read more about the importance of 2-parent households.

CSBG National Partner News & Resources:



NASCSP Releases the 2021 Weatherization Assistance Program Report

The NASCSP Weatherization Assistance Program Annual Funding Survey reaches all 50 states and the District of Columbia to track funds in the weatherization network, the source of those funds, funding trends, resulting production, and the funding future over each Program Year. Charts and graphs within the Survey show funding source trends over a several year period.

Click [here](#) for the full report.

NCAP Provides Resources for Whole Family Approach to Addressing Generational Poverty

National Community Action Partnership has extensive tools and resources to support agencies that are utilizing a Whole Family approach to addressing generational poverty.

Click [here](#) to access the Whole Family Approach toolkit.



National Professional Development Opportunities:

The National Community Action Foundation (NCAF)

- [Annual Washington Conference](#) - March 14-17, 2023

CAPLAW

- [2023 National Training Conference](#) - June 27-29, 2023

Tips, Tools, & Resources:



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Heating Assistance Toolkit

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a LIHEAP Heating Toolkit to provide community agencies with the outreach materials needed to support families struggling to meet heating costs. The toolkit offers videos and outreach fliers in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

[Click here](#) to access the toolkit.



Citizen's Committee for Children of New York: Child and Family Well-being in NYS

Child and family well-being encompasses economic and housing security, health and educational opportunities, and age-specific and community-based supports. Based on the composite index of 18 indicators of well-being, New York's counties are ranked from 1 (greatest barriers to well-being) to 62 (fewest barriers to well-being) in each domain and overall. This approach offers a starting point for identifying inequalities across counties to inform an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. While there are important differences between counties, barriers to well-being exist in every county, and so too do opportunities to overcome them.

[Click here](#) to download the publication and explore geographic profiles for each county in NY.



Study Finds New York State's Excluded Worker Fund was Successful in Supporting Families

Immigration Research Initiative and Urban Institute released the results of an innovative survey that measured the successes and shortfalls of the NYS Excluded Worker Fund. The EWF was a \$2.1 billion program that allowed 130,000 immigrants without work authorization and some others who fell between the gaps of federal aid to get unemployment compensation if they lost work during the pandemic recession. The survey shows that recipients significantly improved in areas including meeting urgent basic needs, family well-being, and community engagement.

You can read the full report [here](#).



New York State Association of Training and Employment Professionals: 2022 State of the Workforce Report

The New York State Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) released their 2022 State of the Workforce report. The report provides information by region, looking at demographics of workers, and growth across sectors and occupations.

[Click here](#) to access the report.



Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy: State of New York's Children, 2023 Report

The Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy released its 2023 report on the state of Childhood poverty in New York. The report focuses on data collected since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The report provides data related to childhood poverty, health, welfare and childcare. Schuyler Center identifies four goals that will guide their advocacy efforts for the year.

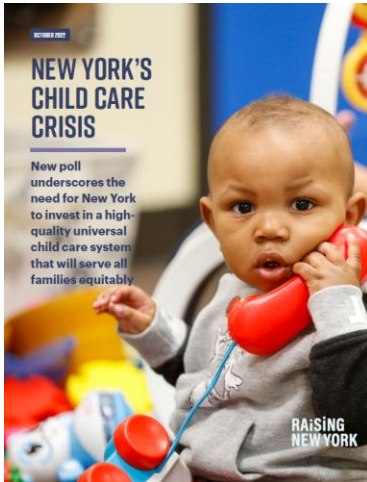
[Click here](#) to access the report.



National Council on Aging: Funding Announcement - COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has received a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living to implement a nationwide campaign to ensure older adults and people with disabilities get the latest COVID and flu vaccines. NCOA will provide funding and technical assistance to hundreds of diverse community-based organizations, enabling them to conduct tailored outreach, host vaccine clinics, and offer services many older adults need to get vaccinated, such as transportation and assistance in scheduling appointments.

Agencies can apply for funding [here](#).



U.S. Census Bureau: U.S. Population Shows Growth in 2022

After a historically low rate of change between 2020 and 2021, the U.S. resident population increased by 0.4%, or 1,256,003, to 333,287,557 in 2022, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Vintage 2022 national and state population estimates and components of change. The report provides information on population growth by state.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.



Urban Institute: Immigrant Families Faced Multiple Barriers to Safety Net Programs in 2021

This brief assesses the hardships and barriers to safety net programs immigrant families face using data from the Urban Institute's Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey, a nationally representative survey conducted in December 2021.

[Click here](#) to read more.



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