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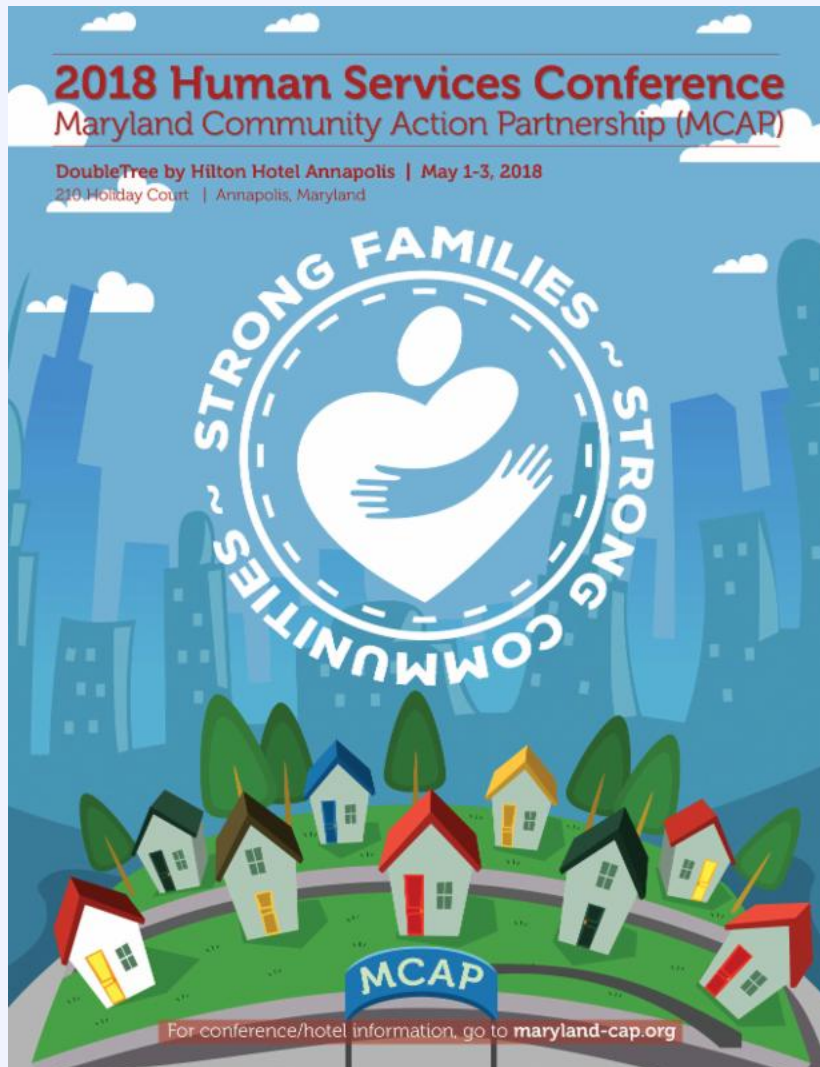
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Webb's Hope



UCAP At A Glance!



**Register Now For The 2018 Human Service Conference
May 1st-3rd-DoubleTree Hotel Annapolis
Annapolis, Maryland**

Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) is proud to host the 2018 Human Services Conference.

This year's theme, "Strong Families, Strong Communities" provides a platform for learning and sharing the important work of human service and the impact it has on families and communities.

Download our Conference Guide for the conference agenda and workshop descriptions.

For additional information, please visit www.conferencemaryland-cap.org. Hotel cutoff date ends April 6th.

For questions- Please contact Maryland Community Action Partnership
kholder@maryland-cap.org
443-482-5172



The Human Needs Report:

CHN releases its Human Needs Report, with the highs and lows in the FY18 omnibus spending package, the future of the Farm Bill, and a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

Appropriations Package Passed with Important Gains for Human Needs Programs

After months of negotiations, uncertainties, a shutdown, and multiple stopgap spending measures, Congress finally passed a \$1.3 trillion FY18 spending package to fund the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year. The spending package includes many wins for advocates and the communities they fight for, as it contains increases to many programs affecting low-income people while leaving out many poison pill policy changes. It was not a win for all, however, as Dreamers remain unprotected. [READ MORE »](#)

Farm Bill May Move after Congressional Recess

A Farm Bill, which includes the legislation authorizing SNAP/food stamps, could be taken up by the House Agriculture Committee shortly after Congress returns from its Spring recess. However, advocates are concerned that the bill will include deep cuts and harmful changes to SNAP.

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Commerce Secretary Ross Announces 2020 Census Will Include Citizenship Question

U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced on March 26 that the Trump Administration intends to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census. Many advocates and state officials are highly critical of the Administration's stance, believing that including a citizenship question on the Census is likely to worsen the undercount of low-income people, people of color, and children. [READ MORE »](#)

Addressing The Opioid Crisis

Join Us for Harm Reduction 101

(Narcan/Naloxone Training)

At the MCAP Conference

In the face of the burgeoning opioid epidemic in Maryland, public health has become an increased priority of harm reduction approaches to substance use to meet the immediate needs of people who use drugs. Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies that reduce negative consequences of substance use or other activities. It incorporates a spectrum of strategies from safer use, to managed use to abstinence to meet drug users "where they're at," addressing conditions of use along with the use itself.

This presentation will provide an overview of harm reduction approaches to substance use, explain the evidence base of harm reduction practices and programs, and orient attendees to existing services in the Maryland, DC, and Delaware region.

Speakers will focus on two harm reduction strategies of particular relevance to Maryland communities: syringe services programs and naloxone access. Attendees will leave with an understanding of harm reduction, how to apply it to their direct service work, awareness of resources in the region, and how to use and access naloxone.



Interested in becoming a Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer?

The process to become a ROMA Implementer (NCRI) involves demonstration of understanding of the basic concepts related to Results Oriented Management and Accountability, demonstration of your experience in using ROMA in your job duties, and acceptance of your role in the national network to promote the use of the full ROMA Cycle in your agency.

There are four phases to the training and certification process: taking an E-Course, attending a one day Introduction to ROMA Training, preparation of a portfolio to demonstrate your understanding of the concepts and your use of the practices, and a final exam.

If you are interested, go to www.roma-nptp.org to the Application Tab and complete the application by April 6, 2018.

Candidates will receive information directly from Barbara Mooney relating to the next steps after submitting an application.

Please contact Kia Holder at kholder@maryland-cap.org for any questions or assistance.

Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Information

On February 11, 2018, the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act went into effect.

Since being established only a month ago, the Office of Small Business Regulatory Assistance has received more than 1,300 e-mails from employers and employees with specific questions about complying with the law.

Join us at the MCAP Conference to learn more during the Maryland Healthy Working Families Workshop



MCAP Executive Director Recognized at the NCAF Legislative Conference

Maryland Community Action Partnership Executive Director was recognized during the 2018 National Community Action Foundation Conference for her notable commitment to NCAF and the Community Action Network Ideals.

"When I began with Community Action, I quickly realized that I was not just accepting a position, I was joining a movement, a movement that began in 1964 by providing opportunities, bridging gaps and providing a hand up out of poverty. Understanding the reason community action exists, impassions me to continue to do this work with commitment and vigor". Angela Martin



The application period for CSBG Discretionary Funds has closed. Applications will be reviewed and scored, with announcements anticipated in late April or early May.

The Annual Report and Information Survey were submitted last week.
Thank you all for your timely responses!

Mark Your Calendars

DHCD will host a webinar to walk through the CSBG State Plan template on April 13, 2018@ 2:00 pm. Look for an email with details on registering

Scheduling is in process for three, regional listening sessions to provide Community Action Agencies with the opportunity to give input and recommendations for content in the State Plan submission, due September 1, 2018. The following are the dates and locations. Additional details will be sent via email.

Western Region: April 23, 2018 - Location TBD
Central: April 24, 2018 - Community Action of Anne Arundel County
Eastern Shore: April 26, 2018 - Washington County Community Action Agency

Open Enrollment Training Pathways to Excellence Program May 16-17-- Dallas, Texas

This two-day training session is the beginning step to the Partnership's Pathways to Excellence program.

The training will cover all 35 Standards of Excellence, and review the Organizational Self-Study; a rigorous diagnostic tool of an agency's overall capacity.

Enrollment for the training in Dallas is now open, and will close April 27, 2018.

For additional information [click here](#).

Golf Tournament First State Community Action- Delaware May 22, 2018



For sponsorship opportunities or to register contact Kaneisha Trott at 302-856-7761 or visit www.FirstStateCAA.org

Rural Maryland Council

Rural Maryland Council will offer information

2018 MARYLAND FINANCIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (EDT)
Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

What would it take to provide high quality, engaging financial education for adults in Maryland? What would it take for financial education to lead to better outcomes for participants?

Who should attend,

Financial educators, organizations and stakeholders who want to promote high quality financial programs.

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Registration is limited to the first 200 applicants so register [here](#) today!

News from Montgomery County Community Action Agency

Learn more about the County's Community Action Agency in a new segment of County Cable Montgomery's show "Did You Know?".

The program highlights the historical impact of the Community Action Agency, its Board and partners in delivering services to improve the lives of low-income residents in the county.

The 15-minute program premiered on Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m., and will repeat throughout the week.

sessions throughout the State for attendees to learn more about the organization and the resources available to rural-serving organizations.

Registration for a webinar on May 8th, 2018 will be announced soon.

Garrett County Community Action Center
104 E Center Street
Oakland, MD 21550
April 30, 2018, 12 pm-2 pm
Register to attend [here](#).

Tri- County Council for Southern Maryland
15045 Burnt Store Road. Hughesville, Maryland 20637
May 2, 2018 12 pm - 2 pm
Register to attend [here](#).

Cecil County Administrative Building
200 Chesapeake Blvd. Elkton, MD 21921
May 4, 2018, 12 pm- 2 pm
Register to attend [here](#).

For questions about the information sessions, please contact the RMC at 410.841.5772 or rmc.mda@maryland.gov.

The program can be found on Comcast/RCN 6, HD 996/1056, Verizon 30 or see it on [YouTube](#).

Save the Date!
United Communities Against Poverty
"Impact Gala"
May 24, 2018



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