



January 2021

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**SPOTLIGHT ON
COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCIES**



UNITING PEOPLE
WITH OPPORTUNITIES

**DIGITAL
EQUITY FORUM**

VIRTUAL
EDITION

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, JAN 14, 2021 | 5:30 PM



Are you ready to build the future?
Education, public policy, justice, and
the economy are all on the table.

UPO's panel of experts are fearless leaders of **Digital Equity** and will dive deeply into ways to change our society — including how you can be an advocate. When they talk, sparks fly and ideas come into focus. We invite you to join us. Discover the best ways to improve Digital Equity in the District and beyond.

Please RSVP by Monday, JANUARY 11, 2021

REGISTER NOW

January's Featured Resource

Voices from the Field: COVID-19 and Recession Surveys, Interviews, and Data

Surveying Local Homeless Service Providers (Part 3): Responses from November 2020

The latest installment of **community surveys** reflects the findings of a third online survey of Continuum of Care leaders. These findings reflect how homeless service providers and systems have been able to maintain service delivery amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, despite a lack of new federal funds since the initial CARES Act allocations.

The latest report shows providers' ability to conduct COVID-19 testing among people experiencing homelessness, noticeable housing shifts as a result of the pandemic, the process of exiting people from temporary hotel/motel programs, staffing shortages, and continued resource needs.

[Download the Findings](#)



News You Can Use!

CAPLAW
Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc.

All a-Board! The Purpose, People, and Process of CAA Boards

Free Video Series!

CAPLAW has updated its popular video series, All a-Board! The Purpose, People, and Process of CAA Boards, with three new videos.

These 7-11 minute animated shorts **help boost the capacity of community action agency (CAA) boards to recruit, engage, and fulfill their responsibilities.** Whether you're a new CAA board member eager to orient yourself to the work of community action, an existing board member looking for clarity on your role and responsibilities, or a board chair planning to facilitate a training at the next board meeting, the All a-Board! series can serve as a starting point or a refresher.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

OCS Releases Dear Colleague Letter Announcing Public Comment Period on CARES and Disaster Reporting

On December 8th, the Office of Community Services released a Dear Colleague Letter announcing that CARES and Disaster Supplemental Annual Reports have been posted for public comment in the Federal Register. The comment period is open from **November 19, 2020 - January 19, 2021**.

The OMB Clearance is to collect CSBG CARES Supplemental Annual Report and CSBG Disaster Supplemental Annual Report from states and eligible entities for fiscal year (FY) 2020 – FY 2022.

See the [Federal Register Notice](#) and [Dear Colleague Letter](#) for more information.



COMMUNITY COMMONS

Community Commons - Humane Housing and COVID-19

It comes as no surprise that housing has become a central theme during the COVID-19 crisis. **Humane housing** is a central tenet of how much a family is able to thrive and support multi-generational health.

[Click here](#) to see the **list of resources** Community Commons has compiled to assist families and individuals struggling to secure and maintain adequate housing.



2021 MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2021



**Register Today for the 2021
Management & Leadership Training Conference**

The 2021 Management and Leadership Training Conference will take place virtually **February 3-5, 2021**.

[The Agenda At-A-Glance is Out Now!](#)

Get your first look this year's keynote speakers, plenaries, and breakout sessions. With the Agenda At-A-Glance, discover which sessions you'll be attending this year and begin planning out your days!

[Click here](#) to download the Agenda At-A-Glance. To register for the conference, [click here](#).

Community Action Partnership - Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) Program

The CCAP Program is a valuable resource that enables top staff the ability to achieve a valuable Community Action Credential.

A CCAP certification benefits both you and your agency. It tells others you have achieved a nationally recognized standard, improves your professional marketability, enhances Community Action staff's credentials, and provides an edge in competing for public and private grant funds. Enrollment is open now but act soon because the deadline for submitting your Candidate Data Form (CDF) is **Friday, January 15**.

To learn more about CCAP and what it takes to become certified, [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NATIONAL ENERGY & UTILITY AFFORDABILITY COALITION

Important Grantee Deadline for Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance Program:

11:59pm EST on January 12, 2021

The Treasury Department has [released information](#) about the \$25 billion Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance Program (ERA).

In order for state and local governments to access these funds, they must submit documentation and completed payment information no later than 11:59pm ET next **Tuesday, January 12, 2021**. Eligible grantees who do not meet this deadline may not receive an ERA payment.

Joint Webinar: Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance Program: Overview and Recommendations

**Register
Now**

Thursday, January 14, 2021 | 2-3pm ET

The Webinar will provide an overview of the Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance Program that was signed into law in December as part of the most recent COVID-19 relief package.

Staying Well While Working in High Stress, Traumatic Environment (A Webinar for All Community Action Staff)

January 27 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

You are working very hard right now in the middle of a pandemic. You are balancing your family needs and you are working hard to meet the demands of the families you serve.

We now have over two decades of research demonstrating that working in high stress, trauma-exposed professions, carries risk. This webinar will provide new ideas for hands-on tools and resources for increasing your health and resiliency.

*Presenters: Beth Reynolds Lewis & Kay Glidden
– Co-Owners of Compassion Resiliency*

**Register
Now**

UNITED

37TH ANNUAL MLK JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

UPO

FRIDAY, JAN 15, 2021 | 8:30 AM

UNITED PLANNING ORGANIZATION



UPO invites you to join online on January 15, 2021 to hear Senator Booker at the virtual MLK Breakfast. He will inspire us to help ourselves and our neighbors.

A \$100 ticket comes with a gift certificate from Busboys & Poets for a meal, book or both (your choice)!

There are also other sponsorship opportunities.



UNITED

Keynote Speaker:
**SENATOR
CORY BOOKER**

For more information, please visit:

WWW.UPO.ORG/MLK21/

CFAAC's Community Impact Speaker Series Presents ACES, Trauma and the Pandemic - Becoming a Trauma Informed County



**Wednesday, January 27, 2021
10:00 am – 11:00 am via Zoom**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), often created by economic distress, poverty, and racism, and occurring before the age of 18 years, are a major public health problem in the county, state, and nation.

This one hour virtual interaction, featuring Dr. Pamela Brown, Executive Director of Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth & Families, will help participants understand the impact of ACES, discuss intergenerational trauma in communities, share new research related to ACES and the pandemic, and consider how we can become a trauma-responsive county.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Care. Connect. Contribute.



Investing in Future Leaders and Achieving Strategic Clarity

DEADLINE: January 31st, 2021

Strengthening the Executive Team

This program helps your leadership team align on the practices and behaviors that will improve its performance. Together, your leadership team will identify the right

priorities on which to focus, learn how to have better meetings, and how to work more effectively together.

[Click here to schedule a call](#) to learn more about joining a Spring 2021 cohort.

There are a pool of scholarships specifically designated to subsidize the cost of these programs for nonprofits led by leaders of color.

