



**MCAP News
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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

October is Weatherization Month!



WX staff members examine the crawl space of a clients home during the assessment

Weatherization Programs Administered by the Community Action Council of Howard County Help People on All Walks of Life

The CAC assists low to moderate income homeowners and renters permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Services are based on an energy audit and typically include installing insulation, reducing air infiltration, sealing and repairing ducts, and tuning and repairing

heating and cooling units. Many clients need these services to improve their living conditions for their health, financial health, and efficiency of the home.

CAC also deals with crisis situations. A family came to CAC as a Crisis Cooling client using MEAP funds. They were matched with the family through DHCD at the end of June, 2019 and recently received a new AC unit. The family has several young children (under 5) and had been sleeping on the porch because their home was too hot, even with fans running.

Another client, age 94, was referred to CAC after her basement flooded, she had no hot water, and sludge came out of the faucet. They were not able to assist her through any of the programs offered, but after bringing it to the president, she determined that CAC would use agency funds to help her anyway. She was in danger of electrocution due to her electric water heater being located in the flooded area, and they were able to clear the flooding and replace the water heater, taking her out of danger and providing her with access to clean, hot water.

FEATURED RESOURCE



Check Out the 2019 Weatherization Day Toolkit

The 2019 Weatherization Day Toolkit from NASCSP contains social media and other communications resources to help you plan your Weatherization Day activities. The toolkit was rolled out via a webinar in September 2019.

Access the toolkit [here](#).

NEWS & TOOLS



Has your agency responded to NASCSP's CSBG Annual Report Survey yet?

Please fill out the survey if your agency has not done so yet. NASCSP is accepting ongoing feedback regarding the CSBG Annual Report. Please use this [brief survey](#) to provide any thoughts on the Modules within the CSBG Annual Report. Feel free to complete the form multiple times to share your thoughts on each specific Module.





FAQ on Recovering Shared and Indirect Costs



[This FAQ](#) from CAPLAW helps clarify what the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) does and does not require of federal grant recipients that seek to recover shared costs through cost allocation plans and indirect costs using indirect cost rates. The resource examines both methods of cost recovery and highlights key differences between them so that each community action agency can determine how best to handle its own cost recovery efforts.

The 2018 Poverty & Health Insurance Data was Released in September from the Census Bureau

Measuring the Nation's Social and Economic Well-Being

		2017	2018
	Median household income (in 2018 inflation-adjusted dollars)	— \$62,626	\$63,179
	Percentage of people in poverty	↓ 12.3%	11.8%
	Supplemental Poverty Measure*	— 13.0%	13.1%
	Percentage of people without health insurance coverage*	↑ 7.9%	8.5%

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Source: Current Population Survey, 2017 and 2018
Annual Social and Economic Supplements
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps

From the Press Release released Sept. 10, 2019: The U.S. Census Bureau announced today the median household income was not statistically different from the 2017 median, and the official poverty rate decreased 0.5 percentage points from 2017. At the same time, the rate and number of people without health insurance increased from 7.9%, or 25.6 million, in 2017 to 8.5%, or 27.5 million, in 2018. [Click here](#) to view the entire press release with links to reports and other information.

2G Messaging Tools

Ascend and the FrameWorks Institute has released a [playbook](#) and [messaging guide](#) to support practitioners, agency leaders, advocates, and families in talking about and building support for the 2Gen approach.

These materials offer guidance on how to make intentional choices about where to start, what to emphasize, and what to leave unsaid. The

FRAMING TWO-GENERATION APPROACHES TO SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Guidance from the FrameWorks Institute



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playbook, supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, outlines a set of ten framing guidelines that the 2Gen field can adopt to shift mindsets. Check out the messaging guide for topline messages, tips, and examples for crafting memorable, effective messages for the public and policymakers.

UPCOMING EVENTS



8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, October 25, 2019

United Communities Against Poverty
1400 Doewood Lane
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RSVP
Sharon Davis
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MCAP member, UCAP has partnered with KaBoom and ACON Investments to build a state of the art play ground for our children who reside at Shepherd's Cove Shelter. The beauty of this project is that OUR one day efforts will create a world of play for years to come.

[Click here](#) to register and see more information.

ROMA Training

Train the Trainer cohort

Phase 1 - on line course -- 8 modules to be finished by Nov. 8th

Phase 2 - will be held on three days from 8:30 to 5 each day (Tuesday Nov 19 to Thursday Nov. 21) at a location to be determined in Harrisburg, PA.

[Click for More Info and Registration](#)

Train the Implementer cohort

Phase 1 - on line course -- 6 modules to be finished by Nov. 29th

Phase 2 - one day -- will be held on Thursday, 12/05 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Human Services Programs of Carroll County located at 10 Distillery Drive, Ste G-1, Westminster MD 21158.

[Click for More Info and Registration](#)

Nat'l Community Action Partnership Webinars

The Belly Button Rule of Good Process Management

October 16 @ 2:00 pm

Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) Orientation

October 16 @ 2:00 pm



Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

JOB OPENINGS



Position	Agency
Project Director, Whole Family Approach Initiatives	National Community Action Partnership
Program Associate	National Community Action Partnership
Multiple Positions	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee
Multiple Positions	United Planning Organization
Early Educator Development Specialist	Maryland Rural Development Corporation
Energy Technical Project Specialist - Open to Public	Department of Energy
Energy Technical Project Specialist - Open to	

Federal Employees	
Food Pantry Manager	Community Assistance Network
Opportunity WORKS Program Manager	Human Resources Program of Carroll County
Project Manager-Multiple Positions	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

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