



NYSCAA
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FROM THE CEO

Hello-

From time to time, NYSCAA reaches out to member agencies asking for information about their agency and community. Sometimes we are trying to help someone facing a challenge at their agency to find colleagues who can offer advice, information and reflections from their experiences. Sometimes we are reaching out to get information for legislative testimony, media, or state or national partners. Any time we can share the network's knowledge and experience, raise awareness or help CAA staff connect with peers, we are strengthening our network.

We recognize that it is often difficult for you to respond to these requests, which all too frequently have a short turn-around time. We appreciate your willingness to take your time to respond and wanted you to know how important your responses are to ensuring that your work and expertise informs our collective voice. In just the last few weeks, with your help, we have worked on testimony on seniors and poverty for a legislative hearing, participated in a collaborative effort on services for homeless children, reached out to you about the survey being conducted for the federal Administration of Children and Families and helped support networking and information sharing among CAA agencies. All of these required multiple e mails and commitments of your time and energy but they ensure that NYSCAA's work is "evidence informed" and high quality and raise the profile of Community Action in New York. Our work is strengthened if we are an informed, connected, and collaborative network and supporting New York's network is our pleasure and primary responsibility at NYSCAA.

As I hope you know, two years ago NYSCAA developed the [NYS Community Action Resource Guide](#) in an effort to have a short, accessible guide to the services provided by New York's 49 Community Action Agencies. Next year we hope to have the resource guide available on our web site as an interactive resource that can give more detail about an agency's programs and services and can be updated by staff at your agency to ensure it is accurate and up to date. In the meantime, [take a look at the resource guide](#) and let us know if your agency's listing needs updating.

Best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving!

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Tenth Annual Symposium on Poverty & Economic Security

March 8 - 9, 2016

Registration will be opening soon for the Poverty Symposium, which will feature a keynote by H. Luke Shaefer, co-author of [\\$2 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America](#).

The authors have made it possible for us to offer the first 100 people who register for the Symposium a complimentary copy of their book! Check our [website](#) and be on the lookout for e-mail notification soon.

The symposium will also feature a series of panel discussions, a reception with state legislators and advocacy visits with our state representatives.



Save the date and plan to join us!

NYSCAA is a statewide association that provides services and advocacy to strengthen the ability of its members to improve the quality of life for low-income people throughout New York State.

CCAP Enrollment

Enrollment is now happening! Join the NYSCAA cohort to save on the enrollment fee and to be part of the ongoing study and discussion group. Candidate Data Forms are due on the third Wednesday in January and Executive Skills Portfolios are due on the third Wednesday in February. NYSCAA's weekly CCAP calls will be on Thursdays at 10 AM through December. Date and time for calls in January - June will be determined by those participating. Contact [Kim McMann](#) if you would like to participate.



Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI)

Congratulations to the following for completing Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) 2.0!

- Tyler Whitney, Washington County EOC;
- Cara Johnson, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates;
- Pamela Clarkson-Smith, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates;
- Eric Poulson, EOC of Nassau County



In addition, the following CAA staff completed the first year of ELI (1.0):

- Inga Back, Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.
- Lori Gilbert, Pro Action of Steuben & Yates, Inc.
- Erica Gleason, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.
- Bethany Hawkinson, Community Action Partnership for Madison County
- Melissa Molongo, Action for a Better Community
- Melissa Nicolini, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency
- Kristen O'Connell, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency
- Katie Palmer, Schoharie County Community Action
- Courtney Pearson, Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency
- Shane Putnam, ProAction of Steuben and Yates
- Michelle Ramos, Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency
- Sandra Sheridan, Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.
- Emily Tortorici, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency
- Anne Wilkes, Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.

Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA)

Ten CAA staff just completed the second phase, the ROMA Train-the-Trainer Classroom session, on their way to becoming certified ROMA Trainers. They will now be ready to do practice sessions. If you would like to have a ROMA Training at your CAA, please contact Jackie Orr at NYSCAA, jorr@nyscommunityaction.org or at 518-690-0491.

ROMA Candidates:

- Demetra Alberti, Delaware Opportunities
- Rosemarie Bahr, WestCOP
- Linda Heyward, Yonkers CAP
- Patrice Louis, NYC DYCD
- Lillian McCarthy, Saratoga Co EOC
- Jennifer Michalek, Chautauqua Opportunities.
- Christine Prevost, Oswego County Opportunities
- Donna Robbins, Wayne County Action Program
- Cortez Stallings, NYC DYCD
- Steven Turner, Action for a Better Community (ABCD)
- Naomi Wood, Schenectady CAP

NYSCAA IT Webinars

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL -

Join us for an hour long session on some of the more advanced features of Excel. Come learn why it is such a useful program. Topics will include:

- 1) Working with large worksheets
- 2) Using multiple worksheets and workbooks
- 3) Advanced formatting
- 4) List management
- 5) Using templates

Click on one of the dates below to register and view the full agenda.

- [December 2, 2015](#)

- [December 15, 2015](#)

Good bye and Good luck to Jessica Collier!

We are sad to announce that Jessica Collier will be leaving NYSCAA to take a position as the Senior Associate for Public Policy at the NYS Association of Health Care Providers. Jessica has taken NYSCAA's policy work to exciting, new places including creating our legislative information drops and coordinating our statewide advocacy days and she has been a key part of NYSCAA's RPIC team, coordinating our annual conference and helping us coordinate the Region's T/TA agenda. We will miss her energy and enthusiasm but wish her well as she embarks on this new adventure. Good luck, Jess, and don't forget your Community Action friends!

Beyond Housing: A National Conversation on Child Homelessness and Poverty 2016

The Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness presents their 4th biennial Beyond Housing conference from January 13-15, 2016 in New York City. Join fellow practitioners, policymakers and service providers to share new and effective programs, solutions and policies aimed at reducing poverty and homelessness among children and families in the US.

[Agenda](#)

[Registration](#)

[Hotel](#)

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Click on Name of Agency to Visit Website: Action for a Better Community, Inc. * Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. * Albany Community Action Partnership * ACCORD Corporation * CACHE (Community Action Commission to Help the Economy Inc. * CAPC of Jefferson County * Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. * Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. * Columbia Opportunities, Inc. * Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Capital District Region, Inc. * Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc. * Community Action of Greene County, Inc. Community Action of Orleans & Genesee * Community Action Partnership for Madison County, Inc. Cortland Community Action Program, Inc. (CAPCO) * Delaware Opportunities * Dutchess County Community Action Agency, Inc. * Economic Opportunity Program Inc. of Chemung County EOC of Nassau County - Hempstead * EOC of Suffolk - Patchogue * Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc. * JCEO of Clinton & Franklin Counties * Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. * Livingston County Planning Department * Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. * NYC Department of Youth and Community Development * Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. * Opportunities for Broome, Inc. * Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. * Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. * Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. * Path Stone PEACE, Inc. * Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. * RECAP * Saratoga County EOC, Inc. Schenectady County EOC, Inc. * Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc. * St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. * Tioga Opportunities, Inc. * Tompkins Community Action, Inc. * Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. * Warren/Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. * Washington County EOC, Inc. * WestCOP * Wayne County Community Action Program, Inc. * Wyoming County Community Action, Inc. * Yonkers Community Action Program, Inc.<



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