



JULY NEWSLETTER



FROM THE CEO

Dear Friend,

I recently had the opportunity to conduct a full day ROMA training, along with a terrific co-trainer, Demetra Alberti from Delaware Opportunities. We had an active group of 15 people from four Community Action Agencies. While conducting a full day ROMA training is a challenging endeavor, doing so reminds me how fortunate we are in Community Action to have this ROMA framework for our work and to have had visionary leaders develop the ROMA training and, more importantly, help us in Community Action to demonstrate the powerful impact we have on the communities we serve. Our ability to answer the critical “so what difference do we make” question about our work puts us in a strong position to sustain the broad base of support that has enabled us to survive during the many challenging times we have faced in our 50+ year history.

We do not expect our work to be easy and we understand that often we will not see the fruits of our success as quickly or clearly as we might like. ROMA reminds us though that with a focus on outcomes, and the dedication of the thousands of staff who do this work every day, our customers do make progress, sometimes very slowly and sometimes after many stops and starts, but with the persistence and strength that brings them closer to achieving their goals of stability and security.

My thanks to the Community Action leaders who had the vision that became ROMA and to the staff who do this difficult work every day. You make the world a better and more just place and I am proud to be part of the Community Action family!

Karla M. Digirolamo

Karla Digirolamo, CCAP
NYSCAA

Highlights- 2017 NYSCAA/NYSWDA Professional Development



Save the Date!

*2018 NYSCAA/NYSWDA
Professional Development Conference
will be held on June 13th -14th at the
Albany Convention Center.*

[Click here](#) to see photos from this year's event.

What's Happening Around the Network!



Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc.

Training: Career Paths TANF Employment (CPTe) Services-Job Readiness\Computer Training

Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Offered Every Wednesday

Learn more: [Job Readiness Training](#)



Opportunities for Otsego

Head Start is NOW ENROLLING children for the 2017-2018 program year.

Children must turn three years old by December 1, 2017 to begin in the Fall. Classes begin in September.

NEW FOR 2017 - Centers located in Cooperstown, Laurens, Milford, Morris, and Schenevus will provide 6½ hours of programming, Monday through Friday. Centers located in Cherry Valley, Oneonta,



Community Action for Wyoming County
Upcoming Training Opportunities

Workshop: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: The Basics

Date: 08/24/2017

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cost: free

Are you or someone you love affected by Alzheimer's disease or Dementia? Would you like information on early detection, risk factors, the stages of the diseases and treatment options?

To register, or for more information on this program, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

Click [here](#) to learn more



Ulster County Community Action Committee



Free Farm Stand 2017

Fresh fruits and vegetables will be distributed between 10 AM and 1 PM on the following dates: August 10th & 24th, September 14th & 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th and

Richfield Springs, Unadilla and Worcester will continue to operate at their currently scheduled hours.

Click [here](#) for more information



Warren-Hamilton Community Action Agency

Free clothing for the new school year - call the Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency at (800) 339-7159 to [learn](#) more!

December 14th & 28th. In corporation with the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

Wayne County Action Program, Inc.



<https://waynecap.org/contact-us/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017 RPIC Region II Finance, Human Resource and Leadership Conference!



This year, the annual Region RPIC II Finance, Human Resource and Leadership Conference will be held on September 18 and 19, at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

[Click here](#) to register.

Hosted by NYSCAA, the Community Action Partnership of New Jersey and the Puerto Rico Community Action Association, this year's event will feature key federal and state updates from HHS Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services; the National Community Action Partnership; the National Association for State Community Services Programs; and representatives from the Region II Lead State CSBG offices.

A "Welcome to New Brunswick!" networking reception will provide participants with a chance to connect with new and reconnect with "old" colleagues.

The Heldrich Hotel is easily accessible by highway, rail and air. Program and hotel registration information is on the NYSCAA website.

For more information contact Francesca Sommer at fsommer@nyscommunityaction.org or Aliya Anderson-Smith at aanderson@communityactionpartnershipnj.org.

[Click here](#) to register.

ELI for 1.0 and 2.0
Seminar October 3-5, 2017
Where: [Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel](#)



EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE 2017

Click [here](#) to register.

October Seminar Details:

ELI is a year-long leadership development program designed to build the capacity of future leaders within New York's Community Action Network. This collaborative learning experience incorporates:

- Formal training to build skills and knowledge
- Peer networking opportunities to build local and statewide relationships
- Book talk(s) with books chosen by the group

Participants will explore their leadership styles, develop leadership aptitude and empower themselves and others. By equipping Emerging Leaders with these critical skills, NYSCAA is ensuring that Community Action Agencies are able to continue the important work of helping people, changing lives – our mission that impacts hundreds of thousands of low and moderate-income New Yorkers every year.



Excel Pivot Tables and Charts – September 7th from 10 – 11 AM

In this session, we will learn how to create different types of charts, and analyze large amounts of data through powerful Pivot Tables/Charts.

Graphs are so useful because they display information in a manner that is easy for people to comprehend. Join us to learn how to choose the right chart for your data, and how to tailor it to your needs.

Pivot Tables can help you quickly analyze and summarize large amounts of data. We will look at both Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts – and show you how to make a concise summary out of thousands of rows and columns of unorganized data.

Join us for this webinar to learn more about:

- Pivot Tables
- How to create charts and graphs
- 5 common chart types
- How to fine-tune your charts with additional shortcuts, fills and labels
- How to choose colors, lines and shapes for maximum impact

Registration Link: <https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/event-2613749>



PowerPoint Essentials – September 28 from 10- 11 AM

Join us for this one-hour session as we delve into creating memorable PowerPoint presentations. We will tackle:

- Understanding Best Practices for designing presentations
- Getting your message across using photos and graphics
- Determining when animation is most beneficial
- Working with slide masters
- Creating and Modifying Handout, Note and Slide Masters
- Using Presenters View
- Looping Presentations and more!

Registration Link: <https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/event-2613760>

Other Upcoming Events:

Executive Director's Seminar

November 9-10, 2017

[The Sagamore Resort](#), Lake George, NY
Registration information to come!

NYSCAA Webinars/Training (free!):

Webinar: Excel Pivot Tables and Charts

September 7, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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

PowerPoint Essentials

September 28, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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

Other Events:

The Community Action Partnership's Annual Convention

August 29 - September 1, 2017

Philadelphia, PA

[Click here](#) for further information.

NYSCAA HELP DESK:

Have a tech question? The NYSCAA Help Desk is open to all NYSCAA Members. Call Phoebe Schimpf at 518-690-0491 x 28 or submit an inquiry [here](#).

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