



MCAP News January/February 2018



After several months of hard work and dedication, we are thrilled to officially announce the launch of our new website.

We invite you to visit us at www.maryland-cap.org. We have built our new website with you in mind. The streamlined user interface provides a more interactive experience, allowing our colleagues, partners, clients and prospects to easily find the information they are looking for.

Visitors can browse the website based on their own interests to meet our team and learn more about our network, and see how we serve our communities.

We are continuing to add new features be sure to check the website for updates, blog posts, and announcements as well as information from the community action network.

We hope that you enjoy the fresh look and feel of our updated website and find that this site serves as a valuable resource for you.



The Maryland Community Action Partnership is seeking dynamic experts who will educate, inspire and motivate government and nonprofit organizations throughout Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia at the annual Human Services Conference.

The 2018 MCAP Human Services Conference being held at the Doubletree-Annapolis held on May 1-3 2018.

This is also an opportunity to share with MCAP great facilitators both inside and

outside the network that would make a great addition to the panel of presenters.

[Contact MCAP to submit a proposal](#)

MCAP Board Development Surveys and Interviews will begin this month.

Gwen Crider-consultant will conduct surveys and interviews with Executive Directors during the month of January and February as part of a board assessment.

The assessment will strengthen the board's capacity to implement the strategic plan and work collaboratively to achieve our goals. MCAP continues to expand upon the work completed at the 2017 Retreat and the identified areas of focus:

- Communications/Collaborations
- Advocacy
- Capacity Building



Case Study: Anti-Poverty Practice Series - Financial Empowerment: Three Cases Community Action Partnership

This [case study](#) highlights the efforts of three Community Action agencies that have participated in a 20-month Learning Community Group: Baltimore City Community Action Partnership, Capstone Community Action, and Community Action Partnership of Orange County.

These three cases, as well as others within the Learning Community, exemplify the intention Community Action has to provide holistic services to improve the lives of low-income individuals and families and alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty



Estimates Show Significant Geographical Variations in Progress Toward Ending Homelessness

A new report shows that some locations in the United States are making progress in the fight to end homelessness while others are seeing an increase. Read the PIT report [here](#).

Needs Assessment Resource

County Health Rankings - New and Improved!

[County Health Rankings](#) is new and improved, the site has a refreshed look and feel, and it's now even easier to find the right CHR&R resources when you need them.

You'll see new navigation to help you effectively explore your county health data, health improvement strategies, guidance for taking action, and examples of what others have learned and achieved in their own communities.

Below are some highlights from the new website:

- The new [Partner Center](#) is a one-stop-shop for tailored guidance to help change-makers find the right partners and engage them effectively.
- What [Works for Health](#) features an improved tool for finding evidence-informed policies and programs, along with highlights of new and updated strategies that may be a fit for your community.
- See all of our [Communities in Action](#) stories in one place. These stories illustrate how organizations and groups are using policies, programs, and systems changes to create healthier communities.

Learning Community-- Deadline Extended to 1/19

Interested agencies should apply through the online Community Action Academy no later than January 19, 2018.



Steps To Submit Your Learning Community Application:

1. Create a new (free) account at moodle.communityactionpartnership.com.
You should receive a confirmation email within minutes
2. Login and click Learning Communities under Course Categories on the right of your browser
3. Scroll down and select Learning Community Application
4. Click Application for 2018 Intensive Learning Community Groups
5. Select Self enrollment (Student), then click Enroll.

This will give you access to the Learning Community Application package and all of its components. You will need to read the application package, complete the survey monkey application, and if participating in an intensive LCG or COP, submit the appropriate letter of commitment to the corresponding assignment portal.

The Community Action Partnership Organizational Standards Center of Excellence has planned a four-part Winter Strategic Planning Webinar Mini-Series scheduled from mid-January to the start of February.

The webinars will offer "a deep-dive into the Strategic Planning process, including an overview of the process, preparing for the Strategic Plan, gathering data for the

Winter Strategic Planning Webinar Mini-Series

Strategic Plan, developing an outcomes-focused Strategic Plan, and implementing the Strategic Plan."

To register, follow the links below for each webinar topic.

Each of the webinars will begin at 2:00 p.m.

January 19- Strategic Planning: Overview & Preparation [Register](#)

January 22- Gathering Data for the Strategic Plan [Register](#)

January 29- Developing an Outcomes Focused Strategic Plan [Register](#)

February 1- Implementing the Strategic Plan [Register](#)



CSBG Annual Meeting

January 18, 2018

10:00AM-4:00PM

100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032



The Community Action Partnership (CAP) is hosting a "MLK Day webinar" on Wednesday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. Central time "to showcase Community Action's Collective Celebration of the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Register [HERE](#)



2018 Winter Leadership Institute

The National Head Start Association's 2018 Winter Leadership Institute is being held January 22 - 25 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill in Washington,

D.C.

* For more information about the institute, to see a tentative schedule, or to register, visit the [NHSA](#) website.



Community Development and Community Action Day in Annapolis

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

10am-2pm

Lowe House Office Building
Room 170 and 180
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401



The Community Development Network of Maryland and the Maryland Community Action Partnership are joining forces again this year to promote our legislative agendas during the 2018 General Assembly. Community Action and Community Development Day in Annapolis consists of the Community Development Showcase, Visits with lawmakers, and luncheon.

Concurrent Sessions 10am-noon

Community Showcase - Community development organizations and Community Action Agencies can have a display table to show their important impact in their areas. First come, first served, reserved for 20 organizations at most, and must be a member of CDN or MCAP.

Visits with Legislators - meet up with your legislators to talk about the key elements of the CDN and MCAP legislative agendas and tell your stories of success in your area.

Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm

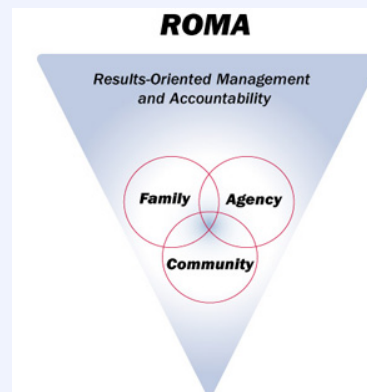
Learn more about CDN and MCAP's legislative agenda, and hear from members of the General Assembly who will speak with us about the work in Annapolis. Maryland DHCD Secretary Kenneth Holt and others have been invited, and speakers will be announced as confirmed.

[Register Here](#)

NASCSP will be holding its Mid-Winter Conference early in 2018 at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia, with CSBG/WAP Orientation from February 26 - 27.

The 2018 Winter Training Conference offers valuable opportunities for professionals from around the country to come together to discuss strategies for meeting new challenges in improved performance, innovation, and accountability in the fight to change the face of poverty across the nation.

For more information, or to download an agenda and/or a registration form, visit the NASCSP website [here](#).



The ROMA Alliance will holding its first meeting for 2018. The meeting will be held on February 28, 2018 at 10:00am. Additional information will be sent in the next couple of weeks.



This will be an opportunity for both Certified ROMA Trainers and Certified ROMA Implementers to collaborate and network in order to help steer the direction of the network for the coming year.

There are upcoming cohorts for both Trainer and Implementer. Please contact Kia Holder at kholder@maryland-cap.org for assistance.

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