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Reimagining Sustainability Month

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CAA SUCCESS

Harford Community Action Agency Is On the Move!



Harford Community Action Agency's new mobile outreach vehicle is officially finished and ready to serve the residents of Maryland! They have already held some mobile outreach events, providing up to 40 bags of non-perishable food items to community members. We can't wait to see all the great things this mobile outreach vehicle will bring

MCAP EVENTS

Maryland Community Action Partnership Presents

Rescue and Relief Act Webinar Series

Join MCAP for a webinar series on specialized topics relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Maryland Relief Act. Sessions will include the COVID-19 Vaccine, Economic Relief and Taxes, Food Insecurity and Post COVID Strategic Planning.



Starting Next Week!

Real Talk: Debunking COVID Vaccination Myths and Addressing Historical Factors of Vaccine Hesitancy

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:00PM

Join the CDC and a multidisciplinary panel of health experts for a presentation about COVID-19 vaccination and vaccine hesitancy. Participants can expect to learn about approved COVID-19 vaccines, as well as vaccine hesitancy in communities of color. Vaccine myths and misconceptions will also be addressed.

Economic Relief and Taxes

Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:00PM

Join us for an overview of the tax provisions of recent legislation designed to provide financial relief. Participants will learn about stimulus payments, expanded unemployment benefits, and more of the American Rescue Plan Act and the MD RELIEF Act, all as it relates to taxes. Presented by CASH Campaign of Maryland

Post COVID: Strategic Planning is even more important during these crazy times

Friday, April 23, 2021 11:00AM

Now that the pandemic is slowing down, strategic planning is even more important. How are you planning on operating over the next few years? This workshop will discuss the foundations of strategic planning and how your organization will plan to recover from its impact. [Download Flyer](#)

Food Insecurity: The expansion of nutrition assistance to help address hunger and hardship

Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:00PM

Join Minerva Delgado, Director of Coalitions & Advocacy for the National Alliance to End Hunger for an overview of how the Rescue and Relief Act with interventions from community action and the anti-hunger community can help to close food security gaps.

Register Today!



MCAP Rescue & Relief Toolkits

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

This toolkit offers up-to-date EITC information for the 2021 filing season as well as useful general and specialized marketing tools, including templates, statistics, fact sheets, how-to tips, specialized products and links to other helpful resources.

[Download Below!](#)

[EITC Fact Sheet](#)
[EITC Outreach Tools](#)

EITC Earned Income Tax Credit

2021 FACTSHEET

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax credit for working people who have low to moderate income.

The expansion of EITC increases the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit to 45% for families and 70% for individuals.

This expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for an estimated 5479 benefits over the next three tax years. This also expands all state and local income taxes on unemployment benefits for tax years 2020 and 2021.

Basic Qualifying Rules:

To qualify for the EITC, you must:

- Show proof of earned income (and fall below \$12 threshold)
- Have investment income below \$2,000 in the tax year you claim the credit.
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Claim a certain filing status
- Be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien all year
- Household income limit: \$3,500 or less

EITC for families whose income does not exceed the following limits in 2020:

- \$24,384 (2020) earned. They qualify with two non-qualifying children
- \$24,384 (2020) earned. They qualify with one non-qualifying child
- \$24,384 (2020) earned. They qualify with no qualifying child

EITC for workers whose income does not exceed the following limits in 2020:

- \$15,000 (2020) earned. They qualify with two non-qualifying children
- \$15,000 (2020) earned. They qualify with one non-qualifying child
- \$15,000 (2020) earned. They qualify with no qualifying child

Maximum Credit Amounts:

The maximum amount of credits you can claim:

- No qualifying children: \$338
- 1 qualifying child: \$3,364
- 2 or more qualifying children: \$5,000
- 3 or more qualifying children: \$6,880

Economic impact payments are not subject to garnishment or certain liens or rights of offset.

Qualified for EITC?

See if you also qualify for the Child Tax Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit, Credit for Other Dependents or if any other tax credits are available for you!

EITC Central

Get the information you need to know about EITC. Call 1-800-852-2739 or visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](#).

EITC Fact Sheet

Get the information you need to know about EITC.

How to Claim the Earned Income Tax Credit

Use the information provided to determine if you qualify for the credit and how to claim it.

Maryland EIC Expansion & Child Tax Credit

See the information provided to determine if you qualify for the credit and how to claim it.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

You'll find information about COVID-19 vaccination, including program planning, communication and educational materials, and information about individual, approved vaccines for MD, DE & D.C.

[Download Below!](#)

[MD COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)
[DE COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)
[D.C. COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)
[CAA COVID-19 Vaccine Guidelines](#)
[OCS Vaccination Guidance](#)

KNOW THE FACTS

COVID-19 VACCINE

As of April 6, 2021, all **Delawareans 16+** are eligible for vaccination through all providers.

Available Vaccines

Pfizer

- Authorized for emergency use
- Two shots, delivered two weeks apart
- 95% effective
- Vaccine side pain, fatigue, headache, chills
- [COVID-19 Pfizer BioNTech Vaccine EMA Fact Sheet for Recipients](#)

Moderna

- Authorized for emergency use
- Two shots, delivered two weeks apart
- 94% effective
- Vaccine side pain, fatigue, muscle aches, joint pain, headache, chills
- [COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine EMA Fact Sheet for Recipients](#)

Janssen & Johnson

- Authorized for emergency use
- One shot
- 85% effective
- Vaccine side pain, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, headache, chills

Novavax

- Vaccine trial ongoing
- Two shots, delivered three weeks apart
- Vaccine side pain, rash, headache, muscle pain, fever

AdvaNce

- Vaccine trial ongoing
- Two shots, delivered four weeks apart
- Fever, muscle aches, headache, injection site pain
- [COVID-19 AdvaNce Vaccine EMA Fact Sheet for Recipients](#)

How do I get a vaccine?

Sign up for state website at [www.marylandcap.org](#) or sign up for a pharmacy website.

Delaware Vaccine Resources

- [Vaccination Sites](#)
- [Common Misconceptions](#)
- [What to Expect After Getting a COVID Vaccine](#)
- [Maryland Community Fact Sheet](#)
- [Delaware Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)
- [COVID-19 Link List](#)
- [Vaccine Connection Chart](#)
- [What, Why, Should We Allow Two 12-17 Year Olds?](#)

COVID-19 vaccines will not alter your body's chemistry or DNA, and they will not cause you to get another COVID-19 illness.

COVID-19 MYTHS & FACTS

More Toolkits Coming Soon!

COMMUNITY ACTION IS ESSENTIAL

MARYLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
 A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES SERVING MD, DC & DE

Community Action Month Symposium

May 26th-27th | 2021

www.maryland-cap.org

MCAP Community Action Month Symposium

Join us virtually on **May 26-27, 2021**, for the MCAP Community Action Month Symposium for insight, inspiration, and actionable ideas presented by community action and human service experts.

Community Action Month is a time for the CSBG network to highlight the impact that Community Action and its partners has across our country!

As community action and human service professionals, this symposium is that timely

and important opportunity to share best practices, lessons learned, and effective strategies employed to ensure organizational resilience.

Sessions focus on the following topics:

- **Community Action Essentials**
- **Racial Equity**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Two-Generation/Whole Family**
- **Policy/Legislation Updates**
- **Technology/Data**

[Visit Symposium Website](#)

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Mark your calendars - You don't want to miss this!

NETWORK NEWS

Emergency Rental Assistance Program - *New Treasury Guidance!*

The U.S. Treasury Department, which oversees the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), has issued new guidance that addresses two concerns that Community Action helped bring to their attention. The new FAQs clarify that (1) the set aside percentages for administrative costs and stability services in the original legislation from December are separate and (2) administrative funds (up to the 10% cap) can be used for indirect costs incurred by both grantee states and subcontractors and subrecipients. New [FAQs](#) and [Grantee Award Terms](#) can be found [HERE](#), along with other general resources on the ERPA.

Vaccination Outreach and Awareness: CAAs Next Steps

With [19.6% of Maryland](#) vaccinated, and the [Vaccine Equity Task Force](#) deployed, community action has taken on an increased role in immunizations, particularly for those with limited access to large-scale vaccination sites. Three guidelines have emerged for engaging with community health across Community Guide research:

1. Program planners should consider **community characteristics**, such as mobility and fragmentation of health care, when selecting interventions.
2. **Partnerships** between community organizations and vaccination providers are likely to be essential components of effective, sustained community-based efforts.
3. Intensive **combinations of interventions** (e.g. home visits, monetary and in-kind incentives) may be necessary to increase vaccination rates in populations that continue to have low rates of immunization after less intensive methods (e.g. client reminders, provider reminders) have been implemented.

Read [here](#) about CAA best practices and [here](#) for community action stories in health across the nation via The Community Guide.

[Click here](#) to download NEW "**Community Action Gets Vaccinated**" design for

Community Action Agencies and State Associations to use in promoting the importance of getting vaccinated.



EITC & Child Tax Credit Expansion

Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits have lifted over 5.5 million children above the poverty line since their enactments. The American Rescue Act's expansions of both programs are projected to lift another **4.1 million children** above the poverty line (cutting child poverty by more than **40%**)

The Act makes the full Child Tax Credit available to children in families with low earning or that lack earnings and **increases** the credit's maximum amount to **\$3,000** per child and **\$3,600** for children under age 6. It expands the credit to 17-year-olds.

Coupled with efforts to increase the minimum wage to **\$15** an hour by 2025, which would lift approximately **3.7 million** people and **1.3 million** children out of poverty, permanently enacting these new provisions to include impoverished workers without children and retaining the act's expansions should be regarded as a policy priority.

Read more about how the EITC and Child Tax Credits will affect families [here](#), and its positive correlations regarding health [here](#).

TIPS & TOOLS

Two Multicomponent Intervention Recommendations to Increase Appropriate Vaccinations

Learn what the Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) says about increasing vaccination rates. The Task Force's latest evidence-based recommendations and findings highlight several settings and approaches to consider for implementation of programs, services, and policies to increase vaccination rates.

Read the Task Force's recommendations & more [here](#).

Critical Time Intervention for Rapid Re-Housing

Critical Time Intervention for Rapid Re-Housing (CTI-RRH) is a time-limited evidence-based practice that mobilizes support for vulnerable individuals during periods of transition. The CTI-RRH model facilitates housing stability, community integration, and more and is especially well-suited as a case management model in support of rapid rehousing with homeless individuals and families. Learn more about the CTI-RRH model at the link below!

[Click here](#) for introductory videos, toolkits & more.

WORTHWHILE WEBINARS

Disaster Recovery and Agency Continuity Planning

April 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Disaster recovery (DR) and agency continuity planning are two risk management disciplines that help agencies prepare to face disruptions with skill and confidence. During this webinar, we will explore the distinctions between the two specialties and delve into how to build recovery and continuity skills and 'muscle' at your agency.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Facilitated By:  Nonprofit Risk Management Center
Find the answer here | nonprofitrisk.org

Strengthening Food Security and Food Sovereignty in Native Communities Webinar

April 12 @ 3:00 PM ET



Join the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Administration of Children and Families (ACF), and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for an overview of their food and nutrition programs, current flexibilities, and grant opportunities that can address food security. Tribal program officials will share how they have established food security and food sovereignty initiatives in innovative ways. There will be time for Q&A and discussion at the end.

[Register Here](#)

National Community Action Equity Summit

April 19-21, 2021

Our theme for this virtual event is "Centering in Truth, Activating Community Healing & Resiliency". The national Community Action Partnership deeply believes that "othering", particularly racism, rests at the nucleus of poverty in America. We also believe that equitable opportunities can only be built and sustained by centering ourselves in this truth. To that end, the Equity Summit will showcase voices and expressions that activate healing and resiliency in local communities. The Summit will take place April 20-21, 2021 and Pre-Summit Healing Circles will take place April 19, 2021.

[Register & Learn More Here](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Double click the table to view all MCAP Employment Opportunities for April.



APRIL 2021 JOB OPENINGS

Position	Agency
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Human Resources Development Commission of Allegany County
<u>Transportation in MD & DE Residential</u>	Delmarva Community Services, Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
<u>Licensed Therapist (LMSW, LGPC, LCSW-C or LSPC)</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>Government Grants Manager</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>COVID-19 Homeless Response Project Support Staff</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>Executive Assistant</u>	Maryland Community Action Partnership
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Maryland Rural Development Corporation
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	SHORE UP! Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc
<u>Housing Services Case Worker</u>	Washington County Community Action Council

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