

# COMMUNITY ACTION

## GETS READY FOR SCHOOL!

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**MCAP News Alert:** Heads up! The MSDE Child Care Stabilization Grant Program is now accepting applications. Apply early. Details and application are [here](#).

## Legislative Update

### CSBG Reauthorization Update

Let's Take Action Together



The National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) activated a post-election strategy to help Congress pass

must-have provisions in the **Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act**.

Our network can help make this happen! We will band together and reach out to our Senators, urging them to support changes that suit today's needs in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) structure. **Coming soon! Please be on the look out for specific action items and instructions. We appreciate everyone's support as it will bolster support for the people we serve..**

In addition, NCAF is working to add CAAs as an eligible recipient of **Community Reinvestment Act** funding and will be providing an updates on their progress.



### Welcome to August

**"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great."**

**- Orison Swett Marden**

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## Featured Story - Agency Best Practices

### Returning Citizen's Program

Community Action Agency of Anne Arundel County ("AACCAA")



### Hearing the Need.

Many returning citizens who exit the correctional system are faced with a myriad of challenges. In order to address barriers to success that are unique to returning citizens,

### Community Action at Work.

AACCAA established its **Returning Citizens Program using CARES Supplemental Funds and secured \$214.5K in funding** from the Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Program from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victims Services. AACCAA has been able to provide case management certifications and training to agency staff to provide 93 returning citizens with mentorship, intensive comprehensive case management, housing and energy assistance, education, job training, employment and funding for fines and fees associated with probation and parole.

### Taking It Another Level.

Additionally, AACCAA held a 2-day training institute on July called “Positive Paths to Re-Entry”, which provided 83 participants with resources to directly address the unique needs of returning citizens: expungement clinic, reentry simulations, interactive workshops, roundtable discussions and panel discussions from community and state partners who work directly with incarcerated and recently released populations. **For more information on their program, please visit: [aaccaa.org/returning-citizens](http://aaccaa.org/returning-citizens).**

## Industry News

### Featured Jobs

#### Center Director

**SMTCCAC - Huntingtown, MD**  
This position is responsible for the overall daily operation of an Adult Day Care Center to include planning, monitoring, supervising, evaluation, budgeting, and customer recruitment.

#### Human Resources Generalist

**UPO - Washington, DC**  
This position will assist in the execution of human resources policies and procedures.

[More Jobs Here!](#)

### Severe Maryland Teacher Shortage Highlights Difficult Working Conditions at K-12 Schools



*Source: The Baltimore Sun*

As the beginning of the school year approaches, the Baltimore region is facing a high number of teacher vacancies. **There were nearly 2,000 teacher vacancies statewide as of September 2021.** Individual school systems are still reporting high numbers of vacancies as the 2022-23 school year approaches. Baltimore City Public Schools Chief of Staff, Alison Perkins-Cohen, estimates there are approximately 600 to 700 teacher vacancies in the city currently, down from 1,300 in April. She said the shortage is particularly frustrating since this is the first year with additional funding for more educators as a result of **The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Act, state legislation passed in 2021 that will increase education funding by \$3.8 billion each year over the next decade.**

**[Click here](#)** to read the rest of this story and scroll down to learn about and participate in the **[Blueprint Summer Working Sessions!](#)**

## Events & Training Opportunities

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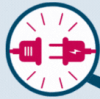
- **Community Action 101 (for onboarding new staff)**
- **Two-G Coaching**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### MCAP Board Retreat

**2022**



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**October 5th-7th, 2022**  
**Gaylord National Resort**  
 National Harbor, MD

### Child Care Stabilization Grant Program

Governor Hogan announced that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has opened the application window for the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and will be accepting applications through **Monday, August 29**. MSDE will distribute \$50 million in funding to help address the financial burdens and operational challenges faced by child care providers during the COVID-19 public health emergency. **Click here** for more information.

### Count Down To CARES Cut-Off

Need ideas for spending? Get tips from our partners at NCAP, NASCSP, CAPLAW and NCAF, OSC in this **prerecorded webinar!**

[Ideas for CARES Spending](#)



### Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability and Implementation Board

## Summer Working Sessions

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future AIB is hosting a second round of summer working sessions to support the development of the Blueprint Comprehensive Implementation Plan. Join the AIB for these follow-up sessions and take this opportunity to share **pillar-specific questions and considerations** that are critical to the Blueprint's successful implementation.



**Thursday, August 4**

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/AIBSummer4>

**Pillar 2 (High-Quality & Diverse Teachers and Leaders): 1:00pm**

**Pillar 5 (Governance & Accountability): 2:45pm**



**Thursday, August 11**

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/AIBSummer5>

**Pillar 3 (College and Career Readiness): 1:00pm**

**Pillar 4 (Resource Equity): 2:45pm**



**Thursday, August 18**

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/AIBSummer6>

**Pillar 1 (Early Childhood Education): 1:00pm**

Dates and time are subject to change. We will send out an updated schedule as needed.

## New T&TA Resource

### MCAP Launched a New Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA) Tool. Need a resource? Get a resource. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

Tap into MCAP's ecosystem of vetted professionals from across the region with proven experience in Community Action planning, training, and areas of compliance. We can help funnel proposals your way and fast-track your projects.

[Go to T&TA Page](#)