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## Community Action Impact Story

### First State Community Action Agency Vaccinates DE!



**Bernice Edwards**, Executive Director of [First State Community Action Agency](#) has been a champion of the COVID-19 vaccine and has worked tirelessly to ensure equitable access to the vaccine in Delaware.

The staff at First State CAA, under Bernice’s leadership, have worked countless hours to ensure that anyone who wants a vaccine is able to get it. **To date, over 3,300 individuals have received their COVID-19 vaccine at a site coordinated by First State and their partners!** For more information about this initiative and other happenings at **First State CAA**, visit them at their [website](#) or on [Facebook!](#)

# Agency Spotlight: Human Services Programs of Carroll County

## 2021 Beneficiary of the Carroll County Times' Holiday Hope Series

On December 9th, 2021, [HSP of Carroll County](#) was featured in the Baltimore Sun, as a beneficiary of the Carroll County Times' Holiday Hope Series, which drives donations to organizations that help those in need in the community. **Scott Yard, Executive Director of Human Services Programs**, said that they assist 6,000 to 8,000 people a year, and at any point in time, there are around 100 homeless individuals at its shelters. Yard said the pandemic also brought “a large amount of new participants” who hadn’t utilized the organization’s services in the past.



Yard said the Holiday Hope campaign allows Human Services Programs to heavily fund its supportive employment and financial education services. These programs are designed to help about 200 people increase their income and savings. For more information, read the full article by [clicking here](#).

## MCAP News & Events

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Join Us in Ocean City: May 11-13, 2022!**



**2022 MCAP COMMUNITY ACTION  
CONFERENCE  
MAY 11-13, 2022**

**HOLIDAY INN OCEANFRONT**  
6600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland, 21842  
Phone: 410-524-1600

## Network News

### Community Action Tornado Relief Donations

Community Action is responding to the recent tornadoes that struck several states late last week and are working hard to serve

families in need. In addition, members of the Community Action Family were also directly impacted. CAA offices have been damaged and in the case of [Western Kentucky Allied Services in Mayfield, KY](#), its headquarters have been destroyed. Also CAA staff members and customers have lost homes or have had their homes severely damaged.

Some of the impacted agencies have created relief funds, they are listed below:

**Community Action of Southern Kentucky:** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/community-action-of-southern-ky-tornado-relief> - Bowling Green & areas within their service region.

**Pennyrile Allied Community Services:** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/db9sq2-pacs-tornado-relief-fund> - Dawson Springs, Princeton & other areas within their service region.

**West Kentucky Allied Services:** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/wkas-tornado-relief-fund> - Mayfield & other areas within their service region.

Additionally, NCAP has created a disaster relief fund for agencies and staff in Kentucky and Tennessee that have had their lives and agencies' headquarters impacted by the tornadoes. [Click here](#) to donate to the **Community Action Disaster Relief Fund**.

## COMMUNITY ACTION DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Emergency assistance for  
CAAs impacted by  
tornadoes.



## Reconciling Child Tax Credit Payments



As families who received advance payments prepare for filing their taxes they can compare the [advance Child Tax Credit payments](#) that they received in 2021 with the amount of the Child Tax Credit that they can properly claim on their 2021 tax return.

Taxpayers who received **less than the amount for which they're eligible will claim a credit** for the remaining amount of Child Tax Credit on their 2021 tax return. Taxpayers who **received more than the amount for which they're eligible may need to repay** some or all of the excess payment when they file.

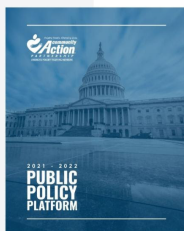
In January 2022, the IRS will send letters with the total

amount of advance Child Tax Credit payments taxpayers received in 2021. See [Reconciling Your Advance Child Tax Credit Payments on Your 2021 Tax Return](#) for more information.

Eligible families **who did not get monthly advance payments in 2021 can still get a lump-sum payment** by claiming the Child Tax Credit when they file a 2021 federal income tax return next year. This includes families who don't normally need to file a return.

## Tips & Tools

### NCAP Public Policy Platform



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POLICY  
PLATFORM



As we approach the next Legislative Session, this resource from the National Partnership can be used by CAAs, in addition to the tools and information provided by NCAP, as they engage with federal, state, and local policymakers.

[Click here](#) to access NCAP's Policy Platform.

# CAPLAW Mandatory Vaccination Policy Template

This **Mandatory Vaccination Policy** is intended for CAAs that are subject to both the (1) Head Start Interim Final Rule on Vaccine and Mask Requirements to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Head Start Programs; and (2) OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard on Vaccination and Testing. This policy requires all employees, certain Head Start contractors, and certain Head Start volunteers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. [Click here](#) to access the template.



The new [Housing and Services Resource Center](#) was created through a partnership between HHS and HUD and aims to foster collaboration and cross-sector partnerships across organizations and systems at the intersection of health and housing.

**People working in these organizations can use this site to:**

- Learn about how to develop and expand partnerships,
- Quickly find tools designed for community collaborations,
- Increase knowledge to support people with disabilities, older adults, and people experiencing homelessness to get and/or keep affordable and accessible housing and voluntary services, and
- Discover innovative models and strategies.

## Webinars



### NCAP Webinar: Stacking Weatherization Funds With Habitat For Humanity

Wednesday, December 22 at 2 PM ET

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is the Weatherization Subgrantee for Douglas County, NE, which encompasses both urban and rural territory in the greater Omaha region. Weatherization is housed within Habitat's home improvement portfolio, so clients come from multiple intake pathways. Danyelle Baratta, Senior Manager of Home Improvement Programs, describes how they identify clients, how they interact with Habitat's home repair loan programs, and how they "stack" DOE, LIHEAP, utility, and foundation funds to maximize the weatherization and energy efficiency work they can perform on each project.

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# Current Job Openings

Click "view entire message" below to view all job listings

Click on Agency Name for additional information and job opportunities

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Agency</u>
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Baltimore City Community Action Partnership
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Community Action Council of Howard County
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Community Assistance Network
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Delmarva Community Services
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Garrett County Community Action
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Maryland Rural Development Corporation
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Shore Up!
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	United Planning Organization

