



MCAP News
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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES



Photo Courtesy of Montgomery County Community Action Agency

Montgomery County CAA hosts "Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy" Workshop

Participants in the Community Advocacy Institute learned how to develop letters of support and how to write testimony at the "Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy" workshop on February 2nd.

All participants will write their own original testimony in the coming weeks and will have an opportunity to present their

testimony and receive feedback from a mock "County Council" made up of Board members, guests, and staff at the March 2nd workshop.

FEATURED RESOURCE

Brand new Scorecard now available - see how Maryland stacks up!

Millions of Americans remain vulnerable to financial shock according to 2019 Scorecard. Click [here](#) to read this blog post from Prosperity Now.



The [Prosperity Now Scorecard](#) is a comprehensive resource featuring data on family financial health and policy recommendations to help put all U.S. households on a path to prosperity. The Scorecard equips advocates, policymakers and practitioners with national, state and local data to jump-start a conversation about solutions and policies that put households on stronger financial footing across five issue areas: Financial Assets & Income; Businesses & Jobs; Homeownership & Housing; Health Care and Education.

NEWS & TOOLS



New free app, PEEP Family Science, offers innovative approach to two-generation learning

For at-risk children outside preschool, accessing science activities depends almost entirely on parents-but many parents have limited skills for supporting such learning. PBS station WGBH has recently launched a series of free family apps based on the Emmy Award-winning preschool science series, PEEP and the Big Wide World. The apps were developed to be used jointly by parent and child for a shared learning experience. Available on Google Play and the App Store in both Spanish and English, PEEP Family Science apps cover the topics of shadows, sound, color, and ramps, respectively. Click [here](#) to read more and access the app.





Community Action National Impact Report was released in January - MCAP Member Garrett County featured!

The National Community Action Partnership released their 2018 National Impact Report in January during their MLTC Conference. They encourage the network to be engaged and help spread the word about this first-of-its-kind report designed to tell Community Action's story and impact in a way that will reach a broad audience across the country. They believe that by working together, this report will expand the reach of our collective message of the Community Action promise. They have created a toolkit with

downloadable graphics, social media shareables, and other information on how to help share the report with your community. You can access the report and toolkit [here](#).

Prosperity Now provides free VITA Volunteer Training Modules!



The resources provided on Prosperity Now's Taxpayer Opportunity Network VITA Volunteer Training platform are made possible through the generous support of Capital One and are designed to help VITA volunteers train and become certified to provide free tax preparation services. These resources can provide a complete training or supplement the training offered by your VITA site.

This training platform contains twelve (12) modules to prepare you to pass the IRS Volunteer Standards of Conduct, Intake, Interview and Quality Review, and Basic Volunteer Certification Tests. This resource is free and open to all VITA volunteers, program managers, site coordinators and others. Click [here](#) to access.

Infographic available for sharing the impact of Rapid Re-housing

The National Alliance to End Homelessness has created an infographic based on [data from Urban Institute](#) for organizations to share about what Rapid Re-housing is, who it helps, and what effect it has.

As communities continue to invest in rapid re-housing, it's critical to understand this intervention's impact on individuals and the homeless system. Click [here](#) to



download the image.



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Baltimore chosen for four-year anti-poverty initiative alongside San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and NE Pennsylvania

Baltimore is one of five communities selected for a four-year, \$25 million initiative to craft solutions to help families to move out of poverty.

Led by the New York-based anti-poverty organization Robin Hood, teams will work in urban, suburban and rural communities across the country to study local data and develop pathways to self-sufficiency and economic opportunities for the families who live there. Click [here](#) to read the whole article.

Round-trip for two!

The AACCAA's Board of Directors is sponsoring a raffle to raise money for programs that support Anne Arundel County residents living in poverty.



Marriott's Frenchman's Cove

The Raffle Drawing will take place on March 27th at 7:00 pm at the Light House Bistro in Annapolis. The winner will receive 7-nights accomodation in a 2-Bedroom Condo and 2 round-trip airline tickets to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Tickets are 3 for \$25. Contact sandradchapman@gmail.com to purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS



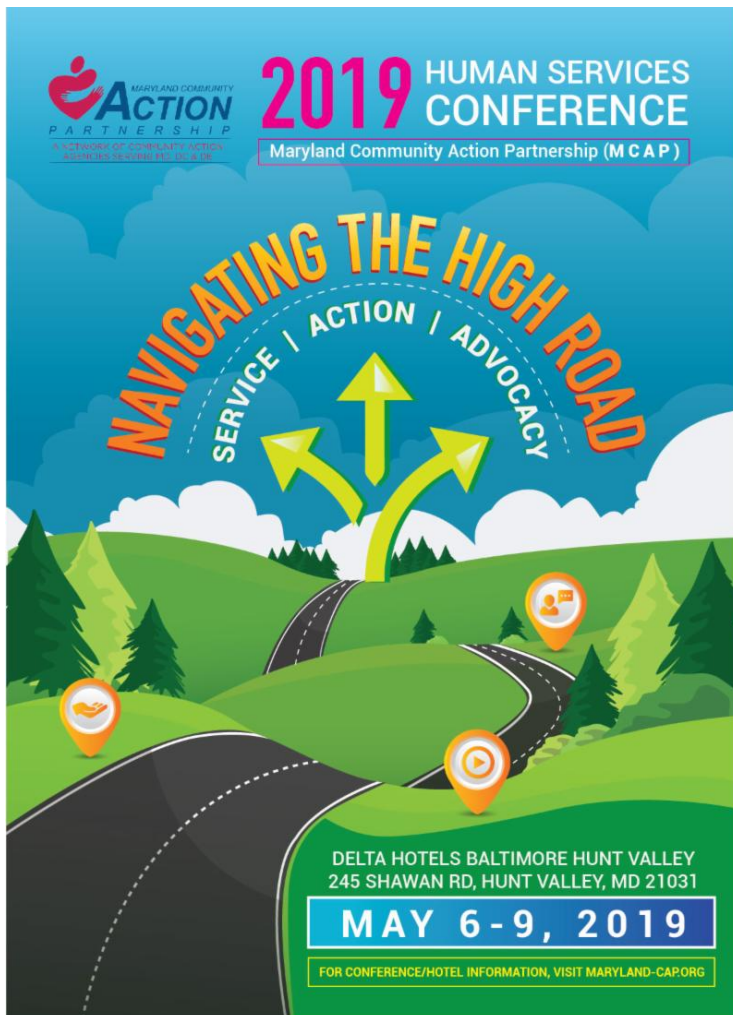
2019 MCAP Legislative Day

February 19th
Luncheon Noon - 1:00 pm

Lowe House Office Building - Room 145
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Early Bird Registration Now Open!

[Register Here](#)



Get your early bird prices by the end of February!

MCAP's 2019 Human Services Conference is **May 6-9, 2019** in Baltimore's Hunt Valley at the Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley!

You can now check out the [schedule at a glance](#) to help you choose which registration is best for you!

NEW! this year is a conference app to streamline your experience and bring the best of the conference straight to your smartphone.

Check out our [conference website](#) for presenter, sponsorship, volunteer, and exhibitor opportunities! More info to follow soon.

Nat'l Community Action Partnership Webinars

Building Pathways for Parents: Innovation for Work & Education
February 13 @ 2:00-3:30 pm

Health Impacts of the Physical & Social Environment
February 20 @ 2:00-3:00 pm

Career Pathways as a Leadership Development



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



Webinar: Aspen Early Childhood and Health Forum: Aligning and Streamlining Systems to Secure Better Outcomes for Families

February 13 @ 3:30-4:30 pm

Speakers:

- Georgia Mjartan, Executive Director, South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness
- Joshua Baker, Director of Operations, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Kristin Bernhard, Deputy Commissioner for System Reform, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
- Sue Williams, CEO, Children's Trust of South Carolina

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

JOB OPENINGS



Position	Agency
Multiple Positions	Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Human Services
Multiple Positions	United Planning Organization (UPO)
Multiple Positions	Shore Up! Inc.
Multiple Positions	Allegany County HRDC
Multiple Positions	National Community Action Partnership
Multiple Positions	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc
Multiple Positions	Community Action Council of Howard County

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