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Community Action Impact Story

Washington County Community Action Council Partners to Address Food Desert



Sometime in 2022, a new full-service grocery store offering "the full gamut of food choices" could open in a Horizon Goodwill Industries building in Hagerstown.

David Shuster, president and CEO of Horizon Goodwill, said main goal is to bring fresh food and household staples to an underserved, low-income area. It will be the culmination of a months-long effort to start a

grocery that will accept SNAP/EBT benefits and offer education and training opportunities, along with reasonably priced, healthy food options.

The store will help address the city's food desert, which is [defined by the United States Department of Agriculture](#) as an area with limited access to supermarkets, super centers, grocery stores or other sources of healthy and affordable food.

The organization has had help from partners that include Meritus Health, the Western Maryland Food Council, the Washington County Community Action Council, the Western Maryland Community Development Corp., city and county leadership and others.

Agency Spotlight: Harford Community Action Agency

Executive Director, PJ Craig honored on "Today with Hoda & Jenna"

Pamela J. Craig, who goes by PJ, was surprised with a trip to Hawaii on "Today With Hoda & Jenna" for her nonprofit work in the community. PJ believed she was on the NBC daytime talk show Jan. 10 to play a trivia game. Instead, hosts Hoda Kotb and Jenna Bush Hager announced that Craig, CEO of the Harford Community Action Agency in Edgewood, was being honored in their "Winter Wonderful" segment, which spotlights people "who go above and beyond in their communities," Kotb said.



"She is one of the most compassionate individuals I know," said Kim Neely, senior director of the Harford Community Action Agency, which advocates for and works with residents suffering financial hardships. "She advocates for our community members who are our most vulnerable population."

Please join us in congratulating PJ and [click here](#) to watch her well deserved tribute!

MCAP News & Events

Please Join Us for MCAP's 2022 Virtual Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Please [Click Here](#) to Register.



SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Join us on **February 23rd** to
share the impact of Community
Action with your legislators!



REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

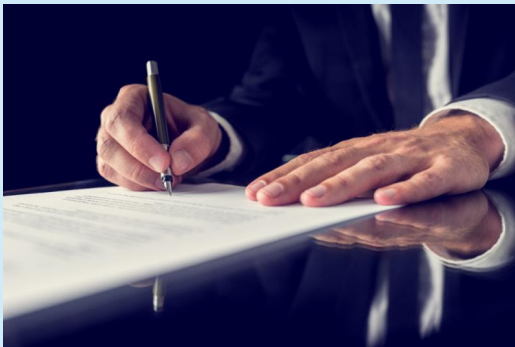
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Join Us in Ocean City: May 11-13, 2022!



**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



Join NCAP in Signing a Letter to the President and Congress!

The ABC Coalition, of which NCAP is a member, is sending a letter to the President and Congress supporting the permanent expansion of the CTC. NCAP has done so, and now we're asking Community Action state associations and agencies to do the same if they support the policy. [Click here](#) to sign the letter by January 28th!

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Memorandum 087

The U.S. Department of Energy would like to inform Grantees of the federal government's transition from Duns and Bradstreet (DUNS) numbers, a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses, to a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#) for entities doing business with the federal government. The transition to UEI will be completed on April 4, 2022. [Download the new memorandum.](#)

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Tips & Tools



From NCAP: Child Tax Credit Social Media Graphics

These new social media graphics from NCAP can help your agency spread the word about the importance of the Child Tax Credit. Share on Facebook, Twitter, and more!

[Click here](#) to view and download the graphics

Webinars



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

It's Tax Season: All You Need to Help Families Claim Their Full Child Tax Credit

Wednesday, January 26th at 1PM ET

This event will give you the tools you need to make sure families know they must file and to steer them to experts who can help them file. As organizers and advocates continue to push for the future of the expanded CTC, it's particularly important to make sure families get the full benefit of the 2021 expansion.

Join the Coalition on Human Needs and Partnership for America's Children for a launch of our CTC outreach resource toolkits. We will highlight the different resources, including referral information for tax filing support, flyers, sample text messages and robocall recordings, FAQs, and more. These resources are designed to help you easily integrate CTC information and outreach into your existing communications and programs.

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



National Community Action Partnership Webinar

Helping People, Changing Lives: Providing Equitable Access to the Expanded Child Tax Credit

Wednesday, February 9 at 2 PM ET

The expanded Child Tax Credit for 2021 is still available to families who file taxes and for those who haven't filed taxes in the past. Join us to hear about how CAAs can help families get all the available tax credit due to them including the remainder of their CTC. The National Community Action Partnership will be providing a wide range of new resources on tax filing, including social media templates, new videos, upcoming office hours with experts, and details on how families can find free tax prep sites in their communities.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register!

Current Job Openings

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

Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency is hiring Health Ambassadors!

This temporary, contractual position will visit South County homes, food banks, baby banks, and community events to discuss COVID-19 vaccines. You will also assist people with scheduling vaccines and transportation to vaccine clinics.

For more information, or to email your resume, contact Julie Snyder at:

jsnyder@aaccaa.org Online Application: [Click here to apply](#)

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

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