



COMMUNITY ACTION CELEBRATES Home Ownership Awareness Month



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Community Action Impact Story

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK OPENS RENOVATED CLIENT-CHOICE FOOD PANTRY



Renovations are officially complete at the **Community Assistance Network's Dundalk location**. A grand opening was held at the new facility Monday, May 9th, 2022.

Mitch Posner, Executive Director of CAN, said that the center wasn't an appropriate space for employees "...and for the clients...it just was not a place that people could feel any kind of self-respect to come and get the help we could

provide them." Along with a dignified facility, visitors can get exactly what they need. "In the past, people would come out to get a box of goods, miscellaneous products. We deal with a lot of different needs out here, we have hypertension needs, diabetics, and some of the food, they just couldn't use," said **Keith Shapiro, CAN Board Chairman**. "Now, people could get out and come and grocery shop, and pick out exactly what they want."

Read the full article [here](#) and learn more about **CAN** and their services on their [website](#).

MCAP News & Events

Join Us for the Region III Virtual RPIC Convening
July 13, 2022

Visit the [convening website](#) for more information!

Region III Virtual RPIC Convening

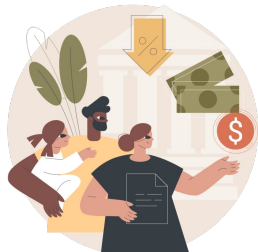


MARK YOUR CALENDAR
July 13, 2022

Join us as we highlight community initiatives across our region focused on human capacity and community transformation. Explore best practices, and learn innovative approaches used to serve individuals and families across the MD, DC, DE, WV, VA, & PA region.

To Learn About This Work:  showcase.communityactionpartnership.com

Network News



Raising a middle-class child will likely cost almost \$286,000, according to USDA data

Raising children is expensive in the United States, and families are feeling the pressure. **More than 12.5 million children in the U.S. live in poverty.** **Even middle-class families** are increasingly **struggling to pay** for everyday expenses. The U.S. Department of Agriculture published a report using 2015 data that estimated expenses of child rearing from **birth through age 17 in a middle-income family of two adults and two children is \$233,610.** With inflation, that number translates to almost **\$286,000** in 2022.

[Click Here](#) to read the full article on cnbc.com.



NCAP 2022 Annual Convention

Join NCAP **August 31st - September 2** for the **2022 Annual Convention!** The Annual Convention is designed to provide Community Action Agency professionals and board members the latest policy and programmatic updates as well as management and governance tools. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

Tips & Tools

NCAP LGBTQIA+ Policy Brief

Ensuring that all members of the LGBTQ+ community have access to programs and services that are offered in inclusive, welcoming settings is crucial to addressing the causes and conditions of poverty. CAAs and State Associations have a crucial and powerful role to play in their communities by providing those services and advocating at all levels of government to move policies forward that improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people in all communities. [Click here](#) for more information.



The poverty rate among individuals identifying as LGBTQ+ is considerably higher than their non-LGBTQ+ counterparts (**21.6%** and 15.7%, respectively). Poverty rates are even higher among some groups within the community, including transgender individuals (**29.4%**), Black LGBTQ+ individuals (**30.8%**), and LGBTQ+ individuals living in rural communities (**26.1%**). This has compounded disparities in areas like housing, employment, health care access, food insecurity, and policing. [Check out NCAP's LGBTQIA+ Policy Brief to learn more!](#)





Help Close the Digital Divide!

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) has developed a **Digital Literacy Project** to increase broadband adoption in Maryland. As a part of this project, UME created a survey

regarding the existing digital literacy and digital inclusion initiatives, whom these initiatives are intended for, and what barriers might need to be overcome to expand community participation in existing programs or the existing programs themselves in scale and scope. To help you get a sense of the digital literacy project as a whole, a short information sheet about the goals of the project can be found here: [Digital Literacy and Inclusion Info Sheet](#). For questions, contact Jinhee Kim at jinkim@umd.edu.

[Click here](#) to take the 15-20 minute survey!

Webinars

THIS IS THE MOMENT TO CARE:
**RACE, EQUITY,
AND BELONGING**



This is the Moment to Care about Race, Equity and Belonging

Maryland Nonprofits Virtual Event:

June 21, 2022, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

Please join Maryland Nonprofits for an exploration of Race, Equity, and Belonging within the workplace, featuring Danielle Marshall, Founder of Culture Principles, Nyah Vanterpool, Associate Consultant at Maryland Nonprofits, Carmen C. Marshall, Director of Consulting and Chief Equity Officer at Maryland Nonprofits, and Wendy Wolff, Director of Strategic

Engagement at Maryland Nonprofits. Together, we will examine how the "Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture", identified by Tema Okun and the late Kenneth Jones in 2001, impact the way we live and work. [Click here](#) for more information and to register



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CAMP PROSPERITY '22

ADVOCACY SUMMER CAMP SERIES



Camp Prosperity '22

This is a three part webinar series that will meet:

Tuesdays Jul 12th, 19th, and 26th from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

Just as the summer camps of our youth were an opportunity to develop new skills, Camp Prosperity is an opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills to more effectively champion the needs of your community. Camp Prosperity is a 3-part virtual learning session aimed at local advocates, service providers, and practitioners interested in engaging in advocacy to strengthen financial security for the communities they serve. [Click here](#) for more information and to register

Current Job Openings

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



SMTCCAC is Hiring a Social Services Director

This position is an integrated member of the clinical team. The Social Services Director will implement, oversee, and manage the delivery of evidence-based care for whole families using the 2Gen model. This role is directly responsible to the Head Start Director and or designee for providing oversight and leadership in monitoring the ERSEA (eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance) and Family and Community Partnership services as outlined in the Head Start Performance Standards. [See here](#) for more information and to apply.

Job Title

Agency

Multiple Positions

Allegany County HRDC

Multiple Positions

Baltimore City Community Action Partnership

Multiple Positions

Community Action Council of Howard County

Multiple Positions

Community Assistance Network

Multiple Positions

Delmarva Community Services

Multiple Positions

Garrett County Community Action

Multiple Positions

Maryland Rural Development Corporation

Multiple Positions

Shore Up!

Multiple Positions

Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee

Multiple Positions

United Planning Organization

