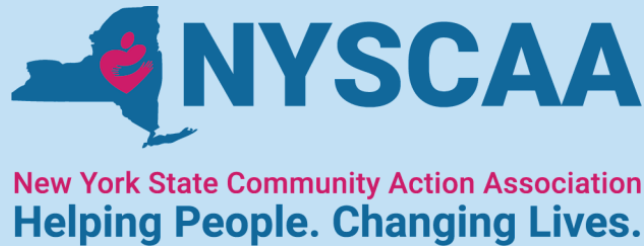


# April 2023 NYSCAA News



## **A Word From NYSCAA's CEO:**

Dear friend,

Spring is a busy time for NYSCAA and Community Action Agencies in New York. In April, we met with the 2023 ELI Cohort for two days of learning in Syracuse, and our 2023 Motivational Interviewing Cohort wrapped up their 2023 session. The Regional Meetings, in partnership with the Department of State/Division of Community Services, begin on May 4th with our NYC/LI meeting hosted by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). The Regional Meetings are an excellent place to network with peers from around the state and engage in meaningful conversations about best practices and meeting challenges.

I'm pleased to announce that NYSCAA is a recipient of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Grant. This two-year grant will allow NYSCAA to support Four CAA's: Community Action Program of Cortland County (CAPCO), Cattaraugus County - Connecting Communities in Action, Sullivan County - Ulster County Community Action, Inc., and Community Action Program for Madison County, Inc., to complete outreach activities that will promote participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program, working to reduce the effects of the digital divide.

[Registration](#) for our Annual Meeting is now available. This year's meeting will be held on June 8th in Syracuse, New York, offering remote participation. We hope you will join us!

The Call for Proposals period for our 2023 Annual conference is currently open. Visit our [Call for Proposals webpage](#) for more information on highlighted topics and selection criteria.

*Jacqueline Orr, CEO*

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## The Promise of Community Action:

*Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

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## NYSCAA News:

### Save the Date for NYSCAA & NYSWDA's Annual Conference!



### Call For Proposals for Presenters at NYSCAA's Annual Conference

NYSCAA is seeking proposals for workshop presentations that focus on developing the knowledge, expertise, and capacity needed by Community Action Agency (CAA) staff for an in-person conference to be held September 19-21, 2023, at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center in Oswego, NY.

Preference will be given to interactive presentations including strategies to engage the audience and leave

participants with new skills and knowledge they can immediately use with their customers.

The deadline to submit a workshop proposal is June 2, 2023.

Visit our [Call for Proposals webpage](#) for more information and to submit a workshop proposal today!



## Emerging Leaders Institute Met in Syracuse for the Spring Session

Forty-four staff members representing 18 Community Action Agencies met in Syracuse for a two-day seminar this month. Participating staff members self-identified as Emerging Leaders in their agencies, choosing to develop and learn new skills as they seek to advance in their careers. Participants enjoyed sessions about strategic planning, team building, assessing and developing leadership styles, and how to have difficult conversations.

The cohort will meet again in July to build on skills developed in April!

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## Highlights from New York's CAAs:



## Cortland County Community Action Program Participates in Fun at the Public Library

Families from CAPCO's Home-Based Early Head Start Program participated in a community group at the Cortland Free Library this past week. The families had great fun. Spending time in a library early on helps promote literacy and encourages families to read for pleasure.

You can follow [CAPCO](#) on Facebook to keep up with all it's activities throughout the county.



## Pro Action of Steuben and Yates Counties Hosts Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

During a press conference at the Keuka Housing Council Community Resource Center in Penn Yan, the Pro Action Yates County Office for Aging was honored to host US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a Special Committee on Aging member. Senator Gillibrand announced her 5-point Master Plan on Aging, ensuring every American has the support needed to age with dignity and financial security. Senator Gillibrand, and Pro Action's Zachary Housworth, Associate Director, are Pictured.



## Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Supports Financial Literacy

April is Financial Literacy Month. Spring is an excellent time for clean-up projects, including your finances. Tioga Opportunities lists simple ways to dust off your finances and create good habits for improved financial health this year.

For more information, visit the website for [Tioga Opportunities, Inc.](#)

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## CSBG National Partner News:



## CAPLAW Addresses What to Expect as the Public Health Emergency Ends

CAPLAW has developed a resource to provide a brief overview of how the end of the federal emergency declarations affects programmatic operations, governance, and fiscal flexibilities that Community Action Agencies (CAAs) may have operated under concerning their federally-funded programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Click here](#) for the template and other CAPLAW resources.

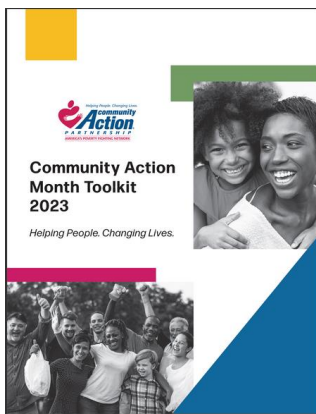


## NASCSP Releases the 2021 State Fact Sheets

Each year NASCSP releases Fact Sheets based on data compiled from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Report, including who is served, services provided, and outcomes.

CSBG Services conducts a detailed survey of the CSBG network that describes the funding sources, services provided, clients and communities assisted, and the results achieved. This information is shared with the network and other research organizations through national reports, articles, and best practices.

[Click here](#) to access the 2021 Fact Sheet.



## NCAP Releases the 2023 Community Action Month Toolkit

May is Community Action Month, and NCAP is excited to announce that the 2023 Community Action Month Toolkit is available for download! The toolkit includes sample graphics, social media messages, activities and events, outreach resources, customizable templates, and more. NCAP's calendar lists daily themes and guidance to help agencies celebrate throughout May.

Click [here](#) to access the toolkit.

## NCAP's 2023 Annual Convention Awards

Do you know any outstanding volunteers, employees, or others who have advanced Community Action's work, fought poverty in their communities, and enabled low-income families to achieve self-sufficiency? These individuals should be honored and recognized for their successful and exemplary efforts! Nominate them for NCAP's 2023 Annual Convention Awards!

[Click here](#) for the full award descriptions and to nominate someone, today!



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## National Professional Development Opportunities:

### CAPLAW

- [2023 National Training Conference](#) - June 27-29, 2023

### National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

- [Deepening CAA Engagement in Homeless Service Delivery: Why It Matters](#) - May 17, 2023
- [2023 Whole Family Approach Institute](#) - June 6-8, 2023
- [2023 Annual Convention](#) - August 21-25, 2023

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## Resources for New York State:



### Governor Hochul Announces Economic Development Awards Spurring More Than \$20 Billion in Capital Investments

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York Power Authority Board of Trustees approved economic development awards to 22 firms that will spur more than \$20 billion in capital investments and support 8,336 jobs—with 3,930 newly created. Among the approved items are a Niagara hydropower allocation to Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, and a ReCharge NY power allocation to Micron, a U.S.-based memory and storage manufacturer and the fourth-largest producer of semiconductors in the world.

Governor Hochul said - "New York continues to secure its legacy as the most business-friendly and worker-friendly state in the nation while advancing the aggressive goals of our nation-leading climate agenda -- creating a greener, more prosperous Empire State."

You can read the full announcement [here](#).

### NY State of Health - The Official Health Plan Marketplace

You and your family have many low cost, quality health insurance options available through the Individual Marketplace. You can quickly compare health plan options and apply for assistance that could lower the cost of your health coverage. You may also qualify for health care



coverage from Medicaid or Child Health Plus through the Marketplace.

[Anyone can apply! Don't wait, see what options are right for you.](#)



## **NYSEERDA - New York Energy Advisor Now Available**

This new tool helps income-eligible New Yorkers and owners of affordable housing spend less on energy and create healthier, more comfortable spaces. Get a list of energy-related programs you may be eligible for, including help paying your energy bills, heating assistance, and low-to-no-cost energy upgrades.

[Explore New York Energy Advisor.](#)

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### **National News & Resources:**

The logo for the Brookings Institute, featuring the word "BROOKINGS" in a blue, serif font, centered within a light gray rectangular background.

#### **Brookings Institute Publishes Study: Anti-Effects of the Extended Child Tax Credit on Poverty**

In partnership with the Hamilton Project, the [Brookings Institute](#) released its findings from a study about the benefits of extended child tax credits. The report identifies where childhood poverty was significantly reduced and considers state data from two criteria.

[Click here](#) for the full report.

The logo for the Economic Policy Institute, featuring the words "Economic Policy Institute" in a large, bold, black serif font, stacked vertically.

#### **Economic Policy Institute Releases Working America Wages, 2022 Report**

The Economic Policy Institute recently released its 2022 report on Working American Wages. The report has good news for the lowest-paid Americans. However, it shows that there is still a significant disparity in wages for low-wage workers, who are disproportionately women and Black and Hispanic and continue to suffer from grossly inadequate wages.

[Click here](#) for the full report.



## **Institute for Research on Poverty Webinar Series - Supporting Youth Exiting Foster Care: What Works & What's Still Needed**

Youth leaving foster care face a variety of barriers, including those related to securing stable housing, finding employment, or continuing their education. In addition, youth who are living with behavioral or physical health challenges, past justice system involvement, are a parent, or come from a particularly marginalized background may encounter even more obstacles.

A panel of experts will share their research on policies and other supports that have been proven to have positive impacts on foster youth's transition to independent adulthood, and where there are opportunities for more effective initiatives.

When: May 3, 2023, 2PM EST

[Click here](#) to register.



## **PRB Reviews How Poverty is Measured and Why it Matters**

PRB (Population Reference Bureau) released a report discussing how poverty is reviewed in the United States and explains why differences between poverty measures are essential. The report addresses how these variations determine the number of people eligible to receive benefits and guide decision-makers in their efforts to provide economic relief.

[Click here](#) for the full report.





## US Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation - Human Services in Rural Contexts: Comprehensive Report

This study aims to address knowledge gaps in the delivery of human services programs in rural communities. Goals of this study include providing a rich description of human services programs in rural contexts and determining the remaining need for human services in rural communities.

[Click here](#) to access the report.



## Wipfli: Register now for the National Training Conference, Stronger to Serve 2023

Join Wipfli's top trainers — including Tammy Jelinek and Denes Tobie — for five days of sessions packed with must-have perspectives on leadership, operational effectiveness, compliance, risk mitigation and talent to take your organization to the next level.

### What you'll learn:

- Perspectives to help you grow as a leader
- Knowledge to help you make an immediate difference
- Current regulations and compliance requirements
- How to optimize your use of technology

### Who should attend:

- C-suite leaders
- Emerging leaders
- Leadership teams of Head Start and Community Action Agencies and other federally funded human services organizations

In addition to the education sessions, you'll find plenty of networking opportunities to meet and build connections with fellow attendees.

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



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