

Testimonials

"I am in a supervisor position and am using the wealth of knowledge I learned in ELI and applying it to my day to day work. I highly recommend ELI to anyone who is looking to expand on their resume, meet new people and learn invaluable information from some of the best mentors and leaders there are.

~ Karissa Matott, Joint Council for Economic Opportunity (JCEO)

I learned that my strengths really are what make me a good leader, and I need to be more familiar with my strengths in order to utilize them even more!

~ Unknown, session survey

I appreciate networking with agencies and other leaders. I love learning different methods of looking at a situation and how I can apply other effective skills to my position.

~ Unknown, session survey

"This program provided me with the opportunity to meet my peers across the state. It allowed me to both share my expertise and gain new knowledge from colleagues and presenters. Through my participation in the ELI program, I was given the opportunity to become a NYSCAA Board member and a National Certified ROMA Trainer. I now have a network of 'friends' across the state and country that I can rely on and bounce

ideas and situations off of. It was a very valuable experience!!" – Laura Rossman, CEO, ProAction of Steuben and Yates, Inc., ELI Alumn



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“Leaders become great not because of their power but, because of their ability to empower others.”

- John Maxwell



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Application Process & Cost

Community Action Agency Staff may apply for ELI through the NYSCAA website. The application includes basic identifying information and the applicant is asked to complete an essay that describes their commitment to Community Action, their hopes and plans for their future career path, why they want to participate in ELI, and how they expect to benefit from the program.

Please visit <https://www.nyscommunityaction.org/> for more information on participant costs and registration fees.

Who Should Apply?

NYSCAA encourages all Community Action Agency Staff who are looking to enhance their leadership skills, increase their connectedness to Community Action, and strengthen their relationships with CAA staff to apply. Previous ELI classes have included: Coordinators, Program Managers, CFOs, Directors, and IT staff. There is value in this program for anyone working in Community Action.

What is the Schedule?

The ELI schedule consists of multiple seminars, both in-person and virtually during regular work hours. The first meeting is usually in February.

In addition to the seminars, NYSCAA strongly encourages ELI participation in conferences and events it hosts.

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