

Testimonials



EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

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 diverse CAA staff such as: Coordinators, Program Managers, CFOs, Directors, and IT staff. There is value in ELI 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 introductory 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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ELI was a great opportunity to partake in. Being new in my management role, I have learned a great deal of knowledge from my peers, colleagues, and presenters. I have used this opportunity to absorb different insights and experiences that my colleagues have gone through and adapt it to my role. It was impactful to meet my peers across the board that shared the same passion and love for helping others.

~Indradai Naul, Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP)

"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)

"ELI was a great way to network with others around the state and learn about the many facets of Community Action. Through small group discussion we worked to enhance both our personal and professional selves. The compassion while having round tables to support those that were struggling and celebrate those that found ways to accomplish the impossible made me realize that this would be a team that I would trust and lean on and that I would contact when I needed a day of brainstorming or use as a reference point for projects that some may already be successfully implementing. I'm really glad I decided to join ELI and stuck with it for both 1.0 and 2.0."

~ Sally Ressue, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.

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

- John Maxwell



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