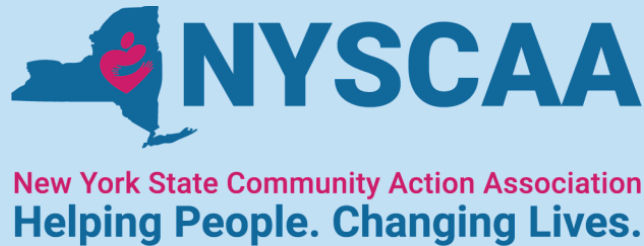


May 2022 NYSCAA News



A Word From NYSCAA's CEO:

Dear friend,

We are filled with sadness and frustration at the mass shooting in Buffalo on May 14, 2022. We echo the resolution stated by Community Action Organization of WNY's CEO, Thomas Kim:

We are filled with sadness and frustration at the mass shooting in Buffalo on May 14, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Buffalo community, the family and friends of those who lost loved ones, and our colleagues at the Community Action Organization (CAO) of WNY. See below how [Community Action Organization of WNY](#) is supporting community residents and how you can help.

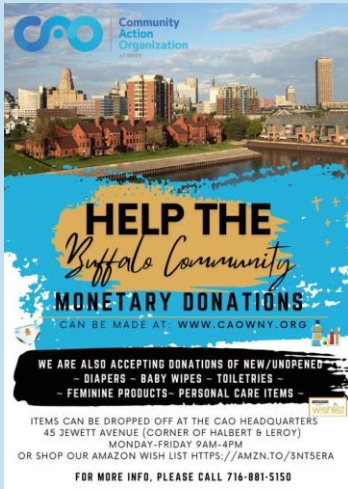
As Community Action Month comes to an end, I am again reminded of the past year's challenges. New York's Community Action Agencies (CAAs) once again rose to the challenges presented. Through COVID, the great resignation, and more NY CAAs kept focused on their mission transform the lives of the people they serve.

We welcome the appointment of [CAPMADCO](#)'s new Executive Director, Elizabeth (Liz) Crofut. As Program Manager for their WIC program for the last four years, Liz brings first-hand knowledge into her new role and is excited to lead the agency into the future.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Orr, CEO

Supporting Buffalo Residents:



CAO of Western NY - Buffalo Mass Shooting

While the [Jefferson Avenue Tops Market location remains closed](#), many community residents are unable to access basic necessities. There are several ways that you can help!

1. If you'd like to donate personal care items to those affected, simply shop our [Amazon wish list!](#)
2. You can also drop off new, unopened personal care items at our headquarters, located at 45 Jewett Avenue (Mon-Fri between 9am-4pm)
3. Or make a monetary donation by heading to www.caowny.org

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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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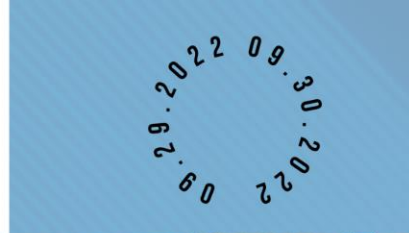


NYSCAA is seeking proposals for workshop presentations for the in-person conference focusing on developing the knowledge, expertise, and capacity needed by CAA staff. The conference will be held in Rochester, NY, on September 29-30, 2022.

Preference will be given to interactive presentations, including strategies to engage the audience and leave participants with new skills and knowledge they can immediately put to use with their customers.

Visit our [Call for Proposals webpage](#) for information and to submit a workshop proposal for this year's conference. **Proposals are due June 10, 2022.**

SAVE THE DATE!



NYSCAA & NYSWDA'S ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2022



Highlighted Initiatives from New York's CAAs:



Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.
Helping People... Changing Lives

Chautauqua Opportunities for Development, Inc. (CODI)

An affiliate corporation of [Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.](#), CODI was formed in 2003 to provide borrowing opportunities to business start-ups and existing businesses that may otherwise not be eligible for such borrowing opportunities through traditional lenders. These businesses subsequently provide the community with employment opportunities and engaging products & services, which improve the quality of life and the choices available locally. Since its inception, CODI has provided 91 business loans to entrepreneurs who otherwise would not have obtained funding for their business.

[Click here](#) to read more about CODI and its impact on the residents of Chautauqua County.

In the coming months, we will focus on initiatives highlighted at the RPIC Region II Regional Convening. [Click here to view all the initiatives.](#)

Highlights from New York's CAAs:



TC Action celebrates Community Action Month

Tompkins Community Action joined in the celebration of Community Action Month by holding a *Color a Huggy Heart* event throughout the month.

[Click here to view more!](#)

Monthly Myth Series:



Myth: All Americans, regardless of race, have the same opportunity to live "The American Dream."

Fact: Historically, African Americans have been unconstitutionally denied the means and the right to integrate in middle-class neighborhoods. Through "redlining," the federal government-created Home Owners' Loan Corporation used color-coded maps in the 1930s to decide who would receive assistance and low interest rates—regularly rescuing homeowners in white middle-class suburbs while viewing red areas of the map (often African American neighborhoods) as higher risk.

[Click here](#) to read more about the history of government-created practices that helped shape the segregated landscape we see today.

CSBG National Partner News & Resources:



New Resource: Building Blocks of Employee Compensation

Community Action Agencies (CAAs), like many employers across the United States, are experiencing challenges retaining their existing staff and recruiting new employees in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help CAAs

strategize for employee recruitment and retention in a post-pandemic world, CAPLAW has created an interactive, [web-based infographic](#) identifying some types of compensation they can offer, and the laws and regulations governing their salaries and benefits. A [print-ready PDF](#) of this information is also available for download. The rules and compensation types discussed are not exhaustive, but we hope they will help you lay the foundation for a more engaged and experienced workforce.



House Passes CSBG Act In Bipartisan Vote!

The U.S. House of Representatives [voted 246 - 169](#) to pass the [Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act!](#) Thanks to the tireless work of [NCAF](#) and many other organizations across our Network, the bill passed with bipartisan support and multiple friendly amendments adopted. The House rejected amendments that would have been detrimental to CSBG reauthorization. The bill now heads to the U.S. Senate for consideration! In a Congress divided on so many issues, it's notable that the legislation passed with strong bipartisan support, with 30 Republican members voting in favor of the bill.

NCAP will be sending out additional resources in the coming weeks, including new bill text, analysis, and opportunities for Senate engagement.

OCS: 2022 CED Funding Opportunity Now Available

The FY 2022 Community Economic Development (CED) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now available. Applications for the FY 2022 CED NOFO are due on July 11th, 2022.

The full announcement is available to [download by clicking here](#).

Within the coming weeks, a pre-application webinar will be posted to the CED page of the Office of Community Services (OCS) website. This pre-recorded presentation will provide prospective applicants of the CED program with details about the 2022 grant competition.



National Professional Development Opportunities:

CAPLAW:

- [2022 National Training Conference](#): June 28 - 30, 2022 - Chicago, IL

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)

- [2022 Annual Training Conference](#): October 24-28, 2022

The National Community Action Foundation (NCAF)

- [Annual Washington Conference](#) - September 29 - 10/4 – Virtual

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP):

- [2022 Annual Convention](#): August 29 - September 2, 2022 - New York, NY

WIPFLI:

- [Stronger to Serve Conference](#) - July 11-15, 2022

Tips, Tools, & Resources:



Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: CTC has a Critical Role in Helping Families Maintain Economic Stability

The Child Tax Credit (CTC), especially when received monthly, has an important role to play in addressing the income volatility that many families face, a new study from the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) finds. "An expanded, monthly and refundable Child Tax Credit would offer economic assistance supported by a body of evidence that demonstrates long-term benefits for families and society."

[Click here](#) to read the full report.



Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding

In March 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) temporarily waived certain Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements and conditions. The easing of these rules helped prevent people with Medicaid and CHIP—in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories—from losing their health coverage during the pandemic. However, states will soon be required to restart Medicaid and CHIP eligibility reviews. According to some estimates, when states resume these reviews, up to 15 million people could lose their current Medicaid or CHIP coverage through a process called “unwinding.”

In an effort to minimize the number of people that lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage, CMS is working with states and other stakeholders to inform people about renewing their coverage and exploring other available health insurance options if they no longer qualify for Medicaid or CHIP.

[Click here](#) to read more and download the Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding communications toolkit.

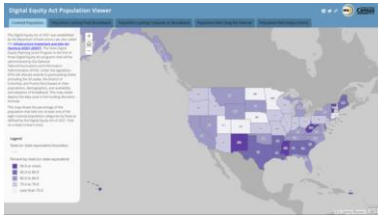


New Articles and Materials from NY Project Hope

[NY Project Hope](#) helps New Yorkers understand their reactions and emotions during COVID-19. They have an emotional support helpline, educational materials, trusted referrals, and local provider agencies... all dedicated to helping you manage and cope with changes brought on by COVID-19.

Here are some new articles from NY Project Hope that may be of interest:

- Coping with Mother’s Day grief during a pandemic: <https://nyprojecthope.org/mother-coping-grief/>
- Spring cleaning for the mind: <https://nyprojecthope.org/spring-cleaning-for-the-mind/>
- My Personal Jenga Tower: How a game helped me understand rebuilding life during COVID: <https://nyprojecthope.org/my-personal-jenga-tower/>
- Links to these articles can also be found on our social media pages. We welcome you to take a look and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).



U.S. Census Bureau Releases Digital Equity Act Population Viewer

The U.S. Census Bureau announced the release of the [Digital Equity Act Population Viewer](#), an interactive collection of maps that highlight various demographics and broadband internet availability and adoption by state. The maps help policymakers plan and implement digital inclusion and equity programs under the Digital Equity Act of 2021.

The Digital Equity Act of 2021 was established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Sections 60301-60307) with the goal of promoting meaningful adoption and use of broadband services across the “covered populations” in the Act, including low-income households, aging populations, incarcerated individuals, veterans, individuals with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier, racial and ethnic minorities and rural inhabitants. [Click here to read more.](#)

WIPFLI

Upcoming WIPFLI Trainings

[Strategic leadership and change management: You can't have one without the other](#)

May 31, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CT)

[Head Start/Early Head Start Regulation Boot Camp](#)

May 31-June 2, 2022 | 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. (CT)



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