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NYSCAA Newsletter



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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friend,

This newsletter brings with it a mixture of exciting and sad news for NYSCAA. As you may know, Jackie Orr, who has been a leader in our network in so many ways, from ROMA to Organizational Standards, the Emerging Leaders Institute and much more, is leaving for a new opportunity with the National Association of State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) as the CSBG State Assistance Director.

We are proud and pleased to see Jackie take her talents to the national stage but will miss her and we know that it will be nearly impossible to fill her shoes. Fortunately, we are likely to cross paths with her in her work with NASCSPP and she will remain part of the national Community Action network.

I know I speak for everyone at NYSCAA and in the state Community Action Network in extending our gratitude to Jackie for her dedication to Community Action and hard work over the past six years. We wish her good luck as she embarks on this exciting new venture!

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NYSCAA News!

2016 JUNE

Professional Development
Conference

Be Better. Be Brilliant. Be YOU!

Don't forget to register for NYSCAA
& NYSWDA's 2016 Professional
Development Conference!

[Click here](#) to register! [Click here](#) to
see the agenda with workshops!

Be sure to follow updates on
Facebook & Twitter! #BeBrilliant

Keep checking the [NYSCAA website](#) for more updates!

Gold Star Speaker

Recently NYSCAA's staff member Kim McManm completed her Gold Star Speaker certification with Dr. Donna Beegle of Communication Across Barriers. NYSCAA now has a certified speaker to present on a variety of topics including Overcoming Poverty Barriers, Leadership that Makes a Difference, Breaking the Iron Cage: Helping People in Poverty Move Forward and more. Workshops can be tailored to meet the needs of your organization and your community partners. Recently "What's Your PQ?", a workshop that guides participants through a series of exercises designed to develop greater understanding and awareness of their own perceptions of poverty was presented at a member agency and received positive reviews. Contact NYSCAA today if you are interested in scheduling an event.

2016 ELI May Seminar



Our 2016 Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Group met May 12 and 13 for their second seminar at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville, NY.

The group heard from CAO of Erie County's CEO, L. Nate Hare on his leadership story, worked on their reflective listening skills, and networked with a group dinner.

Day two started with various role playing of different leadership styles and ended with some great insight on Public Policy issues from Empire Justice's Kristin Brown Lilley.

The group also enjoyed coloring a 'huggy heart' picture as part of Community Action Month!

NYSCAA Supports CA Month

During the month of May NYSCAA participated in Community Action month a in number of ways. If you missed, it check out this great [History of Community Action](#) on the NYSCAA website for #Flashback Friday or go to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages to see some of our announcements. We also enjoyed seeing all the great updates from the network!

Agency Highlights

NYSCAA's website has a new page that highlights agency's accomplishments! To check it out, [click here](#).

If you or your agency has a story they'd like to share send a photo and a short description to our Communications & Event Coordinator Kimberly Brisk.
Email: kbrisk@nyscommunityaction.org



Here at NYSCAA, we are Community Action!

Updates at our Agencies!

Community Action Month!

50 Years of Service

The Mayor of the City of ROME, NY honored Mohawk Valley Community Action for their dedicated 50 years of service.



"The City of ROME has enjoyed partnering with MVCAA, and we salute MCVA's commitment to 'Helping People Changing Lives Ending Poverty' over the last 50 years and wish the agency Godspeed toward another 50 years." Jacqueline M. Izzo, Mayor.

CEO Banquet

Commission on Economic Opportunity, CEO hosted their annual Community Action awards ceremony and luncheon last week as part of their celebration for Community Action Month.

This year's luncheon had record breaking attendance of more than 200 CEO members, partners, and supporters at Troy's Hilton Garden Inn recognizing the organizations accomplishments and honoring those committed to Community

Proclamations!

Opportunities for Otsego went the extra mile to have Gary Herizg, Mayor of the City of Oneonta declare May 2016 Community Action Month. Great job Otsego!

Excellent work by Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. officially proclaiming May 2016 as Community Action month in Jefferson County.

Albany Community Action Block Party!

Albany Community Action Partnership kicked off their 50th year celebration with a Rock-the-Block, Block Party bash this month!

The family friendly party included face painting, entertainment, snacks, and community informational booths to support Community Action Month!



Action.

[Click here](#) to read a local article about the great event!

In the News & Helpful Tips

New York State Association of Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) is a statewide membership organization created to support multidisciplinary professionals whose work enhances the relational, emotional and cognitive development of 0-5 year olds in their family context. NYS-AIMH is intended to be your professional home; one that encourages, recognizes and documents the development of infant and family professionals within an organized system of culturally sensitive, relationship-based, infant-early childhood mental health learning and work experiences. We encourage you to go to the website and discover the benefits of becoming a member. [Click here](#) to learn more. [Click here](#) to read the full invitation.

The Poverty Scorecard shines a light on important poverty-related legislation considered by Congress in the past year and provides a comprehensive look at how each of your representatives voted on poverty. Ultimately, the Scorecard arms the public with critical information to hold elected officials accountable in advancing policies that promote equity and opportunity for all. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Five Evils: Multidimensional poverty and race in America. The first of a two-part series, Richard Reeves, Edward Rodrigue, and Elizabeth Kneebone examine the "clustering" of five dimensions of poverty—household income, education, concentrated spatial poverty, health insurance, and employment—within a large sample of the American population.

Info-graphics within the article show how disadvantages cluster by race and that poverty goes beyond lack of money. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

The intersection of race, place, and multidimensional poverty. The second of a two-part series Richard Reeves, Edward Rodrigue, and Elizabeth Kneebone assess patterns of disadvantage in metropolitan areas and rural communities in the United States.

As discussed in "Five evils," disadvantages can cluster in many different ways across the five dimensions considered, and the combinations only multiply when assessed through the lens of race and place. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Red Nose Day! Through the power of entertainment, Red Nose Organization raises awareness and money to help kids who need us most at home and around the world. Red Nose Day is on a mission to lift kids out of poverty and has raised over \$1 billion globally in the last 25 years. Half of the money distributed by Red Nose Day 2016 will be spent right here in the U.S. The other half will be spent in some of the poorest communities in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. All money raised supports projects that ensure kids are safe, healthy, and educated. Watch [The Red Nose Day Special](#) on Thursday May 26 . 9/8C on NBC. Click here to learn more at RedNoseDay.org

Webinars & Conferences:

NYSCAA Conferences:

Professional Development Conference
June 16 & 17, 2016 Woodcliff Hotel & Spa - Fairport, NY

[Click here](#) to register!

Region II RPIC: Human Resource, Finance & Leadership Conference
September 15 & 16, 2016 Double Tree - Binghamton, NY
Registration will open soon!

NYSCAA IT Webinars:

Excel: Chart, Graphs and Pivot Tables
August 23, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

MSWord: Table of Contents and Quick Parts
September 07, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

MS Word: Merging and Templates
October 5, 2016
11:00 - 12:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

Learn to Love Your Outlook Inbox
October 26, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 EST
[Click here](#) to register.

Save the Dates:

CAPLAW National Training Conference
June 22 - 24, Ft. Lauderdale FL
[Click here](#) to register.

2016 [BEEGLE Poverty Institutes](#), coordinated in partnership with Pro Action of Steuben & Yates
Poverty Institute: July 25-26, 2016
Coaching Institute: July 27-28, 2016
[Click here](#) to register.

Community Action Partnership Annual Convention
August 30 - September 2, Austin TX
[Click here](#) to register.

2016 NASCSP Annual Training Conference
September 18 - 20, 2016
Omaha, NE

CFED 2016 Assets & Learning Conference
September 28 - 30, 2016
Washington D.C.
[Click here](#) for more information.

NYSCAA Help Desk:

Have a tech question? The NYSCAA Help Desk is open to all NYSCAA Members. Call Phoebe Schimpf at 518-690-0491 x 28 or submit an inquiry [here](#).

Tech Tip: Quickly Selecting text in MS Word

To quickly select a word, double-click anywhere in the word. To select a sentence, hold down CTRL, and then click anywhere in the sentence. To select a paragraph, triple-click anywhere in the paragraph. Click [here](#) to see our upcoming online webinars on MS Word and more - free to NYSCAA Member Agency Staff!

FACT OF THE MONTH:

In NYS 38.4% of families with female heads households and children present live in poverty. [Click here](#) to find out what the percentage of families with female heads of households and children present live in poverty.

Trivia!

What's the Year?

1. Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa closed to the public after leaning too far
2. "Simpsons" premiered on Fox-TV and "Seinfeld" premiered on NBC
3. Super Bowl XXIV: SF 49ers beat Denver Broncos, 55-10 in New Orleans
4. Nelson Mandela released after 27 years imprisonment in South Africa
5. The most complete skeleton of a T-Rex is found in South Dakota
6. The demolition of the Berlin Wall officially begins
7. Microsoft Releases Windows 3.0
8. Adam Sandler joins "Saturday Night Live"
9. East & West Germany merge their economies
10. The first Saturn automobile rolls off the assembly line.
11. Margaret Thatcher resigns as Britain's PM, replaced by John Major

The year is 1990

Riddle Me This!

Take one out and scratch my head. I am now black but once was red.

The answer is a match.

THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies 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.

Click on Name of Agency to Visit Website: Action for a Better Community, Inc. * Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. * Albany Community Action Partnership * ACCORD Corporation * CACHE (Community Action Commission to Help the Economy Inc. * CAPC of Jefferson County * Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. * Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. * Chautauqua Opportunities Inc. * Columbia Opportunities, Inc. * Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Capital District Region, Inc. * Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc. * Community Action of Greene County, Inc. Community Action of Orleans & Genesee * Community Action Partnership for Madison County, Inc. Cortland Community Action Program, Inc. (CAPCO) * Delaware Opportunities * Dutchess County Community Action Agency, Inc. * Economic Opportunity Program Inc. of Chemung County EOC of Nassau County - Hempstead * EOC of Suffolk - Patchogue * Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc. * JCEO of Clinton & Franklin Counties * Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. * Livingston County Planning Department * Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. * NYC Department of Youth and Community Development * Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. * Opportunities for Broome, Inc. * Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. * Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. * Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. * Path Stone PEACE, Inc. * Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. * RECAP * Saratoga County EOC, Inc. Schenectady County EOC, Inc. * Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc. * St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. * Tioga Opportunities, Inc. * Tompkins Community Action, Inc. * Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. * Warren/Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. * Washington County EOC, Inc. * WestCOP * Wayne County Community Action Program, Inc. * Wyoming County Community Action, Inc. * Yonkers Community Action Program, Inc.<



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