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## NYSCAA Newsletter - June 2019

From the CEO

Dear Friend,

We are so pleased to introduce you to and welcome Jasmine Sale to the NYSCAA team. Jasmine comes to NYSCAA with plenty of direct-service and supervisory experience having worked with individuals with mental health diagnoses and survivors of domestic violence. She also knows and has experience with Community Action; she was an intern at PEACE where she worked with Early Head Start and Head Start families. She also has experience working in an association and coordinating and implementing training and technical assistance. Jasmine will be the point person on our RPIC Region II grant. I look forward to all of you meeting her in our travels this summer and fall!



It was wonderful seeing you at the 2019 Professional Development Conference in Poughkeepsie. From your evaluations, the conference was a great success and we appreciate all the feedback we have received. If you haven't done so already we have a [survey available online](#) and we'd love to hear about your experience.

I would like to thank all who attended the 2019 Regional Meetings in partnership with the Department of State (DOS), so far. Our final Regional Meeting will take place in NYC at DYCD on June 25th. All of the [Regional Meeting Presentations](#) have been posted and are available online. We were pleased to welcome representatives from both the NYS Mentoring Program and the Address Confidentiality Program to share information about their programs. Both are highlighted and described later in this newsletter. If

you have any questions about either program, please reach out to Charles Barbay at [cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org).

We are currently in the process of finalizing the agenda for the 2019 RPIC Region II Finance, HR, and Leadership Conference in Binghamton, NY scheduled for September 18th & 19th. The conference will focus on four topic areas: HR, Finance, Leadership, and Data, with multiple sessions running concurrently. If you have a specific speaker or organization you would like us to consider for a breakout session please contact Jasmine Sale at [jsale@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:jsale@nyscommunityaction.org).

We look forward to seeing you at our future events! It is our goal to always provide you an opportunity to connect, learn, and share with your Community Action colleagues.

Best,

[Jackie Orr](#), NCRT

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## June's Poverty Myth - "The United States Has No Poverty - False!"

With the vision of the United States as the richest country in the world, the poverty myth that there is little or no poverty is all too common. In fact, the United States has one of the highest poverty rates in the developed world. It can be surprising to find so much poverty in a country often thought of as the wealthiest nation in the world. If the per capita gross domestic product of the United States is over \$54,000, then why do one in six Americans live below the poverty level, which is as low as \$11,700 for a single person, or \$24,250 for a family of four?

For the full article and more from ATD Fourth World, [click here!](#)

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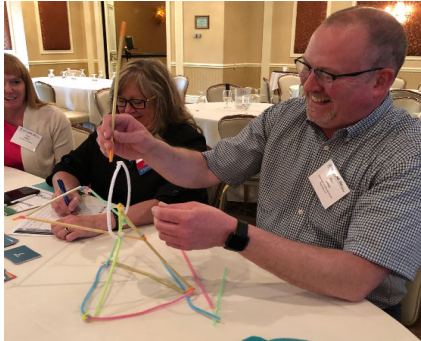
## NYSCAA News

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### 2019 June Professional Development Conference

Thank you to all who attended our annual Professional Development Conference! The event was a great success and has given us many ideas we cannot wait to share with you next year! Below you will find a few pictures that captured just some of the impactful moments at the Conference and Awards Banquet. Thanks to those who have already shared photos - If you have photos from the conference we would love to see them! Please share them with us by sending your photos to Charles Barbay at [cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org)!





\*Top left- Community Action Awards Banquet

\*Top Right- CAP for Dutchess County CEO Liz Spira (left) and NYSCAA CEO Jackie Orr (center) with Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro (Right)

\*Bottom- Conference attendees participate in the "Play the Brain Game" breakout session

## 2019 Regional Meetings

\*Pictured above are the attendees from the 2019 Central Regional Meeting held in Auburn, NY. Community Action Program (CAP) of Cayuga & Seneca Counties was the hosting agency.

Thank you to all of our hosting agencies, staff who have traveled, and the Department of State for making all of the regional meetings such a success. We look forward to seeing you in New York City on June 25th for our final Regional Meeting of 2019.

## RPIC Region II Conference in Binghamton, New York

The annual RPIC Region II Finance, HR, and Leadership Conference will be held September 18th & 19th. We look forward to working with our Region II partners in New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to create an exciting event!

The Conference will include tracks for HR, Finance, Data, and Leadership. The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work making arrangements for the conference. Updates on travel, hotel amenities, and overnight stay to come!

If you have any suggestions for speakers or sessions please contact Jasmine Sale, Program Manager, NYSCAA at [jsale@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:jsale@nyscommunityaction.org)

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# Census 2020

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## Find a Complete Count Committee in Your Community

The United States Census Bureau has launched the [Complete Count Committees Map](#)! The Complete Count Committees (CCC) program is key to creating awareness in communities across the country and this map is another way to engage with partners and stakeholders.

The 2020 Census provides an opportunity for everyone to be counted. The results of the 2020 Census can help shape the future of your community. There are many ways for individuals, businesses, community organizations, and others to play a part.

- [Visit 2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov)
  - [Infographic: How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond](#)
  - [Sign up for 2020 Census updates based on your interests](#)
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## CSBG National Partner Resources

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**CAPLAW: Register Now! Webinar Series on Unrelated Business Income & the Impact of the New Tax Law**

Even if your organization is recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt, it may be subject to the federal unrelated business income tax (UBIT). UBIT typically arises as a consideration for tax-exempt organizations when they turn to revenue generating ventures as a way to diversify their funding. However, recent tax reform has expanded the application of UBIT to situations not previously subject to the rules.



Part One: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 2:00PM - 3:30PM EST

Part Two: Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 2:00PM - 3:30PM EST

The webinar series will discuss the history and elements of unrelated business income rules, as well as numerous exceptions and exclusions that may apply to CAAs. [To register click here!](#)

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## Additional Resources

### Upcoming LIFE Webinars from NYSERDA

The Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) is a unique statewide dialogue that brings together organizations and individuals committed to addressing the challenges and opportunities facing low-income New Yorkers as they seek safe, affordable and reliable energy. The LIFE dialogue encourages an interactive exchange of information and collaboration among the programs and resources that assist low-income energy consumers. LIFE has a host of webinars available for registration; please see the schedule below.

#### 1. Climate Change Solutions in Action - Solar One's Community Program

- Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 1:30PM - 2:30PM EST
- Presenter: Juan Parra, Solar One

- [Click here to register!](#)
2. Focus on Health - Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE)
- Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 1:30PM - 2:30PM EST
  - Presenter: Neil Muscatiello, NYS Department of Health
  - [Click here to register!](#)
3. Connecting People to Services - Using [myBenefits.ny.gov](https://myBenefits.ny.gov) as a resource.
- Thursday, September 19, 2019, 1:30PM - 2:30PM EST
  - Presenter: Jeremy Troskowski, Learning & Development Services (LEADS), Buffalo State College
  - [Click here to register!](#)
4. HEAP Updates for 2019-2020 Heating Season
- Thursday, October 6, 2019, 1:00PM - 3:00PM EST
  - Presenter: HEAP Bureau, NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance
  - [Click here to register!](#)

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## New York State Mentoring Program

We want to thank Brad DiPetro and Melinda Sanderson for attending the regional meeting and sharing with the network information about the NYS Mentoring Program. We will continue to look for ways to partner with the program. Here is information to those not able to attend the meetings.

The New York State Mentoring Program creates supportive mentor relationships for children in elementary, middle, and high schools. The one year program takes place in a school-based, one-to-one setting, where mentors are positive role models, guiding students with respect, structure, compassion and life skills.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MENTOR?

1. Fill out the Mentoring Application by visiting the [NYS Mentoring Program website](#).
2. Once your application has been received a NYS Mentoring Program Director will contact you to discuss the required screening process.
3. You are matched with a trained Mentee at nearby school and the Program Staff will support you throughout your mentoring experience.



Visit [www.ny.gov/mentoring](http://www.ny.gov/mentoring) or call 1-844-337-6304 to find out more about becoming a mentor today!

## Address Confidentiality Program

The [Address Confidentiality Program](#) (ACP) is a cost-free State program that allows victims of domestic violence to shield their actual address. Participants are assigned a substitute address which they will use for receipt of all first-class, registered and certified mail. The Secretary of State will also accept service of process on behalf of ACP participants. Participants' mail will then be re-packaged and mailed to their actual or mailing addresses. This program is one facet of an overall safety plan for victims of domestic violence. The ACP program is not a witness protection plan.



### Participant Identification Card

Pursuant to N.Y. Executive Law § 108, the following person is certified as a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program and is entitled to use the following substitute address:

**Participant Name**  
**ACP 1234**  
**P.O.Box 1110**  
**Albany, NY 12201-1110**

**Expiration Date: MM/DD/YYYY**

Thank you to Tom Napierski, Program Manager, ACP - Department of State, for presenting and educating the Community Action agency network on the

accessibility and framework of the Address Confidentiality Program at all of our 2019 Regional Meetings. Many Community Action Agencies work with victims of domestic violence. Using a substitute address could be a step in the direction of safety for them and for their families; we are happy to share such an amazing resource.

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## Highlights from our Agencies

### SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Have something you would like to share in our upcoming newsletter? Email [cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org)!



Pictures appreciated!

### *A New Name! - Community Action Programs of Cayuga/Seneca*

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is pleased to announce a new name, fresh new look and a reinforced commitment to providing innovative programming and services to end poverty. **Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP)** is the result of a yearlong comprehensive strategic planning process to strengthen the Agency's value and position within the community and to the people we serve.

CAP is a recognized name in Cayuga and Seneca Counties as a place where individuals and families can find hope and opportunity. A place where everyone is respected valued and empowered to achieve their potential. CAP provides programs and services that leverage a person's strengths to build a solid foundation of self-sufficiency. The new logo embodies the spirit of community action. It is simple and timeless, represents individuality and the imperfect nature of life, upward movement, growth, shelter and family.

To find out more about CAP [click here](#)!

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### *Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency - Stand Against Poverty Parade in Utica*

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. (MVCAA) hosted a Stand Against Poverty Parade on Friday, May 31, 2019 along South Street in Utica. Mohawk Valley Community Action is a resource for people living in poverty in Oneida and Herkimer Counties, providing direct services and support for education, employment and family support services.

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### *Opportunities for Otsego Partners with Oneonta City School District for Summer Meal Program*

Students enrolled in the Oneonta City School District and their families will have access to free lunch this summer thanks in part to a collaboration between Opportunities for Otsego and the Oneonta City School District. Opportunities for Otsego and the Oneonta City School District have teamed up to offer bus transportation to Neahwa Park for the Summer Meal Program from July 8th through August 23rd.

“The summer months are financially challenging, particularly for low-income families, when school-based meal and recreational programs are not available. We hope through this initiative to ease the burden on families and promote healthy childhoods”, Said Megan Martin, Opportunities for Otsego Planning and Research director. To find meal sites in your community, [click here](#).

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### *Free Job Listings for members*

Below is a listing current openings. Click on an item to view the job details.



Do you need to get the word out about a job opportunity at your agency? [Click here to view CA job listings and add your own!](#)

## National Professional Development Opportunities

### Community Action Partnership

#### 2019 Annual Convention

Chicago, IL

August 26th-27th, Pre-Convention Training

August 28th-30th, Annual Convention

[Click here](#) for more information.

#### NASCSP

#### 2019 Annual Training Conference

Little Rock, Arkansas

September 23-27

[Click here](#) for more information.

# 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.*



## Our Agencies

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](#) \* [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 Community Action, 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](#)

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