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## Region II Information

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[2019 RPIC Region II Conference](#)

Thank you to all who attended the 2019 RPIC Region II Leadership, Finance, and Human Resources Conference in Binghamton, New York. We hope that you left with new tools, resources, and peer contacts to assist you in your outstanding work!

<p><b>Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p>Keynote Presenter, Ethan Chazin, addresses the body of conference attendees during his opening session, "Unleash Your People's Untapped Potential", on day one of the conference.</p>	 <p><b>Networking Reception</b></p>	<p><b>Talking Community Action</b></p> <p>Manny and Donovan take time to talk about issues important to Community Action during a break at the conference.</p>
 <p>Ethan Chazin, MBA</p>	<p><b>Networking Reception</b></p> <p>Conference guests were invited to a Networking Reception, presented by Mutual of America, on night one of the conference.</p>	 <p>Donnovan Beckford, CEO of WestCOP with Manuel A. Rosa, Director of Division of Community Services</p>

## Counting Young Children in the 2020 Census

An estimated 5 percent of kids under the age of 5 weren't counted in the 2010 Census. That's about 1 million young children, the highest of any age group.

Everyone is needed to help close this gap in the 2020 Census. [Click here](#) to see what the research tells us about why young children are missed and what you can do to help make sure they are all counted.

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

Common situations where young children aren't counted



The child splits time between two homes.

The child lives or stays with another family or with another relative such as a grandparent.



The child lives in a lower income household.

## Census Bureau Launches Updated Website

The U.S. Census Bureau recently launched a new version of [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov). The new website adds [features, resources, and materials](#) to help inform the public about the 2020 Census.

The site includes dozens of new "Statistics in Schools" materials, a new webpage to share facts about the 2020 Census, information on applying for jobs, and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

A "[Fighting 2020 Census Rumors](#)" page is designed to share the facts about the 2020 Census and fight misinformation. Users can report false information to [rumors@census.gov](mailto:rumors@census.gov) or visit the webpage to get 2020 Census facts.

Highlighted new features:

- Full site [translation into Spanish](#)
- Increase in mobile organization
- New information on the [count of young children](#)
- Updated [resources and information for census partners](#) that can be filtered by language

## 2018 Census Poverty & Health Insurance Data Released

On September 10th, the U.S. Census Bureau released its latest data on income, earnings, income inequality, and poverty. The report finds that median household income, controlling for inflation, increased by .9 percent in the past year, while the official poverty rate has dropped 0.5 percentage points, from 12.3 to 11.8 percent, which is statistically significant. However, the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) -- which factors in tax credits, government assistance programs, and expenses -- indicates no statistical difference in the amount of Americans living in poverty from 2017 to 2018, nearly half of which are living below 50 percent of the poverty threshold, otherwise known as "deep poverty." Moreover, the poverty rate among both African-Americans and Hispanics remained more than twice the rate among non-Hispanic whites, which was 8.1 percent.

[Click here](#) to read the U.S. Census Bureau's press release. Also, please visit the [Income and Poverty](#) page for more reports and links to applicable data.

## Measuring the Nation's Social and Economic Well-Being

		2017	2018
\$	Median household income (in 2018 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$62,626	\$63,179
%	Percentage of people in poverty	12.3%	11.8%
+/-	Supplemental Poverty Measure*	13.0%	13.1%
+	Percentage of people without health insurance coverage*	7.9%	8.5%

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Source: Current Population Survey, 2017 and 2018  
Annual Social and Economic Supplements  
www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps

## Income Gap Between Rich and Poor Continues to Grow, with Deadly Effects

The expanding gap between rich and poor is widening the gulf in incomes and wealth in America. It is helping the rich lead longer lives, while cutting short the lives of those who are struggling, according to [a study](#) released by the Government Accountability Office.

Almost three-quarters of rich Americans who were in their 50s and 60s in 1992 were still alive in 2014. Conversely, just over half of poor Americans in their 50s and 60s in 1992 lived to see to 2014. To read the full article, [click here](#).



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## Weatherization Day - October 30th, 2019

Each year, communities across the country mark October 30th as National Weatherization Day.

Weatherization Day is an opportunity to highlight the impact of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) which saves energy, improves the health and safety of homes, and supports jobs and small businesses. [#WeatherizationWorks](#)

[The 2019 Weatherization Day Toolkit](#) contains social media and other communication resources to help you plan your Weatherization Day activities. This includes pre-made Tweets and Facebook posts, communications and messaging tips, info graphics and more!

**Weatherization Day  
October 30, 2019**



State and Local WAP agencies plan events and actions each year to showcase Weatherization Day such as community celebrations or WAP site visits with members of Congress. Many WAP programs are featured in the press and many Governors officially issue a Weatherization Day Proclamation. Please share your Weatherization Day activities with us! You can send all news, photos, and events to NYSCAA to highlight within the network. Please email Charles Barbay at [cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org](mailto:cbarbay@nyscommunityaction.org)!

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## "Stalling Dreams: How Student Debt is Disrupting Life Chances and Widening the Racial Wealth Gap"

The [Institute on Assets and Social Policy \(IASP\)](#) at Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University released powerful findings on the destructive long-term impacts of holding student loans, especially for first generation students and students of color.

"Stalling Dreams: How Student Debt is Disrupting Life Chances and Widening the Racial Wealth Gap" reveals how student loans widen the racial wealth gap and threaten long-term economic security for those who cannot count on family wealth to support their educational ambitions.

The authors emphasize that a public commitment to supporting students in higher education is needed, helping current student loan holders as well as future generations. [Click here](#) to download the full report.

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# National Professional Development Opportunities

**Community Action Partnership  
2020 Management & Leadership Training Conference  
San Juan, Puerto Rico**

January 8th-10th, Training Conference  
[Click here](#) for more information.



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