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Region II News

Community Action Partnership of New Jersey (CAPNJ) News

CAPNJ Hosts Virtual Events to Promote Community Action Month

Throughout New Jersey, May included many different virtual events and some in-person events to promote May as Community Action Month. While everything still looks different, the month of May and the activities to market and to promote Community Action Month provided a sense of returned normalcy throughout New Jersey. The focus on Community Action Month included resolutions marking the history and work of Community Action, smaller events promoting literacy, vaccine outreach, and education providing testimony of the trust the community places in Community Action, and other events creating an opportunity to reduce bias and promote social justice.

CAPNJ's work continues in June with the final Passage of Legislation Enabling the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In addition, several agencies have



scheduled events in June with a message of “hope and healing” as the theme to bring community partners again together. Finally, the excitement for an upcoming CAP Jazz Festival in Atlantic City on September 18th at the Hard Rock Hotel is also on all of our calendars.

September 18, 2021 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
Visit www.capjazzfest.com to get tickets!

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Puerto Rico Community Action Association (PRCAA) News

Acción Social de Puerto Rico, Inc. (ASPRI) Provides Tablets

Aiming to continue joining efforts to develop initiatives for the elderly, Acción Social de Puerto Rico and MCS sign a collaborative agreement. Through this alliance, MCS donated 102 tablets so that our participants from the Multiple Services Centers for the Elderly can continue participating in services and workshops virtually.

ASPRI, Inc. provides the elderly population with limited economic resources, integrated services in social work, health, nutrition, transportation, socialization, and recreation according to their individual and group needs. The program promotes the improvement or maintenance of adequate and dignified living conditions, family and generational integration, and social responsibility towards the elderly. Additionally, ASPRI, Inc. provides lunchboxes to individuals with disabilities and the elderly, who cannot meet their food needs independently and do not have family resources available. The CAA assists with inspiring respect for the dignity of the elderly and recognizing their value in society by family members, entities, and the community in general. Learn more about ASPRI, Inc. [here](#).



New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA) News

The 2021 New York State Poverty Report is Now Available!

We are pleased to present our newly updated online edition of the [New York State Poverty Report!](#) The report provides a statewide look at poverty. This tool is a comprehensive resource for New York State's Community Action Agencies (CAAs), community-based organizations, policymakers, advocates, community coalitions, and the general public.

Included in the 2021 Poverty Report:

- The New York State Poverty Profile
- US Poverty Profile
- A Comparative Look at New York's County and City Poverty Levels
- [Poverty Levels for New York State's Congressional Districts](#)
- Data Key



Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) - Partnering with the Community to Fill the Truck!

In May, the [Commission on Economic Opportunity \(CEO\)](#) partnered with a number of community organizations to Fill the Truck! Working together with several local businesses, CEO staff and their Board Members worked to collect personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and much more to help stock their Food Pantry. Keeping a healthy stock of personal hygiene items, in addition to food, is essential to make sure community members have access to the supplies they need most.

[Click here](#) to donate to the Commission on Economic Opportunity.



National Partner Information

National Partner Resources on Covid-19

In light of increasing concerns about a broader coronavirus outbreak and the impacts on normal business operations, the national partners have compiled resources that are available to the Community Action network.

- [CDC's COVID-19 Site](#)
- [CAP's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)
- [CAPLAW's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)
- [NASCCSP's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) - Community Action COVID-19 Response Story Templates

NCAP has partnered with Strategic America to produce a series of [Community Action COVID-19 Response Story Templates](#) for CAAs to promote their work during the pandemic. NCAP has ready-to-go and customizable design materials for one-pager documents, social media graphics, and email templates.



National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) - Resources to Promote the Importance of Getting Vaccinated

With vaccination distribution efforts rapidly increasing, NCAP has put together a list of resources from the [CDC](#) and [FEMA](#). CAAs and state associations can use these materials in their efforts to support and promote the vaccination movement. This list includes websites with more detailed vaccination information, printable posters and other resources. NCAP encourages the use of accurate information as you create materials to use when reaching out to local communities and within an agency. [Click here](#) to download the resources.



CAPLAW - New CDC Guidance: Implications for CAAs

This CAPLAW News Flash addresses a few key questions that CAAs may have regarding the new CDC COVID-19 safety guidance.



"On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released updated safety guidelines for people fully vaccinated against COVID-19. In a major departure from its past guidance, the CDC states that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask or physically distance in any indoor or outdoor setting unless required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, or regulations. The new guidance also clarifies that fully vaccinated people do not need to test, quarantine, or be restricted from work following known exposure to COVID-19, if they are asymptomatic unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter. However, they should still monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days following an exposure..."

[Click here](#) to download the full News Flash from CAPLAW.

Additional Resources

Community Corps - We Can Do This

The Biden Administration has launched a new initiative to boost COVID -19 vaccinations. With the tagline "**We Can Do This,**" the **Community Corps is a coalition of community, religious organizations along with celebrity partners who are coming together to promote vaccination.** Community Action Agencies and State Associations are encouraged to sign up and become a Community Corps organization. Once the organization is a member, you will receive timely and accurate information to share and access resources to build confidence in your communities and more.



[Click here](#) to sign up to be a COVID Community Corps organization.

Federal Communications Commission - Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB) Program Goes Live!

On May 12th, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [opened enrollment for the Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#), a temporary program that helps households afford internet services and equipment during the pandemic. The program offers eligible households a monthly discount of up to \$50 (up to \$75 on Tribal lands) for broadband service and associated equipment rentals. The EBB also offers a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. Eligible households can enroll



through an approved provider or by visiting [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband). The FCC has also published an [EBB outreach toolkit](#) with info-graphics, multilingual flyers, and FAQs.



Kaiser Family Foundation - Latinos and the Nation's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

The [Kaiser Family Foundation \(KFF\)](#) and [UnidosUS](#) presented an [interactive web event](#) on Thursday, May 20th on the latest insights on what is working and what barriers must be overcome in ensuring equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccines for Latinos in the US, including new KFF survey findings from the community.

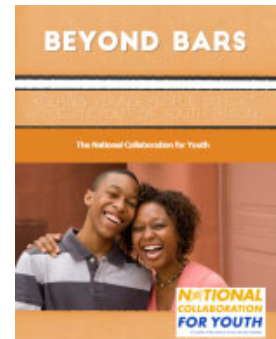


KFF's analysis of state-reported data shows Hispanic and Black people have received smaller shares of vaccinations compared to their share of cases and their share of the population in most states. New KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor data finds that access barriers and information gaps may be contributing to lower rates. Closing these gaps will be vital to mitigating long-standing health and economic disparities and the disproportionate toll the pandemic has taken on these communities.

- [Greater than COVID YouTube Channel](#)
- COVID Questions Answered - [English](#) and [Spanish](#) versions available.
- [COVID Vaccinations and Black America](#)

National Human Services Assembly - Beyond Bars: Keeping Young People Safe At Home and Out of Youth Prisons

"Beyond Bars: Keeping Young People Safe at Home and Out of Youth Prisons" is a publication of the National Collaboration for Youth, produced with significant input and work from National Assembly and NCY member, Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. The report should serve as a handbook for juvenile justice administrators, legislators, judges, the non-profit community, and youth advocates for how to end the practice of youth incarceration, promote public safety, and restore a sense of belonging for our young people in their homes and neighborhoods.



The collective experience tells us that communities often characterized by intense needs also have extraordinary assets that can be easily overlooked. We need to advocate for leveraging those assets as one means to meet those intense needs and providing greater resources for neighborhood-based services and programs.

[Click here](#) for more information and to download the complete report.

National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM) - Vaccine Central

Immunization rates in the United States are often lower among people born in another country. To avoid compounding the pandemic's burden on refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) communities, local governments must make vaccination more accessible. This will require overcoming barriers to vaccination due to:

- Cultural factors
- Knowledge and beliefs about a disease or vaccine
- Healthcare access



Health departments, community-based organizations, and others have [free access to this initial set of resources](#) that support vaccine planning, roll-out, knowledge, and confidence among RIM communities. Please [check back](#) regularly as we will continue to update resources as they become available

National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM) - Scaling Up COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation Strategies with Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Communities

You can [apply now](#) to get up to \$250,000 for your innovative COVID-19 education, testing, contact tracing, vaccination, and other prevention and mitigation strategies in [refugee, immigrant, and migrant \(RIM\) communities](#).

Local health departments (LHDs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) can be most effective when they work together in partnership. That's why NRC-RIM is partnering with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide funding and technical assistance to LHDs and their RIM community partners.



Even if a local health department does not yet have an established relationship with a community partner, it is never too late to commit to working together on the COVID-19 response.

The goals of this funding are:

- Improve COVID-19 prevention and mitigation
- Reduce inequities in COVID-19 morbidity and mortality
- Identify best practices and sustainable models for preventing COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Wipfli - Stronger to Serve 2021 Wipfli Virtual Training Experience

Wipfli is offering a unique virtual conference experience. Need help breaking down regulations, staffing strategies, finances, or funding trends? The Stronger to Serve 2021 Wipfli Virtual Training Experience is designed specifically for Community Action Partnerships and nonprofit organizations.



The Virtual Training Experience is **online July 26-30**, with content available on-demand for two additional weeks. Search the detailed schedule on the [conference website](#) and [register](#) to save your spot, today.

National Professional Development Opportunities

CAPLAW

2021 Virtual Training Conference

June 29 - July 1, 2021

[Click here](#) to learn more.

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

[2021 Annual Convention](#)

Pre-Convention Training: August 30-31, 2021

Core Convention: September 1-3, 2021

Boston Marriott - Boston, MA

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)

2021 Annual Training Conference - Presented Virtually

September 13-17, 2021

National Community Action Foundation (NCAF)

2021 Conference

[2021 NCAF Conference](#)

September 27, 28, & October 4, 2021

Second Official Fly-In Day - October 5, 2021



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