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CREATIVE USES OF CARES FUNDING

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Creative uses of CARES funding



Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc
Presented by: Jane Drapeaux, CEO



We are HACAP - a diverse, community-focused nonprofit dedicated to the sustained improvement of human life in our communities. As one of sixteen Iowa community action agencies, we provide flexible and adaptive programs and services that work toward removing the barriers to self-sufficiency. HACAP provides service in nine counties in Iowa: Benton, Dubuque, Delaware, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington. We build collaboration among for-profit, nonprofit, faith-based, service groups and community members in order to make stronger, healthier communities.



Mission

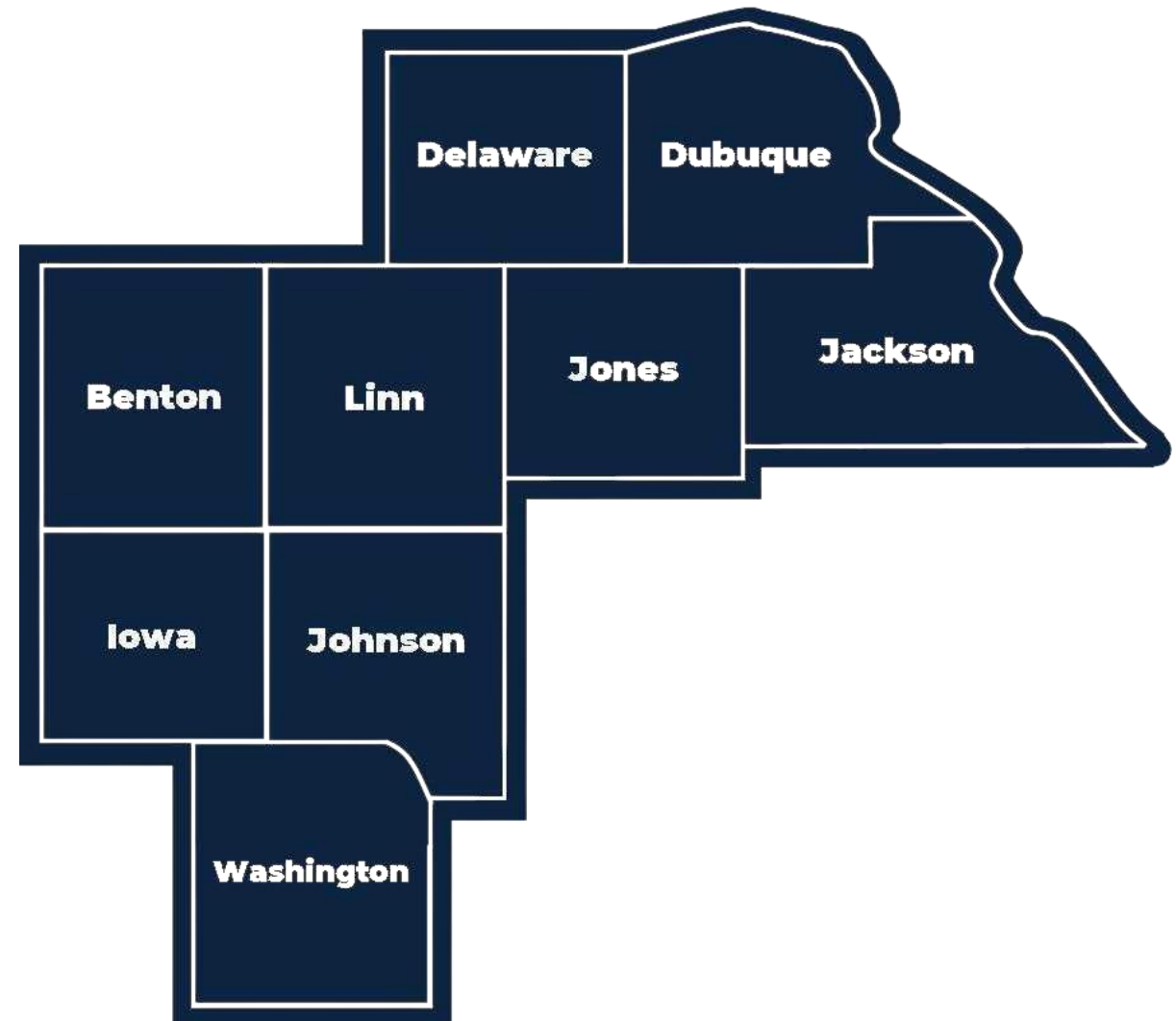
Helping people develop skills
to become successful and
build strong communities

Vision

A thriving community where all people
have the opportunities for success

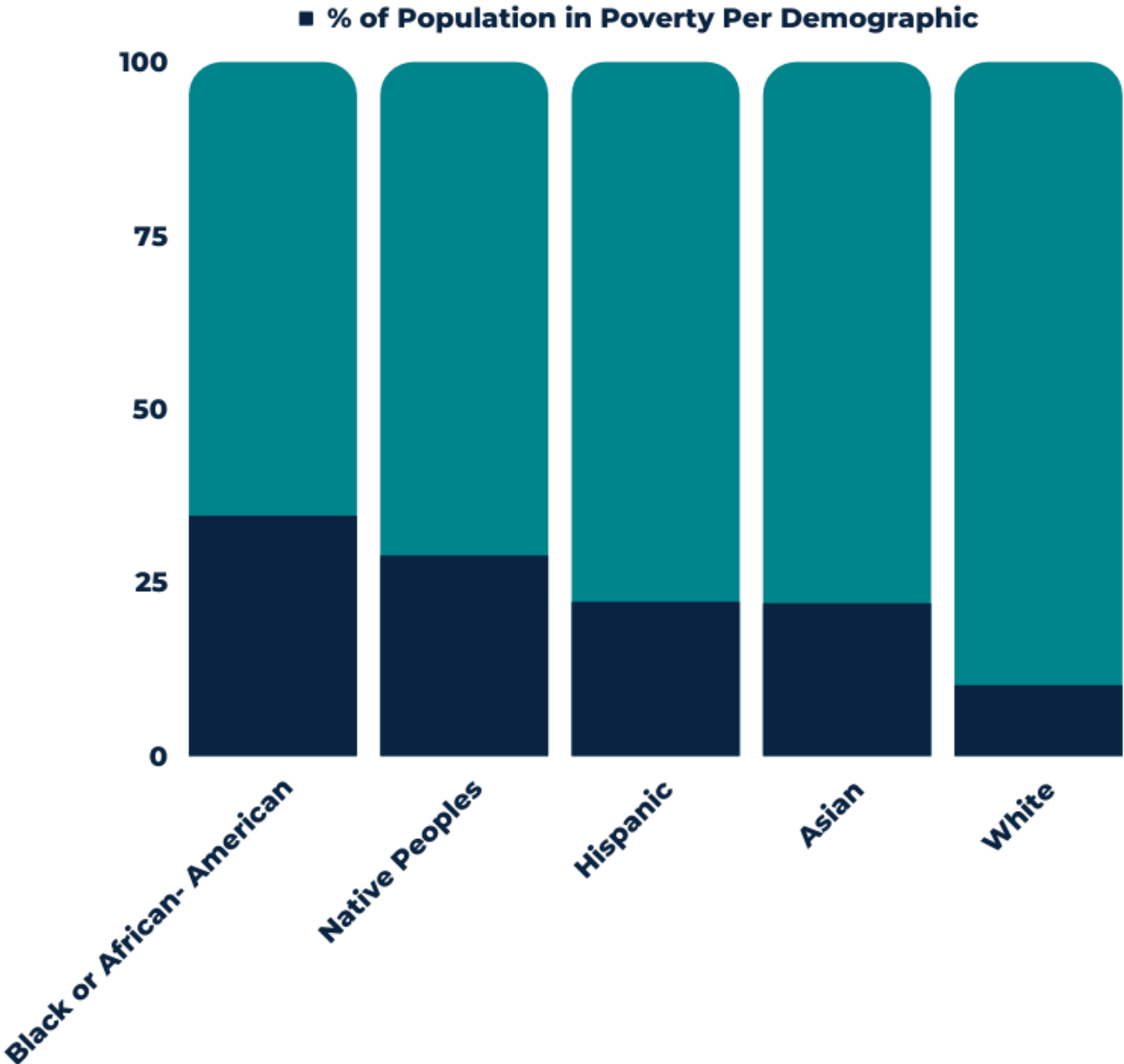
We are HACAP

- » Our core service area extends to 9 counties in east-central Iowa
- » The annual agency budget is \$50 million-plus
- » Serve 72,000 people each year
- » 350 team members
- » Administer over 45 programs



Percent of Racial or Ethnic Group in Poverty, HACAP Service Area

- 34.6%** Black or African American
- 28.9%** Native Peoples
- 22.2%** Hispanic
- 22%** Asian
- 10.2%** White



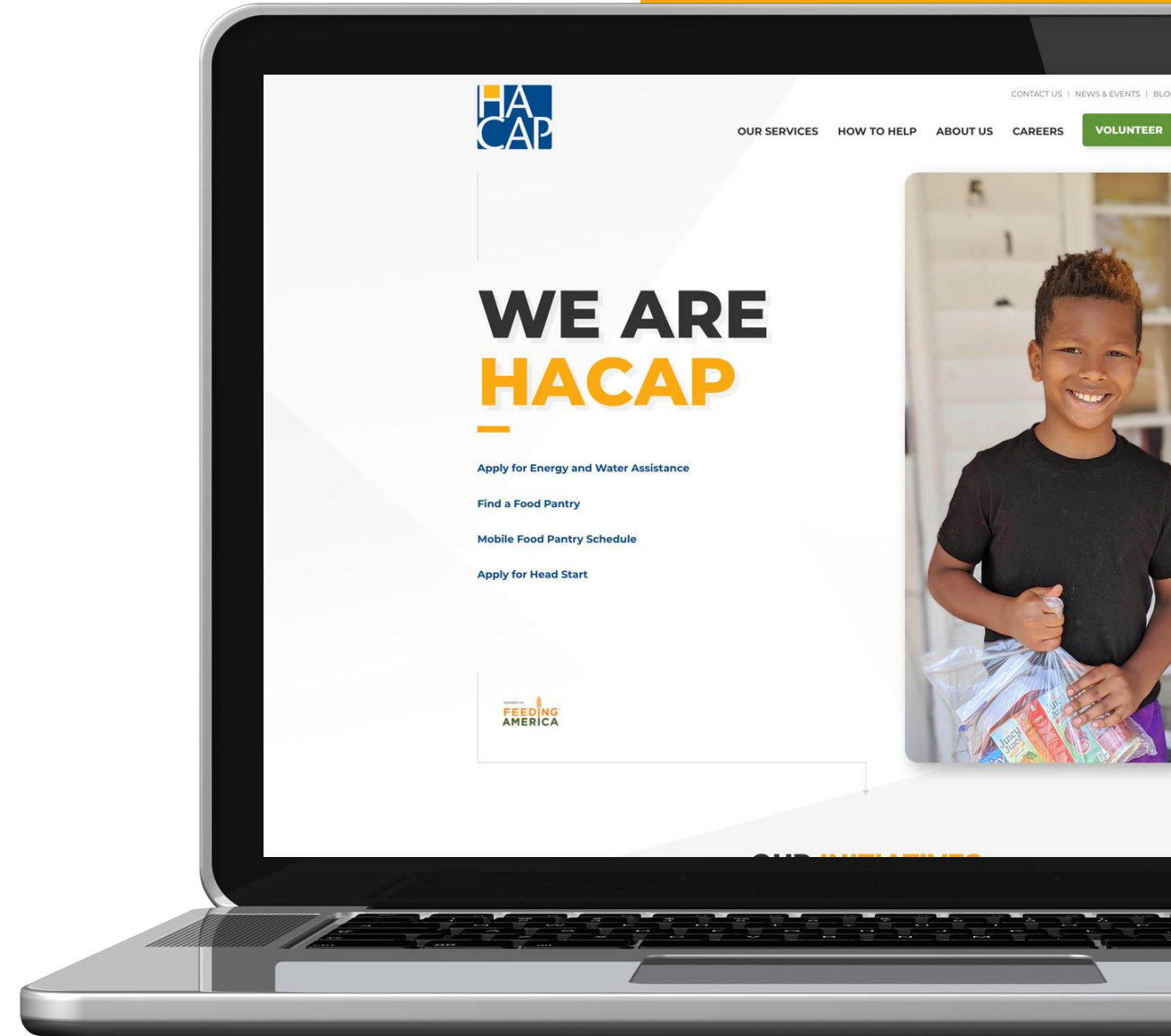
CARES CSBG: Innovative Solutions and Inspiring Results



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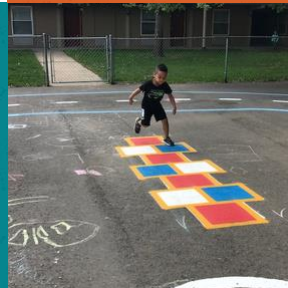
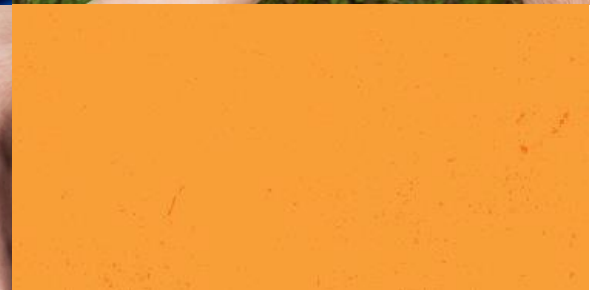
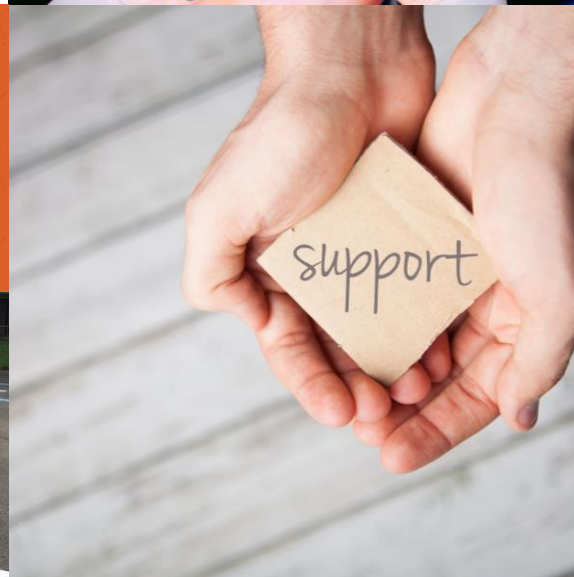


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Thank you!



Keeping our Community Action Network Open for Business – Now and into the Future



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*Presented by Deb Polun
Executive Director
CT Association for Community Action*

Incorporated in 1974, the Connecticut Association for Community Action, Inc. (CAFCA) is the state association for Connecticut's nine Community Action Agencies.

Mission

To support, strengthen, and promote the work of the Community Action Agencies statewide to advance economic, racial, and social justice.

Vision

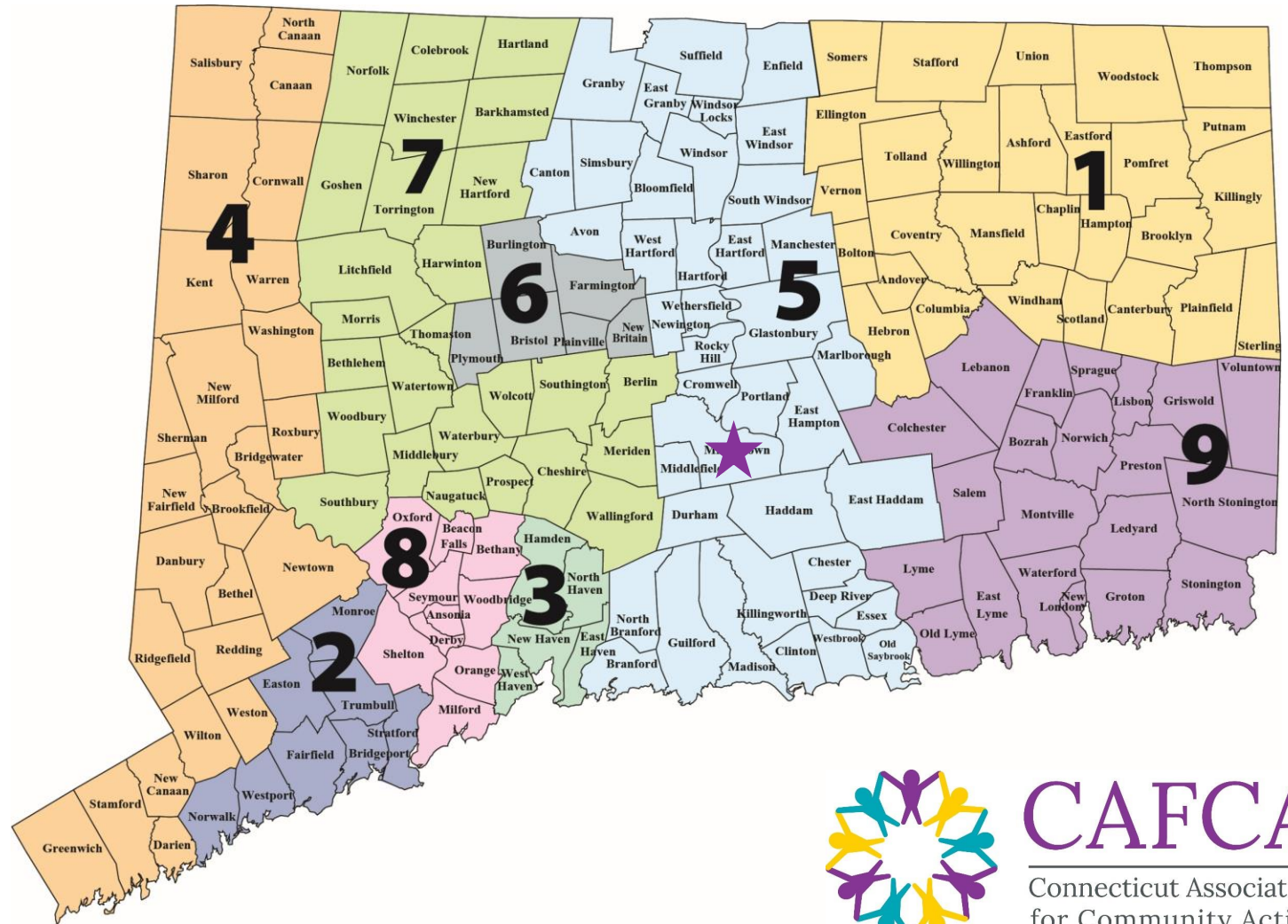
A just and equitable world where socially and economically disadvantaged people thrive and realize their highest potential.



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Connecticut's Community Action Agencies

1. Access Community Action Agency
2. Alliance for Community Empowerment
3. Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)
4. Community Action Agency of Western CT, Inc. (CAAWC)
5. Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)
6. Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA)
7. New Opportunities, Inc.
8. TEAM, Inc.
9. Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)



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CARES Act Project

Continuity of Operations Plans

Through a partnership with our state office at the Connecticut Department of Social Services, CAFCA is administering a \$99,000 project to develop Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) for the nine CAAs and the state association.

An additional \$17,000+ was identified to fund tabletop exercises in July, 2022, so agencies can practice utilizing the COOPs.



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What's in a COOP?

A COOP is needed when you have:

A loss of technology **OR** A loss of workplace **OR** A loss of personnel

The objective of the COOP is to provide the information & procedures necessary to:

- Respond to a business interruption
- Assemble continuity teams
- Coordinate recovery of data and access to data and network systems
- Resume operations to ensure minimal disruption to the Agency, its operations, and its services.



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Why COOPs?



Snowtober: October, 2011



Superstorm Sandy: October, 2012



Tropical Storm Isaias: August, 2020



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What's in a COOP?

COOPs provide:

- How to determine if you need to operationalize it/Who determines this
- What to do for each program: Who, What, When, How
- Who to tell for each program: When, How
- Performance Goals for getting back up and running
- Coordination plans
- Sample media statements

... and more!



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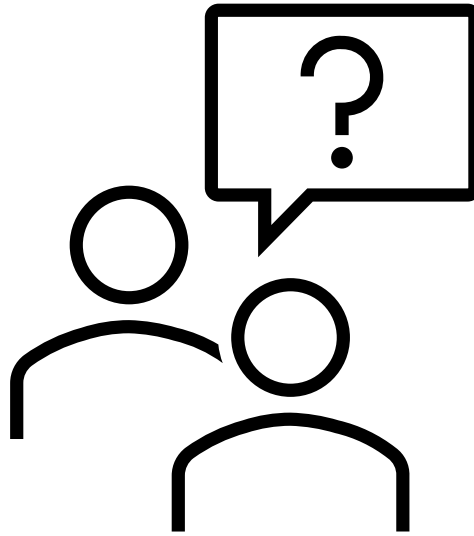


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Questions?



Promote the #ChildTaxCredit

Have you heard about the Child Tax Credit?

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) has been raised for 2021! Receiving your money is easy. So how do you receive the CTC?

File your taxes! Eligible families can receive up to \$3600 for each child aged 5 or under at the end of 2021 and up to \$3000 for each child ages 6 through 17 at the end of 2021.

**It's not too late
to get up to
\$3600 per child
on your tax
returns!**

More info available at: <https://communityactionpartnership.com/child-tax-credit-resources/>
The IRS: <https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021>

CTC Postcard

tinyurl.com/26vy7npp

Community Action and the Child Tax Credit

Background

The American Rescue Plan raised the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and made it fully refundable for eligible families. Families can receive up to \$3600 per child age 5 and under, as well as up to \$3000 per child ages 6 to 17. There is no minimum income for receiving the expanded CTC! The refunds also can't be garnished by the government. The CTC expansion has been immensely helpful to families around the United States; it has kept millions of children from poverty, reduced food insecurity, and continues to make distribution of the credit more equitable.

Community Action's Crucial Role in Families Receiving CTC Funds

The Community Action Network is committed to helping people and changing lives. Ensuring that every eligible family in our communities can access these funds is part of that promise. Historically, families in disadvantaged or marginalized communities have had the most difficulty accessing this credit so they have the most to gain from the expansion. Many of the families are served by Community Action Agencies, and we can assist them in filing taxes to get the money they deserve. So let's make it happen!

Resources

Resources from Community Action:
<https://communityactionpartnership.com/child-tax-credit-resources/>
IRS Information: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>
Where can people file for free? <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

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CTC One-Pager

tinyurl.com/2p88d2s5

More Resources:

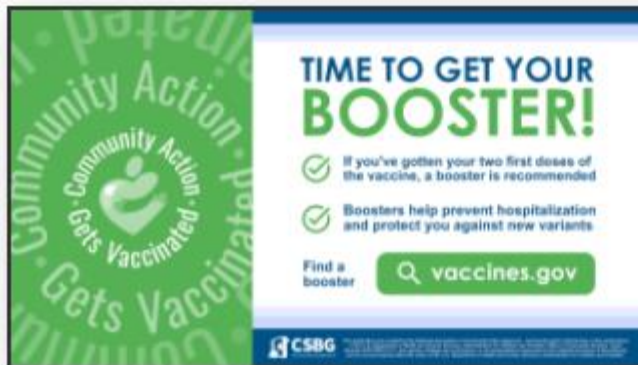
[Child Tax Credit Resources](#)

New Videos:

[File Your Taxes to Get Your Child Tax Credit \(Spanish Version\)](#)

[Three Mothers Share About the Child Tax Credit and How It Has Helped Their Families](#)

Community Action Gets Vaccinated

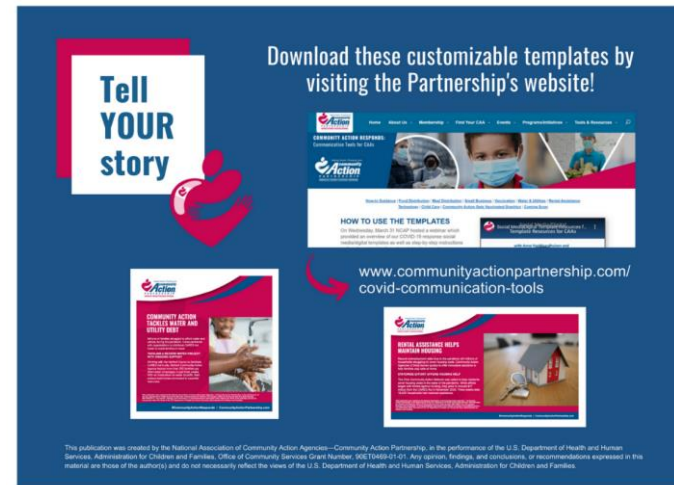


Reports and Templates

[Covid-19: Community Action Responded Quickly in the Early Days of the Pandemic](#)

[How the Community Action Network is Responding to COVID-19](#)

[Resources for Telling Your Story](#)



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Thank you!

