

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION

TENNESSEE TOGETHER

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*Tennessee Association
of Community Action*



WHO WE ARE

The Tennessee Association of Community Action (TACA) is the umbrella organization of Tennessee's 95 Community Action Agencies (CAAs).

WHAT IS OUR MISSION

TACA strives to empower the statewide Community Action Network through advocacy, training, and technical assistance to promote self-sufficiency among the poor, especially vulnerable populations.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY?

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are private nonprofit or public organizations created out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to combat poverty.

A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY:

- Has received designation as a Community Action Agency either from the local government under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, or from the state under the Community Services Block Grant of 1981 as amended; and,
- Has a governing tripartite board consisting of at least one-third democratically selected representatives of low-income people (maximum feasible participation), one third local public officials or their designee, and the remainder are representatives of business, social welfare, religious, and other private groups in the community.

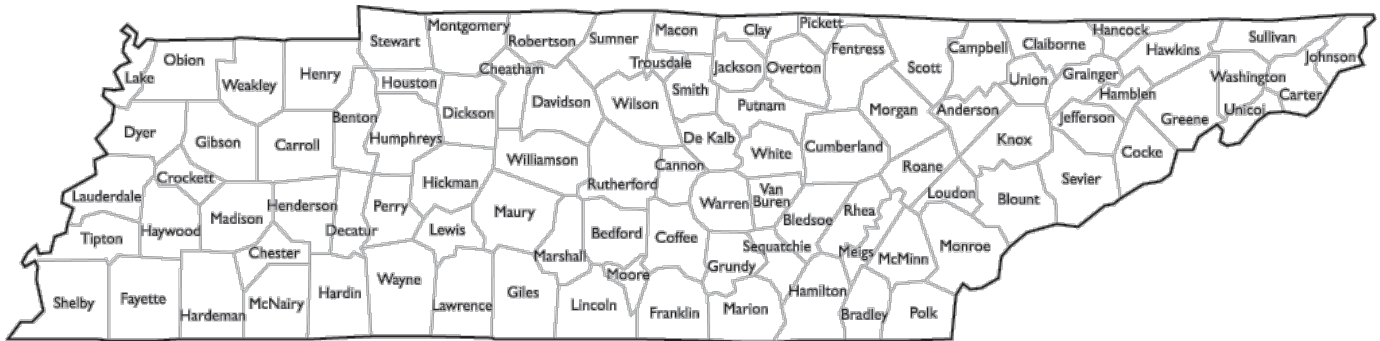
Through maximum feasible participation CAAs assess community needs and resources, establish priorities, determine strategies to address local poverty issues, and deliver a board range of services to create economic opportunity. In collaboration with partners, agencies produce outcomes to move individuals and families forward to self-sufficiency and bring about changes in the community.

THE STATE OF POVERTY IN TENNESSEE

- **POVERTY RATE** - Over 18 percent of people in Tennessee had incomes below the poverty line (\$24,000 for a family of four) in 2014. Tennessee ranked 45th in the nation. Only five states had more people living in poverty.
- **CHILD POVERTY RATE** - Over 25 percent of children under age 18 in Tennessee had incomes below the poverty line in 2014.
- **POVERTY RATE FOR WORKING-AGE WOMEN** - Almost 20 percent of working-age women (ages 18 to 64) had incomes below the poverty line in 2014.
- **INCOME INEQUALITY** - The share of income going to the top 20 percent of households in Tennessee was 16 times that going to the bottom 20 percent of households in 2014.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - For Tennessee in 2014, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment averaged \$729 per month. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, a household had to earn \$29,171 per year. This level of income translates into an hourly housing wage of \$14.02 per hour. Affordability is based on a household paying no more than 30 percent of income on housing expenses (rent and utilities).
- **HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY** - Over 16 percent of households in Tennessee were food insecure from 2012 to 2014, meaning at some point during the year, they experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of money or resources.

Data compiled by National Low Income Housing Coalition and Feeding America.

MAP OF AGENCIES



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TENNESSEE'S CAAS SERVING

In 2013 - 2014, Tennessee's Community Action Agencies with their network of partners produced significant positive outcomes for people and communities in need. All 20 agencies provided programs and services in 100 percent of Tennessee's counties.

- **403,128** Low-income individuals were served.
- **76 %** of families served lived below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- **30%** of families served lived in severe poverty (below 50% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines).
- Vulnerable populations served included 127,645 children, 103,133 seniors, 128,936 people with disabilities, and 68,206 people who lacked health insurance.

808,390
Outcomes Achieved

**See how as a result of these outcomes,
lives have been changed, opportunities broadened
and communities made better for all.**

TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR LATOYA

Latoya's Letter...

My name is Latoya Strayhom-Rich. I am a single mother of 3 children. I graduated high school at the age of 17 years old and began working immediately. I got married at the age of 18 and had my first child at 20. My husband and I separated and divorced in 2008. I met my ex-boyfriend 2 years later and 2 years later had my second child. After only being with my ex-boyfriend for 2 months, he started physically and emotionally abusing me. He didn't allow me to work nor be around family and friends. I thought I would never get out of that relationship alive or ever be able to work again. After leaving my ex in 2014, I became a single parent with no help nor money. I got on family assistance, also known as welfare and started receiving food stamps. With 3 kids I was only getting \$185 a month, which was hardly enough to survive. Human Services put me on a work program where I had to start doing community service in order to keep getting my \$185 a month. They placed me at Northwest (Tennessee Economic Development Council).

When I first started at Northwest I had hardly any work experience, communication skills, or any skills at all. Mrs. Amber Gilmer and staff took me under their wings and started teaching me skills and showed me numerous things that I had no clue would change my life forever. Mrs. Amber Gilmer and staff not only taught me skills but they also got me to open up and gave me hope again.

With Northwest resources I was able to attend a CNA program, which I passed. I found a job, and I'm proud and glad to say I'm full-time with benefits. My kids and I are so happy and thankful!

I thought I was always going to be a statistic. I thought I would always be a struggling single parent with just a dream, but with the hope, the vision, and skills Northwest gave me, I was able to turn my nightmare into a success story. I will forever be thankful for all the help and services I received, and for that I will continue to be a dedicated and proud Northwest volunteer.



TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR DREAMS

Sycamore Shoals, located in Elizabethton, Tennessee, played a pivotal role not only in Tennessee history, but in the American Revolution. It is the site of the first permanent American settlement outside the 13 original colonies. In September 2015, Elizabethton became a permanent place too; home, to Ms. L. and her daughter as she purchased her first home through Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency's Individual Development Account Program!

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are matched savings accounts that help people with low to modest means save towards the purchase of a lifelong asset, such as a home. Participants are also required to complete both a homebuyer's course and financial literacy course.

Ms. L. began this journey at age twenty-eight with her four-year old daughter who has a very rare medical condition preventing her from walking. Ms. L. had been working at a weight loss clinic for three years. She enrolled in UETHDA's IDA Program with the goal of saving for a home for her and her daughter.

Ms. L. attended homebuyer's classes through Eastern Eight Community Development Corporation. Here she learned all aspects of purchasing a home; from how to apply for a mortgage, to title searches, to home maintenance. She also attended financial literacy classes which helped her learn not only how to save money now, but also how to continue to save in the future.

UETHDA IDA staff provided Ms. L. with continuous counseling as she worked to save money each month. It was not easy for Ms. L., but with the right tools, encouragement and support, she was able to stay on track.

IDA Program partners Eastern Eight CDC, the Bank of Tennessee, USDA Rural Housing and Home Depot all worked together alongside UETHDA to make the dream of buying a home for Ms. L. and her daughter come true!



TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Building Bridges From Education To Career

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority continues to build bridges from education to career with the Teacher Externship Program. Externships are an innovative approach to providing greater career opportunities for students, supporting and supplementing traditional job shadowing and internships for students.

The Teacher Externship Program helps to bridge the gap between the classroom and the world of work by bringing teachers into the workplace for one week. The externships take place during the summer months or during the school breaks and teachers have the opportunity to incorporate this knowledge into lesson plans for their students.

In 2015, the program expanded from Hamblen County to include Jefferson and Grainger counties. Douglas-Cherokee hosts the program through a workforce and education partnership.

Teachers submitted applications, with supervisors and principals participating in the selection process. The teachers selected began by studying the Pathways to Prosperity Report and viewing a success in the economy video. In early spring, the teachers gathered for a panel with local employers, chamber of commerce members and a former Hamblen County teacher. Discussions included the soft skills needed in the workforce and curriculum.

Following the panel discussion, teachers had tours of local community colleges Walters State Community College and the Tennessee Center of Advanced Technology of Morristown. This allowed the teachers to see the schools, what was being taught and how it connected to their own classrooms.

The first week of June the externship began. Teachers were split into pairs and sent to three Morristown manufacturing companies. Each team worked full shifts for five days where they spent time in each department, which allowed them to see every aspect of manufacturing. K.C. Curberson-Alvarado, former Douglas-Cherokee workforce and education partnership director, said, “It was eye opening for them to see the machining that is there. They didn’t realize the education that was involved. They have seen it now, so they will be able to give real world scenarios to their students to explain why the information is important,” added Curberson-Alvarado.

Through the funding of the East Tennessee Regional Agribusiness Marketing Authority, Douglas-Cherokee was able to pay the teachers for their time as well as make resources available to them to implement the information learned during the externship into the classroom. Those teachers were then able to share their lesson plans with other teachers and inspire professional development. *The Teacher Externship Program continues, with the 2016 class and partners pictured.*



TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR INNOVATION

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE AWARDED GREEN LIGHT AWARD



Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee was awarded the 2015 Green Light Award of Excellence by the local branch of the U.S. Green Building Council. USGBC celebrates Knoxville area organizations that demonstrate leadership in advancing sustainability.

CAC Executive Director Barbara Kelly said, “We’re so committed to sustainability and to making sure low- and moderate-income communities realize the benefits to improving energy efficiency and the environment. We’re thrilled to have the Green Building Council recognize the importance of doing this.”

CAC was recognized for its lead role in a number of projects, including the Knoxville Extreme Energy Makeover (KEEM) and Lead Safe and Healthy Homes programs. CAC administers both of these programs in partnership with the City of Knoxville and has helped hundreds of local families make their homes healthier and more energy-efficient.

CAC also organized the local AmeriCorps program in 1994 — making it one of the longest-running, largest AmeriCorps programs in the state. CAC AmeriCorps members and staff manage various City projects, ranging from educating neighborhoods about disaster preparedness, to maintaining greenways, to developing programs to make the city more environmentally aware. In addition, CAC promotes food security and sustainable agriculture through its operation of Beardsley Urban Community Farm.

“CAC helps people and changes lives, and the Green Light Award recognizes how CAC’s mission also makes Knoxville a more livable and sustainable community for thousands of families,” stated Ervin Gill, Director of the City of Knoxville’s Office of Sustainability. According to Glenn Richters, who chairs the USGBC East Tennessee branch and sits on the state board, the award celebrates the many ways that CAC leads the city in advancing sustainability principals such as energy efficiency, local food, and environmental stewardship and action.



TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Keeping Kids in School . . .

Truancy often leads to dropping out of school, delinquency, and drug abuse. Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA) and their partners in the Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI) recognize that failure to address the underlying needs of at-risk youth in Shelby County could impose staggering economic and social costs on society if these youth are left without adequate education and skills to secure employment and become self-sufficient adults. Thus, TPI collaborates to keep kids in school.

Students experience truancy for several reasons: homelessness, low academic performance, transportation problems, lack of school uniforms, illness (no resources for medical care or supplies), caring for sick parents or siblings, utilities disconnected (unable to wash their clothes), bullying (afraid to go to school), etc. There have also been occasions where parents thought their children were attending regularly (dropped off at school), but were not attending classes.

The first level of intervention to address truancy in the schools involves the Student Advisory Review Team (SART). Students (and parents) who have been identified as being truant (missing five or more days unexcused) are invited to attend a SART Meeting. During the meetings, parents and SART Team members discuss reasons for the truancy and how it can be alleviated. Shelby CSA offers several tools for students and families to address their needs including rent assistance, utility assistance, case management, bus passes, medical prescription assistance, school uniform vouchers, counseling, employment referrals, and advocacy.

Shelby County CSA also participates on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB), which involves those students who have missed 10 or more days. These meetings convene in local police precincts and are the second level of school intervention. SARB members may recommend a court referral; however, the ultimate goal is self-correction.

In addition to Shelby County CSA, TPI partners include the seven Municipal School Districts, the Attorney General's Office, Juvenile Court, the Department of Children's Services, and Shelby County Schools.

In the 2013 - 2014 school year statistics showed a 75 percent decline in truancy from the beginning of the school year. Shelby County Schools' 2015 graduation rate of 75 percent exceed the expectations of the first year goal of Destination 2015, the District's initiative to graduate students on time and ready for post-secondary opportunities.

TENNESSEE TOGETHER FOR SENIORS

SMiles (Senior Miles) Go A Long Way For Seniors

We all know smiling can elevate your mood and make you feel better, and SMiles (Senior Miles) in Blount County can go a long way too in helping seniors keep their independence. SMiles is a senior friendly, door-through-door transportation program for Blount County residents who are over age 60 and in need of affordable, reliable rides for essential trips like medical visits or to pick up groceries. SMiles drivers are volunteers who use their personal automobiles to give rides and are well-screened, trained and supervised.

Blount County Community Action Agency ended 2015 securing funding for the SMiles program for the next few years. According to Joani Shaver, director of the Blount County Office on Aging, SMiles received three years of funding from the Federal Transit Administration and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. TDOT matches the federal funds. Said Shaver, “We’re in good shape for the next three years. We’re running this program for \$67,000 per year — the bargain of the century.”

The average age of the program’s 87 volunteer drivers is 65. The average age of their client is 80. “From year one to year two, our rides increased 63 percent,” Shaver said.

SMiles serves those who are 60 or older, do not drive, are ambulatory and in need of reliable, safe rides for necessary trips. Seniors or their families and friends can purchase a designated number of \$6 round-trip rides in advance with an annual membership fee of \$25. Memberships can be given as gifts or rides can be prepaid for a loved one.



Since the program’s launch on Oct. 1, 2013, SMiles volunteers have given 9,230 rides, covering 53,000 miles in Blount County. Volunteer drivers have donated more than 7,500 hours of time. Dr. Jane Qualls, retired director of Alcoa Schools, has been a volunteer since the beginning. “It’s one of my favorite volunteer things,” she shared. “I try to do at least one a month. Usually, I can do it twice.” SMiles performs a needed service, Qualls said. “It fits a real need the community identified a long time ago.”

TENNESSEE TOGETHER MAXIMIZING OUTCOMES

Community Action Agencies move beyond focusing on one single area of need such as housing, job training or health care to reaching out to low-income and vulnerable people in communities to address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, developing partnerships with other community organizations, involving low-income clients in the agency's operations, and administering a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty. Local agencies provide a unique combination of programming to meet locally determined objectives. Some of these programs include the following:

- Workforce Connections
- Adult Education
- Second Chance Program
- Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Rental Management
- Workforce and Education
- HOME
- Transportation Services
- CAC Americorps
- Project Succeed
- Homebuyer's Education
- Learning Academy
- Educational Opportunity Center
- USDA Commodities
- Income Management/Financial Ed.
- Comprehensive Emergency Assistance
- DUI School
- Neighborhood Stabilization
- Medical Support
- GED Support
- Knoxville Extreme Energy Makeover

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- HOUSE Rehabilitation
- WIA Youth Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Access to Jobs
- Upward Bound
- Community Leadership
- Emergency Assistance
- HUD Housing Assistance
- Juvenile Community Intervention
- Rental Housing Program
- Family Crisis Services
- Information and Referral
- Chore Services, In-Home Care
- Home Delivered Meals
- MAC 4 Jobs
- Weatherization
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Case Management
- SMiles (Senior Miles)
- Clothing and Household Rooms

EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

<i>The number of low-income participants who obtained a job or became self-employed, or for whom barriers to initial or continuous employment were reduced or eliminated as a result of Tennessee Community Action Agencies' Assistance, as measured by one or more of the following:</i>	# of Individuals
Unemployed and obtained a job	3,178
Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	3,555
Employed and obtained an increased in employment income and/or benefits	1,855
Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	1,549
Obtained skills/competencies required for employment	3,065
Completed ABE/GED and received certificate or diploma	882
Completed post-secondary education program and obtained certificate or diploma	811
Enrolled children in before or after school programs	1,770
Obtained care for child or other dependent	6,400
Obtained access to reliable transportation and/or driver's license	2,670
Obtained health care services for self and/or family member	4,709
Obtained and/or maintained safe and affordable housing	5,135
Obtained food assistance	21,014
Obtained non-emergency LIHEAP energy assistance	85,761
Obtained non-emergency WX energy assistance	360
Obtained other non-emergency energy assistance (state/local/private energy programs)	4,114
Total	146,828

ECONOMIC ASSET ENHANCEMENT AND UTILIZATION

<i>Low-income households achieved an increase in financial assets and/or financial skills as a result of Community Action assistance as measured by one or more of the following:</i>	# of Participants
Participants demonstrated ability to complete and maintain a budget for over 90 days	809
Participants opened an Individual Development Account (IDA) or other savings account and the number who increased savings	397
Participants purchased home or other asset with an IDA or savings, pursued post-secondary education or capitalized on a small business	21
Individuals participated in tax preparation programs, qualifying for a tax credit; court order child support payments; those enrolled in telephone lifeline.	3,380
Total	4,607

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

<i>Infants, children, youth, parents, and other adults participated in developmental or enrichment programs; achieving program goals, as measured by one or more of the following:</i>	# of Participants
Infants and children obtained age appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care.	10,813
Infant and child health and physical development were improved as a result of adequate nutrition.	14,367
Children participated in school readiness activities	10,437
Children who participated in school readiness were ready to enter Kindergarten or 1st Grade	5,767
Youth improved health and physical development and social and emotional development	23,380
Youth avoided risk-taking behaviors and reduced involvement with the criminal justice system	4,275
Youth increased academic, athletic, and social skills	8,054
Adults improved parenting skills	7,891
Adults improved family functioning	7,625
Total	92,609

FAMILY STABILITY

<i>Low-income people who were unable to work, especially seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers, for whom barriers to family stability were reduced or eliminated, as measured by one or more of the following:</i>	# of Individuals
Obtained access to reliable transportation and/or driver's license	22,744
Obtained and/or maintained safe and affordable housing	8,542
Obtained health care services for themselves or family member	3,558
Obtained food assistance	48,195
Obtained care for child or other dependent	2,160
Enrolled children in before or after school programs	60
Obtained non-emergency LIHEAP energy assistance	85,217
Obtained other non-emergency energy assistance (State/local/private energy programs)	3,234
Obtained non-emergency Weatherization energy assistance	489
Total	174,199

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

<i>Emergency Assistance provided to low-income individuals included such services as follows:</i>	# of Individuals
Rent or Mortgage Assistance	11,272
Temporary Shelter	1,766
Fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources	61,904
Transportation	2,010
Food	23,907
Medical Care	1,074
Car or Home Repair	253
Protection from Violence	159
Legal Assistance	72
Clothing	1934
Disaster Relief	50
Total	104,401

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

<i>Community Action projects/initiatives or advocacy with other public and private agencies increased or community resources or services and opportunities were safeguarded as measured by one or more of the following:</i>	Number
Safe and affordable housing units were created, improved or preserved through construction, weatherization or rehabilitation by agency activity or advocacy	2,888
Transportation opportunities for low-income people were created, expanded, or saved from elimination	17,187
Educational and training placement opportunities created, expanded, or saved from elimination (including vocational, literacy, and life skill training, ABE/GED, and post secondary education)	3,470
Child care or child development placement opportunities for low-income children were created or saved from reduction or elimination	1,329
Before and after-school program placement opportunities for low-income children were created or saved from reduction or elimination	1,335
Jobs were created, or saved, from reduction or elimination in the community	7
Accessible safe and affordable health care services/facilities for low-income people were created, or saved from reduction or elimination	10
Total	26,226

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

<i>Community members and low-income people mobilized to engage in activities that supported and promoted their own well-being and that of their community as a direct result of CSBG Network initiatives through maximum feasible participation as measured by one of more of the following:</i>	Number
Individuals participated in community revitalization and anti-poverty initiatives	45,440
Low-income people participated in formal community organizations, government, boards or councils that provided input to decision-making and policy-setting	1,717
Low-income people purchased their own home as a result of Community Action assistance	102
Low-income people engaged in non-governance community activities or groups created or supported by Community Action	11,827
Total	59,086

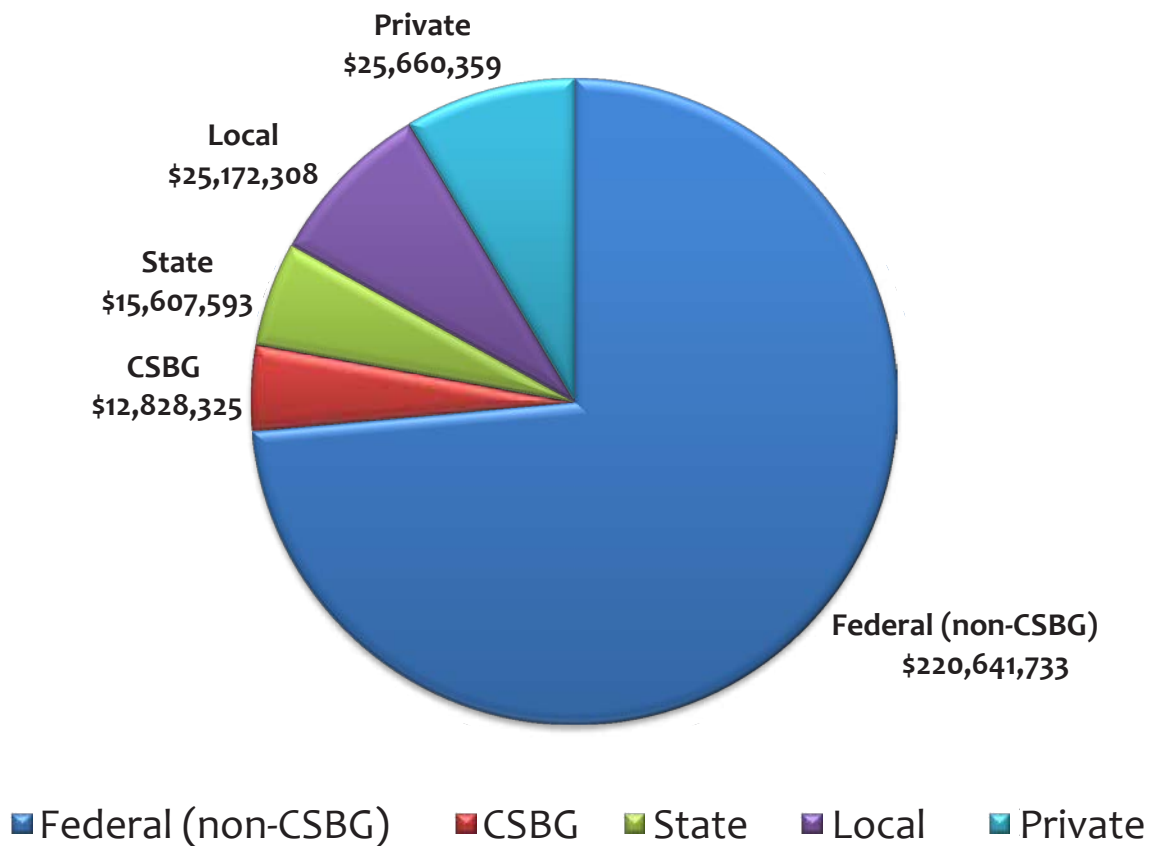
INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR LOW-INCOME VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

<i>Low-income vulnerable individuals received services from Community Action Agencies and secured or maintained an independent living situation as a result.</i>	# of Individuals										
Seniors Citizens (seniors can be reported twice, once under Seniors Citizens and again if they are disabled under individuals with disabilities, ages 55-over)	97,645										
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The core operational funding for Tennessee’s CAAs is the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). In FY 2014 these funds totaled \$12,828,325. Tennessee CAAs leveraged additional private, state and federal funds totaling \$287,081,993. For each dollar of CSBG received agencies leveraged \$23.19.

In collaboration with partners, agencies invested these funds in people and communities to produce these 808,390 results to move individuals and families forward to self-sufficiency, combat the causes and effects of poverty, and bring changes to communities.

FUNDING SOURCES



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