

OACAA Briefing

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Governor Kasich Keynotes the 2015 Winter Legislative Conference

Last month, the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) hosted the 2015 Winter Legislative Conference with keynote speaker Governor John Kasich. Nearly 300 professionals, partners, and legislators attended the three-day conference in Columbus where they continued their focus on helping Ohioans out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

On Thursday afternoon, OACAA hosted Governor Kasich as the keynote speaker where he announced bold reforms to streamline the state's human services programs. His budget preview included expanding subsidized child care in order to help families with incomes of up to 300% of poverty guidelines—an increase from the current 200% limit. Following the Governor's speech, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services Director Cynthia Dungey and Office of Human Services Innovations Director Douglas Lumpkin provided additional details.

Also during the conference, Denise Harlow, chief executive officer of Community Action Partnership and David Bradley, co-founder and executive director of National Community Action Foundation, discussed Community Action on a national level and provided updates regarding the IM 138 Standards and federal reauthorization of CSBG. Participants also attended breakout sessions that covered topics including Leadership, Fiscal/Human Resources, Family Development, Public Relations, and Weatherization.

OACAA is pleased to have brought together a robust lineup of speakers, presenters and events throughout the conference that provided many opportunities to advocate for and learn how to continue fighting the War on Poverty in Ohio. We thank you all for joining and look forward to seeing you again this summer!