



Community Action Solutions

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NCAF Executive Director David Bradley Meets with Community Action Leaders

Leaders from eight Community Action Agencies in central Oklahoma met with National Community Action Foundation Executive Director David Bradley during a whirlwind two-day visit to the state in mid-January. The visit was intended to provide Bradley with insight into agency services supported by Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.

CSBG funds the nationwide network of nearly 1,100 Community Action Agencies that create, organize and deliver comprehensive programs and services to about 16 million individuals living in poverty in the United States in order to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency.

Meeting with Bradley were Kent Watson, Big Five Community Services; Fred Combs, Central Oklahoma Community

Action Agency; James E. Sconzo, Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma/Canadian Counties; Brent Morey, CCAP, Community Action Development Corporation; Karen Nichols, Delta Community Action Foundation; Virginia Spencer, CCAP, Great Plains Improvement Foundation; LaQuita Thornley, INCA Community Services; and Charlotte Key, CCAP, Washita Valley Community Action Council.

For more than 30 years, Bradley has been one of Washington's leading advocates on behalf of low-income programs. In 1981, he helped found the National Community Action Foundation. In this role at NCAF, Bradley was the primary architect of the Community Services Block Grant. CSBG is up for reauthorization in 2015. Besides CSBG, Bradley's legislative activities include Weatherization Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Head Start and job training programs.

During the meetings, the executive directors and staff discussed their programs, partnerships and needs.



David Bradley points out dignitaries present during the signing of the original Economic Opportunity Act to Karen Nichols, Executive Director, Delta Community Action Foundation.



Brent Morey, Executive Director, Community Action Development Corporation and Past President of OKACAA, gives David Bradley a tour of The Grand Apartments which was formerly the Hotel Frederick converted by CADC into affordable housing for income eligible senior citizens.



LaQuita Thornley, Executive Director, INCA Community Services, chats with David Bradley. Thornley is the current President of OKACAA.