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March 2018 NYSCAA Newsletter

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friend,

Thank you to everyone who joined us this month for our 12th Annual Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security. We were most fortunate to have a steady stream of great presentations and panels throughout the day! We are sending a special thanks to our partnering organizations, our honored speakers, our vendors, and of course the NYSCAA staff who put in a great deal of work leading up to and on the day-of the event.

The theme of the 2018 Poverty Symposium revolved around health disparities - how health disparities exacerbate poverty and how poverty exacerbates health disparities. We hope that you found the opportunity to take an in-depth look at these issues interesting and informative. We appreciated our attendees taking the time to fill out our evaluation. Some feedback from our attendees included: "I will be adding Oral Health emphasis in our Supportive Housing Programs," and "I really appreciated the 1000 Days of Medicaid, I learned a lot of different tools to utilize." As in past years, Ron Deutsch's update on the Federal and State Budget was a standout highlight for the day! Another attendee reflected on the event and wrote: [the most valuable part of the event was] "allowing individuals a chance to get out of the office and to be with like-minded colleagues. This helps recharge the batteries and remind others they aren't alone in this work." We couldn't agree more and we thank you for the work you do every day in the fight against poverty. We'll be taking a look at all of our feedback - positive and constructive - and working to incorporate that into future events.

While NYSCAA staff are still catching our breath after the Poverty Symposium - it's now time to save the date for our next big event, the 2018 June Professional Development Conference. The "June Conference," is an annual professional development event held over two days that we host in partnership with the New York State Weatherization Directors Association (NYSWDA). The June Conference will take place June 13th and 14th with our main program at the Albany Capital Center and our Awards Dinner and hotel accommodations at the Hilton Albany. Our Membership Development Committee and NYSCAA staff are hard at work building a robust agenda for the Conference. Registration will open soon so please keep an eye out for program updates!

With thanks,

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2018 Poverty Symposium Sponsor Spotlight



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Thank you!

PEACE Inc. Recognized for 50 Years of Service

This month PEACE Inc. the Community Action Agency for Onondaga County was recognized by the United States House of Representatives for 50 years of service with a speech congratulating the success of PEACE Inc., read by 24th District Congressperson John Katko. In the speech, Congressperson Katko recognized the vital work of PEACE Inc and said, "by focusing on stabilizing families, improving living conditions, and developing partnerships with out regional schools, businesses, and other non-profits, PEACE Inc. has provided thousands of individuals and families in our community with a pathway out of poverty." Congratulations to PEACE Inc on 50 years of service. [Click here](#) to read the full speech by Congressperson Katko.



Gearing Up for Community Action Month!

The National Community Action Partnership announced a toolkit is available for "Community Action Month" which is the month of May. The toolkit has added several new sections, including a video production segment and several pages of social media posts and social media graphics ready for sharing. During the month of May Community Action Agencies are encouraged to use the hashtags #CommunityActionWorks and #WeR1000Strong. [Click here](#) for more information about the toolkit and a link to the Community Action Month calendar.



Register Now for the LIFE Statewide Conference!



Low-Income Forum on Energy

The Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) will be hosting their LIFE 2018 Statewide

Conference will be held on May 22nd-23rd at the Albany Capital Center in Albany, NY. Through interactive and innovative sessions, attendees can expect to learn new skills and gain expertise about energy assistance programs, low-income energy policy, emerging energy issues, consumer protections, and best practices. [Click here](#) to view the agenda. Come network with colleagues in the low-income energy field and honor the 2018 LIFE Achievement Award winners. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Upcoming NYSCAA IT Webinars

NYSCAA Invites you to join us for the next IT Webinar! These sessions will use the GoToWebinar Platform. For more information on the series, please contact Daniel Healy, Director of Information Technology at dhealy@nyscommunityaction.org.

April 19, 2018 - The Basics of running a presentation

- PowerPoint
- Teleconferencing and webinar technology
- Communication tips

Look to our April Newsletter for information about our May IT Webinar!

Keep an eye out for 2018 NYSCAA Regional Meetings!

NYSCAA will be once again host 7 regional meetings throughout New York State in the summer of 2018. These regional meetings will offer an in-person opportunity to hear updates from NYSCAA and the Department of State, as well as to discuss

local issues for Community Action Agencies. Dates will be announced soon!

Community Commons Article: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Young Men of Color

NYSCAA Members have access to the Community Commons, an excellent resource of information. Community Commons released an article this month that takes a look at PTSD in Young Boys and Men of Color and how young men of color often fail to receive "the help that



they need, whether it be from a lack of primary care and behavioral health treatment or an absence of emotional support derived from victim blaming." The article stems from an action brief recently released by the California Endowment and includes some insightful graphics and links to other information about PTSD in young men of color. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

NYS Oral Health Coalition Annual Meeting April 27th

At the Poverty Symposium, the cause of Oral Health was discussed in-depth both by our Keynote Speaker Mary Otto and by our "Addressing Dental Health Disparities Panel" featuring local experts in the field of oral health. If the Poverty Symposium piqued your interest into incorporating oral health into more aspects of your work, you may be interested in attending the NYS Oral Health Coalition Annual Meeting next month. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to register.

March is...

Women's History Month



The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. [Click here](#) for more information from the National Archives.

In 1987 the US Congress designated March as National Women's History Month. This creates a special opportunity in our schools, our workplaces, and our communities to recognize and celebrate the often-overlooked achievements of American women. Each year there is a special Theme and women whose lives exemplify that theme are selected as National Honorees. This year's theme is "never the less, she persisted." [Click here](#) for more information about the theme and honorees.

[Click here](#) to read even more info about Women's History Month and read the NYS Senate Resolution proclaiming March 2018 as

Women's History Month in the State of New York!

Highlights at our Agencies...

Community Action of Greene County "Women of Weatherization" Featured

Jamie Linzey of Community Action of Greene County, Inc. was recently featured by the NYS Weatherization Directors and National Association for State Community Services Programs for her work as a "women of weatherization." [Click here](#) to read more.

Community Action Staff meet with Elected Officials to promote #AWiseInvestment

Community Action Staff from various agencies recently met with Congressperson Elise Stefanic in Washington DC to discuss the great work of community action, the impact of community action on families, and how political figures can help.



ABC "Strategies 2 Success" Program Partnership with House of Mercy to Help Homeless

Action for a Better Community's Strategies 2 Success (S2S) teen leadership program in partnership with the House of Mercy. organized an event to help the homeless individuals and families in poverty in Rochester NY. The teen leaders organized an event that took place on March 24th to serve the guests at the House of Mercy.

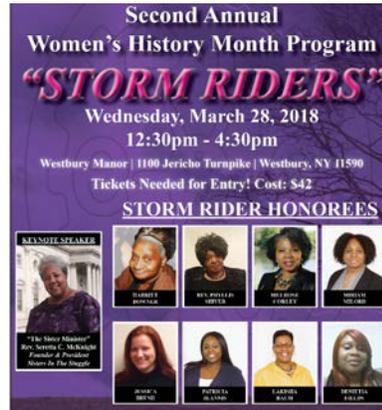
Community Action Partnership for Madison County Mentoring March Trip to 5 Wits



Community Action Partnership for Madison County Mentoring Team recently went on a field trip to "5 Wits" at Destiny USA. Placed in the middle of the action, mentees and mentors collaborated in solving challenges designed to build teamwork and test different logical skills. The mentees and mentors celebrated their success with High Fives.

EOC of Nassau County honors "Storm

Riders" for Women's History Month



On March 28th the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. held a 2nd Annual Women's History Month Program at the Westbury Manor to honor "Storm Riders" who have made history.

Oswego County Opportunities to host
"Bowl-A-Fun" Fundraiser

When: Saturday, April 14th 10:30-4:30pm
Where: Fulton New York
What: The 2018 Annual Fundraiser "Bowl -A-Fun" to bowl a strike against homelessness in Oswego County. [Click here](#) for more info and the Facebook event page for updates.

NYSCAA HELP DESK:

Have a tech question? The NYSCAA Help Desk is open to all NYSCAA Members. Call Dan Healy at 518-690-0491 x 28 or submit an inquiry [here](#).

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