

A white silhouette map of Region II, showing the outlines of New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, set against a blue background.

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Region II News

Community Action Partnership of New Jersey Launches New Website

[Community Action Partnership \(CAP\) NJ](#) launched a new website in early 2019 to provide information that demonstrates the history of community action, provides resources for agencies, highlights the initiatives and support of our federal partners and creates easy access to the Community Action Agencies in New Jersey working on issues that impact people in poverty every day.



CAP NJ wanted to expand this website to offer more resources to CAA's in New Jersey and recently launched a new section of the website to streamline how agencies could access the policies of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. In this new section you can download or view any of the state policies in one area. Uncertain about client income documentation, or client eligibility, or a question about Tripartite Boards, you can now easily look up any information to ensure program compliance. [Click here](#) to visit the new webpage!

"Call for Help" - Assist the Victims of the Earthquakes in Puerto Rico

One of Puerto Rico's Community Action Agencies, INSEC, is coordinating assistance to their served communities of Ponce, Penuelas, Lajas and Sabana Grande, who have been most severely affected and damaged by the recent earthquakes.



Visit NYSCAA's ["Call for Help" webpage](#) for more information on what items are needed most and where you can send your donations. Every item helps!

OCEAN, Inc. Uses New Methods of Agency Branding

If you happen to be out and about at the Jersey Shore in New Jersey, you may happen to notice [OCEAN, Inc.'s](#) new branding bar advertisements. The branding bars are located at all of the registers of area Shoprite Supermarkets.



This unique form of in-your-face visibility touches the local consumer's hand with repetition and targeting! OCEAN, Inc. is utilizing a cost-effective marketing tool to increase the exposure of the various types of programming and services available for the communities they serve.

National Partner Information

Community Action Partnership Webinar - Changes to the CSBG Annual Report: OMB 30-Day Comment Period

[The Partnership](#), along with [NASCS](#), [CAPLAW](#), and [NCAF](#) will be hosting a Webinar on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 3PM ET** to discuss the OMB Clearance of the CSBG Annual Report and the final 30-day comment period.

During the webinar, OCS will provide an overview of the changes and discuss how Community Action Agencies, State Associations, and State CSBG Offices can submit their own feedback during this final public comment period.

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

CAPLAW - Policies in Practice Webinar Series

Effectively governed Community Action Agencies (CAAs) have policies and systems in place that encourage accountability, transparency and efficiency of operations. Dive into this governance checkup to review some key policies your CAA is required to have under the CSBG Organizational Standards — a whistleblower policy, conflict of interest policy, procurement policy, and record retention policy. Each 60-minute webinar is intended for Executive Directors, management staff, board members, and attorneys of CAAs. See below for more information and to register.



1. [Whistleblower Policy](#) - Thursday, February 13, 2020
2. [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) - Thursday, March 19, 2020
3. [Procurement Policy](#) - Thursday, April 30, 2020

4. [Record Retention Policy](#) - Thursday, June 4, 2020
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Census 2020

U.S. Census Bureau - Ramping Up Hiring Efforts for 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up its national recruiting efforts to hire up to 500,000 temporary, part-time census takers for the 2020 Census in communities across the country to reach its goal of more than 2 million applicants.



The Census Bureau has released a [new interactive map](#) to help partners and job seekers identify where hiring is taking place. The available positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training, and weekly paychecks. To determine the pay rate in a specific area, learn more about these positions, or apply for one of the temporary jobs, [click here](#).

The Community Action Partnership also has a host of resources, including an outreach toolkit, on their website. [Click here to view these resources now!](#)

Additional Resources

Prosperity Now: 2020 Scorecard Data Release

On January 29th, Prosperity Now released their 2020 Scorecard Data. This year's data highlights the performance across a multitude of local outcome measures from income and wealth; business ownership and employment; housing; access to health insurance; and education attainment. Follow the links below to access the webinar slides and recording from the Scorecard Data launch.



- [2020 Prosperity Now Scorecard Data Release \(Recording\)](#)
- [2020 Prosperity Now Scorecard Data Release \(Slides\)](#)

Prosperity Now - Communicating on Race and Racial Economic Equity Guide

Prosperity Now's [Racial Wealth Divide Initiative \(RWDI\)](#) has developed the Communicating on Race and Racial Economic Equity guide. This document is a compilation of best practices and recommendations from a wide range of resources from Prosperity Now's RWDI and Communications teams that are helpful for naming, framing, defining and understanding the issue. Also provided, are design guidelines on visually depicting diverse communities and definitions of important terms and concepts for understanding the nuance and complexity of racial economic equity, the racial wealth divide and racial wealth equity.



[Click here](#) to download the Communicating on Race and Racial Economic Equity guide.

Prosperity Now Webinar - Understanding the Impact of Debt on Communities of Color

Join Prosperity Now, on February 26 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST, for a webinar on debt in communities of color. This webinar, supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is the first in a series that will explore how communities of color can overcome a legacy of toxic debt to take advantage of economic opportunity and achieve financial security.



During this webinar, you'll hear from experts on the issue of debt in communities of color, understand what the data and research tell us about this problem, and explore policy and program solutions that alleviate the effects of debt on the most vulnerable Americans.

[Click here](#) to register for the February 26th webinar.

Child Trends - Link between Educational Opportunity and Life Expectancy

Life expectancy varies dramatically across neighborhoods in the United States. While teenagers in neighborhoods with the longest life expectancies can expect to live to age 91, teenagers in neighborhoods with the lowest life expectancy should expect to live just to age 70, on average.



A [new interactive map](#) from Child Trends allows users to explore the link between life expectancy and high school educational opportunity for teenagers in neighborhoods across the United States. This tool can help policymakers, health officials, and education officials begin to understand ways in which they might improve the health and lifespans of the children and youth they serve.

The White House - New Tool Empowers Local Leaders to Take Action against Rural Drug Addiction

The Trump Administration released a new tool to assist rural community leaders in building an effective local response to the crisis of addiction. The [Rural Community Action Guide](#) includes background information, recommended action steps, and promising practices for a range of issues related to drug addiction in rural America.

The Action Guide complements both the [Community Assessment Tool](#), which gives county specific data about deaths and factors which may make a community more vulnerable to addiction, and the

[Federal Rural Resources Guide](#), which includes comprehensive information about different federal funds for rural communities impacted by addiction. For more information and the full article, [click here](#).

VirtualCAP - Submitting 2018 and 2019 Annual Reports

Annual Reports help broaden understanding and support for Community Action and attract attention to poverty issues and solutions. If you have not done so already, please submit your Annual Reports for 2018 & 2019 to Ken Ackerman, ken@cafca.org.

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[Click here](#) to view the listing of Annual Reports.

National Professional Development Opportunities

National Association for State Community Services Programs

2020 Winter Training Conference
February 26th-28th, 2020 - Arlington, Virginia
[Click here](#) for more information.

National Community Action Foundation (NCAF)

2020 Annual Conference
March 17th-20th, 2020 - Washington D.C.
[Click here](#) for more information.

CAPLAW National Training Conference

June 30th - July 2nd, 2020 - Chicago, Illinois
www.capl原因.org

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

2020 Annual Convention
August 26th-28th, 2020 - Seattle, Washington
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