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MCA's Mission

To strengthen and inspire Community Action Agencies to champion solutions to poverty and to promote economic opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Sept 23, 24 -Bridges Out of Poverty Training 1:00 PM - :5:00 PM EDT

Announcements

MCA Member Opportunity: attend MLPP's 2020 Policy Forum – White Laws, Black Lives, and the Need to See Color. MCA members can register today.

As a part of our ongoing diversity, equity, inclusion efforts MCA is proud to be a sponsor of our partner, the MI League for Public Policy's 2020 Policy Forum. MCA members are encouraged to attend this important policy forum taking place virtually on Monday, October 5, 2020 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT. The keynote speaker will be Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, chair of Michigan's statewide task force examining racial disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic. His keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion featuring State Rep. Sarah Anthony, Angela Waters Austin of Michigan Black Lives Matter, and Dr. Renee Canady of Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). The panel will explore ways to help strengthen the social and economic justice work being done around the state.

Sign up [here](#) to reserve a spot at this free event.

Upcoming Grants

Let Mutual of America help supply your class!

Our school supply initiative can equip you and your students for Head Start teaching and learning.

At Mutual of America, we know the importance of giving beginning learners every advantage. That's why we've launched a special initiative, exclusively for Community Action Agencies, to help their Head Start programs get the supplies they need. Put together your wish list, and let's see what we can make happen for you and your students. There's absolutely no cost and no obligation. Helping you get the supplies you need is just one more way Mutual of America is committed to listening, learning and working to serve the members of the Community Action Partnership.

See full [flyer](#) for contact information.

FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund – Due October 22

Oct 21 - Legislative Committee Meeting 10:00 AM EDT

Nov 9 - Finance Committee Meeting 10:30 AM EST

Nov 9 - Directors Council Meeting 1:00 PM EST

Nov 9 - Board of Directors 3:00 PM EST

For a full list of events, visit [MCA's calendar](#).

The Michigan Community Action Update is a new, weekly round-up of important information for members of Michigan Community Action. We may send more frequent updates when important information breaks that impacts the Community Action network. We welcome your input and feedback.

Please send your comments and ideas [here](#).

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The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund is the Commission's next step in bridging the digital divide. Find more details and application information [here](#).

Webinars/Trainings

Bridges out of Poverty (Two 4-hour sessions)

Scheduled for September 23rd and September 24th 1PM-5PM EDT. Trainer is Dr. Katena Cain, Nonprofit Network. Limited to 50 members. [Register](#)

Michigan Community Action's Leadership Development Institute – Deadline to enroll is September 25

First meetings for the new cohort is October 19- 20, 9AM-12:00PM EDT, October 26-27, 9AM-12:00PM EDT. These meetings will be virtual. [Register](#)

“Through my LDI experience, I have been equipped with tools and knowledge that have enhanced my ability to recognize my team's unique personality traits that may influence the manner in which they execute tasks and make decisions. This is vital to maintaining a strong team, as it allows me to understand each person's professional adaptation needs and improves communication across the team.”

Shawnterra Glasgow-Scott, MPH, M. Ed., CHES

Director of Food Programs and Operations
Monroe County Opportunity Program & The Opportunity Center at ALCC



“Leadership Development Institute meant a lot to me. Being in a room with future leaders in the nonprofit arena and getting to know them on a professional level was incredibly enjoyable and it hopefully created relationships that will be useful in the future

The most important learning I've gained from attending LDI that will make be a stronger leader/professional: The information provided in LDI was simple, easy to implement, effective information. Rebecca gave us real-life situations and scenarios where the techniques could and would be useful. I have been a manager in different capacities in the past, and while I've held the title, I didn't really know in so many ways what it MEANT until taking LDI with Rebecca. She was insightful and gave excellent examples of how she's seen the techniques at work and the positive results of using these important skills. While my current position is not managerial, I look forward to practicing these techniques, so they are polished when the time comes again!”

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Recruiting new Michigan cohort for Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP)

Fill out the [interest form](#) for the next Michigan cohort. MCA staff will contact to you with sign up information. Check out this great [CCAP flyer](#) Elena Steele from OLHSA created.

Optional Michigan Study Group first meeting will be September 25, 1-3 PM EDT via Zoom. Interested prospective candidates are all welcome to attend this informational meeting.

Diversity and Inclusion Resources

Voter Suppression and the Right to Vote – Livestream from the Institute of Othering and Belonging: September 23, 3PM EST

The Institute of Othering and Belonging is hosting a livestream, "[Rise Up for Justice: Black Lives and Our Collective Future](#)". Fifty-five years after the passage of the Voting Right Act of 1965, the right to vote is being subverted. The fight to vote has taken on legal, advocacy, and grassroots organizing dimensions in many parts of the country. This discussion brings together some of the strategists, organizers, and lawyers that are on the front line of the battle to ensure that everyone's vote counts and every vote is counted. [RSVP here](#).

MCA is continuing to observe CDC guidelines encouraging remote work practices and following local public health guidelines. The office remains physically closed to anyone outside of immediate staff. We are accessible by phone and email during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30AM-5PM EDT.

Be well and stay safe, everyone.

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