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***Reimagining Sustainability Month***

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**CAA SUCCESS**

***Harford Community Action Agency Is On the Move!***



Harford Community Action Agency's new mobile outreach vehicle is officially finished and ready to serve the residents of Maryland! They have already held some mobile outreach events, providing up to 40 bags of non-perishable food items to community members. We can't wait to see all the great things this mobile outreach vehicle will bring

## MCAP EVENTS

Maryland Community Action Partnership Presents

### Rescue and Relief Act Webinar Series

Join MCAP for a webinar series on specialized topics relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Maryland Relief Act. Sessions will include the COVID-19 Vaccine, Economic Relief and Taxes, Food Insecurity and Post COVID Strategic Planning.



*Starting Next Week!*

#### Real Talk: Debunking COVID Vaccination Myths and Addressing Historical Factors of Vaccine Hesitancy

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:00PM**

Join the CDC and a multidisciplinary panel of health experts for a presentation about COVID-19 vaccination and vaccine hesitancy. Participants can expect to learn about approved COVID-19 vaccines, as well as vaccine hesitancy in communities of color. Vaccine myths and misconceptions will also be addressed.

#### Economic Relief and Taxes

**Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:00PM**

Join us for an overview of the tax provisions of recent legislation designed to provide financial relief. Participants will learn about stimulus payments, expanded unemployment benefits, and more of the American Rescue Plan Act and the MD RELIEF Act, all as it relates to taxes. Presented by CASH Campaign of Maryland

#### Post COVID: Strategic Planning is even more important during these crazy times

**Friday, April 23, 2021 11:00AM**

Now that the pandemic is slowing down, strategic planning is even more important. How are you planning on operating over the next few years? This workshop will discuss the foundations of strategic planning and how your organization will plan to recover from its impact. [Download Flyer](#)

#### Food Insecurity: The expansion of nutrition assistance to help address hunger and hardship

**Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:00PM**

Join Minerva Delgado, Director of Coalitions & Advocacy for the National Alliance to End Hunger for an overview of how the Rescue and Relief Act with interventions from community action and the anti-hunger community can help to close food security gaps.

**Register Today!**



### MCAP Rescue & Relief Toolkits

***Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)***

This toolkit offers up-to-date EITC information for the 2021 filing season as well as useful general and specialized marketing tools, including templates, statistics, fact sheets, how-to tips, specialized products and links to other helpful resources.

*Download Below!*

[EITC Fact Sheet](#)  
[EITC Outreach Tools](#)

**EITC Earned Income Tax Credit**  
**2021 FACTSHEET**  
 The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax credit for working people who have low to moderate incomes.  
 The amount of EITC increases for the qualified Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to 40% for families with two or more children.  
 The maximum Earned Income Tax Credit for an individual is \$6,000 without any tax liability for any year.  
 This also applies to state and local income taxes an employment benefits for tax years 2020 and 2021.

**Basic Qualifying Rules**  
 To qualify for the EITC you must:  
 • Show proof of earned income (and fall below EITC thresholds)  
 • Have investment income below \$2,000 in the tax year plus twice the credit  
 • Have a valid Social Security number  
 • Claim a certain filing status  
 • Be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien all year  
 • Investment income below \$2,000 for tax

**Maximum Credit Amounts**  
 The maximum amount of credit per tax filer:  
 • No qualifying children: \$2,000  
 • 1 qualifying child: \$3,684  
 • 2 or more qualifying children: \$6,609  
 Economic impact payments will not reduce the amount of credit based on rights of child!

**Qualified for EITC?**  
 You'll see your EITC on your 2021 tax return. If you don't see it, you may need to file a return. For more information, visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](#) or call 1-800-829-1040.

**EITC Central**  
 EITC Central is a free online tool to help you understand your EITC. Visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](#) for more information.

**EITC Fact Sheet**  
 How to Claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. This fact sheet provides helpful information on how to claim the credit. Visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](#) for more information.

**Married EITC Exemption & Child Tax Credit**  
 The maximum amount of credit per tax filer is \$2,000 for married couples with no children. Visit [www.irs.gov/eitc](#) for more information.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

You'll find information about COVID-19 vaccination, including program planning, communication and educational materials, and information about individual, approved vaccines for MD, DE & D.C.

*Download Below!*

[MD COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)  
[DE COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)  
[D.C. COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)  
[CAA COVID-19 Vaccine Guidelines](#)  
[OCS Vaccination Guidance](#)

**KNOW THE FACTS**  
**COVID-19 VACCINE**

As of April 6, 2021, all Delawareans 16+ are eligible for vaccination through all providers.

**Available Vaccines**

**Pfizer**

- Authorized for emergency use
- Two doses, delivered two weeks apart
- 95% effective
- Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, chills
- COVID-19 Pfizer and Link Vaccine USA Fact Sheet for Community

**Moderna**

- Authorized for emergency use
- Two doses, delivered two weeks apart
- 94% effective
- Injection site pain, fatigue, muscle aches, joint pain, headache, chills
- COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine USA Fact Sheet for Community

**Janssen & Johnson**

- Authorized for emergency use
- One dose
- 85% effective
- Injection site pain, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, headache, chills

**Novavax**

- Vaccine trials ongoing
- Two doses, delivered two weeks apart
- Injection site pain, rash, headache, muscle pain, fever

**Adjuvanted**

- Vaccine trials ongoing
- Two doses, delivered two weeks apart
- Injection site pain, fatigue, muscle aches, joint pain
- COVID-19 Adjuvanted Vaccine USA Fact Sheet for Community

**How do I get a vaccine?**  
 Sign up for your vaccine at [www.doh.delaware.gov](#) or call us for a phone-based appointment.

**Delaware Vaccine Resources**

- Vaccine Information Center
- Delaware Vaccination Sites
- Where to Get the Pfizer, Moderna & Janssen Vaccines
- COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

COVID-19 vaccines are not yet fully approved or authorized for use in Delaware. Visit [www.doh.delaware.gov](#) for more information.

COVID-19 MYTHS & FACTS

**More Toolkits Coming Soon!**

**COMMUNITY ACTION IS ESSENTIAL**

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**  
 A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES SERVING MD, DC & DE

**Community Action Month Symposium**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> | 2021**

[www.maryland-cap.org](http://www.maryland-cap.org)

## MCAP Community Action Month Symposium

Join us virtually on **May 26-27, 2021**, for the MCAP Community Action Month Symposium for insight, inspiration, and actionable ideas presented by community action and human service experts.

Community Action Month is a time for the CSBG network to highlight the impact that Community Action and it's partners has across our country!

As community action and human service professionals, this symposium is that timely

and important opportunity to share best practices, lessons learned, and effective strategies employed to ensure organizational resilience.

Sessions focus on the following topics:

- **Community Action Essentials**
- **Racial Equity**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Two-Generation/Whole Family**
- **Policy/Legislation Updates**
- **Technology/Data**

[Visit Symposium Website](#)

## REGISTRATION COMING SOON

*Mark your calendars - You don't want to miss this!*

## NETWORK NEWS

### Emergency Rental Assistance Program - *New Treasury Guidance!*

The U.S. Treasury Department, which oversees the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), has issued new guidance that addresses two concerns that Community Action helped bring to their attention. The new FAQs clarify that (1) the set aside percentages for administrative costs and stability services in the original legislation from December are separate and (2) administrative funds (up to the 10% cap) can be used for indirect costs incurred by both grantee states and subcontractors and subrecipients. New [FAQs](#) and [Grantee Award Terms](#) can be found [HERE](#), along with other general resources on the ERPA.

### Vaccination Outreach and Awareness: CAAs Next Steps

With [19.6% of Maryland](#) vaccinated, and the [Vaccine Equity Task Force](#) deployed, community action has taken on an increased role in immunizations, particularly for those with limited access to large-scale vaccination sites. Three guidelines have emerged for engaging with community health across Community Guide research:

1. Program planners should consider **community characteristics**, such as mobility and fragmentation of health care, when selecting interventions.
2. **Partnerships** between community organizations and vaccination providers are likely to be essential components of effective, sustained community-based efforts.
3. Intensive **combinations of interventions** (e.g. home visits, monetary and in-kind incentives) may be necessary to increase vaccination rates in populations that continue to have low rates of immunization after less intensive methods (e.g. client reminders, provider reminders) have been implemented.

Read [here](#) about CAA best practices and [here](#) for community action stories in health across the nation via The Community Guide.

[Click here](#) to download NEW "**Community Action Gets Vaccinated**" design for

Community Action Agencies and State Associations to use in promoting the importance of getting vaccinated.



## EITC & Child Tax Credit Expansion

Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits have lifted over 5.5 million children above the poverty line since their enactments. The American Rescue Act's expansions of both programs are projected to lift another **4.1 million children** above the poverty line (cutting child poverty by more than **40%**)

The Act makes the full Child Tax Credit available to children in families with low earning or that lack earnings and **increases** the credit's maximum amount to **\$3,000** per child and **\$3,600** for children under age 6. It expands the credit to 17-year-olds.

Coupled with efforts to increase the minimum wage to **\$15** an hour by 2025, which would lift approximately **3.7 million** people and **1.3 million** children out of poverty, permanently enacting these new provisions to include impoverished workers without children and retaining the act's expansions should be regarded as a policy priority.

Read more about how the EITC and Child Tax Credits will affect families [here](#), and its positive correlations regarding health [here](#).

## TIPS & TOOLS

### Two Multicomponent Intervention Recommendations to Increase Appropriate Vaccinations

Learn what the Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) says about increasing vaccination rates. The Task Force's latest evidence-based recommendations and findings highlight several settings and approaches to consider for implementation of programs, services, and policies to increase vaccination rates.

Read the Task Force's recommendations & more [here](#).

### Critical Time Intervention for Rapid Re-Housing

Critical Time Intervention for Rapid Re-Housing (CTI-RRH) is a time-limited evidence-based practice that mobilizes support for vulnerable individuals during periods of transition. The CTI-RRH model facilitates housing stability, community integration, and more and is especially well-suited as a case management model in support of rapid rehousing with homeless individuals and families. Learn more about the CTI-RRH model at the link below!

[Click here](#) for introductory videos, toolkits & more.

## WORTHWHILE WEBINARS

### Disaster Recovery and Agency Continuity Planning

April 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Disaster recovery (DR) and agency continuity planning are two risk management disciplines that help agencies prepare to face disruptions with skill and confidence. During this webinar, we will explore the distinctions between the two specialties and delve into how to build recovery and continuity skills and 'muscle' at your agency.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Facilitated By:  Nonprofit Risk Management Center  
Find the answer here | nonprofitrisk.org

## Strengthening Food Security and Food Sovereignty in Native Communities Webinar

April 12 @ 3:00 PM ET



Join the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Administration of Children and Families (ACF), and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for an overview of their food and nutrition programs, current flexibilities, and grant opportunities that can address food security. Tribal program officials will share how they have established food security and food sovereignty initiatives in innovative ways. There will be time for Q&A and discussion at the end.

[Register Here](#)

## National Community Action Equity Summit

April 19-21, 2021

Our theme for this virtual event is "Centering in Truth, Activating Community Healing & Resiliency". The national Community Action Partnership deeply believes that "othering", particularly racism, rests at the nucleus of poverty in America. We also believe that equitable opportunities can only be built and sustained by centering ourselves in this truth. To that end, the Equity Summit will showcase voices and expressions that activate healing and resiliency in local communities. The Summit will take place April 20-21, 2021 and Pre-Summit Healing Circles will take place April 19, 2021.

[Register & Learn More Here](#)

# JOB OPENINGS

Double click the table to view all MCAP Employment Opportunities for April.



## APRIL 2021 JOB OPENINGS

Position	Agency
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Human Resources Development Commission of Allegany County
<u>Transportation in MD &amp; DE Residential</u>	Delmarva Community Services, Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
<u>Licensed Therapist (LMSW, LGPC, LCSW-C or LSPC)</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>Government Grants Manager</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>COVID-19 Homeless Response Project Support Staff</u>	Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
<u>Executive Assistant</u>	Maryland Community Action Partnership
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Maryland Rural Development Corporation
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	SHORE UP! Inc.
<u>Multiple Positions</u>	Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc
<u>Housing Services Case Worker</u>	Washington County Community Action Council

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