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Region II News

Community Action Partnership of New Jersey (CAPNJ) News

CAPNJ JAZZ FEST 2021

Demonstrating the power of partnerships and bringing together an impressive list of six artists, including the most iconic saxophonists for six decades and counting, Dave Sanborn. Dave has released 24 albums, won six Grammy Awards, and has had eight gold albums and one platinum. He continues to be one of the most sought-after musicians of his genre. Another fantastic artist, Maysa, a unique, instantly identifiable vocal sound encompassing both Jazz and R&B, will also be featured. Grammy-nominated and Soul Train Award-Winning Soul/Jazz singer Maysa, celebrates her 29th year as a recording artist and 25th year as a solo artist in 2020.

We hope everyone will join these New Jersey CAA's and these amazing artists for the September 18th Jazz Fest at Hard Rock Café in Atlantic City.

**Jazz Fest at the Etess Arena, Hard Rock Hotel Atlantic City, NJ
09.18.2021 at 7:30 pm**

Tickets and more information about all the featured artists can be found at the Jazz Fest Website:

Visit www.capjazzfest.com to get tickets!

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New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA) News

The 2021 New York State Poverty Report

We are pleased to present our newly updated online edition of the [New York State Poverty Report!](#) The report provides a statewide look at poverty. This tool is a comprehensive resource for New York State's Community Action Agencies (CAAs), community-based organizations, policymakers, advocates, community coalitions, and the general public.



Included in the 2021 Poverty Report:

- The New York State Poverty Profile
- US Poverty Profile
- A Comparative Look at New York's County and City Poverty Levels
- [Poverty Levels for New York State's Congressional Districts](#)
- Data Key

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. (MVCAA) Joins in Support of the Ride for Autism

#MVCAAHeroes spent their Sunday afternoon out in Utica, supporting Ride for Autism and spreading the word on their many programs, spreading knowledge on the COVID-19 vaccine, and sharing smiles with the community, happy to be out at local events again! [Follow them on Facebook](#) for updates on their Youth Bash and Summer Rec Program.



Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. Celebrate New Values

On June 24th, Pro Action celebrated the reveal of a brand new set of values! The event featured thoughts from Pro Action's CEO Laura Rossman, along with remarks from Assemblyman Phil Palmesano. Special guest, Mia Enders sang "Rise Up" for the audience of Pro Action staff and members of the Board. Pro Action Culture Committee members proudly shared how they will operationalize the new values in the work done at the agency. It's a great example of how agencies in the New York network are championing equity in their communities.



Read more about Pro Action's new values [here](#).

National Partner Information

National Partner Resources on Covid-19

In light of increasing concerns about a broader coronavirus outbreak and the impacts on normal business operations, the national partners have compiled resources that are available to the Community Action network.

- [CDC's COVID-19 Site](#)
- [CAP's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)
- [CAPLAW's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)
- [NASCSPP's Coronavirus Resource Page](#)

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) - Promote the #ChildTaxCredit

NCAP is excited to spread the word about the new Child Tax Credit, and they've created a few resources to help you do the same. Find social media graphics from NCAP and other resources from the White House and the IRS [here](#). You can find more information about the Child Tax Credit in English and Spanish at childtax.gov, and use #ChildTaxCredit on social media!



CAPLAW - Do's and Dont's of Workplace COVID-19 Vaccinations

As Community Action Agencies (CAAs) continue to adapt and evolve in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, their strategies for protecting employees from serious illness resulting from COVID-19 has shifted from mitigating the risk of transmission via measures like PPE and social distancing to promoting vaccinations. This article by CAPLAW provides guidance for CAAs that want to encourage employee vaccinations and offers some key do's and don'ts as they engage in the five key types of vaccine-related efforts:

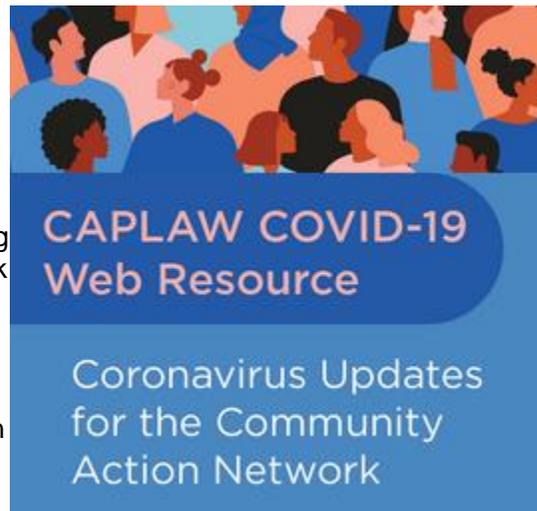
1. Vaccine mandates
2. Vaccine administration
3. Proof of vaccination
4. Vaccine incentives
5. Vaccine education

You can [read and download](#) the article here or access CAPLAW's [COVID-19 web resources](#) or [five-part webinar series on employer operations during and beyond the pandemic](#) on their [website](#).

CAPLAW's New Resource - Preserving the Low-Income Voice: Snapshots of Democratic Selection Procedures in a Pandemic

In this collection of snapshots, CAPLAW presents the experiences of CAAs that successfully recruited and elected new low-income sector representatives to their board during the COVID-19 pandemic. The hope that their stories inspire other CAAs to consider innovative methods of engaging their communities and complying with tripartite board requirements throughout the pandemic, and beyond.

Find out more about the new CAPLAW resource [here](#).



Additional Resources

New 2020 Fair Housing Trends Report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition

According to the new trends report titled, "[Out of Reach 2021](#)", by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NFHA), there is no state, county, or city in the country where a full-time minimum-wage worker working 40 hours a week can afford a two-bedroom rental. The report also outlines how the unaffordability of the rental market disproportionately harms people of color, the problem with stagnant wages in a wealthy country, the reality of how affordable housing does not trickle down from new developments in the private market, and federal policies needed to end the housing crisis.



You can find this report, the trends from previous years, and a special report based on research conducted by Zillow in partnership with the National Fair Housing Alliance using data from Yelp titled, "[Where You Live Matters: Access to Key Amenities is Worse in Communities of Color](#)" on the [Reports and Research page of the NFHA website](#).

New Data Dashboard from the CDC and OMH: The Minority Health Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)



Systemic socioeconomic inequities like poverty, poor housing conditions, and lack of access to quality health care, lead to worse health outcomes among racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the HHS Office of Minority Health developed the Minority Health Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) to enhance existing resources to support the identification of racial and ethnic minority communities at the greatest risk for disproportionate impact and adverse outcomes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All Community Action Agencies are encouraged to utilize this valuable resource as part of their efforts to build equity across the United States. To access the Minority Health SVI, [click here](#).

Special Report: Making the Case for Investing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in Charitable Nonprofits

The COVID-19 pandemic resurfaced an undeniable truth: charitable nonprofits and governments are natural partners, serving the same constituents in the same communities. Partnerships between the sectors allow for leveraging of resources, relationships, and strengths to serve communities even better. A new report from the National Council of Nonprofits, "[Strengthening State and Local Economies in Partnership with Nonprofits](#)", provides substantive guidance to governments and solutions for nonprofits seeking support from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Contained within the report are:

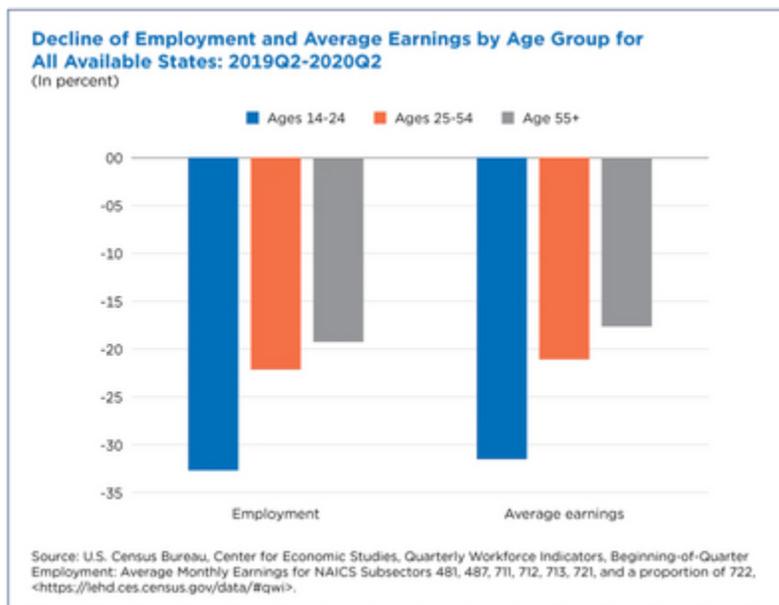
- guiding principles for identifying high-impact programs to fund;
- recommendations for designing programs with integrity; and
- successful models of nonprofit relief from around the country.

The final portion of the Special Report offers inspiring examples of successful programs that government-nonprofit partnerships can replicate, adapt, and expand to benefit people and help communities recover. The section contains many Community Action COVID-19 response stories taken from NCAP's report, [COVID-19: Community Action Responded Quickly in the Early Days of the Pandemic](#). These stories include examples of Community Action food assistance services, vaccination efforts, childcare support, rental and utility assistance, and homelessness prevention services.

Click [here](#) for more via the National Council of Nonprofits.

U.S. Census Bureau - Tourism and Related Industries Declined Sharply in Northeastern States in Spring 2020, Women and Young Workers More Affected Nationwide

The Census Bureau's Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) show the extent of employment and earnings impacted from state to state. Travel, tourism and outdoor recreation jobs make up approximately 4%-5% of total private employment in most states. QWI year-over-year data (as opposed to seasonal), showed a 31.5% decline in travel, tourism and outdoor recreation employment in New York State and just over 15% earnings loss from 2019 to 2020.



Nationally, the share of female employment in the travel industry was just over 50%, with some variation across the states. However, women experienced about a 3% decrease in employment and 11% decrease in average earnings more than their male counterparts. Young workers, despite accounting for just under 20% of the national employment in the travel industry, typically accounted for a larger fraction of employment declines in some states, as seen in the figure above.

You can read the full article and see the complete data sets here on the official US Census Bureau website [here](#).

Census Bureau Announces Changes for 2020 American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau today announced that it will not release its standard 1-year estimates from the 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection. The Census Bureau will release experimental estimates developed from 2020 ACS 1-year data.

The standard 2020 ACS 1-year estimates do not meet the Census Bureau's Statistical Data Quality Standards designed to ensure the utility, objectivity and integrity of the statistical information. Unlike the ACS, the 2020 Census was able to postpone their Non-response Followup to a time when they could carry out the full operation, limiting the impact of the pandemic on data quality in ways the ACS could not.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed numerous challenges to collecting ACS data in 2020, as described in our recent Adapting the American Community Survey Amid COVID-19 blog. As a result, the ACS collected only two-thirds of the responses it usually collects in a survey year and the people who did respond to the survey had significantly different social, economic and housing characteristics from those who did not. This is called "non-response bias."

Read more about the 2020 Data Collection and changes [here](#).

National Professional Development Opportunities

National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)

[2021 Annual Convention](#)

Pre-Convention Training: August 30-31, 2021

Core Convention: September 1-3, 2021

Boston Marriott - Boston, MA

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)

[2021 Annual Training Conference](#)

September 20-23, 2021

National Community Action Foundation (NCAF)

2021 Conference

[2021 NCAF Conference](#)

September 27, 28, & October 4, 2021

Second Official Fly-In Day - October 5, 2021



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