



VACAP NEWS

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60th Anniversary of Community Action @ Regional Meetings

VACAP will be celebrating 60 years of Community Action at our Regional Meetings in May during Community Action Month. We will be doing a "Our People are the Action in Community Action" campaign. We will be taking photos of anyone who is willing to be a part of the campaign and will be turning the pictures into a collage video to share on our website and more. We will also celebrate during the luncheon as well and looking forward to reflecting and celebrating with our members!



VACAP Regional Meetings Registration Still Open!

Regional Meetings are designed to:

- Inspire team members by remembering the spirit of community action – our Why!
- Hear updates from key partners
- Break into peer groups and learn from peers – develop new relationships and peer partners

How to Register?

Agencies have two options for regional meetings- May 1 in Wytheville or May 15 in Williamsburg. **Every agency is welcome to send staff to any of the meetings.** The registration page has the full agenda, a list of local hotels, a sponsor list of those making these events possible, and the registration page.

Peer groups that are planned include: CEO/ED, Senior Leaders, HR, Fiscal, IT, ROMA/Planner, all program areas (weatherization/housing, Head Start, whole family, digital opportunity/broadband and MORE)

May 1, 2024 – Wytheville, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM: <https://cvent.me/yPZmq2>

May 15, 2024- Williamsburg, 9:30 AM -2:30 PM: <https://cvent.me/ON8943>

Member News

Congratulations to **HRCAP** for securing a Congressional Direct Spend in the final FY2024 appropriations bill in amount of \$498,000 Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc., VA, for supportive services for families, including equipment and transportation!

The Whole Family Pilot was spotlighted by NBC WCYB News 5 by featuring a success story about a client, Lilly Mourning enrolled in **People, Inc's** pilot. Check out the article and video.

<https://wcyb.com/news/local/single-mom-combats-generational-poverty-through-whole-family-approach>

FY2024 Federal Appropriations Bill Finalized

The House and the Senate both cleared the final FY2024 appropriations package late last week and President Biden signed the bill into law on Saturday April 6, 2024. Some notable updates on funding that affects our network:

CSBG – \$770 million (no cuts from FY2023 levels) and 200% of FPL eligibility is included.

Eligibility: States may apply the last sentence of section 673(2) of the CSBG Act by substituting “200 percent” for “125 percent”

Head Start – \$12.272 billion (an increase of \$275 million from FY2023)

LIHEAP – \$4.025 billion (an increase of \$25 million from FY2023)

Weatherization Authorization Assistance Program - \$326 million (level funding); Training and Technical Assistance received \$10 million; Weatherization Readiness Fund received \$30 million.

Diaper Distribution Grant Demonstration - \$20 million for a continuation of the program but details on implementation decided by HHS.

ARC Seeking Applicants for No-Cost Leadership Development Program for Appalachian Community Leaders

The program, at no cost to participants, focuses on skill-building, mentoring and networking. By equipping participants with knowledge and support, ARC aims to build a stronger future for Appalachia.

The curriculum comprises six multi-day seminars across the Appalachian region, each focusing on one of ARC’s investment priorities, and concludes with a graduation ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Applications for the 2024-2025 class are open through June 1, 2024. To learn more about the program and apply, visit the link below.

<https://www.arc.gov/academies-and-institutes/leadership/>

VACAP President and CEO Erik Johnston to Serve on NCAP Collaborative on Economic Mobility’s National Steering Committee

Mr. Johnston will be serving a yearlong commitment along with National Partners, Local, State, and Regional Community Action Leaders, Subject Matter Experts, and Shriver Fellows with Lived

Experience on the Collaborative on Equity Mobility (CEM). It is a collaborative agreement with the National Community Action Partnership and the Office of Community Services within the Administration of Children and Families. The initiative is intended to highlight emerging and promising practices in economic mobility for low-income communities and to expand the capacity of CSBG-Eligible Entities to deliver services that promote economic mobility.

The areas of focus include:

- Equity
- Workforce Development
- High-Quality Education
- Community Asset Building
- Two-Generation and Whole Families Approaches
- Innovative Community Programs and Organizations

RPIC Regional Webinars

For the second year, Virginia is partnering with our Region III counterparts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, DC, and Delaware to provide webinars on a variety of subjects. These trainings will occur twice a month and be attended by Community Action Agency staff from multiple states. Here are some upcoming regional webinars:

4/25/24 @10:00am Whole Family Approach

<https://members.thecaap.org/eventcalendar/Details/regional-webinar-whole-family-approach-1090693?sourceTypeId=Website>

5/9/24 @2:00pm Effective Social Media Management 101

<https://members.thecaap.org/eventcalendar/Details/regional-webinar-effective-social-media-management-101-1090702?sourceTypeId=Website>

5/23/24 @ 2:00pm How to Handle Emotionally Challenging Situations at Work

<https://members.thecaap.org/eventcalendar/Details/regional-webinar-how-to-handle-emotionally-challenging-situations-at-work-1072470?sourceTypeId=Website>

NCAP Three Part Series: Whole Family Approach 101, 201 and 301

This series is designed for agencies interested in applying a Whole Family Approach (WFA) to serving children and the adults in their lives. Over the course of three interconnected sessions, attendees will be grounded in the foundational concepts of WFA, inspired by success stories from within the Community Action Network, and empowered to begin their own WFA implementation journey. **A single registration gets you access to all three sessions, including recordings that can be watched later or shared with colleagues within your organization.** All sessions will be hosted live and include time for Q&A.

Whole Family Approach 101: Foundational Concepts

April 17th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET

Learn the fundamentals of Whole Family Approach – what it is and how it differs from other service delivery practices – and how it can be used to catalyze social and economic mobility for families and interrupt the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

Whole Family Approach 201: Moving Toward Implementation

May 8th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET

Explore the enabling conditions which demonstrate WFA readiness and learn how to apply NCAP's open-source tools and resources to design and implement your own WFA.

Whole Family Approach 301: Blending & Braiding Resources for WFA Sustainability

June 12th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET

Learn from seasoned Community Action professionals and WFA practitioners how to effectively blend and braid federal, state, local, and private resources to support your WFA implementation efforts.

Register here:

https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IPWZScrdTSO9FU2Iqcm9Pw#/registration

DHCD CDBG How to Apply Webinar April 24 at 1pm

The DHCD Community Development Block Grant competitive applications for non-entitlement areas is now open. Many VACAP members have partnered with their locality and planning district commissions in the past on delivering these grants. See below for registration link and application information. For questions contact Cameron George: cameron.george@dhcd.virginia.gov

<https://dhcd.virginia.gov/cdbg-community-improvement-grants>

Registration: <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/dhcdevents/registration.aspx?EID=560>

DHCD Annual Action Plan Input Session April 30

DHCD will receive input on the allocation of CDBG, HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), HOPWA and other HUD housing and homelessness resources on April 30 at 1pm. The plan link and registration link are below.

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/DocX/consolidated-plan/2024-2025-annual-action-plan-draft.pdf>

<https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/dhcdevents/registration.aspx?EID=559>