

Community Action Kentucky

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Community Action Promise

The Promise of Community Action

“Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”



Kentucky's Community Action Network

Community Action Kentucky is the statewide association representing and assisting all 23 Community Action agencies across Kentucky.

Collectively, the network works to empower low to moderate-income individuals and families to attain greater economic stability and long-term success.

Serving as a lifeline to hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians each year, Community Action agencies provide critical programs and services that directly address the social determinants of health.



Helping People. Changing Lives.



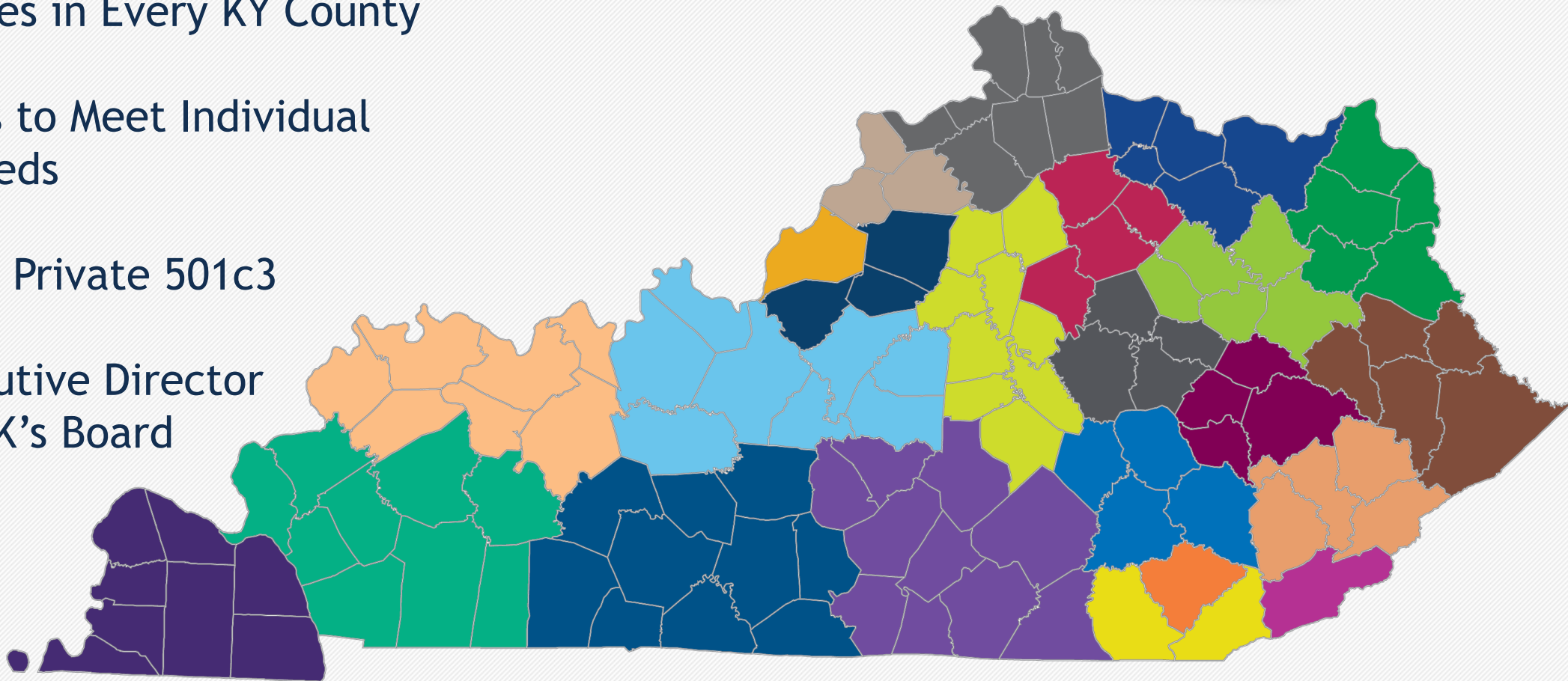
Statewide Network

Outreach Offices in Every KY County

Local Decisions to Meet Individual
Community Needs

Public Entity & Private 501c3

Each CAA Executive Director
has seat on CAK's Board



Community Action Agencies

A CAA is a local organization with the mission of reducing poverty through locally designed and delivered programs and services, targeted to the specific needs of the community.

- The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is the agencies' core federal funding.
- ROMA is the business management plan for continuous improvement
- Community Needs Assessments
- Local Partnership
- Tripartite board represents the low-income community, local elected officials, and private and public community stakeholders.



Local Programs/Resources

Programs and services offered vary by agency and county. CAAs operate a variety of grants that come from federal, state and local sources.

- Addressing the unique needs of their communities.
- Expanding resources through referral system within their area.

Agencies takes a “whole family” approach, providing a combination of services to help households succeed.

Community Action Kentucky

- Provide Technical Training and Assistance to CAAs
- Provide Tools
 - Best Practices
 - Software
- Opportunity to learn and to network
 - Annual Conference
 - Training Events
 - Share Issues and Concerns
- Liaison to Government



Support Network

Local CAAs

State
Associations
(CAK)

Community
Action
Kentucky

Regional
Associations
(SEACAA)

Southeastern
Association of
Community
Action Agencies

National
Association

Community
Action
Partnership

National Reach

#CommunityActionImpact



Community Action's Reach

1000+

agencies across the country

Cover

99%

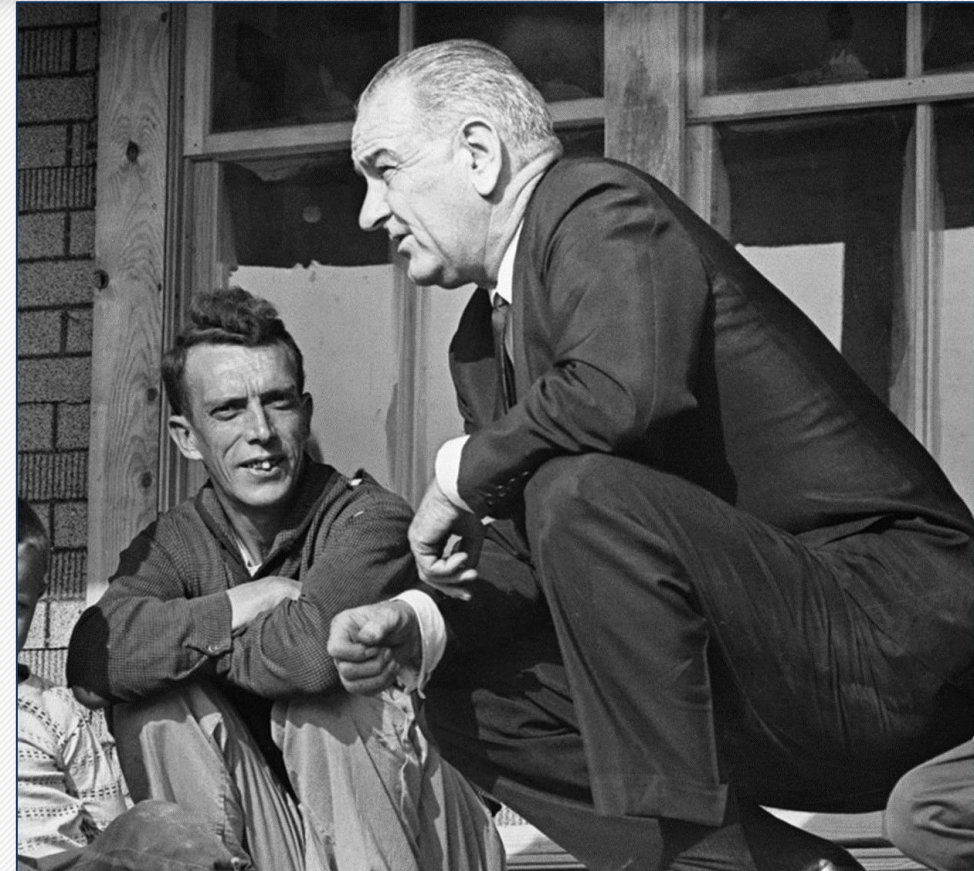
of America's counties, serving
all 50 states, the District of
Columbia, and Puerto Rico

History



President Johnson

- In Office: 1963 - 1969
- Toured Appalachia to talk about poverty
- Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.
- Coordinated by Office of Economic Opportunity
- Focused on building community resources in areas such as economic development, education, healthcare, youth development, senior care, etc.
- Encouraged stakeholder involvement - not a welfare program (then or now)



President Reagan

- In Office: January 20, 1981 - January 20, 1989
- 1981- Community Services Block Grant
- Rescinded the Economic Opportunity Act and Green Amendment
- CAAs were eligible to receive CSBG funds
- The Community Services Administration was dismantled
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)



Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

42 U.S. Code § 9901

- (1) to provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient (particularly families who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)); and
- (2) to accomplish the goals described in paragraph (1) through—
 - (A) the strengthening of community capabilities for planning and coordinating the use of a broad range of Federal, State, local, and other assistance (including private resources) related to the elimination of poverty, so that this assistance can be used in a manner responsive to local needs and conditions;
 - (B) the organization of a range of services related to the needs of low-income families and individuals, so that these services may have a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in the community and may help the families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency;
 - (C) the greater use of innovative and effective community-based approaches to attacking the causes and effects of poverty and of community breakdown;

KRS 273.443

(b)To provide activities designed to assist low-income participants including the elderly poor:

1. To secure and retain meaningful employment;
2. To attain an adequate education;
3. To access adequate health care;
4. To make better use of available income;
5. To obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment;
6. To obtain emergency assistance through loans or grants to meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs, including the need for health services, nutritious food, housing and employment related assistance
7. To remove obstacles and solve problems which block the achievement of self-sufficiency
8. To achieve greater participation in the affairs of the community
9. To make more effective use of other programs related to the purposes of KRS 273.405 to 273.453

KRS 273.443

- (c) To coordinate and establish linkages between governmental and other social programs to assure the effective delivery of such services to low-income individuals;
- (d) To encourage the use of entities in the private sector of the community in efforts to ameliorate poverty in the community;
- (e) To develop, promote or otherwise encourage economic development activities which result in assisting low-income persons to become economically productive members of their community;
- (f) To provide education, counseling and technical assistance on compliance with equal opportunity legislation for individuals and community organizations, both public and private.

Programs



Program and Service Areas

Workforce
Development

Senior Support

Early Childhood
Education

Home Energy

Transportation

Food Security

Family
Advocacy

Health & Well-
Being

Housing

Youth
Enrichment

Asset Building

Clean Water



LIHEAP

Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

CHFS receives the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

LIHEAP Subsidy:

- November 7th- December 16th or until funding is depleted.
- Households apply at their local CAA's Outreach Office, determined by county of residency.

LIHEAP SUBSIDY



Apply

11/7/22-12/16/22

or until funds are depleted.

Contact your Community
Action Agency today!

Details at capky.org



Funding provided by Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEA)

Assists households with utilities during highest energy cost months. Through partnerships with participating utility providers, Community Action Agencies accept applications for slot-based programs.

Limited slots are available based on utility, household county, and benefit type. Approved applicants are placed on a waitlist and may be prioritized for a slot if one is available in their county, and they meet all eligibility requirements. Applicants are selected from the waitlist based on lowest income first. An approved application is not a guarantee of a benefit.

The benefit months and benefit amount awarded to enrolled households varies based on the participating Utility Provider.



KENTUCKY community Action PARTNERSHIPS

Now Accepting Home Energy Assistance (HEA) applications.
Apply today!

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800-456-3452

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Disaster Case Management (DCM)

DCM is a time limited process that facilitates a partnership between Case Managers and Impacted Households.

- Case managers will provide guidance, advice, and referral(s) in obtaining a service, or assist in obtaining resources from various providers that address a serious need essential to the Household to overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse condition.
 - Single point of contact to assist the household in coordinating necessary services and resources to address the client's complex disaster recovery needs in order to re-establish normalcy.
- Disaster Case Managers rely on the client to play an active or lead role in their recovery. Together, they will develop and carry out a Disaster Recovery Plan.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Household resides in a county that was designated within a Disaster Declaration.
 - Household has a disaster-related hardship or need
 - Such as, housing is unlivable due to the disaster or aftereffects

kynect

kynectors can assist individuals with applications for:

- Medicaid
- K-CHIP
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Qualified Health Plans through kynect

• kynectors provide Community Outreach and Education:

- Attending and planning community events where attendees may benefit from education
- Speaking at businesses or at community meetings.

Weatherization

Creating safer, healthier, more cost-efficient homes.

The Weatherization Assistance Program was created to reduce energy waste, lower utility costs and ensure the health and safety of low-income residents.

Utilizing professionally trained crews, technicians can perform an in-depth energy analysis on a home to determine ways to reduce energy consumption and save money on utility bills.



Transportation

Many Kentucky communities have access to Community Action Agencies' transportation services.

Serve at little to no cost:

- Seniors & Veterans
- Medicaid Recipients
- General Public

Available Services vary by CAA:

- Fixed Route
- On-Demand
- Medical Transportation



* Not operated by all CAAs

Head Start/Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start programs are laying the groundwork for Kentucky's youth to become confident, educated, lifelong learner.

Early Head Start serves children from birth to age 3.

Head Start serves children ages 3 through 5.

Migrant and Seasonal Head Start serves children of migrant and seasonal farm workers from birth through age 5 and their families.

- Emphasis on school readiness.
- Health and Mental Health Services for children.
- Engage and support the families, providing parental supports.



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Partnership

Start with contacting Community Action Agency

- Develop referral pipeline
- Ask about services in your area
- Request to put on information listservs
- Take part in communities surveys or ask about board membership

Provide Opportunities for CAA to share information about their program

- Post flyers and share across your social media/newsletters
- Allow CAA staff to come in-person; resource table or meeting space

Coordination of events to better serve population

- Inform and invite CAA to events happening at your locations





Stay in Touch!

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