



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES/CSBG

Kathy Hochul, Governor
Robert J. Rodriguez, Secretary of State

Community Action Celebrates Community Action Month

Albany County Community Action, Inc (ACAP)

In celebration of Community Action Month, ACAP celebrated with the communities of Albany County by hosting their annual Community Appreciation Block Party on Wednesday, May 17th. This year's Block Party, a long-standing tradition for ACAP, was met with excitement as families from all over the county visited.



Free to the public, this event emphasized connecting families to resources and breaking down barriers to navigating beneficial services for individuals and families living with low incomes. In addition to learning about ACAP programs and services, residents were able to connect with nearly 40 other local community organizations in attendance, learning about even more instrumental resources and services offered to those in need.



Weaving hope and opportunity with some fun, attendees of all ages enjoyed family friendly activities, music, and snacks plus a children's book share where ACAP gave away over 100 books!



By hosting the Community Appreciation Block Party, ACAP hopes to generate awareness of the needs of those living in poverty as well as connecting people to valuable resources, all while celebrating and having fun as a community, something very much needed in these times.

Community Action of Orleans & Genesee

Community Action of Orleans & Genesee participated in many of the Community Action Partnership's [Community Action Month Calendar](#) activities, and then included those pictures in their newsletter!



Community Action of Greene County & Columbia Opportunities, Inc.

Executive Directors Florence Ohle and Tina Sharpe were keynote speakers at the Interagency Connections Day held at Columbia-Greene Community College on June 6, 2023.

Pictured left to right: Executive Director Tina Sharpe, Columbia Opportunities, Inc; Executive Director Florence Ohle, Community Action Greene County; Danielle Palleschi & Amanda Karch from Columbia-Greene Community College; Rebecca Polmateer, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties



Community Action Organization of Western New York

New York Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez visited Community Action Organization of Western New York (CAO of WNY) on June 14, 2023, to announce \$100,000 in funding allocated to the agency assist East Buffalo residents with housing security.



The funding will be used to provide case management and rental and mortgage assistance to 100 families and individuals in East Buffalo to prevent evictions and help families maintain safe, stable and permanent housing. The Community Action Organization of Western New York has been instrumental in providing supportive services and aid to East Buffalo residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the aftermath of the tragedy at Tops Market in May of 2022.



Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez (center) joined by CAO of WNY Staff: VP of Adult Services Brandi L. Haynes; COO, Operations, Outreach & Development Ulysees Wingo; President & CEO Thomas Kim; Executive VP/Chief of Education Dr. Chelsea White.

“Our Division of Community Services works closely with non-profit organizations to help low-income families all across the state,” Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said. “The East Buffalo community has experienced significant hardships over the past year, and the Community Action Organization of Western New York has been instrumental in helping this community to recover during these difficult times. We are proud to deliver this critical funding that will provide much-needed aid and services to our most vulnerable New Yorkers in Western New York.”

It's State Plan Time Again!

The Division of Community Services, along with stakeholders, has drafted the [2024-2025 NYS CSBG State Plan](#). With an anticipated submission date of August 28, 2023, the Division of Community Services (DCS) is seeking input and comments from the CAA network and partners.

The **Public Comment Period** is now open through Friday, July 14, 2023. The Division of Community Services encourages all CSBG partners to provide feedback.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the **Public Hearing** on the proposed **2024-2025 CSBG State Plan** must complete the **Public Hearing Reply Form** and email it to dos.sm.dcs@dos.ny.gov before **Monday, July 10, 2023**.

Although written comments on the proposed 2024-2025 CSBG State Plan may be submitted until the close of business on **July 14, 2023**, we would appreciate that they are submitted in advance of the hearing. Submit written comments to dos.sm.dcs@dos.ny.gov. Copies of the Proposed State Application and Plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program for FFY 2024 and FFY 2025, as well as the Public Hearing Reply Form, are available at <https://dos.ny.gov/reports-management-plans-and-guides#management-plans>.

Public Hearing for Proposed State Application and Plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program for FFY 2024 and FFY 2025.

Thursday, July 13, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attend in person or virtually:

- ❖ Albany – One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, 5th Floor Room 505, Albany, NY 12210
- ❖ Buffalo – 295 Main Street, 8th Floor, Suite 821, Buffalo, NY 14203
- ❖ New York City – 123 William Street, 2nd Floor, Room 231 New York, NY 10038
- ❖ Virtually:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m9611e594aa2dda6e6d25d4a3f8013b91>

Meeting number: 161 841 6754

Password: HpiPJmbZ385

Join by video system:

Dial [1618416754@meetny.webex.com](tel:1618416754@meetny.webex.com)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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Access code: 161 841 6754

Division of Community Services Reminders

Quarterly Reports due in July 2023

- Monday July 10, 2023: MWBE Form C and Form F
- Monday July 31, 2023: PPR and PPR Narratives; Fiscal and Program Attestation

CSBG Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Advisory Council will meet in-person at the following locations:

- ❖ Albany – One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, 5th Floor, Room 505, Albany, NY 12210
- ❖ Buffalo – 295 Main Street, 8th Floor, Suite 821, Buffalo, NY 14203
- ❖ New York City – 123 William Street, 2nd Floor, Room 231, New York, NY 10038

Members of the public may join in person or via videoconferencing.

Please email let DOS know if you plan to attend at: dos.sm.DCS@dos.ny.gov

CSBG Eligibility Guidelines at 200% FPL for FY 2023, 2023 Poverty Guidelines

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The language in the current Continuing Resolution allows for the use of the 200% FPL CSBG Eligibility Guidelines until September 30, 2023.

Health and Human Services [2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

DOS Income Eligibility Memo

The memo is posted on the Division of Community Services website: [DOS Income Eligibility Memo](#)

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Additional Resources for the CSBG Network

Community Action Partnership - [Resource Library](#)

Community Action Program Legal Services (CAPLAW) - [Resource Library](#)

National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) - [Annual Report Resources](#)

New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA)- [NYSCAA Learn](#)

New York State Weatherization Directors Association - [Training Calendar](#)

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