

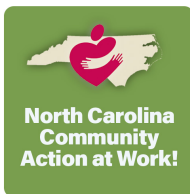
February 2023 News from the NCCAA ❤️



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Medicaid Expansion is on the Table, and We Can Help!

Tonite! Wednesday evening, the NCCAA hosts a webinar training on how Community Action agencies can work together in the goal of achieving Medicaid expansion in North Carolina.

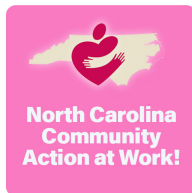
Want to participate and learn more about Medicaid expansion? **Join us tonite, February 7 from 6:00 to 7:00 to learn more about the issue and learn how we can make an impact together!**

Let's amplify NCCAA voices to support 600,000 North Carolinians who need access to healthcare!

All are welcome!
Please reach out to NCCAA Training & Special Projects Coordinator, Nafia Speach with questions you may have, email: nafia.speach@nccaa.net

Register Here





Join us in Raleigh on Valentine's Day!

The voices of impacted people are the most powerful way to influence legislators on the Medicaid Expansion issue and many of those impacted are people served by the Community Action Network all across North Carolina.

Health Action North Carolina (HANC), and the NCCAA, along with other allies will be **holding an important "Love Thy Neighbor" Advocacy Day on February 14th. Stay tuned for more information on how to participate.**

2023 Annual Conference



McKoy to be Keynote Speaker

Dr. Henry C. McKoy, Jr.,
Inaugural Director, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)



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Speaker & Awards Nominations Accepted

We're seeking both conference speakers and nominations for several annual awards.

Please visit the link below to submit your nominations!

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Thank you to three of our early sponsors

We're thankful to Mutual of America, Carolina Complete Health and NC Housing Finance Agency, three sponsors of our May conference! If you know a business that might like to extend its brand in this way, send them to the link below!



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NCCAA Ramps Up Partnership with Southern University

We're pleased to announce that we're continuing to build our online certificate partnership with Southern University, offering certificates in both Head Start Management and Case Management.

Our Case Management certificate program is designed based on feedback from community action agencies across the state of North Carolina. The comprehensive, web-based certification curriculum was developed in response to updated CSBG Annual Reporting guidelines and CSBG Organizational Standard 7.9.

Agencies with staff enrolled in our certification training will not only meet this critical organizational standard, but will also be able to document staff time spent completing the course in the newly updated Community Service Block Grant Annual Report.

Online Certificate Programs
 Brought to you by: The North Carolina Community Action Association & Southern University and A&M College
 Earn a certificate online in 8 weeks, and upon completion receive 3.5 hours of CEU credit & certificate from Southern University and A&M College.

Case Management
 For beginners and seasoned professionals nationwide

Modules include:

- History of Community Action
- ROMA
- Stress Management

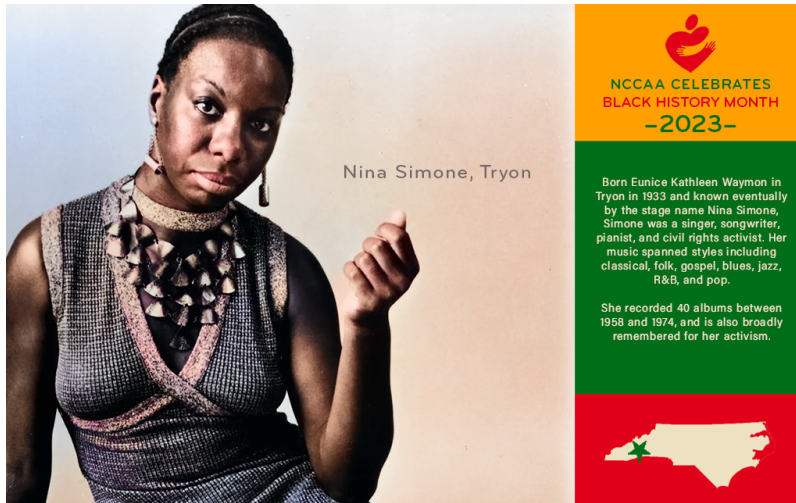
Head Start
 Featuring one-on-one feedback and guidance from an industry expert

Modules include:

- History of Head Start
- An empowerment-based approach to family engagement

Learn More Here!

NCCAA Celebrates Black History Month



Social Media Support for the NCCAA Network

The NCCAA develops creative content year-round to celebrate and inform. Images like the one above will appear on our socials pages throughout the month of February, to celebrate Black History in North Carolina. This content is available for use by Association members, either by sharing from Facebook or by email. Other social series currently available are a "myths and facts about poverty," and a series celebrating the Civil Rights movement. Have ideas on content for our network? Please reach out: communications@nccaa.net.

Community Action News From Around State



Free Tax Preparation Through ESR

Forsyth Free Tax, a program of Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR), is providing free tax preparation beginning January 30. Forsyth Free Tax is a part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in which qualified volunteers prepare taxes for free for people making \$60,000 a year or less.

[Learn More Here](#)



Community Action Opportunities
HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.

Success Story

To hear 42-year-old Angel Boone talk about her life today, one would not know that she spent years struggling with addiction. At 10, she was removed from her family because of drugs in the home.

After unsuccessful serial placements in group and foster homes, Angel petitioned for and received a court-ordered Emancipation when she was 15. "Foster care didn't work for me," said Boone.

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W.A.M.Y.'s Santa for Seniors a Success Once Again

In December 2022 W.A.M.Y. Community Action held their fourth "Santa for Seniors" gift drive.

With support from local businesses, organizations, and individuals W.A.M.Y. distributed 1,431 holiday gift bags to senior citizens staying in assisted living facilities, living in hospice care or homebound. Presents were delivered in-person by local volunteers and included items such as blankets, puzzle books, lotion, lip balm, candies and treats.

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Mountain Projects Opens Second Resale Store

In the two months since the Mountain Projects resale store opened in Waynesville, it's already seen serious success in both the number of quality donations and customer traffic.

The store follows a similar shop Mountain Projects has in Jackson County called Sylva Linings, which has been in operation for about seven years. Mountain Projects Assistant Executive Director Brooke Smith said the folks from Sylva Linings were vital to the new store's successful opening.

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Media Watch



Head Start could hire work-study college students with new legislation

Virginia legislator spearheads bill that would benefit Head Start nationwide.

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Black History Month

An audience got a kaleidoscope view of education's past, present and future during part one of the four-part Black History Month series that began this week at the Robeson County African American Cultural Center in downtown Lumberton.

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The graphic features the NCCAA logo at the top center. Below it, the text "CONFRONTING POVERTY" is written in large, bold, red letters with yellow lightning bolt accents on either side. Underneath, a large yellow number "6" is inside a red circle, followed by "FACTS & MYTHS" in white. At the bottom, "FACT 1: MOST AMERICANS WILL EXPERIENCE POVERTY" is written in yellow.

We Want Your Stories!

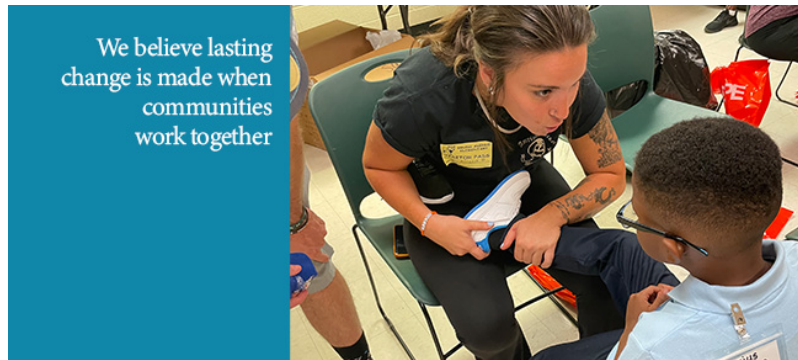
Working together to share the impact of Community Action

Does your Community Action Agency have impactful content to share? Let's collaborate. The NCCAA develops creative content year-round to celebrate, educate and inform. Images like the one above will appear on our socials pages regularly, often, like this one, in support of informational series surrounding the work of our network. Let's amplify the voices of organizations in our network! Let's share the impactful work of community action and tell the stories of our clients! Reach out for collaboration: communications@nccaa.net.

Share the News

As a member of the NCCAA community, we work to empower low-income families, change people's lives for the better and improve the communities we serve. We are all dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Please take a moment and forward this news to a co-worker and grow the community of professionals dedicated to this important work.

Click to Sign Up



"I Am" Community Action Video

Please share this video in your social media!

The purpose of Community Action agencies is to provide a broad range of activities and services that help individuals move the needle towards self sufficiency. Our programs help and encourage children and youth, support individuals and households in crisis, sustain and honor the elderly, strengthen families and work to strengthen the entire community. #CommunityAction #NCCAA



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