



 *Virginia Community
Action Partnership*

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About Virginia Community

Action Partnership

Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) is the statewide membership association for Virginia's twenty-nine non-profit and public Community Action Agencies. We all work together on our common vision — to fight poverty and build self-sufficiency for strong families and communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. As each agency focuses on its unique local needs, we also come together as the community action network to discuss common issues, share

ideas, experiences and strategies for success.

VACAP serves its members with state and federal legislative representation and advocacy, member training and education, public relations and marketing, resource development, facilitating collaboration, and statewide efforts to increase public awareness of Virginians in poverty and strategies to improve their lives and their communities.

Community Action Agencies

Community action agencies change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities and make America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other as they move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Community agencies were created through the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Community Action Boards of Directors are composed of at least one-third members from the low-income community, one-third public officials, and up to one-third members from the private

sector.

Core funding for community action comes from the Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). CSBG is flexible and primarily funds local investments in services, facilities and partnerships in the community. Additional funding is provided by state and local governments as well as private sector contributions and substantial volunteer time and in-kind contributions. Community action relies on mobilizing help from private-sector partners, volunteers, and faith-based groups. Each \$1 of core funds is leveraged by almost an additional \$10 in cash and in-kind contributions.



COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

The Community Action Partnership, the national association representing the 1,000-member Community Action Agency network that helps over 13 million low-income Americans change their lives each year, kicked off the awareness campaign more than four years ago to engage the public in the nation's fight against poverty. The campaign included the introduction of the new Community Action logo featured above and a new association name, "Community Action Partnership" that categorizes Community Action Agencies as "partners" in this effort to fight against poverty.

"For far too long, Community Action has been America's best kept secret," said Tim Donnellan, Board Chair of the Community Action Partnership and Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area in Dayton, Ohio. "But as CAAs across the country introduce and continue using the new name and logo on their offices, websites, stationery, and brochures, the public will begin to recognize these local agencies as being part of one national network — America's poverty fighting network."

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SERVED BY COMMUNITY ACTION IN VIRGINIA



72 percent of families had incomes below 100 percent of poverty level.



60 percent of families included at least one child.



50 percent of families had at least one person employed.



46 percent of the adults did not graduate from high school or receive a GED.



44 percent were African-American



41 percent were Caucasian.



40 percent were single-parent, female-headed households.



39 percent of individuals were below the age of 18.



39 percent had no health insurance.

15 percent were over the age of 55.

Programs and Services Provided by Community Action Agencies

Community action agencies coordinate programs and services offered to the community. There is no “typical” community action agency, because each is governed by the leadership and needs identified in its community. The community action approach to fighting the causes of poverty is to provide a range of services addressing poverty-related problems.



FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

College Counseling and Placement, Dropout Prevention, Head Start, Literacy Programs, Nutrition and Food Programs, Substance Abuse Education, Prevention and Counseling, Summer Youth Employment Programs



FOR THE ELDERLY

In-Home Care Programs, Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Centers, Senior Day-Care, Transportation, Volunteer Services



FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Consumer Education, Economic Development, Housing Development and Renovation, Neighborhood Improvement, New Business Ventures, Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Investment Act One-Stop Centers



FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Community Centers, Family Development Support, Health Clinics, Home Ownership Programs, Nutrition Education, Parenting Education, Virginia Individual Development Accounts, Weatherization Assistance



FOR THE WORKING POOR

Adult Education, Budget Counseling, Child Care, Financial Education, Free Income Tax Preparation, Job Training and Placement, Small Business Development, Virginia CASH Campaign



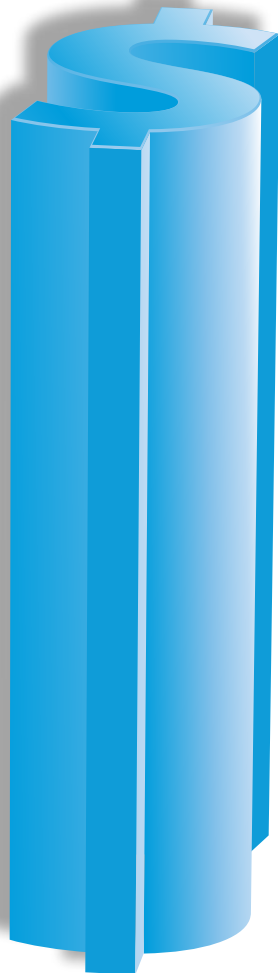
FOR THOSE IN CRISIS

Domestic Violence Programs and Shelters, Emergency Food, Clothing and Services, Energy Crisis Assistance, Eviction Prevention, Homeless Shelters, Transitional Housing

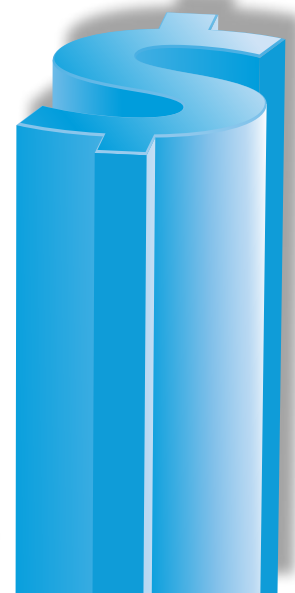
Community Action Results

“By the Numbers”

The Virginia community action network produced results in 2006-2007.



Administered a budget of **over \$125 million**



Including **\$89 million** in federal resources



\$9 million in state resources

\$12 million in local public resources



\$15 million in private sector resources


✿ Provided support and/or space for *84 other non-profit organizations* serving *80,000 low-income citizens*.

✿ Helped families increase personal savings through financial education and counseling programs and Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA) program for first-time homebuyers, savings for education and business development.




Provided free tax preparation for more than 11,000 families with over \$12 million in total federal and state refunds and a savings of \$2.2 million to taxpayers.



 Helped *over 7,500 families* improve their housing through weatherization, home repair, housing counseling, plumbing services, and water/wastewater improvements.



Over 20,000 volunteers provided more than 560,000 hours of service, conservatively valued at **\$10.5 million**.

 Served *7,500 children* in Head Start programs, assisted *1,300 young people* to attend college or technical school, and provided *child care for 1,000 families*, allowing parents to work or to attend school or training.



Developed and rehabilitated 500 housing units for low-income families.



Assisted *over 130,000 people* in need.



Helped meet emergency needs of *over 82,000 people*



Assisted *5,600 unemployed people* to obtain jobs.

Assisted *2,000 elderly and disabled people* to maintain independent living arrangements.



Virginia Community Action Partnership – Expansion Map

Likely Expansion to 27 Counties and Cities

Expansion Areas – Likely Existing Agencies
Expansion Area <i>(labeled on map)</i>
Fairfax City
Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties. Cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester.
Hanover, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties. City of Fredericksburg.
Bath County

Expansion Areas – Likely New Agencies
Expansion Area <i>(labeled on map)</i>
Counties of Essex, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland.
Goochland County
Augusta County. Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro.

Existing Service Areas

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Counties

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| Accomack | Giles | Orange |
| Albemarle | Grayson | Patrick |
| Alleghany | Greene | Pittsylvania |
| Amelia | Greensville | Powhatan |
| Amherst | Halifax | Prince Edward |
| Appomattox | Henry | Princess Anne |
| Arlington | Isle of Wight | Pulaski |
| Bedford | James City | Roanoke |
| Bland | King and Queen | Rockbridge |
| Botetourt | King William | Russell |
| Brunswick | Lee | Scott |
| Buchanan | Loudoun | Smyth |
| Buckingham | Louisa | Southampton |
| Campbell | Lunenburg | Surry |
| Caroline | Madison | Sussex |
| Carroll | Mecklenburg | Tazewell |
| Charles City | Montgomery | Warwick |
| Charlotte | Nansemond | Washington |
| Craig | Nelson | Wise |
| Cumberland | New Kent | Wythe |
| Dickenson | Norfolk | |
| Elizabeth City | Northampton | |
| Fairfax | Nottoway | |
| Fauquier | | |
| Fincastle | | |
| Floyd | | |
| Fluvanna | | |
| Franklin | | |

Cities

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| Alexandria | Richmond |
| Bedford | Roanoke |
| Bristol | Salem |
| Buena Vista | South Boston |
| Charlottesville | Suffolk |
| Chesapeake | Virginia Beach |
| Clifton Forge | Williamsburg |
| Covington | |
| Danville | |
| Emporia | |
| Franklin | |
| Galax | |
| Hampton | |
| Hopewell | |
| Lexington | |
| Lynchburg | |
| Martinsville | |
| Newport News | |
| Norfolk | |
| Norton | |
| Petersburg | |
| Portsmouth | |
| Radford | |

Counties

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| Chesterfield |
| Culpeper |
| Dinwiddie |
| Henrico |
| Highland |
| Prince George |
| Prince William |
| Rappahannock |
| York |

Cities

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| Colonial Heights |
| Falls Church |
| Hopewell |
| Manassas |
| Manassas Park |
| Poquoson |

