



FACA Newsletter

Message from Executive Director Faith Pullen

Greetings, members, partners, and friends!

I hope you've had an opportunity to relax and take some time for self-care this summer! The season is coming quickly to an end. Students are back to school, traffic has picked up, and the routines are returning. We will blink and fall will be at our doorsteps.

Now is the time to revisit goals set at the beginning of the year and ramp up efforts for success. FACA is already in middle of the first quarter of the new fiscal year and, as always, we are moving full steam ahead.

This month's issue will showcase some exciting training initiatives, new staff announcements, and preparation for the Census 2020. These and other exciting things to come are just the few examples of how the Association strives to enhance the Florida Community Action Network every day, in every way!



A hearty thanks to those who completed our survey. This will help us determine which trainings are valuable and successful and identify areas of improvement. This year's survey provided plenty of great feedback. During the week of Sept. 16, FACA will host discussion groups based on the survey results. Stay tuned for more details.



Florida Training Opportunities

CCAP COHORT



The Certified Community Action Professionals (CCAP) Florida 2020 cohort is scheduled to start Oct. 28 in Orlando. Space is available for those who have been approved to attend by their executive director. If you have been approved but have not registered, contact your executive director.

ROMA TRAINING

In response to your overwhelming interest in ROMA Implementer Training, we are happy to announce that Florida will have its very own cohort! FACA will host a statewide ROMA Implementer Training on Oct. 28 in Orlando. More details to come.



Community Services Block Grant



The state of Florida Community Services Block grant (CSBG) Model State Plan for FFY 2020 is now available for review. You can access a copy of it [here](#). Remember, standards are due in November but you can submit them now.

National Training Opportunities

New Executive Director's Institute



Registration is available for this two-and-half day training (**Oct. 9-11**) for new executive directors (five years or less in the role) to help them achieve deeper insight into their position, the work of Community Action, and current operating environment of the Community Action Network. The training will be provided by the Community Action Partnership, National Community Action Foundation, and Community Action Program Legal Services, WIPFLi, National Association for State Community Services Programs, and other industry experts.

Click [here](#) to register.

2019 NASCSP Annual Training Conference



Join NASCSP in Little Rock, Arkansas, **Sept. 25 - 27**, for the 2019 Annual Training Conference. NASCSP's conference offers valuable opportunities for professionals from around the country to come together and discuss strategies for meeting new challenges in improved performance, innovation, and accountability in the fight to change the face of poverty across the nation.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Marcia Cedano Joins FACA



FACA is pleased to welcome Marcia Cedano to the network! Marcia started this month as our new Program Coordinator. In this position, Marcia will handle a variety of FACA projects, work with external partners, and manage grant-related initiatives. Prior to joining FACA, Marcia worked in various roles for the Tampa-based University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc. Marcia comes to FACA with an extensive background in the nonprofit sector, especially in program development, implementation, and management. Additionally, Marcia is acquainted thoroughly with Community Action Partnership ideals, programs, and values thanks to her service since 2016 on the Hillsborough County Community Action Board. Welcome to FACA Marcia!

CENSUS 2020 is on the horizon. FACA is a member of the national Community Action Complete Count Committee (CACCC). In the upcoming months, we provide information about the 2020 Census. Beginning in September, Community Action will put out free online courses specifically targeted for frontline staff on how to talk to their clients about the census. Visit the national website for more information, webinars, and materials.

Here's more information about Census 2020:

Community Action Partnership and the Census

Community Action has played a critical role throughout its history during the decennial census to ensure the entire community is counted and represented through education and outreach, enumerator recruitment, and broad based communication around the importance of the census. The reach of Community Action is felt in rural, suburban, and urban communities and the network provides many touch points throughout the year for families that are critical to Get out The Count efforts.

In 2020, Community Action Partnership's census efforts are lead by a working group made of up of network leaders from state's with the largest hard-to-count-populations including: MA, NY, PA, OH, GA, FL, TX, AZ, CA. This working group will provide insight from both the state and agency level to inform the Partnership's activities. Over the next year, the Partnership plans engage the network in census Get-Out-The Count efforts through: in-person trainings at conferences, quarterly webinars, digital resources and organizing tools, and on-the-ground train-the-trainer curriculum, and more!

What is the Census Counts Campaign?

Census Counts is a collaborative campaign involving more than 15 national organizations and dozens of community partners working together to make sure that the 2020 Census is fair and accurate. The campaign works to educate stakeholders and the public about the importance of a fair and accurate census to our communities, families, and children .

[Learn more about the Census Counts Campaign here.](#)

SEACAA Conference



Late Registration Available
2019 Southeastern Association of
Community Action Agencies Conference
Sept. 10-13
Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, in
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Visit seacaa.org to register
and book a hotel room.

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