



**Newsletter - April 2023**

**Get Ready for the FACA 43rd Annual Training  
Conference!**

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**Registration is Open!**



# 43rd Annual Training Conference

## Rescheduled!

**Weatherization Training  
Registration**  
August 7-11, 2023

**Pre-Conference  
Registration**  
August 8, 2023

**General Conference  
Registration**  
August 9-11, 2023

Click for the Registration Links:  
<https://faca.org/annual-training-conference/>



**COMMUNITY IN ACTION 101**  
Leadership, Strategy, &  
Innovation in Motion

**Hotel Registration**

**Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort  
Bonnet Creek  
14651 Chelonia Pkwy  
Orlando, FL 32821**

Click to Register Online:  
**Coming Soon!**

**Call to Register: (407) 390-2300 - Reference: *FACA Annual Conference***

**\*Room block rates are available until *Coming Soon!***



**It's time to recognize your colleagues, collaborators, and communities for  
outstanding achievement!**

The Florida Association for Community Action (FACA), Inc. seeks nominations for the 2023 awards. Award recipients will be honored at the 43rd Annual Training Conference Gala in Orlando, FL, on *August 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm.*

Click each nomination link below for the guidelines, criteria, and submission form.

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

<https://forms.office.com/r/itxisHB1GJ>

**Agency of the Year Award**

<https://forms.office.com/r/B5YWZsjHXn>

**Sonny Walker Self-Sufficiency Award**

<https://forms.office.com/r/aigsLjyCjN>

**Staff of the Year Award**

<https://forms.office.com/r/zLXBQE5B4D>

*\*All nominations must be received by Friday, June 9, 2023, by 5:00 pm (est).*

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## Food Security Grant Application Open

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The application for the 2023 Food Security grant program is now open! The application deadline is **Wednesday, May 10, before 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time).**

Florida Blue Foundation enables healthy communities by making grants, building coalitions, and embracing solutions that create a meaningful impact in our communities. The Florida Blue Foundation is committed to improving health equity by impacting food security, advancing mental well-being, growing healthy communities, and addressing health disparities.

The Food Security program aims to improve access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food in underserved communities in Florida. Areas of interest include:

- Improving access to healthy food
- Neighborhood markets in rural communities, food deserts, and urban areas

**[Watch the application clarification webinar.](#)**

Details and links to the application portal can be found **[here](#)**.

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## Community Action Month Is Coming!

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## Download NCAP's Toolkit for Tools and Resources to Support Your Efforts

May is Community Action Month, and the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) is excited to announce that the 2023 Community Action Month Toolkit is out now and available to download from their landing page!

The toolkit includes sample graphics, social media messages, activities and events, outreach resources, customizable templates, and more.

Also, check out the calendar for daily themes and guidance to help your agency celebrate throughout May.

[Click here](#) to access the toolkit.

## State Weatherization Program Notice 23-04: Draft WAP State Plan and Notice of Public Hearing



The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is holding a **public hearing at 11:30 AM, Friday, May 5, 2023**, to receive comments regarding the State of Florida's WAP State Plan.

The meeting will be held virtually

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DEO requires at least one (1) agency member to attend the public hearing. Please email the name(s) of the individual

on Microsoft Teams and in person at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 107 East Madison Street, Conference Room 320, MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

to Dylan Owens, WAP Team Lead, at [Dylan.Owens@DEO.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Dylan.Owens@DEO.MyFlorida.com).

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## Housing Bill Live Local Act (SB 102)

On March 29, 2023, Governor DeSantis signed the Live Local Act (SB 102) into law. The Live Local Act, which is the 2023 Legislative Session's omnibus housing bill, contains several policies aimed at producing more affordable homes in Florida.

This webinar will be the first training series designed to help the public and private sectors implement the tools in the Live Local Act. Presenters will provide a breakdown of the entirety of the Live Local Act, including its funding policies, land use planning, tax incentives, using publicly owned land for housing, and more. In addition, participants will learn how the Act will impact the work of local government SHIP staff, their community partners, and members of affordable housing advisory committees.

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[RSVP](#)

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## Agency Spotlights



Do you have some good news to share about your agency? We want to hear from you!

You can follow the link below to complete the form or contact [nacole@faca.org](mailto:nacole@faca.org) to share information, events, and achievements happening at your agency with the greater FACA network.

We can't wait to hear from you!

[Submit Your Good News](#)

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You Are Cordially Invited...



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The Georgia Community Action Association (GCAA) invites the Florida Community Action Network to participate in the Social Impact Investing Executive Education Program.

This cutting-edge three-day course enables nonprofit and community development leaders to leverage the power of social enterprise and social impact investing together to increase impact, improve stability, and grow the sustainability of their organizations.

What You Will Learn:

- What is a social enterprise, what can it do for your organization, and what structures should be considered? (emphasis on legal, tax, and funding options)
- How can you use impact investing to expand your mission and increase your total access to funding?

[Click here](#) to learn more!

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## FACA Social Media

Follow us on Facebook for news and updates about organization events, people, and partners.

