

# 2016

# *Annual Report*

*“People Helping People”*



MAHONING-YOUNGSTOWN  
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

### *Mission Statement*

To stabilize, sustain, and foster opportunities for advancement out of poverty for individuals and families by educating, supporting and providing assistance to achieve self-sufficiency for low income residents of Mahoning County.

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## **Message from Board Chair**

### **Dr. Ben McGee**

The Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership is committed to addressing the issues and needs of those Mahoning County residents who are living in and struggling with the impact of poverty; while at the same time assisting those same Mahoning County residents in their efforts to move from dependence to self-sufficiency. As Board Chair, I want to first commend the current MYCAP staff for its efforts in working to meet the above referenced MYCAP mission and intents. During the past several years the organization has faced a number of daunting challenges...challenges that could have created a major distraction to the workforce. Under the leadership of the agency's current Executive Director the agency has stayed focused and worked diligently to stabilize and sustain current operations. This also includes plans to grow and scale the agency, expand programs and develop new initiatives that support the constituents we serve.

The MYCAP Board of Directors is committed to the work of sustaining and growing the agency. Over the past year, the Board demonstrated its commitment to MYCAP by investing more hours and resources than would normally be the case for a community action board. Veteran board members and newly appointed board members have agreed to serve on numerous committees, encouraged their constituents to support MYCAP's efforts and have continued to educate themselves relative to MYCAP'S operational structure...this includes gaining a full understanding of the edicts and operational structure of our funders. The MYCAP Board is aware of the important role that MYCAP plays in the community. MYCAP is one of the few agencies that operates on both sides of the delivery spectrum; mitigating the impact of poverty and providing programs and services to our constituents in their efforts to rise from poverty.

As constituents, community service providers, private sector entities, educational institutions and religious institutions you are aware that the agency has faced numerous challenges in the past several years. It is heartening to report that none of these challenges have compromised direct services to our constituents. I visit the MYCAP office frequently...affording me an opportunity to carefully observe agency operation. I am pleased to tell you that I see a sense of dedication, drive and resolve among the staff.

In closing I would like to thank the Executive Director, Shelia Triplett, for her skills, knowledge, commitment and strength during this past year. Shelia has committed an inordinate amount of time to agency operation and structure. Her understanding of processes and agency mission and intents has been vital in sustaining the agency's function. Your support is vital to MYCAP's continued operation; including our efforts to expand our services. In some instances, MYCAP will be calling on you to support our efforts in the community...if we call on you for support please be willing to assist. I and other board members stand ready to meet with you to discuss our triumphs, challenges and visions for the future.

***Dr. Ben McGee, E.D.***  
MYCAP Board Chair

## **2016 Programs & Services**

### ***Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) & Energy Assistance Programs***

Computer & Financial Literacy	Senior Outreach & SNAP	HEAP (Summer & Winter Crisis)
Emergency & Planned Assistance	Senior Transportation	Home Weatherization (HWAP)
Employment Skills & Training	Electric Partnership Program	PIPP Plus

## **2016 Program Outcomes**

***Computer Literacy*** –143 enrolled and 55 completed a program to learn basic computer skills. The program aims to help people learn the basic use of how to operate a computer and how to find information over the internet.

***Emergency & Planned Assistance*** - 968 families received assistance with first month's rent, security deposits, rent assistance, mortgage assistance and water bill payments. Throughout the course of a year there are a number of different programs that help eligible residents with utility bills and energy conservation.

***Employment Skills & Training*** - 44 enrolled and 26 completed a six-week job training program. The program is geared towards initiating low-income individuals into the workforce. Eligible participants receive soft skills training, resume writing and job application assistance, job placement counseling, and supportive services to find and maintain employment or continue on to post-secondary education or vocational training.

***Financial Literacy*** - 55 enrolled and 16 completed a program on financial literacy. The program is geared toward assisting low income individuals with a development plan that will lead them to economic stability. After learning these strategies, individuals will be able to create a budget, manage credit, begin a savings plan, and open checking and savings accounts.

***Senior Nutrition Application Program (SNAP)*** - 60 eligible seniors enrolled in the food stamp program. The program assists low-income residents 60 years and over and their families in purchasing the food they need to stay healthy.

***Senior Transportation (August 2015)*** - transported seniors on 2,200 trips. The program is available to qualifying seniors to attend planned events and activities.

***Electric Partnership Program (EPP)*** - 169 families received assistance to lower electric consumption. The program improves the electric efficiency of low-income households who participate in the PIPP Plus program. It gives homeowners the opportunity to replace old light bulbs with new compact fluorescent bulbs and possibly replace their present refrigerator and/or freezer with a brand new Energy Star Model that is energy efficient.

***Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)*** - 73 families received assistance with furnace and insulation work in order to lower energy usage. The cost energy assistance program is designed to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by income eligible Ohioans, reduces household energy costs and improve the health and safety of residents.

***Home Energy Assistance Program (Winter & Summer Crisis)*** - 5,024 families received assistance with their electric and/or heating bills. The program is federally funded and is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. The Summer Crisis Program assists eligible families with their electric bills and/or purchase of air conditioners during the summer months. The Winter Crisis Program provides assistance once per heating season to eligible households that are disconnected, threatened with disconnection, or have less than a 10-day supply of bulk fuel.

***Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)*** - 7,922 families received assistance through income-based payments to utility companies. The program gives eligible households an extended payment arrangement that requires gas and electric companies to accept payments based on a percentage of the household income.

## 2016 Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Home Weatherization	\$667,541.00	\$667,541.00
Community Services Block Grant	\$887,318.00	\$887,318.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$12,235.00	\$12,235.00
HEAP	\$481,605.00	\$481,605.00
HEAP Summer Cooling	\$416,000.00	\$139,431.84
HEAP Winter Crisis (grant for utility expenses only)	\$800,000.00	\$479,823.15
ESG (2016-2017)	\$15,000.00	\$1,950.16
TANF (2016-2017)	\$17,600.00	\$8,218.91
Energy Partnership Program	\$234,947.00	\$234,947.00
House Warming	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Community Connections	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,987,246.00</b>	<b>\$3,359,851.15</b>

## 2016 MYCAP Board of Directors

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**Not pictured:** Ruth Charles, Artis Gillam Sr., Douglas Sherl, Mark Williams

## Special Thanks to Our 2016 Partners

- A.C.T.I.O.N.
- Beatitude House
- City of Youngstown
- Cleveland Housing Network (CHN)
- Dress to Succeed Ministry
- Eastern Gateway Community College
- Gerry's Pressure Wash & Maintenance Service
- Ground Level Solutions
- Mahoning County Healthy Homes & Lead Program
- Mahoning County One Stop
- OCCHA
- Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE)
- United Methodist Community Center
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- Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority (YMHA)
- Youngstown Neighborhood Development

