

# 2017

# *Annual Report*

*“People Helping People”*



## *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. MYCAP has developed a vision, and mission statement that supports the aforementioned commitment. The Board, the Executive Director and agency employees use the vision and mission statements as guides for the agency's actions and interactions with clients, funders and other stakeholders to insure fidelity in programming and operation.

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. The MYCAP board has equal representation from private, political and low-income sectors of the Mahoning / Youngstown community. This representation is designed to be inclusive and diverse; thus providing the opportunity for persons from the three referenced sectors to provide, input and advocacy to the MYCAP program and operational structure.

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. She has ambitious and positive intents for the agency.

The Board of Directors is committed to providing the agency with the necessary support to sustain MYCAP's current scope of work, while supporting MYCAP in its efforts and intents to provide scale and innovation in future programming and services.

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

## **2017 Programs & Services**

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

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

## **2017 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.

***Seniors Out for Action (SOFA)***- 70 plus members attend monthly 60 or more activities annually; health fairs, monthly meetings with local officials and community organizations, health fairs, socialization with each other and local senior residents.

***Senior Levy Program*** – Assisted over 300 seniors with recreation activities and case management activities, such as; seeking benefits or connecting seniors to eligible services in the community, 60+ years old.

***Senior Transportation*** - Transported seniors on 2,500 trips. The program is available to qualifying seniors to attend planned events and activities in the county, including Sebring and surrounding rural areas.

***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.

**2017 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 (2yr)	\$1,668,462.00	\$834,231.00
Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	\$12,235.00	\$12,235.00
AAA-Mah. County Senior Levy	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
HEAP	\$530,875.00	\$530,875.00
HEAP Summer Cooling (grant for customer expenses)	\$158,500.00	\$113,330.00
HEAP Winter Crisis (grant for utility expenses)	\$800,000.00	\$447,770.00
USF PIPP	\$33,490.00	\$33,490.00
ESG (2016-2017)	\$15,000.00	\$1,950.16
TANF (2017-2018)	\$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>\$4,668,650</b>	<b>\$3,414,588</b>

**2017 MYCAP Board of Directors**

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**1st Row:** Rev. Kenneth Simon, Atty. Christine Legow, Alice Freeman, Dr. Ben McGee, Councilman Nathaniel Pinkard

**2nd Row:** James Echement, Anthony Spano, Frank Nolasco, Arnold Clebone, Ken Carano, Clifford Hill

**Not pictured:** Rosetta Carter, Ruth Charles, Artis Gillam Sr., Mark Williams

## Special Thanks to Our 2017 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
- Walgreens
- Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority (YMHA)
- Youngstown Neighborhood Development

