

MAY: COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

May is Community Action month and while still in the midst of the Pandemic and Racial injustice, it is not the time to celebrate but it is time to pause, show gratitude, remember the families impacted by the pandemic, the lives lost, the families who mourn them and those whose lives are impacted by racial inequity and inequality in all its systemic forms. 2000 was an awakening and 2021 is a reckoning and a call for action. And as it has for 56 years MYCAP and other Community Action agencies are leading the way in meeting the needs of those affected by the pandemic, making bold affirming statements and standing in support with those seeking racial justice and equality in this country.

Beginning in 2020 and continuing into this year MYCAP like other Community Action Agencies across the country are using the funding they received to respond to the needs of our customers. MYCAP is utilizing funding from Youngstown City (CDBG), COVID - 19 Crisis Relief Fund, CSBG CARES II, CSBG, and CAA HRG, to provide rent/mortgage, utility and food assistance for those who continue to be impacted by COVID-19. Additionally, MYCAP has formed partnerships and collaborations with other nonprofits to assure that those in most need get all the help that is available in the community. We also are looking at the long-term needs of our customers and in Partnership with Flying High INC and other community partners have opened a one-stop job training, readiness and job attainment center called the Professional Development Center (PDC). We are also partnering with other agencies providing them funding to distribute food and prepared hot meals for seniors and other vulnerable individuals and families in Mahoning County.

The Pandemic may have slowed us down and changed how we operate but it didn't change our commitment to serve the low/moderate income individuals and families in Mahoning County. So, while again this year there will be no formal Community Action Month celebration there will be COVID safe events, articles and Community Action facts on our website and Facebook page that showcase MYCAP's services, programs, staff, partners and all the work we still are doing in Mahoning County. "Helping People Saving Lives". **Shelia Triplett, CEO**

MYCAP'S MISSION

To directly provide services to improve the quality of life of low-to-moderate income residents of Mahoning County in partnership with other organizations

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

<u>S.O.F.A.</u>	<u>RECREATION</u>	<u>CASE MANAGEMENT</u>
70 + Members	17 SITES	
Activities paused due to COVID 19	5 YMHA PROPERTIES	MORE THAN 800 SENIORS
Essential Shopping	DELIVER OVER 100 CARE PACKS PER MONTH	1800 HOURS PER MONTH

AAA11 TRANSPORTATION

Transportation service provided to the senior citizens in Mahoning County (western townships and surrounding areas) For more information call 330.747.7921 ext.1411

DELIVERY ANGEL

MYCAP in Partnership with A.C.T.I.O.N.

Provide a free safe and reliable grocery shopping service for seniors who are 60 and older. "Because we believe every senior citizen deserves an Angel". Call today to see if you are eligible: 330-747-7921 ext. 1766

2019-2020 MYCAP

PLANNED EMERGENCY SERVICES

- *Emergency Food Assistance
- *Food Voucher
- *Rent and Mortgage Assistance
- *Water Bill Assistance

For more information call: 330.747.7921 ext1766 or 1141

TELEPHONIC SERVICES

Provides weekly calls to seniors who may live alone or have no one to regularly check on them. To request this service for yourself or a senior contact: 330.747.7921 ext. 1766

MINOR PLUMBING REPAIRS

United Way Grant

Homeowners with minor plumbing issues. Target groups: Seniors, health and safety issues, water bill/water consumption issues, Veterans, disabled, single parent household with minor children.

For more information call: 330.747.7921 ext1766 or 1141

MYCAP Virtual Health and Wellness Monthly Session

Education on health and wellness with a professional wellness coach each month. For more information contact: 330.747.7921 ext. 1766



ENERGY SERVICES PROGRAM

MYCAP's various energy programs are likely the most recognized. These programs seek to help residents with utility bills and energy conservation.

- *Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- *Summer Crisis Program (Cooling)
- *Winter Crisis Program (Heating)
- *Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus)
- *Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)
- *Electric Partnership Program (EPP)

2019-2020 ENERGY SERVICES OUTCOMES

Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)

Budget \$810,248; DOE \$339,203; HHS \$471,045
 Goal: 79; Completed YTD 50; 85% of homes received furnaces; In the Pipeline 13; Assessment to Goal 15

Home Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement (HWAP-E)

Budget \$163,209; Completed YTD 35; Enhancement jobs: Reduction in Household Energy Burden: Target 100 Participants

Electric Partnership Program (EPP)

Budget \$642,512; Audits YTD 137; Community Connection (CC) Budget \$2771,00 Audits YTD 152

HEAP Assistance: Served 7,869 – Payments \$1,999,682

Winter Crisis Program: Served 2,249 – Payments \$412,238,85

Summer Crisis Program: Served 1,169 – Payments \$310,367,57

Electric Payments \$115,787.70; 814 Air Conditioners; 1,530 Fans Given

EMPLOYMENT SKILL AND TRAINING PROGRAM

The status of Employment Training at MYCAP is a partnership with Flying High INC at the Professional Development Center. The PDC Welcome Center open **MONDAY – FRIDAY from 9 am-4pm** provides a walk-in environment for all job seekers to be connected to job opportunities, enroll in vocational training, and/or explore career pathways opening in our region. Current accelerated training and customized employment include Basic and Advanced Welding, State Tested Nurse's Aide, Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant and LPN, RN and Commercial Driver's License with partner schools. We have developed relationships with companies who wish to hire individuals such as GLI Pools, Simco Management, TJX Warehouse and PurFoods. We are currently working with Mahoning Valley Manufacturing Coalition to provide training for Extrudex. Training will take place at Eastern Gateway Community College. The PDC has recently completed initial training for Forklift Drivers at the new TJX warehouse in Lordstown, Ohio. We provide workshops on Professionalism, Resume Development, Behavioral Changes and Expungement of Criminal Records just to name a few.

G.O.A.L.S

MYCAP Certified Community Health Workers continue to work to impact the infant mortality and Social Determinants of Health (systemic racism; implicit bias, housing, transportation, nutrition, COVID-19).

In direct response to COVID-19 for 2020, our community partners at **Project MKC** aided in the birth of our Emergency Diaper Bank. Over 120,781 diapers & 52,688 wipes were dispersed. The diaper bank allowed boots, socks and clothing to reach the children in need. The **Northeast Homeowners and Concerned Citizens Association** donated 2,500 baby wipes.

CareSource partnered to distribute 250 coats during the winter to community children. **Akron Children's Hospital & Ohio Children's Trust Fund** – provided car seats, baby gates and highchairs to 25 families. We utilized our partnership with **Mahoning County Pathways Hub**. We work to create positive health outcomes & change the black infant mortality rate. We now have a chronic disease program focusing on diabetes, hypertension & substance abuse disorders.

Our community partners stay committed to working together during the pandemic. Together with the **Youngstown City Health Dept. & Ohio National Guard**, we tested over 1,400 people for COVID-19. **Akron Children's Hospital – Alta Behavioral Healthcare - Mercy Health Resource Mothers - Office of Minority Health – My Baby's First Coalition – Mahoning Valley Fatherhood Coalition – Infant Mortality Safe Sleep Program** are partner agencies helping us make a difference. We will continue work within the family units in Mahoning county to remove barriers permanently for sustainable change.

MYCAP GRANTS

CDBG - Youngstown City	\$678,102
CDBG TOP	\$977,000
AHRG	\$2,137,000
Community Connections	\$277,000
COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund	\$25,000
CSBG	\$1,712,001
CSBG CARES	\$1,047,753
CSBG CARES II CRFESP	\$1,502,878
Direction Home IIIB Supportive	\$13,842
Direction Home IIIB Transportation	\$12,235
Direction Home Levy	\$50,000
Direction Homes IIIB Care	\$10,000
Direction Homes IIIB Care	\$15,000
EPP	\$642,041
HEAP	\$760,060
HEAP Winter Crisis	\$550,000
HEAP Summer Crisis	\$386,000
HEAP-Reduction in Household Energy Burden	\$150,000
HWAP Enhancement	\$163,209
HWAP	\$810,248
Mahoning County Public Health	\$82,500
United Way	\$16,000
USF PIPP	\$46,797
Youngstown City Health - COVID Assist	\$70,000
Total MYCAP Budget	\$12,134,666