

Community Action Partnership's Public Policy Platform 2019 - 2020

Objectives



- Establish a unified policy vision based on our strategic plan that incorporates CAP Values.
- Create a tool for local agencies and State Associations to use to enhance engagement with community members and policymakers.

Policy Platform Overview

- **Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Funding & Reauthorization**
- **Creating an Economy that Works for All with Sufficient Income for Family Well-Being**
- **Providing Equitable Access to Clean, Affordable Energy & Infrastructure**
- **Expanding Safe & Affordable Housing**
- **Ensuring High Quality Education & Workforce Readiness Regardless of Circumstance**
- **Promoting Universal Health & Well-Being**
- **Establishing Structural Equity in the Criminal Justice System**
- **Protecting Immigrant Community Members**
- **Encouraging Civic Engagement that Allows Every Voice to be Heard**
- **Strengthening Community Resilience**



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The Community Action Partnership envisions a nation that creates opportunities for all people to thrive by building strong, resilient communities, and ensuring a more equitable society for all community members.

As the national membership association for Community Action Agencies (CAA) and State Associations, we acknowledge that local CAAs are the backbone of Community Action and play a crucial role in shaping that national vision.

The Partnership establishes this Community Action public policy platform, which is derived from our strategic plan and core values, so that local Agencies and State Associations may utilize it for local and state engagement.

CAP POLICY PLATFORM

- **Creating an Economy that Works for All with Sufficient Income for Family Well-Being**
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- **Expanding Safe & Affordable Housing**
- **Ensuring High Quality Education & Workforce Readiness Regardless of Circumstance**
- **Promoting Universal Health & Well-Being**
- **Establishing Structural Equity in the Criminal Justice System**
- **Protecting Foreign-Born Community Members**
- **Encouraging Civic Engagement that Allows Every Voice to Be Heard**
- **Strengthening Community Resilience**

CAP VALUES

- We believe all people should be treated with dignity and respect and recognize that structural race, gender, and other inequities remain barriers that must be addressed.
- We believe that this nation has the capacity and moral obligation to ensure that no one is forced to endure the hardships of poverty.
- We believe that with hope, adequate resources and opportunities, everyone can reach their fullest potential, and we are committed to achieving that vision.
- We pledge ourselves to creating an environment that pursues innovation and excellence through multi-sector partnership and collaboration.

Policy Platform Next Steps

- The policy platform will be posted on the Community Action Partnership website and serve as the cornerstone for an expansion of policy resources.
- We hope that CAAs and State Associations may find it helpful at the local and state levels.
- The Partnership will present the details of the final policy platform to the Network in a webinar on **Tuesday, January 28th, 2020.**

