



Learning Communities Resource Center 2021 Kick-off

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Building Capacity to Increase Impact



HELLO THERE!

*We're glad that you
made it !*

Welcome!



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Talk with others on the webinar!

Enter in the Chat:

- Your name and where you are located
- Why did you decide to join the webinar today?

The Promise Of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Agenda

- Overview of the Learning Communities Resource Center
- Transformation
- Upcoming LCG Opportunities
 - Achieving Equitable Outcomes for Families
 - Health Intersections Learning Community
 - Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approach
 - Housing Opportunities Expansion & Homeless Prevention
 - Financial Empowerment
- LCRC Resources
- Upcoming LCRC Events



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Building Capacity to Increase Impact

***Purpose:** The purpose of the LCRC is to analyze Community Action outcomes and identify effective, promising, and innovative practice models that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty.*

BUILD CAA CAPACITY TO FIGHT POVERTY!

The National Community Action Network Theory of Change

Community Action Goals

Goal 1: Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Goal 2: Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.

Goal 3: People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.



Services and Strategies

Employment



Education & Cognitive Development

Income, Infrastructure & Asset Building



Housing

Health/Social Behavioral Development



Civic Engagement & Community Involvement

Core Principles

- Recognize the complexity of the issues of poverty
- Build local solutions specific to local needs
- Support family stability as a foundation for economic security
- Advocate for systemic change
- Pursue positive individual, family, and community level change
- Maximize involvement of people with low incomes
- Engage local community partners and citizens in solutions
- Leverage state, federal, and community resources

Performance Management

How well does the network operate?

What difference does the network make?



- Local Organizational Standards
- State and Federal Accountability Measures
- Results Oriented Management and Accountability System

- Individual and Family National Performance Indicators
- Community National Performance Indicators

A national network of over 1,000 high performing Community Action Agencies, State Associations, State offices, and Federal partners supported by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to mobilize communities to fight poverty.

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Community Assistance





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HISTORIC FOCUS AREAS

- Rural IMPACT Initiative
- Whole Family Approach
- Bundling Services
- Integrated Services
- Place-based Strategies to Improve Outcomes
- Results at the Community Level
- Cultivating Data-Centered Organizations
- Health Intersections
- Financial Empowerment for Families
- Decreasing Homelessness
- Community Economic Development: Social Enterprise
- Implementing Innovative Practices

CORE APPROACH

- Peer-Centered Learning Community Groups and Communities of Practice focused on evidence-based and evidence-informed practices that work
- Curriculum design aimed to shift organizational mindsets and transform anti-poverty practice
- Subject Matter Experts and their organizations who are leaders in the human services sector
- Development, curation, and dissemination of resources informed by the learning and experimentation in respective learning cohorts. Here is an example of a recent LCRC resource video:
<https://youtu.be/tMlwXay8Sig>

CURRENT FOCUS AREAS

- Housing Opportunities Expansion and Homeless Prevention
- Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approaches
- Achieving Equitable Outcomes for Families
- Whole Family Approach
- Health Intersections
- Tribal Leadership Innovations



LEARNING COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK

THE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Open LCGs

- Health Intersections
- Housing Opportunities Expansion and Homeless Prevention
- Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approaches

Intensive LCGs

- Achieving Equitable Outcomes for Families

Communities of Practice

- Regional Whole Family Approach Community of Practice
- Virginia Whole Family Approach Community of Practice
- Impact Community of Practice

The Magic of The Learning Community

- **Free Access to Field Experts & TA**
- Connect people, organizations and systems around a shared goal
- Members accountable to common agenda, metrics and outcomes
- Learn and grow together
- Improve ability to achieve rapid progress
- Innovation!

Transformation At All Levels

Agencies that have participated in LCGs have:

- Leveraged learning to secure millions in new funding
- Increased employee satisfaction
- Increased gains in client outcomes
- Recognized nationally for evidence-based practices
- Emerged as Peer Experts for the field

Whole Family Approach Design Briefs

- *Aroostook County Action Program (Presque Isle, ME)*
- *Blueprints (Washington, PA)*
- *Community Action, Inc. (Topeka, KS)*
- *Community Action Project of Tulsa County (Tulsa, OK)*
- *MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership (Detroit Lakes, MN)*
- *More Coming Soon!*

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/wfa-design-briefs/>



Anti-Poverty Practice Case Study Series

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	Open LCGs	Intensive LCGs
Related National Webinar Series events	✓	✓
Access to Community Action Academy	✓	✓
Peer-to-Peer Learning Opportunities	✓	✓
Access to Subject Matter Experts	✓	✓
Customized Technical Assistance		✓
Piloting/Implementation Support		✓
Monthly Peer Sharing & Learning Meetings		✓
Identification and provision of resources for sharing across the network	✓	✓
Learning opportunities at the Partnership's National Training Events	✓	✓
Invitation to Special Learning Community Convenings	✓	✓
Timeframe	12 months	12 months

Available Intensive Learning Community Group Opportunity

Achieving Equitable Outcomes for Families

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This LCG uses the Racial Healing Circle practice as a tool for bridging across differences, which enables CAA staff to engage in more human-centered interactions with families, ultimately leading to the activation of family voice and power and building equitable outcomes and social and economic mobility. The group will also access strategies to help create pathways for collaboration and alignment with community partners and stakeholders as CAA leaders engage in systems level transformation work.

Subject Matter Expert



Mee Moua

Principal of Interdependent
Group, LLC

All Participants Will:

- Learn the methods and purpose of engaging in Racial Healing Circles through coaching support
- Reflect on personal equity journeys and strengthen interpersonal equity capacities
- Receive the opportunity to be trained in co-designing and facilitating this practice in respective communities

Expectations

- Participation at each meeting is required
- Facilitate Racial Healing Circles at the Annual Convention
- Bring your experience back to your agency and community
- Share your experience with others in the network

Time Frame

May 2021 through March 2022

*End date determined depending on support needs

Important Dates:

- **April 19th**: Racial Healing Circles—Community Action Equity Summit
- **May 17th**: Orientation/Kick-off Meeting 1:00pm-3:30pm ET
- Monthly Meetings continue on 3rd Mondays at 1pm ET

Application Logistics



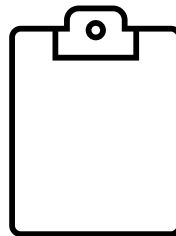
- Deadline for application: Friday, April 23rd
- Decisions announced: Monday, May 3rd
- Apply early! Preference will be given to earlier applications

*Dates subject to change

How to Apply

We will share the link in follow-up communications with all details

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCGEquitableOutcomesFamilies>



Available Open Learning Community Group Opportunities

Health Intersections

Health Intersections

Our Health Intersections LCG focuses on family and community level strategies that address barriers and leverage the connections within the health sphere to address the social determinants of health and promote healthy well-being for all.

Subject Matter Expert



Dr. Dayna Long

Department for Community
Health and Engagement (DCHE)

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital -
Oakland, CA



Upcoming Health Intersections Learning Opportunities

- **May 13th**: Health Intersections Convening: Adversity, Trauma, Resiliency and Early Childhood
- **June 30th**: Health Equity Webinar with APHA
- **September 1st – 3rd**: Annual Convention – Health Intersections Convening

Health Intersections Convening – May 13th

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress negatively impact the health and development of children that can extend for a lifetime.

Learn about:

- The effects of ACEs
- Strategies for assessing and addressing ACEs
- How a Network of Care can strengthen community-based strategies to reduce and disrupt the effects of childhood trauma.

HEALTH INTERSECTIONS CONVENING
Adversity, Trauma, Resilience, and Early Childhood

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 13, 2021
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET



Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approaches

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Our Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approaches LCG focuses on building emotional resiliency and healing through trauma informed approaches to promote wellbeing at the individual, agency and community levels.

Subject Matter Expert



Dr. Denese Shervington

President, Institute for Women
and Ethnic Studies

Upcoming Building Resiliency Using Trauma Informed Approaches Learning Opportunities

- **June 2nd**: Creating Trauma-Informed and Resiliency-Promoting Organizations
- **September 1st – 3rd**: Resiliency and Healing Workshops at Annual Convention

Housing Opportunities Expansion and Homeless Prevention

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Our Housing Opportunities Expansion and Homeless Prevention LCG focuses on a spectrum of housing challenges and opportunities, including homeless prevention and re-housing.

Subject Matter Expert



Sharon McDonald

Senior Fellow for Families and
Children, National Alliance to End
Homelessness

Upcoming Housing Opportunities Expansion & Homeless Prevention Learning Opportunities

- **National Webinar Series:** Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Webinars
- **September 1st – 3rd:** Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Workshops at Annual Convention

Financial Empowerment

Financial Empowerment

Our Financial Empowerment LCG focuses on financial education and asset management.

Upcoming Financial Empowerment Learning Opportunities

- **April 21st**: Bridging the Racial Wealth Gap: A Systematic Approach – at the Equity Summit
- **September 1st – 3rd**: Financial Empowerment Sessions at Annual Convention

Poll Question

How do you think you will engage with the Learning Communities Resource Center in the future?

Community Action Academy

*is the **free**, online learning hub for the Community Action Network, powered by Moodle. Access on-demand eCourses that include videos, resources, activities, quizzes, as well as engage with peers across the nation.*

- Check out our [Family-Centered Coaching 101 Introduction Course!](#)
- **New** - [Advancing Family-Centered Coaching 201 Course](#)
- Additional topics include:
 - A Community Action Guide to Fiscal Oversight
 - Overview of the CSBG Organizational Standards
 - Health Intersections
 - Implementing ROMA
 - ROMA for Boards
 - and more!



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April 20-21, 2021

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Upcoming LCRC Events

April 19-21: Community Action Equity Summit

April 28: The Intersection of Data Capacity Building and Strategic Planning

May 19: COVID-19 Resource Tour

June 2: Creating Trauma-Informed and Resiliency-Promoting Organizations

June 30: Health Equity

Recap on LCRC

What the Network can continue to expect

- Promising, proven and/or best practices
- Innovative methods of addressing poverty
- Experimentation
- Implementation of new ideas
- Access to resources to support “Anti-Poverty Approaches”
- Lessons learned from the field
- Increased accumulation of knowledge
- Improved data collection
- Shared learning and mentoring
- Rapid solution development

Questions



For More Info

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