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### *MCA's Mission*

*To strengthen and inspire  
Community Action Agencies to  
champion solutions to poverty  
and to promote economic  
opportunity.*

### *Upcoming Events*

## Announcements

### Know Your Rights as an in-Person Voter

The National Community Action Partnership compiled [resources](#) for election day, including a [fact sheet](#) about voting rights with links and hotlines to ensure that voters in our communities have the information they need to exercise their rights. We encourage Community Action Agencies and State Associations to consider sharing with staff, board, customers, and volunteers as they prepare to vote in the next few days.



### Community Action Votes Facebook Frame



Advocate the importance of voter participation in your community with this Community Action Votes Facebook frame. [Click here](#) to apply the frame to your Facebook profile picture.

### Are you ready for the 2020 Changes to Forms 1099 for Non-Employee Compensation?

The most significant change to the Form 1099 in 2020 is the breakout of Non-Employee Compensation (NEC) from Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC to its own Form 1099-NEC. View the new form here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1099nec.pdf> And read more about why the changes were made & how to prepare [here](#)

## CAAs in the News

### DICSA expands food distribution warehouse & new food distribution truck

DICSA held a ribbon cutting at their newly expanded food distribution warehouse on October 22. The agency put a 2,000 expansion on their

**Nov 9** - Finance Committee Meeting 10:30 AM EST

**Nov 9** - Directors Council Meeting 1:00 PM EST

**Nov 9** - Board of Directors 3:00 PM EST

**Nov 18** - Legislative Committee Meeting 10:00 AM EST

**Nov 26-27** - MCA Closed for Thanksgiving

For a full list of events, visit [MCA's calendar](#).

**The Michigan Community Action Update is a new, weekly round-up of important information for members of Michigan Community Action. We may send more frequent updates when important information breaks that impacts the Community Action network. We welcome your input and feedback.**

Please send your comments and ideas [here](#).

### **MCA Officers/Board Members 2019-2021**

**Jill Sutton**  
President  
Mid Michigan CAA

**Michelle Williamson**  
Vice President  
Community Action

**Kerri Duff**  
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Upper Peninsula Officer  
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Lower Peninsula Rural Officer  
Community Action of Allegan County



warehouse and purchased a new food distribution truck with CARES money. The warehouse houses the food, primarily, for our CSFP and TEFAP programs & DICSA delivers to 10 UP counties.

[See news segment.](#)

## **Community Action of Allegan County celebrates 55th Anniversary by hosting virtual event**

CAA of Allegan County hosted Hearts and Hands Week October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup>. This virtual event offered community recognition, opportunities to donate & purchase raffle tickets for prizes. There were also daily emails featuring staff, programs and families they serve.



Check out this video featuring their crisis utility program & Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Brenda Molendyk: [Hearts and Hands Week Day 2 with Brenda Molendyk](#) and their website here: <https://communityactionallegan.org/>.

## **Webinars/Trainings**

### **The 2020 Michigan Cybersecurity Conference**

**Registration is now open**

Rehmann, in partnership with the Better Business Bureau Serving Western Michigan, the West Michigan Cyber Security Consortium and the Michigan Small Business Development Center, presents our seventh annual [Michigan Cybersecurity Conference](#) on November 12, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. Hosted virtually for the first time, we're excited to share this opportunity and welcome attendees from all over Michigan, and beyond. <https://www.michigancybersecurity.com/register>

## **COVID-19**

### **Keep Calm and Carry On: Crisis Communications Tips and Strategies**



Transparent communication is something many nonprofit teams value. In times of prosperity and calm teams have plenty of time to craft thoughtful messages to stakeholders. All bets are off in a crisis: the need to be transparent remains, but time is of the essence. This workshop explores practical tips and strategies to stay on message during a crisis and focus on the most important messages and most effective methods. Access this information packed 25 minute free webinar recording [here](#):

### **Crisis Toolkit from the Fireweed Collective**

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CAA Governing Board Officer  
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#### SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

Was this e-newsletter forwarded to you? Sign up for email updates from Michigan Community Action, your statewide network of anti-poverty agencies [here](#).

When you or someone close to you goes into crisis, it can be the scariest thing to ever happen. You don't know what to do, but it seems like someone's life might be at stake or they might get locked up, and everyone around is getting stressed and panicked. This page offers an assortment of resources that may provide perspective, comfort, and/or tools that could be of assistance to people experiencing various sorts of tough times. Access the toolkit [here](#):



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## Remote Work Resources

### Remote working: These new Microsoft tools help students and workers feel less stressed



Social and emotional learning for students, workplace wellbeing for employees: how Microsoft is building technology to help support people. To learn more about these [resources](#).

**We're here for you: We've made a number of changes at MCA so that we can continue to serve you and the network, including closing the physical MCA office and making arrangements for MCA staff to work remotely since March 16, 2020. All direct phone lines, as well as the general line have been forwarded to mobile phones and staff are all accessible by email as well.**

**Thank you. Be well and stay safe, everyone.**

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