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*To strengthen and
inspire Community
Action Agencies to
champion solutions to*

Announcements

The Michigan Community Action Greatest Needs Fundraiser in partnership with DTE Foundation continues from now until midnight next Thursday April 16.

As of Monday morning 4/6, with the 100% match, the MCA network raised \$16,760 from 71 donors! Keep up the emails, calls and posting on social media to your followers and ask them to help spread the word about this opportunity.

Michigan Community Action partners with CEDAM (Community Economic Development Association) to inform Michiganders how to access individual stimulus checks.

- You can find the blogpost, co-authored by MCA's Director of Finance and Human Resources here: <http://cedamichigan.org/2020/04/stimulus-checks-making-sure-low-income-households-receive-an-economic-impact-payment/>
- You can find our joint-press release about this issue here: <http://cedamichigan.org/2020/04/stimulus-checks-low-income-households-will-miss-out-if-they-havent-filed-income-taxes/>
- Download a copy of the handout for clients [here](#).

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations to:

- Protect the health and safety of Census Bureau employees and the American public.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

Households have until **August 14** to complete the 2020 census!

Upcoming Grants

Mutual of America's 2020 Community Partnership Award Competition

The aim of the annual award is to recognize the important contributions that nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, make to society. Each award recipient must demonstrate the difference the partnership has made, show the ability of the partnership to be replicated and to stimulate new

poverty and to promote economic opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Legislative Committee Meeting Apr 15

Leadership Development Institute Apr 20

Finance Committee meeting May 18 at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette.

Board of Directors meeting May 18 at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette.

Directors Council meeting May 18 at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette.

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

We welcome your input and story ideas

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 impact the Community Action network.

We welcome your input and feedback. Please

ideas in addressing social issues, as well as illustrate the partnership's commitment to advancing the mission and principles of the organization. For more information and to download an application (Due May 1):

<https://www.mutualofamerica.com/cpa/cpacompetition>

Webinars/Trainings

CARES Act Benefits for Nonprofit CAAs - Hosted by CAPLAW, Tues Apr 7, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT

CAPLAW will discuss the details of several new programs and identify key considerations for nonprofit CAAs and network organizations seeking to take advantage of these benefits. Register [here](#).

Conversation with Office of Community Services - Hosted by NCAF on Tues April 14 @ 2:15 PM EDT Register for the Webinar [here](#).

Community Action Complete Count Committee (CCACCC) - Hosted by Community Action Partnership Weds April 15, 2020 3:00 PM EDT. Register [here](#)

If you missed the March 26 CACCC Meeting, Watch the presentation [here](#).

Crisis Communications Town Hall - If you missed the CAP Partnership's March 27 webinar, you can access the slide deck [here](#). Webinar [Recording](#)

MNA Tele-Town Hall - If you missed the webinar you can access the slides here-[Slides](#)

COVID-19

*See also webinar section for COVID-19 resources

Stimulus Checks. Beware of scams surrounding stimulus checks. Scammers are calling asking for your bank and other information to "process" your stimulus check.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/28/coronavirus-covid-19-stimulus-checks-scams/2934056001/>

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act was effective April 1, 2020. The Department of Labor requires you provide this poster to your employees. This poster also provides a great summary of the Act:

https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/posters/FFCRA_Poster_WH1422_Non-Federal.pdf

As part of the CARES Act, Small business loans and paycheck protection loans are available. Find our more here:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/03/26/small-business-administration-loan-faq/>

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) last week, here's what it means for Human Services:

- \$6.3 billion overall to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). This funding will go to a number of human services programs including \$3.5 billion for

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the Child Care and Development Block Grant to provide immediate assistance to childcare providers.

- \$45 million in grants to states for child welfare services.
 - As ACF increases flexibility in services for the most vulnerable, the legislation will help backfill this response by providing \$45 million to family violence prevention and services including for family violence shelters and \$2 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Funding for the most vulnerable will also include \$25 million for immediate assistance to programs providing services and housing for runaway and homeless youth. The Administration for Community Living will also receive \$955 million to provide resources for aging and disability services programs including senior nutrition, home and community-based supportive services, family caregivers, elder justice and independent living.
- \$1 billion to the Community Services Block Grant to help local community-based organizations that provide a wide range of social services and emergency assistance for those with the highest need.
- \$900 million for the [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP) to help families and provide assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs.

Find more details here: <https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx>

Remote Work Resources

Webinars:

April 6, 2020 2-3PM - "Maintaining Business Continuity – Steps and Best Practices in Optimizing for a Remote Workforce"

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8934775929247046926>

April 8, 2020 2-3PM - CAA's Using Abila: "Working Remotely with the Impact of COVID-19 & Planning for FFCRA"

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5533330056134062862>

On Demand - COVID-19: MITIGATING RISK DURING DISRUPTION

<https://www.bdo.com/events/covid-19-mitigating-risk-during-disruption>

On Demand - "Objectively Evaluate Your Security Program"

<https://assets.emediausa.com/research/ondemand-webinar-security-efficacy-is-your-program-as-good-as-you-think-it-is-151982>

Additional Resources:

Tools to Help You Manage Your Remote Workforce:

<https://community.spiceworks.com/blog/3258-how-can-spiceworks-ziff-davis-help-you-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

TechSoup: Resources for Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19

<https://page.techsoup.org/covid-19-resources>

TechSmith: Resources to Effectively Transition to Remote Work and Learning

<https://www.techsmith.com/blog/remote-work-learning-resources/>

Sign up for email updates from Michigan Community Action, your statewide network of anti-poverty agencies [here](#).

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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