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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

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Forgiveness

The SBA and Treasury released an application for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness along with instructions for completing the form.

The [form and instructions](#) offer borrowers a summary of eligible payroll and nonpayroll costs, explanations of loan forgiveness reductions (calculations for full-time equivalents and wage reductions) and details on how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans.

Michigan Receives Additional \$35.1 Million to Help Struggling Households Pay Energy Costs

The State of Michigan has been awarded more than \$35 million in additional federal funding to help vulnerable households struggling to afford utility bills during the COVID-19 pandemic, as radio broadcasters across the state air public service announcements alerting Michiganders to the assistance available to those in need. [Read more.](#)

Stimulus payments coming to millions of Americans via prepaid debit cards

Nearly four million stimulus payments will be sent to Americans on prepaid debit cards in place of paper checks beginning this week, the U.S. Treasury announced. Read more [here.](#)

Mutual of America would like to buy your team lunch!

Mutual of America has offered to buy lunch for your team at the office. They are a proud supporter of Community Action & want to support you! To schedule contact [Lisa Loughry](#) or [Brian Sharrow](#).

Upcoming Grants

Direct Service--Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program - 2021

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the MI E-Grants system for the DS-2021-Direct Service--Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program - 2021.

June 03 - Training Committee
10:00 AM EDT

June 17- Legislative Committee
10:30 AM EDT

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](#).

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All proposal responses with related materials must be submitted electronically using the MI E-Grants system located [here](#).

Webinars/Trainings

Microsoft COVID 19 Trainings

In response to the global COVID19 pandemic, Microsoft is releasing an end user education kit in partnership with Terranova Security. This kit contains three full end user phish and privacy education courses, two videos about how attackers are using the pandemic to target victims, and several blog posts, posters, newsletters, and infographic sheets. [Website](#)

COVID-19

Michigan Mails Absentee Ballot Applications

Michigan has mailed absentee ballot applications to all 7.7 million registered voters ahead of the August primary and November general election in Michigan, a crucial presidential battleground.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat, announced the move Tuesday as part of the state's efforts to confront the coronavirus pandemic. The cost will be covered by federal coronavirus relief funding.

Remote Work Resources

Virtual Team Morale Boosters

1. Encourage staff to pursue learning and professional development opportunities
2. Have virtual coffee breaks where employees can catch up about non work life
3. Do one on one check ins with employees
4. Genuinely care for employees – continue to celebrate birthdays and special events
5. Keep the company's mission and vision clear at all times
6. Ask for feedback
7. Be transparent and communicate often
8. Focus on performance
9. View this [TED talk](#) about why working from home is good for business

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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