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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

DTE Foundation increases gift for the Greatest Needs Fund fundraiser by over \$47,000 to increase the total funds raised to \$252,538 for the member agencies!

DTE Foundation leadership informed MCA that they will be exceeding their generous 100% match of the \$102,538 that was raised from donors by "topping off" the match by an additional \$47,462 to bring DTE Foundation's overall gift to the network to \$150,000. The additional funds will be earmarked for the general fund to be shared evenly among all of the MCA member agencies.

The 2020 Community Action Month Toolkit Is Out!

The 2020 Community Action Month Toolkit from Community Action Partnership includes all-new social media graphics and sample tweets, new daily themes and hashtags, 2020 Census content, and a one-pager with ideas and resources for taking your efforts virtual so you can stay safe while you celebrate. [PDF](#)

MCA will be releasing a mini-version of the Community Action Month Toolkit with images for social media that have been co-branded with MCA's logo alongside CAP Partnership. Links to that toolkit will come to your inbox in an email soon.

In the meantime, please encourage your staff that manage your social media to re-post or retweet MCA posts and ask your board members and volunteers to show their support by helping us tell the Community Action stories throughout the month of May!

IRS releases "Get My Payment" to track status of coronavirus stimulus check

Follow this website [link](#) to check that status of your stimulus payment. Select the blue "Get My Payment" button to get started.

Census Day of Action: May 13

Join [Community Action Partnership](#) for a Facebook Live to answer your biggest questions about completing the Census and share your #ICountToo selfie on social media! Make a poster that says "#ICountToo," and post on social with that hashtag to celebrate completing the Census for your household. Be as creative as you'd like and don't forget to tag them in your post!

Michigan chamber compiles PPE resource list as businesses start to reopen

May 18 - Finance Committee is now virtual. Details forthcoming.

May 18 - Board of Directors meeting CANCELED.

May 18 - Directors Council meeting is now an informal virtual meeting 12-1 PM EDT. Details forthcoming

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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Michigan Chamber members are committed to helping businesses safely reopen. Member companies have voluntarily indicated they source, manufacture or distribute PPE equipment. The Michigan Chamber is providing the links as information only and cannot guarantee immediate supply stock or service availability of PPE equipment. Contact the company directly for product information, availability and warranty. [Website](#)

Upcoming Grants

The MIOSHA Workplace Improvement to Safety and Health (MIWISH) Grant

The MIOSHA (Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Workplace Improvement to Safety and Health (MIWISH) Grant Program awards qualifying employers a dollar-for-dollar match – up to \$5,000 – to purchase safety and health-related equipment and equipment-related training. The goal of the program is to create a safer and healthier work environment and reduce the risk of injury and illness to workers in Michigan. [Learn More](#).

Webinars/Trainings

What the Coronavirus means for your Retirement Finances

In this webinar from the Community Action Partnership Lisa Loughry and Carter Adler from Partnership endorsed vendor, Mutual of America, discuss the implications for retirement plans under the CARES act. [YouTube](#)

HCCT Special Topic: State T/TA Template - Tues May 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM EDT. Hosted by Community Action Partnership [Register](#)

COVID-19

COVID 19 Community Assessment Update Template & Data Resource Guide now available

This Community Needs Assessment template created by NCAP is intended for use by local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) as an addendum to their full Community Needs Assessment in response to the COVID-19 global health pandemic. This document can assist CAAs and State CSBG offices by serving as a foundation to the use of the special supplemental CSBG funding. Within the template is pre-filled text accompanied by places to insert local data and examples. Following the template is a data resource guide for easy access to data and resources to utilize within the template. [PDF](#) [Word Doc](#)

EEOC Says OK for Mandatory Employee COVID-19 Testing

Ordinarily, the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) prohibits an employer from performing medical tests on all of its employees – but these are not ordinary times. On April 23, 2020, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) stated that "an employer may choose to administer COVID-19 testing to employees before they enter the workplace to determine if they have the virus." [Read more](#).

Resources for Supporting Children's Emotional Well-Being during the COVID-19 Pandemic (from [CAP Fresh Finds](#))

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

Children are more vulnerable to the emotional impact of traumatic events that disrupt their daily lives. This resource offers information on supporting and protecting children's emotional well-being as this public health crisis unfolds. [Read more](#).

Remote Work Resources

How to Re-Energize by Stepping Away from Technology in the Workplace [Website](#)

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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