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Community Action leaders in Thompsonville for MCA summer conference

Reducing poverty is the focus for 180 Community Action Agency (CAA) professionals meeting July 11-13 in Thompsonville for Michigan Community Action's (MCA) 2017 Summer Conference. Expert speakers, CAA leaders and Head Start professionals will delve into best practices to help agencies serve low-income families.

Katena Cain, Nonprofit Network management consultant, will present *Bridges Out of Poverty*, a two-day course on socioeconomics and how to efficiently communicate with people from diverse backgrounds. **Mark Horvath, Invisible People founder**, will discuss homelessness in America. **Earl Poleski, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) executive director**, will give an update on MSHDA's agenda. **David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation CEO**, will be a keynote speaker.

"Every year, Community Action leaders work to improve the lives of those living in poverty," says **Kate White**, MCA executive director. "Our members are devoted to helping low-income Michigan households become self-sufficient."

The conference takes place at Crystal Mountain Resort, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr.

Founded in 1975, MCA serves its 29 member agencies throughout Michigan to strengthen their capacity to alleviate the causes and circumstances of poverty.

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