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Community Services - CSBG Update

Community Initiatives and Module 3 Resources

The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) has put together a suite of resources for reporting Community Initiatives on Module 3, including recorded webinars. Access their resources at [NASCSPPs Module 3 webpage](#).

Board File Review- What is Department of State looking for?

Community Action Agencies that receive CSBG funds must have Tripartite Boards. Tripartite means the Board Composition has representation from low income individuals and families that reside in the area served (at least 1/3 representation), the public sector (elected officials or his/her chosen representative) is 1/3, and the remaining Directors represent the private sector (business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served).

DOS must be informed of any changes to the Board upon the occurrence of event, i.e. resignations, change to a different sector, etc. Each Director must be voted on by the Board and the meeting minutes should reflect when that takes place. All members must have a Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement renewed (signed and dated) annually. Appointment acceptance letters, low income representation petition forms and ballot results, and public sector appointment letters must be on file. DOS staff conducts reviews of Board Member Files at scheduled site visits to ensure tripartite compliance.

More information about Tripartite Boards can be found at:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/im-no-82-tripartite-boards>

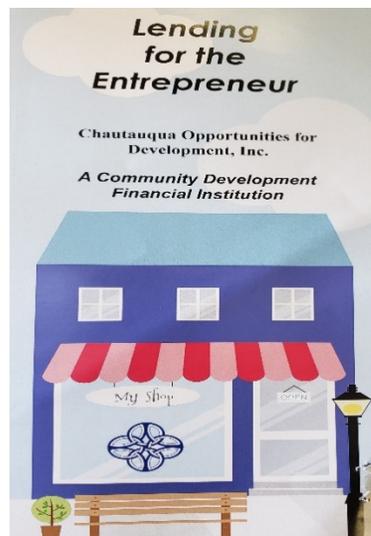
Agency Spotlight: Chautauqua County

Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. in Dunkirk, NY recently dedicated a Memorial Garden on site in the remembrance of deceased senior staff member, CFO Edward Woloszyn.



Chautauqua Opportunities for Development, Inc. (CODI) is a Community Development Financial Institution. Through CODI, individuals with low-to-moderate income are eligible for loans of \$1,000-\$50,000 for Start-Up Businesses & Expansion Businesses. For more information on this program visit:

<https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/codi-economic-development/>



Agency Spotlight: Greene County Peer Court:

On May 1, 2019, 15 youth representing Cairo-Durham, Catskill, Coxsackie Athens and Greenville School Districts, were sworn in by Judge Wanda Dorpfeld as the first participants in Greene County Peer Court.

Peer Court (or youth court) is a diversionary program for first-time low-level offenders between the ages of 12 and 18. Peer Courts follow restorative justice practices, meaning that the victim, offender and community are all stakeholders.

Offenders are “tried” before a jury of their peers, and are sentenced to meaningful, productive sanctions, such as community service and letters of apology. Following a six-week training the student volunteers must take and pass a bar exam, and are then sworn in. They look forward to taking on real cases referred by police agencies and or probation. Heather Daley, Victims’ Advocate and Peer Court Coordinator of Community Action of Greene County, Inc., is pictured front and center with the students, with Judge Wanda Dorpfeld pictured 2nd from the left.



Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act

Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, thousands more students seeking a college degree may be eligible for NYS financial aid to support their higher education costs through the New York State DREAM Act. For more information, visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/> call 888-697-4372 or email NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com

Census 2020

The Complete Count Committee is a great way for your organization and community to get involved with increasing resident awareness on participation in the 2020 U.S. Census. For more information: www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/complete_count.html.

Temporary employment opportunity information is available at: www.2020census.gov/en/jobs.

The Great New York State Fair

Community Services Program Analyst LaShawn Chinn was on hand at the Department of State booth to connect with constituents!



Upcoming Events:

Click the links below for more information

RPIC Region II Conference

Binghamton NY, September 18 & 19, 2019

NASCSP Annual Conference 2019

Little Rock AR, September 23-27, 2019

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