



Community Services - CSBG Update

August 15, 2017

DCS Welcomes 2 New Staff

Aimee Kollar was hired as a Community Services Program Analyst to work in our Contract Review Unit where she will be assisting with contract and payment processing. Amy hails from Fulmont Community Action. We are so happy to have a community action veteran join our staff!

Cindy Ferron joins our Buffalo staff as the new secretary for the division and as support to the other DOS division in the regional office. Cindy comes to us from the Department of Corrections where she was an office assistant. She says she is “glad to be out of prison.”

NYSCAA: Upcoming Community Needs Assessment (CNA)

NYSCAA is pleased to announce to the entire network the launch of a new Community Needs Assessment template. NYSCAA will be holding a webinar on August 23, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to review the following:

- General overview of the survey development process
- NYSCAA CNA Workgroup Activities, Process and Recommendations
- Nuts and bolts about the Survey
- Survey Monkey version of the Survey
- Implementation in the first pilot year

To register for this webinar, please visit the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8175405898641515267>

2017 NASCSP Annual Training Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi

Monday, September 18, 2017 - Friday, September 22, 2017

September 18-19: Pre-Conference Sessions

September 20-22: Core Conference

To register and get more information, visit the [conference website!](#)



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A message from the DOS ONA Director:

Please save-the-date for a webinar on Immigrant Tenant Rights facilitated by the New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Division of Human Rights and the New York State Office for New Americans. We strongly encourage your participation in this informative presentation on such a timely, important topic.

An Update on Fair Housing: Immigrant Tenant Rights

Thursday, September 7, 10:30am – 11:30am

Following an increase in reports that landlords are harassing tenants who are immigrants or illegally discriminating tenants on the basis of national origin or religion, among other protected characteristics, Governor Cuomo announced in June a new statewide campaign to investigate these cases as well as to educate landlords and tenants about their rights and responsibilities. In this informative session, representatives from the New York State Division of Human Rights and New York State Homes and Community Renewal will share information and resources from the statewide initiative on housing rights and protections for tenants who are immigrants. The session will cover tenant harassment in rent-regulated and non-rent-regulated housing in New York State; housing discrimination and protected classes; the housing protections of the New York State Human Rights Law and the process for filing a complaint with the Division of Human Rights. The training will be followed by a brief Q&A session. The presenters from New York State Homes and Community Renewal will be Brooke Davis, Deputy Counsel for Policy and Lindsey Counts, Senior Attorney. The presenter from the New York State Division of Human Rights will be Commissioner Helen Diane Foster.

[**To RSVP Click Here**](#)

Spotlight: Timothy Brogan

It's finally upon us, Tim's final two weeks have arrived. As Tim prepares for his adieu, Becky will take over the last of his piles. We again encourage you to stop by on August 29th from 2-4pm and wish Tim a happy retirement. We all wish him luck in his new job as a George Clooney impersonator.

