



Community Services - CSBG Update

December 15, 2017

Happy Holidays

The Division of Community Services would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!



Thank You for Submitting Your 2017 APR!

Nearly all grantees have submitted their 2017 APR to NYS DOS DCS.

The Division of Community Services thanks you for your timely submission. If you have not submitted your APR, please do so as soon as possible.

Of Interest to Your Agency...

Financial Empowerment Case Studies

Financial burdens at this time of year can be particularly difficult, especially for agency customers. The State CSBG Director's Digest "Resources" section, contains a case study which highlights three Community Action agencies that have participated in a 20-month Learning Community Group with the Community Action Partnership. The case study demonstrates the commitment that CAAs have to providing holistic services to improve lives and alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty.

To learn more about Financial Empowerment and the affect it has had within Baltimore County Community Action Partnership, Capstone Community Action, and Community Action Partnership of Orange County, follow the link: https://lcrwebdotcom.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/anti-poverty-practice_financial-empowerment_draft-5.pdf

ACROS and TRACS Preparation:



The Community Action Partnership has developed a tool to help your agency plan and track the actions needed to stay on target with renewing documents such as strategic plans, needs assessments, and risk assessments, to name a few. The tool can be easily downloaded for agency use. We encourage you to use the tool in preparing for your TRACS and ACROS.

Link: https://www.communityactionpartnership.com/filelibrary/Schedule%20of%20Standards_Final.pdf 1



Spotlight: Adirondack Community Action Programs



In today's newsletter we feature two programs of the Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc: Nutrition Program for the Elderly and the Holidays are for Sharing Program, where hot meals and gifts are prepared to warm the body and heart. During this season, our seniors and children especially benefit from efforts of agencies such as ACAP.

Rob Alexander, Program Director for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly, and his staff are pictured preparing 600 meals for seniors across Essex County. Hot meals are delivered to seniors within 2 hours of preparation.

Toys for the Holidays are for Sharing Program are organized by Programs Coordinator Cindy Cobb and staff. Through the support of the U.S. Marine Corps, Toys for Tots and donations from the community, the program provides toys to an average of 600 children a year.



MWBE Waivers

Does your agency need to do an MWBE Waiver, or maybe do one in the future? The NYS Division of Minority and Women's Business Development will be conducting a very important **MWBE Waiver Webinar**. Mark your calendars for **Thursday January 18th** (time to be announced). This Webinar will cover all the necessary documentation required to successfully submit and obtain a MWBE waiver.

Meet the Team:

Tina LaRocca-Marcellus is a Program Analyst with the Division of Community Services in Watertown, NY, and has been in the division for seven years. Charm Lee is the newly appointed VISTA member for the Division of Community Services in Albany, NY. They invite everyone to share stories of interest with their colleagues in the network by emailing: Tina.LaRocca@dos.ny.gov or Charm.Lee@dos.ny.gov

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