

# Community Services - CSBG Update

February 1, 2017

## ACROS

**THANK YOU** to all the eligible entities who submitted their ACROS binders! Assigned program analysts and fiscal reps will be reviewing these documents in February and March. Follow up will begin during site visits in Quarter 3. We will return your binders at that time.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Plan now to attend a DOS and NYSCAA Regional Meeting

#### **Thursday April 13: Western Regional Meeting**

Where: ACCORD Corporation

Address: 84 Schuyler Street, Belmont, NY 14813

#### **Tuesday April 18: Hudson Valley Regional Meeting**

Where: Ulster County Community Action Agency – Children's Learning Center

Address: 175 Colonial Dr., Kingston, NY 12401

#### **Thursday April 20: Capital District Regional Meeting**

Where: CEO, Large Conference Room

Address: 2328 Fifth Ave, Troy, NY 12180

#### **Wednesday April 26: Central Regional Meeting**

Where: Cortland County Community Action

Address: 32 North Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045

#### **Thursday April 27: NYC Regional Meeting (NEW DATE)**

Where: Virtual Webinar

Address: Go to webinar

#### **Wednesday May 3: North Country Regional Meeting 1**

Where: Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.

Address: 518 Davidson Street, Watertown, NY 13601

#### **Thursday May 4: North Country Regional Meeting 2**

Where: Heaven Hill Farm through Adirondack Community Action, Inc.

Address: 302 Bear Cub Lane, Lake Placid, NY 12946

**Go to the NYSCAA website to register and to complete a short survey:**

<https://ams.nyscommunityaction.org/Events>

## DOS Funding Opportunity

The **NYS Office for New Americans (ONA)** is pleased to issue a new request for applications titled "Workforce Community Education, Community Navigator and Welcoming Communities Program." **CAAs are strongly encouraged to apply.**

This Request for Applications (RFA) complements the ONA Opportunity Centers around New York State and ONA Legal Counsels that will provide legal technical assistance to ONA Opportunity Centers. Applications due March 6, 2017. Click [here](#) for detailed information on this request.

### Help Wanted - Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative Leader

Have you served at least one year of National Service as a member of VISTA or AmeriCorps State or National? Are you a returned Peace Corps volunteer? **We're looking for you!** This position, is part of a larger New York State initiative referred to as the NYS Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI). It is a 16 city poverty initiative launched by Governor Cuomo in 2016 as part of a broad coalition of state and local governments, business, and nonprofit representatives working together to redesign and coordinate efforts to address extreme poverty throughout the state. This position will support the VISTAs as they work with their assigned agencies to address poverty focused activities and help develop promising strategies that match the unique challenges of each particular community.



**If you're interested in more information regarding this position**

**please click on this link:**

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=70652&fromSearch=true>

### Seneca Nation of Indians Receives CSBG Funding

Division of Community Services is pleased to once again provide funding to the Seneca Nation's Tribal Advocate Program. This funding is part of the fixed percentage offered to Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations in the State's annual CSBG Plan. With this funding, the Tribal Advocate Program will provide assistance with emergency food, utility payments, and minor home repairs. Good luck to Tribal Advocates Kerry Kennedy and Christina John!

### Special Thanks to BIA Meeting Attendees

At this time, we would like to thank all of the agencies that attended the BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals) meeting in Albany on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also appreciative to have had Camille Mackler, the director of Legal Initiatives, come and give a thorough overview on what it takes to become BIA accredited. Lastly, we are happy to have our MSW intern, Nyanda Sam-King, assist our agencies with this great initiative.

If your agency is interested in BIA accreditation but were not able to attend the January meeting in Albany, don't worry!



**The next training will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup> at Sisters of St. Joseph on Long Island.** Nyanda Sam-King will notify interested agencies when the registration link is available. If interested, please send an email to: [Nyanda.Sam-King@dos.ny.gov](mailto:Nyanda.Sam-King@dos.ny.gov)

**More good news! We will offer early registration to Community Action Agencies and ONA Centers before we open registration to the general public.**