Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.

Celebrating our History

Building our Future

Annual Report 2014
Throughout 2014, we celebrated the agency’s history in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Community Action. Staff and board members coordinated a series of special events and initiatives, designed to bring greater awareness of the impact of Community Action and its vast network of volunteers and community partners. It was an exciting and uplifting year, but history was not our primary focus. People continue to be the priority at Community Action, and “helping people, changing lives” continues to be at the center of all we do.

Community Action is unique in that we address multiple needs across multiple platforms. It is not uncommon for Community Action to work with our customers over the long term. For example, a family whose child is enrolled in Head Start will be provided with several supports from the Head Start program, everything from health and dental screenings for the little one to activities and educational opportunities for parents. The same family may benefit from other Community Action services, such as vocational education, emergency food, assistance with tax preparation, access to affordable, quality child care or energy-efficient improvements for their home.

Access to multiple services impacts the methodology we apply to counting our customers. Each customer is counted only once during a given year, regardless of the number or frequency of services received. With that in mind, it is staggering to consider that last year we served a total of 10,571 individuals or 4,124 families. If we were to count our customers each time they receive a Community Action service, that number would multiply exponentially.

The complexities of poverty cannot be addressed by any one agency and instead must be the focus of a collaborative effort. As the name implies, Community Action is a community-wide movement, and we work in tandem with non-profit agencies, educational institutions, government entities, businesses, faith-based organizations, service groups, volunteers and donors.

The pages that follow highlight just a few of the outcomes associated with our services, thanks in no small part to all those who participate in this collaborative effort to alleviate poverty and to build a sustainable community. Partnerships are the very foundation upon which our 50 year history is built ... continued partnerships and community engagement are essential to the next 50 years. Thank you for being part of this powerful movement dedicated to “helping people, changing lives.”

Melinda M. Gault, CCAP
Executive Director
Community Action Planning Council is subject to a comprehensive financial audit each year. The most recent audit (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014) was reviewed and approved by the board of directors on February 19, 2015. An independent auditing firm found the agency to be in compliance within all program areas and reported no weaknesses or deficiencies with fiscal practices or internal controls.

For more information about Community Action Planning Council:
visit us on the web at www.capcjc.org or phone 315.782.4900
Community Action at Work

Jefferson-Lewis Childcare Project

Served 10,571 Individuals
4,124 Families
Each customer is counted once during the year, even though they frequently receive multiple services.

1,161 Volunteers
Contributed 17,282 Hours

Partnered with 84 Organizations

Family Center Services

29 Individuals
completed vocational education & earned certification or diploma

26 Individuals
gained employment in their chosen fields of study

27 Individuals
provided with support services allowing them to gain or maintain education or employment

39 Individuals
completed soft employability skills workshops

3,832 Families
provided with emergency food through the Food Pantry
(1,435 families served multiple times)

470 Families
assisted through SNAP (Food Stamp) application process

470 Children
served lunch each day during the Summer Food Service Program

875 Households
received income tax preparation services with refunds totaling $909,315

Congratulations to Christina who completed the Practical Nursing curriculum at BOCES

136 Safe and Affordable Child Care Slots
were made available through assistance with licensing and registration

2,160 Children
received nutritious meals provided through the Child and Adult Care Food Program

598 Child Care Providers
increased their knowledge of child development and professional practices as a result of provider services and training
Helping People, Changing Lives

Head Start / Universal Pre-K

257 Funded Enrollment (3 and 4 year olds) for Head Start with centers located in Watertown, Dexter, Adams Center, Antwerp and Carthage

295 Cumulative Enrollment for Head Start

221 Parents and Caregivers successfully completed family development goals

214 Funded Enrollment (4 year olds) for Universal Pre-K in collaboration with Watertown & Indian River School Districts

340 Preschool Children (4 year olds) were developmentally ready for Kindergarten at the end of the school year

Housing & Energy Services

69 Households reduced their utility costs with energy-efficient improvements made through the Weatherization Assistance Program

Did you know?

Weatherization helps our nation reduce its dependence on foreign oil and reduce carbon emissions.

Every $1 invested in Weatherization Assistance returns $2.51 to the household and society.

Weatherization saves low-income families an average of $250 - $450 per year in heating, cooling and electric costs.

Weatherization facts, courtesy of the U.S. Energy Information Administration and the Weatherization Assistance Program Technical Assistance Center.
Partnerships are the very foundation upon which Community Action is built. We are fortunate to be part of a community where so many share their talent and resources in support of our mission to alleviate poverty, promote self-sufficiency and advance community prosperity. Last year, Community Action touched the lives of more than 10,571 individuals, thanks in no small part to our local community. Sincere thanks to our many dedicated volunteers, donors, and partner organizations!

**Upcoming Events**

- **May 28**  
  Grow with Community Action Open House  
  Activities and fun for the whole family; seeds, starter plants and gardening supplies available to low-income families

- **Aug 14**  
  Golfing for Community Action, Watertown Golf Club  
  Exciting community fundraiser in support of children’s programs

- **Aug 25**  
  Back to School in Style Family Fare  
  Educational activities geared toward healthy habits; personal care items and school supplies for children of low-income families

**Coming Soon** ... Bridges Out of Poverty Group Discussion, facilitated by Phil DeVol

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