# Leveraging Our Past For An Inspired Future





In every corner of America. Helping people, changing lives — for 60 years and counting.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY ACTION!



Wisconsin Community Action Conference





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# The Promise Of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



#### **NCAP Mission and Vision**

#### Mission

To ensure the causes and conditions of poverty are effectively addressed and to strengthen, promote, represent, and serve the Community Action Network.

#### Vision

A nation that creates opportunities for all people to thrive, builds strong, resilient communities, and ensures a more equitable society.











#### We Achieve Our Mission If We:

Advance Impact & Mobility

Opportunities for all people to thrive, strong, resilient communities, and a more equitable society Pursue Organizational Excellence

Advance social and economic mobility to build the capacity for individuals and families; and activate communities and systems to work for everyone.

Build The Community Action Movement

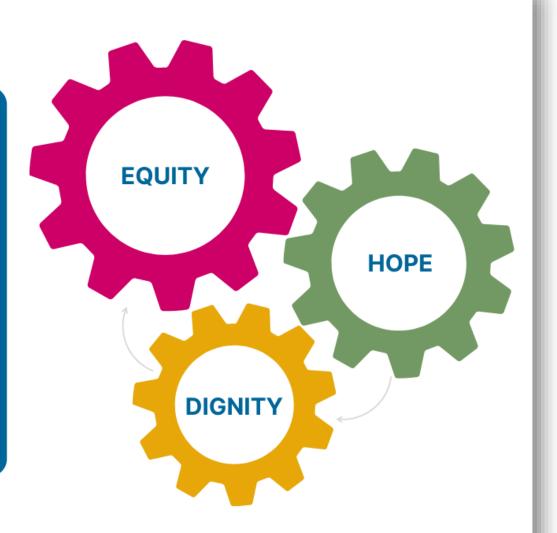
Promote and support the implementation of organizational and programmatic capacity building to strengthen effectiveness and operations.

Align at local, state, and regional levels to amplify the Community Action voice and advocate for policy changes that support the mission and vision.



Drivers for Mission & Vision Alignment







#### **NCAP's Work**

# Connecting, Strengthening, and Leveraging the Expertise of the Nation's 1000+ CAAs

- Training, Convenings, Tools, and Resources Specifically for Community Action
- Equity
- Practice Transformation & Innovations Hub (Peer-to-Peer Learning Cohorts-SEM/Systems Change, Whole Family Approach, and Equity)
- Organizational Capacity & Excellence



#### **NCAP's Work**

# Connecting, Strengthening, and Leveraging the Expertise of the Nation's 1000+ CAAs

- Energy Partnerships (Weatherization, eCAP Solar, Climate)
- Public Policy & Advocacy
- Leadership Development
- Movement Building (Equity & Economic Mobility Commission, Excellence Commission, CCAP Commission, Head Start Taskforce, Energy/Climate Taskforce, and CSBG Advisory Committee

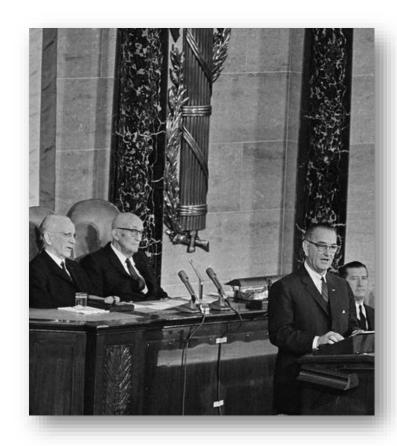


## President Lyndon B. Johnson

"The administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America, and I urge this Congress and all Americans to join me in that effort. It will not be a short or easy struggle, no single weapon or strategy will suffice, but we shall not rest until that war is won.

The richest nation on earth can afford to win it. We cannot afford to lose it."

-State of the Union, January 8, 1964





## **Strong Roots: Community Action**

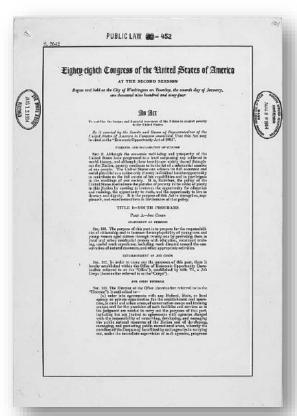
The National Community Action Network has had boots-on-the ground in fighting poverty for low-income children and families in local communities since 1964 when the **Economic Opportunity Act** was ratified.

The Economic Opportunity Act was a policy with a purpose that asserted, ".....The United States can achieve its **full economic and social potential** as a nation only if **every** individual has the opportunity to contribute to the full extent of his capabilities and to participate in the workings of our society. It is, therefore, the policy of the United States to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this Nation by opening to **everyone** the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity".





# August 1964-Signing of the Economic Opportunity Act







# **Defining Community Action**

The EOA and subsequent legislation have gone on to charge Community Action with:

... stimulating a better focus of all available local, State, private, and Federal resources for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of families and individuals with low incomes of all ages in rural and urban areas, to attain the skills, knowledge, hope, and opportunities needed to overcome poverty.



"The opposite of poverty isn't wealth. The opposite of poverty is justice."





#### 1963-1968

- November 22, 1963 President Kennedy assassinated; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson assumes the U.S. Presidency
- January 8, 1964 President Johnson's State of the Union Address declares War on Poverty
- July 2, 1964 Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) signed into law by President Johnson
- August 20, 1964 The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-452) created Community Action Agencies to coordinate local antipoverty efforts and funds programs such as Head Start, Job Corps, Community Health Centers, Upward Bound, the Work Experience Program, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Legal Services, and federal work study programs.



#### 1963-1968

- August 31, 1964 The Food Stamp Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-525) creates a permanent, national program out of the food stamps pilot program begun in 1961.
- November 3, 1964 Lyndon Johnson wins landslide victory in Presidential Election.
- April 11, 1965 The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-10) signed into law. Title I distributes funding to schools and districts with high percentages of students from low-income families
- April 26, 1965 The Manpower Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-15) expanded funding under the 1962 Manpower Development and Training Act to retrain displaced workers
- July 14, 1965 The **Older Americans Act** of 1965 (P.L. 89-73) provides for grants to help fund various support services such as caregiver support, nutritional services, and social services.
- July 30, 1965 Medicare and Medicaid are signed into law as part of the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act (P.L. 89-97



#### 1963-1968

- August 6, 1965 The Voting Rights Act (P.L. 89-110) abolished literacy tests and other barriers used by state and local governments to disenfranchise voters
- August 10, 1965 The Housing and Urban Development Act (P.L. 89-117) created the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- November 8, 1965 The **Higher Education Act** of 1965 (P.L. 89-329) created federal loan programs including the Educational Opportunity Grant and Guaranteed Student Loan. It also created the college preparatory program, Talent Search.
- September 30, 1966 The 1966 Amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Acts increased minimum wage from \$1.25 to \$1.60 by 1968 and extended coverage to public schools, nursing homes, laundries, and construction and farm workers and large farms.
- October 11, 1966 The **Child Nutrition Act** of 1966 (P.L. 89–642) increased funding for school lunches and created a school breakfast program.
- November 3, 1966 The **Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act** (P.L. 89-754) initiated the Model Cities **Program**.
- January 2, 1968 1967 **Social Security Amendments** (P.L. 90-248) dramatically increased Social Security benefits, mandated work incentive programs for AFDC recipients.
- April 11, 1968 Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (known as the Fair Housing Act), prohibited discrimination in the sale, financing, or leasing of housing



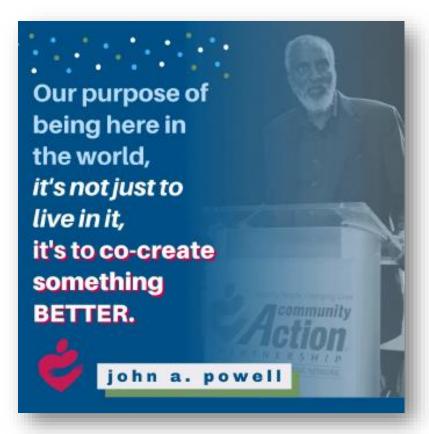
#### For 60 Years...

- The nation's Community Action
  Network has inspired a spirit of
  hope, helped millions of people
  each year change their lives, and
  improved communities all across
  America.
- The Community Action vision remains clear—we believe in a nation that creates opportunities for all people to thrive, builds strong, resilient communities, and ensures a more equitable society





#### For 60 Years...



 Community Action codesigns services and strategies with individuals who have lived poverty experience.



#### For 60 Years...

- Community Action strategies and solutions have evolved as the needs of individuals and communities changed.
- Community Action is experienced; we are experts in advancing opportunity by coordinating federal, state, local, and private resources to achieve results for people and communities





# Goals of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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#### **Community Action 60TH ANNIVERSARY Timeline**

December	4	12/13	NCAP 60th Anniversary Campaign Toolkit Release Webinar
January		1/8 1/9 1/17	Anniversary of LBJ Declaration of Unconditional War on Poverty Community Action 60th Anniversary National Partner Kickoff Webinar NCAP Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Webinar
February	1	2/14–16	NCAP Management & Leadership Training Conference
March		3/12-15 3/11-15	NCAF Annual Washington Conference & Fly-In Day! NASCSP Winter Training Conference
April		_	
May			COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH 60th Anniversary Special Events and Activities
June			
July			
August		8/20 8/26–27 8/28–30	Anniversary of the Economic Opportunity Act; Special Network Events NCAP Pre-Convention Training NCAP Annual Convention; Special 60th Anniversary Events

September

**October** 

November

December

January

**CAA and State Association 60th Anniversary** Commemoration **Activities** 



#### **Let's Reflect Together**

- Take a moment and think about the future.
- What is your hope for your future and your family's future?
- What is your vision for your customers and the community that you serve?
- What is standing in the way of this future?
- What is one thing that you can do today to bring this future closer to reality?



## Conversation

**Q&A** 



# Resources



# How will you and your CAA engage in 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Action?

- Staff and Board Appreciation
- Sharing Impact
- Engaging the Community
- Prepare for CCAP
- Commit to the Refreshed Community Action Code of Ethics
- Review the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toolkit for ideas!



### **Community Action Code of Ethics**



#### **Remain Focused on Mission**

Recognize the chief function of the Community Action movement at all times
is to serve the best interests of people with lower incomes which, in turn,
serves the best interests of the entire community. Seek to empower people
and revitalize communities. Engage in activities that move us closer to
mission achievement and further our positive outcomes.

#### Be Outspoken Advocates and Educators

Actively inform the community and decision-makers about issues affecting
those with lower-incomes. Courageously confront and dismantle myths
about social and economic inequality. Participate in promoting policies that
support social and economic mobility, which reinforce the values of an
equitable society.

### **Annual ED/Board Chair Symposium**

- Team Attendance
  - ED and Board Chair
- Foster Collaboration
- Strengthen Leadership
- June 26-27, 2024
- St. Paul, MN



https://communityactionpartnership.com/ed-board-chair-symposium/



# Registration Is Open!

# 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Inspiring Hope and Advancing Opportunity

August 28-30 (Pre-Con: 26-27) | Seattle, WA





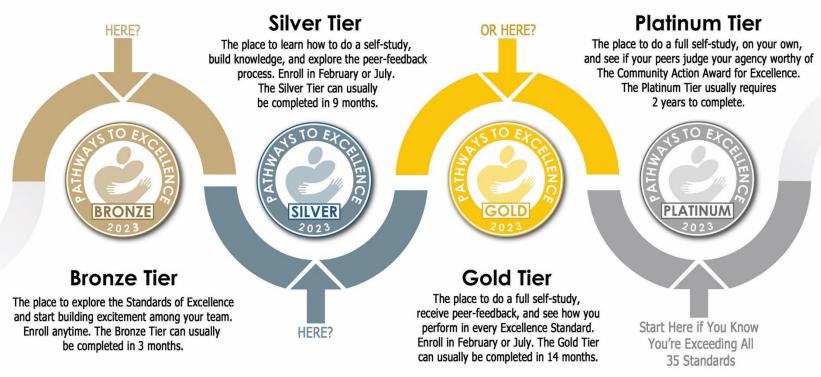






#### Where Will Your Excellence Journey Begin?

With the National Community Action Partnership's Pathways to Excellence Program, you can start your journey toward Excellence in the place that's best for you and your Agency.



#### Learn More

communityactionpartnership.com/pathways-to-excellence/





## **Upcoming NCAP Webinars**

- Celebrating Community Action Month with a Focus on Results-Oriented Culture - May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Community Action 101 June 26<sup>th</sup>

https://communityactionpartnership.com/events-webinar/

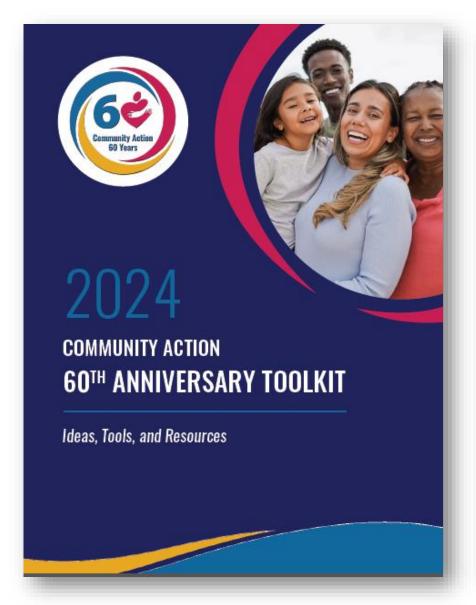


# Know and Engage with the NCAP Board 2021-2023

- Region VI Representative Karen Swenson,
   Greater East Texas Community Action
- Chair: Dr. Dalitso Sulamoyo, CCAP IL
- 1st Vice Chair: Ricky Baker, CCAP KY
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg CA
- 3rd Vice-Chair: Bryan Duncan, CCAP NC
- Secretary: Peter Kilde, CCAP WI
- Treasurer: Dreama Padgett, CCAP WV













COMMUNITY ACTION
MONTH TOOLKIT

2024



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# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toolkit

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Community Action, 60 Years Strong

Sample Community Action
60th Anniversary Proclamation



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# 60+ Activities to Commemorate Community Action's 60th Anniversary

Use National Head Start Awareness Month (October)



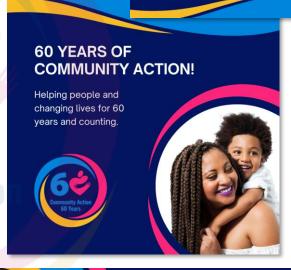
**Benefit of Activity** 

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Post 60th anniversary logo to agency website	<b>√</b>				
Use 60th anniversary hashtag on social media	<b>√</b>				
Use 60th anniversary virtual meeting background	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		
Launch a social media campaign	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Write bog posts	<b>√</b>	✓		1	
Submit a newspaper opinion/editorial	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	
Schedule newspaper interviews	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Schedule radio interviews	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Schedule television interviews	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	
Host a podcast series featuring voices from your local community	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Produce a special 60th anniversary annual report	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	
Community Engagement/Advocacy Activities					
Secure a 60th anniversary proclamation from your city, county, or state	<b>√</b>				
Organize a 60th anniversary gala event	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>		
Hold community poverty/equity dialogue events	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	

## **60th Anniversary Resources**

- Sample social media graphics and messaging provided
  - National impact
  - Local impact, agency success stories
- Facebook cover graphic
- High production 60-second promotional video







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#### **Community Action Month Toolkit**

- The toolkit provides:
  - Social media graphics
  - Activities and events
  - Press release and proclamation templates
  - Fundraising ideas
  - Resources for commemorating Community Action's 60th anniversary



https://communityactionpartnership.com/cam-2024/



#### New Social Media Graphics

#### **Community Action**

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#### WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Celebrate the richness of our world with a day of intercultural dialogue, inclusion, and peace







**COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH** 



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# Graphics Available in Spanish







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#### DÍA NACIONAL DEL BEBÉ

Community Action mantiene su compromiso de garantizar que todos los bebés y las familias tengan un comienzo equitativo.



MES DE COMMUNITY ACTION



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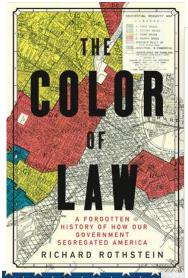
— Harvey Milk

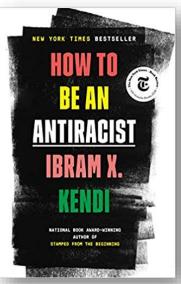


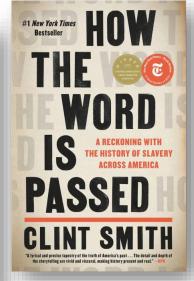


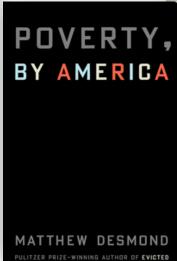


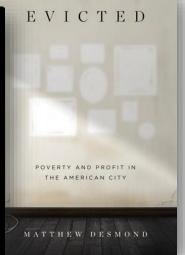


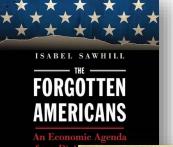












#### **Build YOUR Toolbox**



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Understanding Economic Hardship Amid American Prosperity

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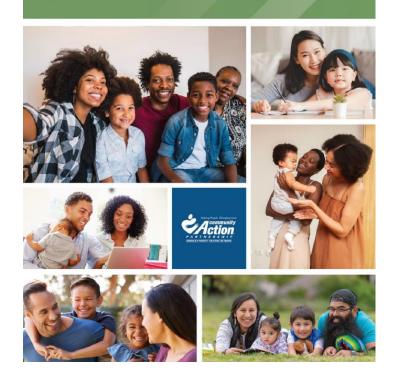
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#### **Working Towards Systems Change Toolkit**

Building Place-Based Opportunity Ecosystems to Advance Social and Economic Mobility

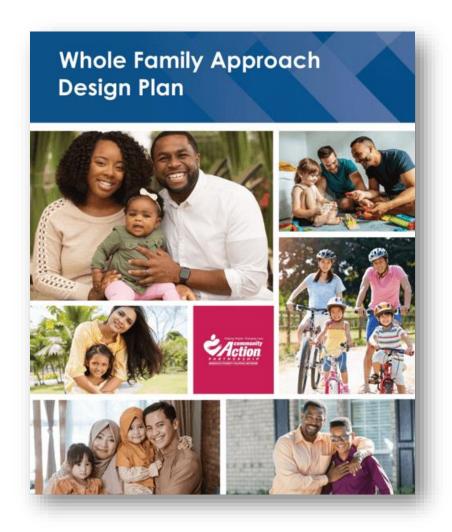
A Toolkit for Community Action Agencies Working Towards Systems Change







### Whole Family Approach Design Plan







#### **Whole Family Approach Building Blocks**







#### **Whole Family Approach**

#### **Design Briefs**

Community Action Project of Tulsa County (OK)

MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership (MN)

Aroostook County Action Program (ME)

Blueprints (PA)

Community Action, Inc. (KS)















# Community Action Racial Healing Network







### **Public Policy Priorities**



NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

# PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

2023 - 2024







#### **Community Action Response**







January 19, 2024

Office of Head Start Attn: Director of Policy and Planning 330 C Street SW, 4th Floor Washington, DC 20201

Re: Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming (RIN: 0970-AD01)

Director of Policy and Planning:

The National Community Action Partnership (NCAP), Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc. (CAPLAW), National Community Action Foundation (NCAF), the National Community Action Head Start Task Force, and the over 250 undersigned Community Action organizations write in response to the Office of Head Start's (OHS) notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to update the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS), entitled "Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming," which was published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2023.

The Community Action Network (Network) is a group of more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies (CAA), state associations, and national partner organizations connecting millions of children and families to greater opportunity, transforming their lives, and strengthening our communities and our nation. CAAs serve 99% of counties in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and annually impact the lives of 8.7 million people experiencing low incomes annually, including 4.4 million families, and nearly one million children under five. Each year, the Network leverages about \$770 million in core funding from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) into nearly \$10 billion in public and private resources to assess and address the specific needs of each community. For nearly six decades, CAAs have developed and implemented a robust array of programs and services, uniquely bundled in response to each community's respective needs and resources. CAA programs and services often include Head Start's, housing services, weatherization programs, heating and cooling assistance, transportation services, nutrition assistance, tax preparation services, workforce and job training, water assistance, mental health services, broadband access, senior services, and civic engagement initiatives.

NCAP, CAPLAW, NCAF, and 250+ Community Action Agencies and Associations



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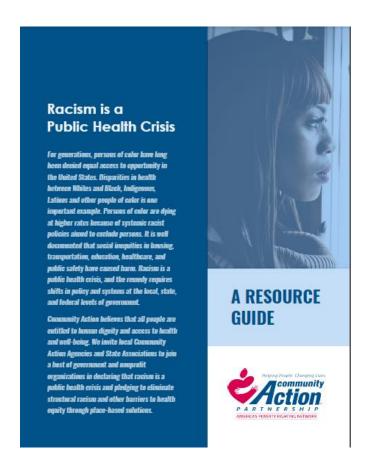
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming, 88 Fed. Reg. 80,818 (proposed Nov. 20, 2023) (to be codified at 45 C.F.R. pts. 1301-5).

Office of Community Services, FY2021 CSBG Fact Sheet (2022), available at

https://ocsannualreport.acf.hhs.gov/annual/csbg-fact-sheet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For purposes of this comment, the term Head Start means any program authorized under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C § 9801 et seq.).

#### Racism is Public Health Crisis





June, 22, 2021

Whereas since the colonialization of America, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and other people of color have experienced economic injustice, social deprivation, and health inequities and barriers to opportunities based on invented racial identifiers created for the sole purpose of hierarchical discrimination and control:

Whereas the structural racism of our society perpetuates racial discrimination through mutually reinforcing systems of housing, education, employment, earnings, benefits, credit, transportation, media, health care, and criminal justice, resulting in systemic, multi-generational lack of opportunity for people of color and reinforcing discriminatory beliefs, values, and distribution of resources:

Whereas, the American Public Health Association finds racism to be a barrier to health equity and has named racism a driving force of how the social determinants of health are distributed. The social determinants of health—defined as the social, environmental, and economic factors that influence health, including employment, housing, education, access to health care, nutritious food, and public safety—are known to impact life-long health outcomes beginning even before birth.

Whereas, racism operates on systemic, institutional, and interpersonal levels, all of which operate throughout time and across generations creating harmful impact on individuals and communities of color;

Whereas, on average, white families have nearly seven times the wealth of Black families and five times the wealth of Latinx families;

Whereas the American College of Physicians has determined that people of color and Black people and Black people in particular have a higher risk of experiencing race-based discrimination and violence, resulting in physical danger and premature death;



https://communityactionpartnership.com/publication\_toolkit/community-action\_declares-racism-public-health-crisis/



#### For More Info





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