

## The National Community Action Network Theory of Change

### Community Action Goals

Goal 1: Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Goal 2: Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.

Goal 3: People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

### Services and Strategies

- Employment
- Education & Cognitive Development
- Income, Infrastructure & Asset Building
- Housing
- Health/Social Behavioral Development
- Civic Engagement & Community Involvement

### Core Principles

- Recognize the complexity of the issues of poverty
- Build local solutions specific to local needs
- Support family stability as a foundation for economic security
- Advocate for systemic change
- Pursue positive individual, family, and community level change
- Maximize involvement of people with low incomes
- Engage local community partners and citizens in solutions
- Leverage state, federal, and community resources

### Performance Management

How well does the network operate?

- Local Organization Standards
- State and Federal Accountability Measures
- Results Oriented Management and Accountability System

### What difference does the network make?

- Individual and Family National Performance Indicators
- Community National Performance Indicators

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