The National Community Action Network Theory of Change

Community Action Goals

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

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

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

Services and Strategies

(some examples from the network)

- Health Assessment
- Housing Placement
- Family Support Services
- Employment Coaching
- Educational Programs
- Policy Change
- Community Development
- Partnerships
- Collective Impact
- Advocacy

Community Action 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
- 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
- Advocate for systemic change

Performance Management

How Well Does the Network Operate?

What Difference Does the Network Make?

Network Excellence

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

Robust Results

- National Performance Indicators for Individuals and Families
- National Performance Indicators for Communities

A national network of over 1,000 high-performing Community Action Agencies, State Associations, State offices, and Federal partners supported by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to mobilize communities to fight poverty.

To learn more, check out the Community Action Theory of Change Report. www.nascsp.org

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