

Who we are

Community Action Partnership of Utah (CAP Utah) is the statewide association for Utah's nine Community Action Agencies. The Community Action network envisions an end to poverty in Utah. Our member agencies work toward this vision every day by providing services to low-income families and individuals across the state.

CAP Utah advocates for, supports, and provides training and technical assistance to Utah's Community Action Agencies, utilizing our collective strength to address the causes of poverty. Our advocacy focuses on low-income housing, work supports and asset building. Our biggest internal effort to fight poverty comes from our support of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

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.

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May is Community Action Month

National Community Action Month in May was created by the national office of the Community Action Partnership to highlight Community Action Agencies' role helping low-income families achieve economic security. Each year, Community Action Agencies nationwide serve 20 million people in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the country through a variety of targeted programs, such as Head Start, Weatherization, job training and placement, financial education, housing, energy assistance, and transportation.

Utah's Community Action Network consists of nine Community Action Agencies that envision an end to poverty in Utah. Our agencies work toward this vision every day by providing services to low-income families and individuals across the state. In 2010, Utah's Community Action Agencies served 267,408 individuals and 98,365 families. More than 85% of the families served were at or below the poverty level. Key Services that had significant impacts on local communities in 2010 include: Emergency Food Services for 338,557 Utahns; 1,480 people were successfully employed through the Employment Services of Community Action Agencies; and 3,671 households received emergency rent or mortgage intervention. In 2010, the agencies received more than 560,000 volunteer hours and over \$51 million dollars, which were invested into Utah's local communities.

During National Community Action Month, Community Action Agencies truly make the Promise of Community Action—to help people and change lives—come alive by hosting events that help put a "face" on the families living in poverty and the dedicated Community Action staff and volunteers who are helping them achieve economic security. Success stories are honored and personal achievements are recognized.

In Utah there are a number of very exciting events coming up to celebrate this work, including the first Utah

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Member Agencies

Bear River Association of Governments - serving Box Elder, Rich and Cache counties.

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Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership - serving Weber county.

3159 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
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801.399.9887 (fax)

www.owcap.org

Family Connection Center - serving Davis and Morgan counties.

1360 East 1450 South
Clearfield, UT 84015
801.773.0712
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www.fccdavis.org

Salt Lake Community Action Program - serving Salt Lake and Tooele counties.

764 South 200 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
801.359.2444
801.355.1798 (fax)

www.slcap.org

Uintah Basin Association of Governments - serving Daggett, Uintah and Duchesne counties.

330 East 100 South
Roosevelt, Utah 84066
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Community Action Services and Food Bank - serving Summit, Utah and Wasatch counties.

815 S. Freedom Blvd. Suite 100
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www.communityactionprovo.org

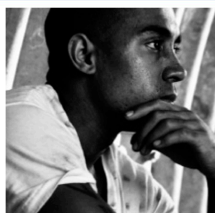
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Community Action Partnership Conference on May 23rd and 24th and a series of programs on KBYU. Other local events, such as the Community Action Services and Food Bank in Provo Pepsi Refresh 5k on May 28th, are taking place all across the state (for more details see below). These events highlight the great work that Utah's Community Action Agencies are doing, and provide an opportunity to get involved in supporting that work. As we approach May I encourage you all to participate in Community Action month in some capacity, whether it be attending an event or donating some of your time to volunteer.



Paul Leggett - Executive Director

1ST ANNUAL UTAH COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE



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POVERTY IN UTAH IS REAL. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.
THIS TWO-DAY INTERACTIVE EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INNOVATION,
DISCUSSION, AND REAL SOLUTIONS FOR POVERTY IN UTAH.

MAY 23RD & 24TH 2011
Salt Lake City
WORKING FOR OPPORTUNITY &
ECONOMIC SECURITY IN
AMERICA.
SAVE THE DATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 801-433-3025 OR [MJENSEN@CAPUTAH.ORG](mailto:mjensen@caputah.org)

What Can I Expect?

Great workshops for starters! The people here at CAP Utah having been working hard to attract presenters and content that are relevant to YOU! For example, we have workshops on immigration, creating change through data,

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Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments - serving Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan counties.

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Five County Association of Governments - serving Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield and Kane counties.

1070 W. 1600 S. Building B
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housing, health care reform and education. In addition there will be a family specialist and myCase training. And what would a conference be without great speakers? This year we are happy to have Dr. Barbara Robles from the Federal Reserve Board to both engage us in dialogue about the budget and give us perspective on how to create change for our communities on a local and national levels.

Please continue to check our [website](#) and [registration page](#) for more information on workshops and speakers!

National Community Action Month Awards Luncheon

This much-loved event provides an opportunity to honor those hard working individuals and agencies in our community. Awards range of National Community Action Awards to local Legislative and Programmatic Awards. Please contact Melissa at mjensen@caputah.org for more information on attending this event!

This event requires separate [registration](#).

Poverty Simulation

The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. It is a simulation that is designed to sensitize participants to the realities faced by struggling families. This will serve as a unique experiential process, reminding all why we invest in the work we do and the great need to do continue that work.

Registration for this simulation is limited so [sign up early!](#)

Haven't filed your 2010 taxes?



Haven't filed in several years? Here are a few things you need to know and what you should expect when filing after the tax deadline. First, don't wait any longer because the longer you put off filing your return the worse it could get. If you owe taxes to the IRS and you fail to file on time you automatically start accruing penalties and interest on top of what you already owe until you pay your debt.

Second, failure to file voluntarily may result in the IRS filing a substitute return that would exclude certain deductions and exemptions you may be entitled to. Penalties and interest will be attributed to this higher tax amount and a bill will be sent. Failure to pay your taxes

may result in the IRS placing a levy on wages, bank accounts or personal property.

What are your options if you do owe additional taxes? It is most beneficial to pay in full as timely as possible to avoid additional penalties and interest, however if you cannot pay there are options. The IRS will work with you to find a reasonable option.

What if you do not owe any additional tax? If you are due a refund there is little recourse for filing late. However, keep in mind that to receive a refund you must file within three years from the date the return is due or forfeit the full amount. Also, taxpayers with self-employment may forfeit certain credits if the return is not filed by the required date.

For tax assistance contact 2-1-1 or visit www.utahtaxhelp.org

**Tune in for KBYU's
Program on Poverty**



Ask Eleven: Poverty

Poverty is often something we associate with remote villages in faraway lands. But in reality—no matter where we live—it can usually be found within our city limits. Show your concern for this challenging social issue and your support for those living in poverty by tuning in to *Ask Eleven* this month.

Friday, May 20, at 8pm
Sunday, May 22, at 3:30pm



Come fight poverty one step at a time by participating in

the **Pepsi Refresh Community Action 5K**. This family friendly event will include race shirts, free games, door prizes and food. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to take a nice jog or walk with the family, come support your community's food bank. This event will kick-off the Pepsi Refresh Summer Food Drive, so don't forget to bring items to donate the day of the race. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide food and other resources to families living in poverty in Utah, Wasatch and Summit Counties. If you can't make it, please consider becoming a virtual runner online. For more information about the race and to register, visit www.CommunityAction5K.org.

National Low Income Housing Coalition Conference 2011



Drew Martinez and Francisca Blanc meeting with Congressman Jim Matheson

Budget cuts, spending caps, deficit reduction, all phrases Utahns have been hearing from our political leaders lately. Although, we at CAP Utah want to make sure another phrase is being heard, "**NOT on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens.**" That's why CAP Utah, represented by Drew Martinez, was at the National Low Income Housing Coalition Policy Conference in D.C. last month. The conference was a chance for people to come together and learn the tools to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.

CAP Utah, along with the Utah Housing Coalition, represented by Francisca Blanc, met with all five offices of Utah's federal delegation. The meetings were productive and informative. CAP Utah will continue to work with Utah's political leaders to ensure in this environment of budget cuts the voice of Utah's low-income population is heard.

If you have any questions about the proposed cuts and their impacts on Utah, or any concerns about affordable housing or homelessness please contact Drew Martinez at

What is Community Action Doing?

Each month we highlight just a small part of the work of Utah's nine Community Action Agencies



The Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments (SEUALG) runs the community action program for Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties. In 2010, SEUALG served 133 low-income senior citizens with in-home and congregate meals through the Senior Feeding Program, which provides seniors with hot, nutritious meals at the senior center 3-times a week. In addition, their countywide food banks helped feed 1,735 families and seniors with emergency food and distributed 16,234 boxes of food last year.

To learn more about SEUALG please visit their [website](#).

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