

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:

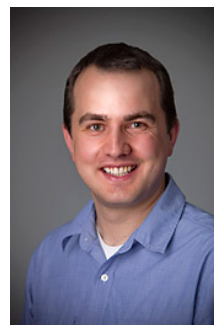
Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Community Action Partnership of Utah

September Happenings

This month the U.S. Census Bureau released the new poverty numbers for Utah and the Nation. These numbers (which are discussed later on in this newsletter) reaffirm what we already know - that the increasing rates of poverty over the past couple of years, have in turn increased demand for many services (provided by Utah's Community Action Network, other nonprofit and public agencies). Furthermore, they remind us of the challenging times ahead as many poverty fighting programs continue to face restricting budgets.

We encourage you to read through this newsletter to learn more about; the new poverty numbers, a great volunteer opportunity, as well as read a success story on how Community Action Services and Foodbank in Provo is making a difference in the lives of the people it serves.



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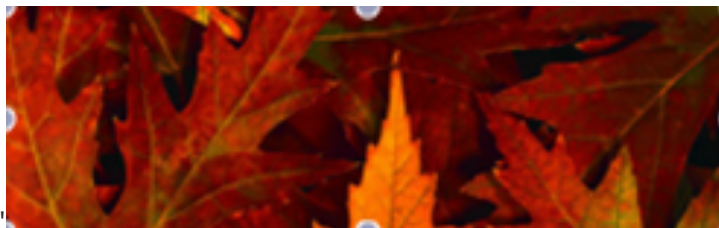
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CELEBRATE VITA'S ECONOMIC IMPACT, ASSET
DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

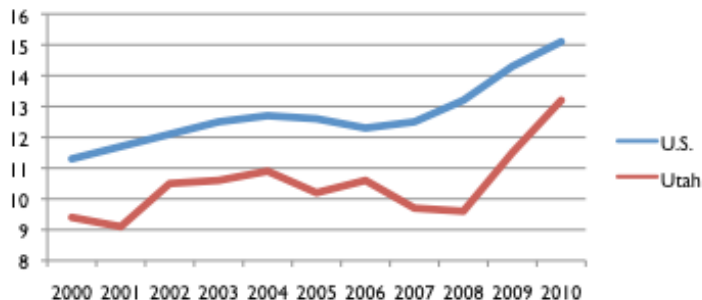
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011
3:00 - 5:00 PM

ZIONS BANK BUILDING FOUNDERS ROOM
ONE SOUTH MAIN STREET, 18TH FLOOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84133

For more information on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program contact Melissa Jensen at 801.433.3025 or mjensen@caputah.org or visit the Community Action Partnership of Utah website at www.caputah.org.

Poverty on the Rise in Utah and the Nation

U.S. and Utah Poverty Rate, 2000-2010



This month the U.S. Census Bureau released sobering numbers on the state of poverty in Utah and the Nation. **The numbers show the state's official poverty rate in 2010 was 13.2 percent, up from 11.5 percent and the nation's official poverty rate was 15.1 percent, up from 14.3 percent.**

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Here are some highlights from the new poverty numbers:
State Poverty Highlights

- Utah's overall poverty rate has increased to 13.2 percent totaling 359,242 people.
- The child poverty rate in Utah is 15.7 percent, totaling 135,565 children, a 30,000 increase in just 2 years.
- Poverty rates have risen significantly in all 5 of the Utah counties where yearly data is available

National Poverty Highlights

- In 2010, 46.2 million people were in poverty, up from 43.6 million in 2009—the fourth consecutive annual increase in the number of people in poverty.
- The poverty rate in 2010 (15.1 percent) was the highest poverty rate since 1993 but was 7.3 percentage points lower than the poverty rate in 1959, the first year for which poverty estimates are available.
- The number of people in poverty in 2010 (46.2 million) is the largest number in the 52 years for which poverty estimates have been published.

While officially the recent recession ended in June 2009, the ranks of the poor grew in Utah by 33,025 in 2010. Some Members of Congress are now talking about reducing the federal deficit by cutting things like Medicaid, food stamps, low-income tax credits, and CSBG. Some would allow federal unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless to expire. We must use the Census data to show not only the growth in poverty, but also how these programs, they offer up for funding cuts, have prevented even *more* Utahns from falling into poverty.

For comments or questions concerning this, or any public policy concern, please contact Drew Martinez at drew@caputah.org or 801-433-3025 ext. 4.

VOLUNTEER TODAY
SIGN UP AT UTAHTAXHELP.ORG



Come help families keep more of what they earn through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program. Experience making a difference by helping families get free tax preparation services.

We need your help! Come see how the **Earned Income Tax Credit** and tax preparation can help keep families out of poverty. Volunteer opportunities are available all over the state of Utah with flexible hours to fit your schedule.

Agency Highlight

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

Success Story – Katie

Katie is an 85-year-old widow who is homebound with no relatives living in the area. She lives on a low fixed income and owns her own home. She is able to cook on her own. She has high health care costs each month. She worries each winter about how she will pay her high heating utility bills.

Community Action Services and Food Bank helps Katie to remain in her home more comfortably. We provide a supplemental food box once a week to Katie to help meet her nutritional needs. We also help with her heating bill through the HEAT Program. We help her to complete her annual application for her property tax rebate or she would not be able to afford to stay in her home.

Katie had her home weatherized a few years ago. Even though we do not operate the program, we helped her to sign up for it. We make a home visit to see Katie about four times a year to assess her situation and continue to connect with her with resources to help improve her quality of life.

To learn more about Community Action Services and Foodbank Programs, visit their website at www.communityactionprovo.org

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