

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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Hunger in Utah

March 26th marks Utah's 25th Scouting for Food drive. This annual event supports not only the Utah Food Bank but also emergency food pantries statewide. At a time when many families and individuals are facing hardships I encourage you to participate in this great event. Last year, the Scouting for Food drive generated approximately 800,000 pounds of food for Utah's emergency food network. More than 600,000 pounds were delivered Utah Food Bank which then distributed the food to its network of 150 pantries and agencies.

Taking part is easy, just leave a bag or box of food outside your home by 9 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, March 26. That day, Boy Scouts will go door-to-door collecting the filled bags to deliver to Utah Food Bank and emergency food pantries statewide.

Hunger is a significant issue for thousands of people all across the state. Utah's food insecurity rate exceeds the national rate, with 12.5 percent of the population living in food insecure households. Please do your part is alleviating this food insecurity and helping to feed hungry Utah families.

If you miss the opportunity to be involved in this food drive, you can still donate to food banks and pantries all year long. In find the closest food pantry to you please contact 2-1-1.

If you need more information about the Scouting for Food Drive please visit <https://www.utahfoodbank.org/scouting> or contact 2-1-1.



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Member Agencies

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Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership - serving Weber county.

3159 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
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www.owcap.org

Family Connection Center - serving Davis and Morgan counties.

1360 East 1450 South
Clearfield, UT 84015
801.773.0712
801.774.8267 (fax)

www.fccdavis.org

Salt Lake Community Action



The 2011 Legislative Session ended March 10, 2011. The \$12 billion FY 2012 budget has been set pending action by the Governor. The Legislature addressed growth in education and Medicaid, and did so without general tax increase or accelerations, and used approximately \$6 million of the rainy day funds. The Legislature narrowed the use of one-time resources for ongoing commitments (the structural deficit) from \$313 million to about \$50 million.

EITC/VITA received \$100,000 of ongoing money. Also, the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund and Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund maintained funding at FY 2011 levels. DWS took a \$3.3 million cut to eligibility services, which will come in the form of a reduction of 142 full-time employees over the next year through attrition and through the Department finding other efficiencies. This leaves the General Assistance program intact; though it is still funded at it's 2011 level.

During the Interim Session CAP Utah will be paying close attention to bills/issue areas that affect low-income program focus more information please contact Drew Martinez at 801 433 3025 ext. 4 or drew@caputah.org

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

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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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Six County Association of Governments - serving Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute and Wayne counties.

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P.O. Box 1550
St. George, UT 84770
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435.673.3540 (fax)
www.fcaog.state.ut.us

Utahns Against Hunger - serving the State of Utah.
455 East 400 South, Suite 407
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
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www.uah.org



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More Details to Follow!

What is Community Action doing in Utah?

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



The Family Connection Center, which serves Morgan & Davis Counties, implemented Self-Sufficiency Case Management Services in 2010. The Connectioncus on individuals who are currently unemployed and searching for employment and provides one-on-one intense case management to assist with job enhancement, resume building, interviewing techniques including proper dress and grooming instructions, clothing, rent and utility assistance, gas cards, vehicle repair, and tuition costs. 76 families received Case Management Services in 2010 and 37 obtained employment.

To learn more about Family Connection Center please visit their [website](#).



The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has launched a new online access point that will allow customers to use eServices for eligibility determinations and benefits. MyCase provides instant online access to case information so customers can follow their case status 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With MyCase, customers can:

- go paperless and receive all notices by email
- receive eAlerts for notices, reviews, payment due dates and

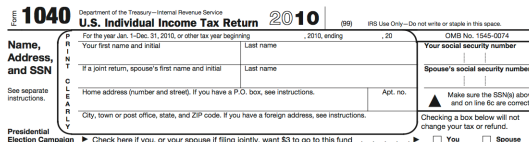
eligibility interviews

- find contact information for their assigned employment counselor
- view benefit status, history, EBT balance
- see their case summary
- view a list of imaged verifications
- access online chat with eligibility services professionals
- access and print forms
- view application status

Registration is easy – customers just need to go to jobs.utah.gov and click the “MyCase” link located in the “Assistance” section of the page. DWS will be going throughout the state for the next few weeks to train non-profit service providers in the MyCase.

For more information about these training please contact Melissa Smith at melissa@caputah.org or 801 433 3025 ext. 7

There is still time...



As March comes to a close, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is looking to finish the final weeks of the 2010 tax season with increased efforts while building on the successes already experienced this year.

The GAIN coalition (serving Salt Lake and Tooele counties) has made some substantial additions and improvements in its efforts to help low-to moderate-income households in the Salt Lake area. As the tax season began in early February, the GAIN coalition offered several tax fairs to not only introduce new families to the free tax program, but also to give an opportunity for community partners to offer additional financial education and asset building tools to those who need it most. Contributing to the efforts of the Financial Fitness Fair and Refugee Tax Fair to reach these underserved communities, the Día de los Impuestos (Day of Taxes) offered tax preparation and financial education tailored specifically to households who speak Spanish as their first language.

Furthering efforts to better serve populations that the VITA program has previously underserved, the GAIN coalition added the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the list of pre-existing tax sites. The Sanderson Community Center has allowed the VITA program to offer services once a week for friends, family and employees within the community. Sanderson has been more than accommodating, offering interpreters and community insight in addition to the regular space and access to technology that the VITA program offers.

As the VITA program is looking towards it’s final weeks of the 2010 tax season more appointments have been opened up to accommodate the flux of filers who may still need to have their taxes prepared before the April 18th filing date.

To set up an appointment Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.utahtaxhelp.org

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