



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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Member Agencies

Happy Holidays

The staff of Community Action Partnership of Utah would like to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season. We are grateful for the work that has been accomplished thanks to the hard, dedicated work of our partners, member agencies, volunteers and friends. As the year draws to close and we look back at 2010, it has been a year marked by increasing poverty across the state.

During 2010 many Utah families came face to face with poverty for the first time. Families and individuals who had never thought about poverty issues were suddenly dealing with poverty firsthand. U.S. Census Bureau numbers now show 11.5 percent of Utah's population are living in poverty. This is a significant jump over the prior year, when 9.6 percent of Utahns lived in poverty, meaning about one out of every five people living in poverty in 2010 were not in 2009.

As we move into 2011 let us think about the solutions to poverty and continue to work together to provide these to the many Utahns who need them.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2011 and the opportunities that will bring. Thank you again for all of your support.

Happy Holidays!

Paul, Melissa S, Casey, Melissa J and Drew



The 2011 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Bear River Association of Governments - serving Box Elder, Rich and Cache counties.
170 North Main
Logan, UT 84321
435.752.7242
435.752.6962 (fax)
1.877.772.7242 (toll free)
www.brag.dst.ut.us

Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership - serving Weber county.
3159 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
801.399.9281
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
801.774.8267 (fax)
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
435.722.4518
435.722.4890 (fax)

Community Action Services and Food Bank - serving Summit, Utah and Wasatch counties.
815 S. Freedom Blvd. Suite 100
801.373.8200
801.373.8228 (fax)
www.communityactionprovo.org

Six County Association of Governments - serving Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute and Wayne counties.
250 North Main Street
Richfield, UT 84701
435.896.9222
435.896.6951 (fax)
888.899.4447 (toll free)

season is right around the corner and working families need your help this year more than ever. Register as a volunteer by going to the [Earn it. Keep it. Save it. website](#); there is still time for you to make a difference for thousands of Utah families who need it most.

Don't worry about previous experience or tax law knowledge; we will help you learn the topics needed to better serve the households we expect to see. Tax Law Certification classes begin after the Holiday season and continue through January with various options that meet your schedule. Classes are instructed by Regional Coordinators alongside our IRS partners and are designed to give you a comprehensive understanding of topics anywhere from taxable income to cancellation of debt.

For a specific listing of classes contact or for more information about volunteering for VITA contact Melissa Jensen at mjensen@caputah.org or 801 433 3025 ext. 7

The Family Investment Coalition

Utah's Economy - It Starts With People

Friday December 10th, Governor Gary Herbert unveiled his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2012. For the first time since 2007, the governor has proposed a budget larger than the previous year. It includes such provisions as 50 million for K-12 enrollment growth, the first time in three years the state would fund education enrollment growth. Also, includes continuing to fund the All-Day Kindergarten pilot program, and maintains \$110 million in Rainy Day Funds without raising any taxes.

While the State is entering 2011 with an economy that is showing signs of recovery, there are still tough decisions to be made by our legislators. According to Senator Lyle Hillyard, Senate Chair of Executive Appropriations, there will be \$313 million in one-time monies that will be expiring, and if the legislature does nothing to supplement those funds **they will begin the Fiscal Year 2012 budget with a needed 7 percent cut.**

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Price, UT 84501
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**Five County Association of
Governments - serving Beaver,
Iron, Washington, Garfield and
Kane counties.**

1070 W. 1600 S. Building B
P.O. Box 1550
St. George, UT 84770
435.673.3548
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
801.328.2561

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Therefore, It is important for us as a community to make our voice heard in the budget process. To assist you in this **sign up to be a part of the *Family Investment Coalition***, a statewide coalition of organizations dedicated to helping all Utah families become permanently self-sufficient. A basic principle of the coalition is to ensure budget decisions at both the state and federal levels recognize that public investments are at least as effective as tax cuts in promoting job and wage growth. You can participate by receiving email updates to attending meetings at the capitol. Access the coalition sign up at caputah.org.

To access the Governor's Fiscal Year 2012 budget recommendations click [HERE](#)

For more information about the Family Investment Coalition please contact Drew at 801 433 3025 ext. 4 or drew@caputah.org



*A home is the
foundation.*

A majority of U.S. renters lived in unaffordable housing in 2009, according to new data from the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) released by the Census Bureau. This is a result of a continuing rise in rents, loss of affordable housing, and a decline in incomes. Members of Congress will be back next week for a "lame-duck" session, and they may consider legislation affecting affordable housing in the U.S.

Now is the time. Urge our Senators to take action on the National Housing Trust Fund before the end of the 110th Congress. Call Senator Bennett at 202-224-5444 and Senator Hatch at 202-224-5251 and tell them you want the "extenders" bill with the \$1.065 billion for the National Trust Fund and Low Income Housing Tax Credit provisions enacted before the end of the year. The fund could potentially give Utah 4.1 million; create 62 construction jobs, and 16 ongoing jobs.

Also, urge Congress to approve an omnibus bill this year that includes \$2.2 billion for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants. These funds increase

funding for homelessness prevention, and assistance to families and rural areas.

For more information please contact Drew at 801 433 3025 or drew@caputah.org.



If you have ever wanted to learn more about the political process, meet your legislators or tour the Capitol, register now for **Democracy Day 2011**. This event will be held on **January 31, 2011** at the Utah State Capitol. It starts at 11.00am and includes a **free lunch** with your legislator. Space is limited so be sure to **sign up early**. Click [here](#) to register now.

Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation email with more information.

Click [here](#) to donate now to support this event.

The Days Events

Rotunda

11:00 Registration begins
11:30 Program Begins
12:00 Lunch with your Legislator
1:30 Legislative Speakers
2:00 Legislative Tours

Auditorium

2:45 Refreshments
3:00 Program

Keynote Speaker: Chief Justice Durham

3:40 Advocacy 101

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