

# Organizational History



Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency is a private, not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1965 through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight the war against poverty locally. CSCAA has grown significantly over the last 47 years and currently employs over 125 people.

The mission of the Agency is to respectfully assist people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency through direct services, education and community partnerships.

The Agency has gained a positive reputation throughout the community for advocating for the rights of economically challenged families and individuals and changing society's stereotypes regarding poverty.

CSCAA currently administers over 20 programs including Healthy Families, Emergency Services, Homeless Intervention, Head Start/Early Head Start, Domestic Violence Services, Food Pantry, Weatherization, and Supportive Housing for Young Adults.



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**PROGRAM YEAR  
HIGHLIGHTS**  
10/1/11 - 9/30/12



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# 2011 - 2012 Program Highlights



Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. employs over 125 individuals and administers a \$6.8 million dollar annual budget. Funding sources include Federal/State dollars (84.44%), County (0.15%), School Districts (3.78%), Program Fees (8.41%), Donations (1.86%), Fundraising (0.46%), and Other (0.96%).

These dollars are used to support Head Start/Early Head Start/UPK (52.2%), Energy Services (15.0%), Family Development/Seneca Programs (9.0%), Healthy Families (5.6%), and Domestic Violence Services (3.4%). Funds are also used to support General/Administrative expenses (12.8%) and Fundraising (0.2%).

## AGENCYWIDE NUMBERS

- 772 volunteers donated 13,055 hours to the Agency.
- Agency staff completed 4,953 hours of training.
- 78 community partnerships were forged to strengthen Agency initiatives.

## FAMILY DEVELOPMENT/ SENECA PROGRAMS

- 12,541 individuals received emergency food assistance.
- 5,056 units of free clothing were provided.

- 231 families received car seats and installation training.
- 174 individuals received rent, security deposit and/or mortgage assistance.
- 161 individuals were provided case management.
- 158 individuals received emergency utility assistance.
- 80 individuals obtained safe, affordable housing.
- 26 individuals received medical/prescription assistance.
- 18 individuals received emergency shelter.

## HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

- 170 children in the Head Start program were developmentally ready for Kindergarten.
- 89 Early Head Start participants received high quality child and family development services.
- 100% of Early Head Start and 92% of Head Start enrolled children were living in poverty.
- 14% of Early Head Start and 14% of Head Start enrolled children were diagnosed with a disability and received related services.
- A healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack were provided daily.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

- Assisted victims of domestic violence and their children to attain lives free of violence.
- Provided 1,535 bed nights of emergency shelter to 37 families including 43 children.
- Responded to 349 Hotline calls.
- Followed up on 219 Domestic Incident Reports.
- Provided non-residential services (safety planning, advocacy, transportation, etc.) to 146 individuals including 43 children.

## ENERGY SERVICES

- 200 homes were weatherized in Cayuga County and will be saving approximately \$350 per year in energy costs - more than \$70,000 total.
- Installed over \$190,000 in energy-saving materials and retrofits.
- For every \$1.00 invested in the program, Weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and to the community.
- Low-income individuals and families typically spend 14.4% or more of their annual income on energy while other households spend only 3.3%.

## HEALTHY FAMILIES CAYUGA/SENECA

- Offers long-term intensive home visiting services for new and expectant parents.
- 100% of Healthy Families Cayuga/Seneca target children have demonstrated age-appropriate developmental milestones or have been referred for further evaluation & services.
- 100% of target children were assessed for the risk of lead in their environment according to the NYS Health Department's suggested schedule.
- 100% of target children were up to date on immunizations as of their first birthday.
- 100 of target children were up to date on well baby visits by 15 months of age.
- 80% of participant parents were enrolled in an education program, job training or job placement program or obtained employment by the target child's first birthday.