



CAFCA

Connecticut Association
for Community Action

2020 State Policy Agenda

Who we are

The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) is the state association that represents Connecticut's nine Community Action Agencies, the state and federal designated antipoverty agencies.

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) provide low- and moderate-income people across Connecticut with essential health and social services such as food, heating assistance, employment and training, housing, and child care. Governed by local boards of directors, CAAs empower people and improve communities.

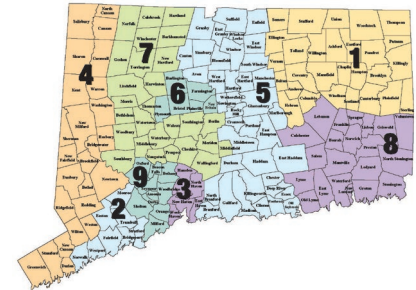
Specific programs and services include: LIHEAP/energy assistance, Head Start & child care, case management, job training, SNAP outreach, and more.

State Priorities

CAFCA and its members ask Connecticut policymakers to support:

- ✓ **Human Services Infrastructure Community Action Program (HSI-CAP):** Maintain this line item in the DSS budget to continue support for a whole-person, no-wrong-door approach to social services at Community Action Agencies.
- ✓ **Community Health Workers (CHWs):** Reimburse services provided by Certified Community Health Workers to Medicaid enrollees and state employees/retirees to improve health outcomes.
- ✓ **2Gen Initiatives:** Support initiatives in OPM's 2Gen report that improve economic security across generations.
- ✓ **Child Care:** Increase child care reimbursement rates to cover the cost of providing high-quality care to our children.
- ✓ **Adequate Funding:** Support state funding for increased wages, to ensure continued quality programs for the maximum number of Connecticut residents.
- ✓ **Housing/Homelessness:** Support efforts to eliminate homelessness and improve access to affordable housing.

Connecticut's Community Action Agencies:



1. **Access Community Action Agency**
2. **Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD)**
3. **Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH)**
4. **Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut (CAAWC)**
5. **Community Renewal Team (CRT)**
6. **Human Resources Agency of New Britain (HRA)**
7. **New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)**
8. **Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA)**
9. **TEAM**

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