



**CAFCA**  
Connecticut Association  
for Community Action

## ***2022 State Policy Agenda***

### **Who we are**

The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) is the state association for Connecticut's nine Community Action Agencies (CAAs), designated by the state and federal governments as anti-poverty agencies.

### **Our Vision**

We envision a just and equitable world where socially and economically disadvantaged people thrive and realize their highest potential.

### **State Priorities**

To achieve our vision, CAFCA and its members ask Connecticut policymakers to:

#### ***Increase program eligibility levels and alignment***

To the extent possible, help more CT residents receive the services that support high quality lives. Aligning program eligibility levels could streamline application processes for SNAP, LIHEAP, Housing Assistance, Child Care, and other programs.



#### ***Provide tax relief for low-income residents***

Permanently raise the State Earned Income Tax Credit to 41.5% of the federal credit. Establish a state child tax credit.

#### ***Support Nonprofits***

Support enhanced state funding for nonprofits, to address rising costs, the increased minimum wage, wage compression, and staff retention.

#### ***Increase rates for Meals on Wheels & Child Care***

Allow for continued access to nutritious foods for older adults by increasing third party rates for Meals on Wheels. To cover the cost of high-quality early learning for our children, increase child care reimbursement rates, particularly in child care deserts.



#### ***Address the housing crisis***

Keep people housed by building on existing initiatives like eviction and foreclosure prevention. Extend protection for renters until the end of 2022, while providing ongoing needed support for landlords.

*Our mission is to support, strengthen, and promote the work of the Community Action Agencies statewide to advance economic, racial, and social justice.*

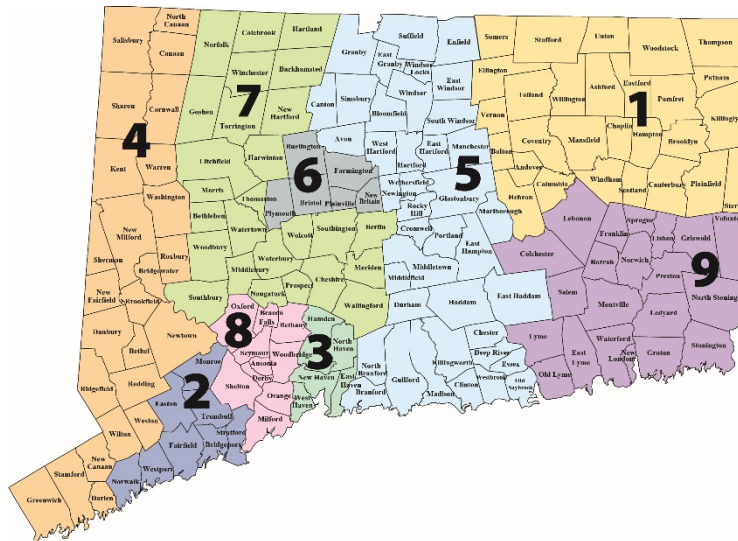
## About Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

CAAs provide 200,000+ low-income CT residents with essential, comprehensive health and social services, such as:

- ✓ Home Heating Assistance, including LIHEAP enrollment
- ✓ Food, including SNAP enrollment and food pantries
- ✓ Early Child Care and Education, including Head Start
- ✓ Employment and Training
- ✓ Housing, including Case Management

CAAs are supported by federal funds and the Human Services Infrastructure-Community Action Program (HSI-CAP) line item in the Department of Social Services (DSS) budget.

## Find Your Local CAA



1. Access Community Action Agency (Access) | [860.450.7400](tel:860.450.7400)
2. Alliance for Community Empowerment (formerly ABCD, Inc.) | [203.366.8241](tel:203.366.8241)
3. Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH) | [203.387.7700](tel:203.387.7700)
4. Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut (CAAWC) | [203.744.4700](tel:203.744.4700)
5. Community Renewal Team (CRT) | [860.560.5600](tel:860.560.5600)
6. Human Resources Agency of New Britain (HRA) | [860.225.8601](tel:860.225.8601)
7. New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI) | [203.575.9799](tel:203.575.9799)
8. TEAM | [203.736.5420](tel:203.736.5420)
9. Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) | [860.889.1365](tel:860.889.1365)

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