



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 & 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.

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

Increase program eligibility levels and alignment

- ☞ To the extent possible, help more CT residents receive services that support high quality lives.
- ☞ Align program eligibility levels to streamline application processes for SNAP, LIHEAP, Housing assistance, Child care, etc. – making it easier to access programs and services.
- ☞ Avoid benefits cliffs by providing a limited “grace period” for people to remain on programs once they exceed income limits. This will help remove barriers to rising out of poverty.

Provide tax relief for low-income residents

- ☞ Permanently raise the State Earned Income Tax Credit to 41.5% of the federal credit.
- ☞ Permanently establish a state child tax credit of \$600/child (capped at 3 children).

Enhance support for nonprofits

- ☞ Support enhanced state funding for nonprofits, to address rising costs, the increased minimum wage, wage compression, and staff recruitment and retention.
- ☞ Streamline contracting & reporting requirements (including master contracts with addenda).

Increase rates for Meals on Wheels & Child Care

- ☞ Improve access to nutritious foods for older adults by continuing to increase third party rates for Meals on Wheels to combat rising costs of food and fuel.
- ☞ 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, including funding mediation programs.
- ☞ Build more housing across the state that low- and moderate-income people of all ages can afford.

About Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

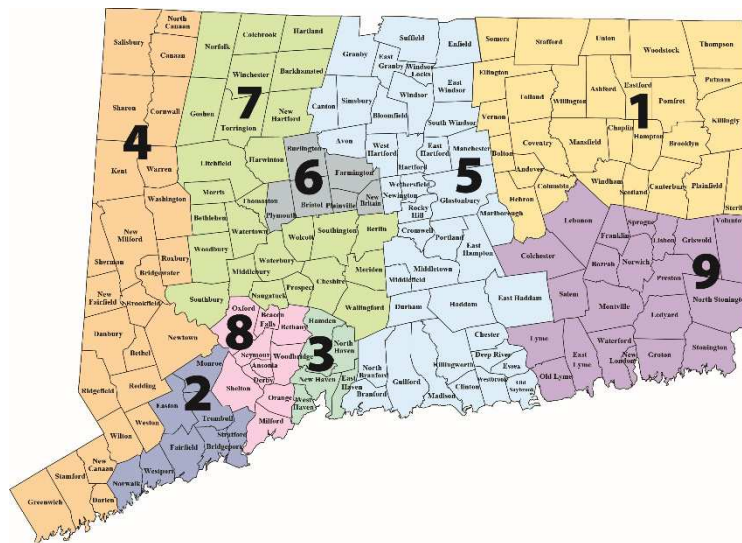
CAAs provide 200,000+ low-income CT residents with essential, comprehensive health and social services, such as:

- 🌀 Home Heating Assistance, including LIHEAP enrollment
- 🌀 Food, including SNAP enrollment and food pantries
- 🌀 Early Child Care & 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. They currently also receive ARPA funds for a flexible Client Support Fund, which helps customers with a variety of needs.

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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