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.
The Utah Community Action Partnership Association (UCAPA) envisions an end to poverty in Utah. Our member agencies work toward this vision every day as we provide services to low-income families and individuals across the state. Each family we help has its own story, its own struggles and its own victories.

Through Community Action we can create a place that provides families with the support and resources they need to get through hard times. Our goal is to help people change their lives. We do this through direct services, advocacy and education.

We are pleased to use this report to share with you some of the work we have done over the past year. While this publication is full of numbers, we must remember these numbers represent real lives. They are each an individual story with people, families and struggles we cannot chronicle here. As an association, we are proud of our accomplishments and the change we are creating in Utah.

Sincerely,

Donald Carpenter
President
There are many individuals and organizations who are working to help those who live in poverty in our state. Among these are Utah’s Community Action Agencies (CAAs). CAAs are located in every area of the state, some as private non-profit organizations and others as part of county Associations of Governments. These agencies provide needed services such as low-income energy assistance, job training, and emergency services such as rental assistance and food boxes.

Many successes have been achieved that have made a tremendous difference in the lives of individuals and families. We applaud all who are making efforts to lend a hand in helping those in need. However, there is still a lot of work to do.

In Utah an individual earning $5.85 per hour (minimum wage) needs to hold over two and one quarter jobs to afford a 2-bedroom rental. Eight of our 29 counties have poverty rates above the national average. 26.8% of all Utah residents are not able to subsist at the poverty level for three months. Food stamps provide $1 per meal in Utah. These statistics are staggering. Utah’s Community Action Agencies provided assistance to 106,473 people last year.

We look forward to a time when poverty no longer exists. Until then, we will continue to work toward creating a Utah that provides opportunity for all its residents.

Sincerely,

Heather Tritten
Executive Director
UCAPA Members

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Serving Box Elder, Rich & Cache Counties

Community Action Services and Food Bank
Serving Utah, Wasatch & Summit Counties

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Community Action

Community Action Agencies were started by the federal government in 1964 with one goal in mind—to eradicate poverty in America. Today there are over a thousand Community Action agencies nationwide, some are part of local governments, while others are private non-profit organizations. Although each is unique, they all continue to work toward that initial goal set over 40 years ago. Because each community is unique, the approach each Community Action agency takes to fight poverty is also unique.

Here in Utah, there are 9 Community Action Agencies, each with its own programs and services, but all with the same goal. All are members of the statewide Utah Community Action Partnership Association (UCAPA). On the following pages, you will find a description and report of each of these agencies and what they do to change the lives and improve the circumstances of the people in their own community.
Poverty In Utah
• 10.6% of Utahns live in poverty;
• 12.4% of Utah’s children live in poverty;
• Utah is ranked 6th in the nation for food insecurity;
• Nearly 11% of Utahns do not have health insurance;
• 38% of Utah’s renters are unable to afford a two-bedroom unit at the fair market rate ($585/month) without working over 2.25 full-time jobs;
• The poverty level for a family of four is $21,200/year;
• 751,512 or 30% of Utahns lived below 200% of the poverty level ($42,400 for a family of four) last year;
• More poverty data can be found in the 2008 Report on Poverty in Utah available at www.utahcap.org.

Community Services Block Grant
The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is the heart of Community Action. CSBG is a federal funding stream that provides the base funding Community Action Agencies use to improve conditions in communities and deliver direct services to people struggling to achieve self-sufficiency. Utah’s nine Community Action Agencies are each governed by a local board of directors made up of public and private sector community leaders and low-income individuals. Using CSBG as their core funding, CAAs leverage other public and private resources to weave a network of support for families and communities.

UCAPA is the network of these public and private CAAs and one statewide anti-poverty organization that work together to address poverty in Utah through locally designed and community-based programs. This report is a snapshot of community needs that CSBG and CAAs respond to with programs that focus on outcomes and alleviate the suffering of many low-income families in Utah.
Community Action in 2007
Through Utah’s Community Action Agencies:
• 103,320 households received emergency food assistance;
• 27,235 households received emergency assistance for fuel and energy bills;
• 3,409 households received emergency shelter;
• 1,366 infants and children obtained age-appropriate immunizations, medical and dental care;
• 920 individuals who were unemployed obtained a job;
• 1,917 individuals obtained pre-employment skills, training or program certifications;
• 330 individuals obtained their ABE/GED;
• 2,369 individuals participated in tax preparation programs and received a federal or state tax credit;
• 17,764 individuals enrolled in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts saving them an estimated $32,580;
• 311 safe and affordable housing units were created in local communities;
• 2,265 safe and affordable child care or child development opportunities were created or maintained;
• 223 households were protected from violence;
• 331 households were provided with legal assistance;
• 2,022 households received transportation assistance;
• 58,242 were referred to partner agencies for additional services.
Utah Community Action Partnership

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**Mission:** The Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) is a voluntary organization of governments to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of federal, state and local programs for the solution of mutual problems of the region.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 12.5%

CSBG Allocation: $222,065

In 2007 BRAG:

- Enrolled 2,100 households in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts;
- Provided 4,336 emergency food orders to Northern Utah households;
- Made 1,978 emergency payments in the amount of $54,428 to vendors for things such as fuel and utilities;
- Provided information and referrals to 2,431 households; and
- Provided 11 households with protection against violence;
- Received 31,586 volunteer hours to help the agency fulfill its mission.
Mission: Community Action Services and Food Bank is dedicated to fostering self-reliance in individuals, families and communities. We do this by providing a variety of programs and solutions designed to address local poverty needs and issues.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: **11.6%**

CSBG Allocation: **$654,205**

In 2007 Community Action Services and Food Bank:
- Provided emergency food services to 19,109 households;
- Made 6,891 emergency payments;
- Provided transportation assistance to 1,175 households;
- Assisted 247 households in purchasing a home;
- Helped save 240 homes from foreclosure;
- Provided shelter for 221 homeless families with children
- Provided emergency rent help to 402 families;
- Assisted 379 households with free tax preparation bringing $653,106 in total tax refunds to the region; and
- Collaborated with 110 community partners to meet the needs of low-income individuals and families in the region.
Family Connection Center
Serving Davis and Morgan Counties

1360 East 1450 South
Clearfield, UT 84015
801.773.0712
www.fccdavis.org

Mission: Family Connection Center’s purpose is to protect children, strengthen and shelter families and individuals, foster self-sufficiency, and facilitate a caring community.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 6.2%

CSBG Allocation: $184,166

In 2007 Family Connection Center:
• Assisted 3,848 households with emergency food;
• Assisted 1,060 infants and children obtain age appropriate immunizations, medical care and dental care.
• Provided 128 households with temporary shelter;
• Provided services to 652 senior citizens and 838 people with disabilities allowing them to maintain an independent living situation;
• Improved health and physical development for 3,054 infants and children by providing adequate nutrition; and
• Mobilized 21 low-income individuals to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of the community.
Five County AOG Community Action Partnerships
Serving Washington, Kane, Iron, Garfield, and Beaver Counties

1070 West 1600 South, Bldg. B
St. George, UT 84770
435.673.3548
www.fcaog.state.ut.us

Mission: Plan, prepare, and partner to assist individual, families, and community groups in becoming more self-sufficient.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 11.5%

CSBG Allocation: $255,019

In 2007 Five County AOG:
• Provided emergency food for 4,500 households;
• Provided temporary shelter for 815 households;
• Assisted 204 unemployed individuals in obtaining a job;
• Mobilized 240 low-income individuals to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of the community;
• Provided 624 households with transportation assistance; and
• Provided information and referrals to 7,500 households.
• Provided 100 children immunizations, medical & dental care
• Provided over 1,500 households with free tax preparation assistance
• Partnered with over 60 providers/agencies to assist low income families in being more self sufficient.
Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership
Serving Weber County

3159 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
801.399.9281
www.owcap.org

Mission: OWCAP inspires those in poverty to become self-sufficient through innovative services and collaborative efforts.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 13.7%

CSBG Allocation: $259,414

In 2007 OWCAP:
- Distributed emergency food to 1,178 households;
- Provided access to emergency medical care for 211 individuals;
- Assisted 841 children in obtaining age appropriate immunizations, medical and dental care;
- Provided transportation assistance to 96 households;
- Provided free tax preparation for 1899 low-income households; and
- Collaborated with 53 organizations to promote family and community outcomes.
Salt Lake Community Action Program
Serving Salt Lake & Tooele Counties

764 South 200 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
801.359.2444
www.slcap.org

Mission: To eliminate the paradox of poverty in our affluent society.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 9.9%

CSBG Appropriation: $995,684

In 2007 SLCAP:
- Assisted 491 unemployed individuals in obtaining a job;
- Enrolled 11,786 households in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts;
- Preserved 375 housing units through construction, weatherization or rehabilitation;
- Provided 24,158 households with emergency food;
- Made 11,792 emergency payments to vendors including fuel and energy bills; and
- Assisted 2,264 infants and children in obtaining age appropriate immunizations, medical care and dental care.
- Ensured 2,200 children who participate in Head Start were developmentally ready to enter Kindergarten.
Six County AOG
Serving Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne, and Piute Counties

250 N. Main St.
Richfield, UT 84701
435.896.9222
www.sixcounty.com

Poverty Rate for Service Area: 13.8%

CSBG Allocation: $132,262

In 2007 Six County AOG:
- Enrolled 1,700 households in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts;
- Mobilized 100 low-income people to participate in formal community organizations, government boards or councils;
- Provided emergency food to 16,121 households;
- Made 95 emergency payments to vendors;
- Provided temporary shelter to 68 households; and
- Provided transportation assistance to 107 households.

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Southeastern Utah AOG
Serving Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties

75 East 400 South
P.O. Box 1106
Price, UT 84501
435.637.7323
www.seaulg.dst.ut.us

Mission: To move low-income individuals and families out of poverty through strengthening human services programs with the support of the whole community.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 14.8%

CSBG Appropriation: $147,367

In 2007 Southeastern Utah AOG:
- Enrolled 2,704 households in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts;
- Provided 426 senior citizens and 559 people with disabilities with services that allow them to maintain an independent living situation;
- Provided 2,656 emergency payments to vendors;
- Provided information and referral services to 161 individuals;
- Provided transportation assistance to 18 households; and
- Collaborated with 16 community organizations to promote family and community outcomes.
Uintah Basin AOG
Serving Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah Counties

330 East 100 South
Roosevelt, UT 84066
435.722.4518
www.ubaog.org

Mission: The Uintah Basin Food Pantries will provide needed food to those who would otherwise go without. To eliminate hunger in Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah Counties.

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Poverty Rate for Service Area: 13.7%

CSBG Appropriation: $99,857

In 2007 Uintah Basin AOG:
- Assisted 570 households obtain safe and affordable housing in support of employment stability;
- Provided free tax preparation for 11 households;
- Created 59 safe and affordable housing units in the community;
- Preserved 39 housing units in the community through construction, weatherization or rehabilitation;
- Provided emergency food to 925 households; and
- Made 950 emergency payments to vendors.
Utah Community Action Partnership Association

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Mission: UCAPA’s mission is to advocate for, support, and train Utah’s CSBG funded agencies, utilizing our collective strength to eradicate poverty.

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Poverty Rate of Service Area: 10.6%

CSBG Allocation: $120,000

In 2007 UCAPA:

• Provided training to 9 Community Action Agencies in ROMA, fiscal accountability and governance;
• Lead the statewide Earn it. Keep it. Save it. coalition resulting in seven local coalitions providing free tax preparation services;
• Organized free tax preparation for 12,933 working Utahns resulting in $8.6 million in total tax credits through the Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Coalition;
• Authored numerous fact sheets and reports on affordable housing in Utah;
• Published the 2007 Databook on Poverty in Utah; and
• Collaborated with local advocates to protect and increase funding for low-income programs.
Mission: Utahns Against Hunger is creating the will to end hunger in Utah.

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In 2007 Utahns Against Hunger:
- Secured $100,000 in one-time funding for emergency food pantries at the 2008 Utah State Legislature.
- Conducted 8 food stamp eligibility trainings with community partners.
- Authored numerous fact sheets on hunger and food insecurity in Utah.
- Secured funding to place 60 computers in emergency food pantries and senior centers state wide in order to increase online access to the Food Stamp Program.
- Distributed over 30,000 Summer Food Program fliers in low-income communities and allied organizations throughout the state.
- Distributed 15 regionally specific “Need Food Help?” brochures to community partners throughout the state.
- Distributed emergency food pantry lists to 100’s of community partners throughout the state.
- Held Food Stamp quarterly meeting with food stamp administrators from the Department of Workforce Services