



Network Connection

Mission: To advocate for low-income Missourians and strengthen the Community Action Network
 Vision: A state where all people and communities thrive

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Did you know that more than 440,000 Missouri children were on free/reduced lunch in 2014?

ADVOCACY – A voice for low-income Missourians

August is Health Advocacy Month on Missouri CAN Social Media

by Kurt Brewer, Executive Director, kbrewer@communityaction.org

Throughout the month of August, we will be highlighting advocacy tips and information via social media. Be sure to follow and share with your networks to spread awareness of health and poverty with #HealthAdvocacyMonth.

- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/MoCommunityAction](https://www.facebook.com/MoCommunityAction)
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/Missouri_CAN
- **Blog:** MissouriCAN.org/blog.

Save the Date! 2017 Legislative Day at the Missouri Capitol

by Heidi Lucas, Outreach Manager, hucas@communityaction.org

The 2017 Community Action Network Legislative Day will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Please mark your calendars now. This is an important day for our network to show our legislators the true power of Community Action in the State of Missouri.

Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Next Generation

By Courtney Kohler, Program Director, ckohler@communityaction.org

The Office of Community Services released the current draft of ROMA Next Generation for the first of two public comment periods recently through the Federal Register. This comment period ran through August 15. The Missouri CAN Board tasked the state association, along with local agency engagement to provide a letter of collective feedback from Missouri. [Click here](#) to access the ROMA Next Generation Materials out for comment now.

What's Next? At the end of this 60-day comment period, OCS will complete a review of all comments and submit a revised CSBG Annual Report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). During the next comment period (30 days), OMB will review the

comments. Once OMB determines it is appropriate to approve the information collection, the collection will be approved for a three year period.

NETWORK CAPACITY – Helping you help others

Onboarding Team Update

By Jayna Gray, Information Systems Manager, jgray@communityaction.org

“THE GOAL IS TO TURN DATA INTO INFORMATION, AND INFORMATION INTO INSIGHT”

Missouri Community Action Network (Missouri CAN) is excited to announce that we are continuing with Adsystem Inc., as statewide Management Information System (MIS) vendor. Over the next 18 months the 19 Community Action Agencies along with Urban League of St Louis will be converting to a new version of Adsystem’s software. The Missouri CAN office will continue support and training during this transition to ensure that Missouri will continue as one of the leading states in the nationwide Community Action Network in statewide data collection. Thank you to the Onboarding Team, Family Support Division (FSD), Missouri Community Action Directors Association (MCADA) and the Missouri CAN Board for working toward a common goal to turn data into action. Together, Missouri CAN communicate our Community Action story.

Onboarding Team Members:

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 Patricia Bulejski, CAASTLC
 Hilary Marshall, CAPNCM
 Terry Hiatt, CAPNEMO
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 Mary Endicott, MVCAA
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 Carl Thomas, OACAC
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Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment in Community Commons

By Jayna Gray, Information Systems Manager, jgray@communityaction.org

Have you registered with Community Commons and joined the Missouri CAN Hub? If you haven’t done so already, visit www.communitycommons.org to register for an account, then click the Hub tab to find Missouri Community Action Network. If you have any questions, please contact Jayna Gray at jgray@communityaction.org.

Family Development Credential Program Update

By Courtney Kohler, Program Director, ckohler@communityaction.org

Missouri CAN will be hosting and facilitating a Family Development Credential (FDC) Instructor's Institute on September 27-29, 2016, as well as an FDC Update meeting on September 13th. Application and registration for each are available on the Missouri CAN website calendar. Also, if you haven't received your copy of the summer edition of FDC News, contact our Training Manager, Becky King at bking@communityaction.org.

Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer (NCRI)

By Courtney Kohler, Program Director, ckohler@communityaction.org

We have five Missouri Community Action Network staff who are helping to pilot a new ROMA Certification this year – the Nationally Certified ROMA Implementer (NCRI). ROMA expertise continues to grow in-state as we prepare for ROMA Next Generation and this certification will be important in bridging the gap between the concepts and the application of ROMA. There is still time for a couple more candidates to engage in this pilot before it starts. If you or someone in your agency is interested, please let us know. The process will run through December 2016 and will include an e-course, a one-day ROMA training, development of a portfolio, and a certification exam.

Summer Trainings

By Courtney Kohler, Program Director, ckohler@communityaction.org

The team at Missouri CAN has been busy offering some great trainings this summer!

- Advanced Grants: Focus on Data Analysis: 29 attended
- Community Action Planning: 33 attended
- Communicating with Strength: 20 registered
- Business Writing Style Workshop: September 7 (Chillicothe) & September 8 (Rolla).

Annual Training Survey

By Courtney Kohler, Program Director, ckohler@communityaction.org



It is time once again to get your feedback on the training, professional development, and technical assistance we provide as a state association. In order to meet your needs, we need your input. We also need this input to be comprehensive of the network--from leadership to front-line staff.

The survey is estimated to take about 5-8 minutes. Please take this time to be involved in the opportunities we can offer you in the coming year. The link is included below and we ask that you share this with all staff in your agency. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C37TNMV>

Safe at Home Application Assistant Training

By Becky King, Training Manager, bking@communityaction.org

On October 6, Missouri CAN will be hosting a training for agencies interested in ramping up their services for victims of domestic violence. The Safe at Home address confidentiality program has helped survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, or stalking in their efforts to stay safe by providing a designated address to use when creating new public records. To sign up for the program, participants must meet with a certified Application Assistant. Missouri Community Action Agencies have found that organizations who offer this service are limited and the clientele is often already being served by Community Action. This three-hour session will provide the complete training and eligible attendees will have the option to become registered Application Assistants for Safe at Home.

Poverty Simulation Facilitator Training

By Heidi Lucas, Outreach Manager, hluucas@communityaction.org

Missouri CAN is pleased to offer a Poverty Simulation Facilitator Training on November 14-15 in St. Louis at the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel. The facilitator training will allow participants to become familiar with the components of the Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) kit, the facilitation process and tips for conducting an efficient and effective simulation. Participants will also experience the poverty simulation on the first day of training. Registration includes training and all materials, and lunch on the second day. Registration information is available on the Missouri CAN website. *Registration is free for Missouri Community Action Network staff members who register before October 21.*

Community Action Network Days at the Ballpark - Royals & Cardinals Events in September 2016

By Kurt Brewer, Executive Director, kbrewer@communityaction.org



An important part of helping you help others means making sure we take some time for ourselves every now and then. This year, join us in September at the Cardinals and Royals with exclusive discount tickets for Community Action employees, their families, and community partners. Once again, you will be able to buy tickets through a single point of contact at your local agency. We still have tickets available for both dates:

Saturday, September 10: Cardinals vs. Brewers @ Busch Stadium in St. Louis at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 17: Royals vs. White Sox @ Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City at 6:15 p.m.

The following are the single points of contact designated in each agency for ordering tickets.

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Missouri CAN At-Large Board Member Elections

By Sharron Cook, Administrative Assistant, scook@communityaction.org

One of the important privileges and responsibilities of your membership in Missouri CAN is voting for At-Large Board members. We will be mailing ballots, along with a return envelope, out to each full member to their home address on August 29. The ballot will ask you to choose your top ten choices for board members. You should have received information on all of the candidates electronically before then and also included with the ballot. You will have until September 15, 2016 to return your ballot to our office. As in the past, we encourage each agency to offer their members the opportunity to turn their **sealed** envelopes in to the agency with the agency returning them to our office in bulk. This should save everyone time and postage. We will announce the election results in October. The new board members will assume their new positions on the Missouri CAN Board at the November 10th meeting. Any vacancies that occur on the Board for At-Large members during the next two years will be filled by the two remaining candidates.

Learn more about At-Large directors from the MACA bylaws: (from the MACA Bylaws)

The Individual Members shall elect a maximum of ten (10) At-Large directors. Each director shall be elected for two-year terms. The nomination process shall be determined by the MACA Board of Directors. Each CAA member organization may select one individual for the ballot. In the event there are ten or fewer nominations for the At-Large positions, then no election will be held and the MACA Board of Directors will vote to seat the nominated candidates. In the event there are more than ten nominations for the ten At-Large positions, then there will be an election by the Individual Membership with the process to be determined by the MACA Board of Directors.

[Activity Calendar on following page](#)

ON THE CALENDAR

Finance Professional Alliance

August 17...Missouri CAN Office

Human Resources Professional Alliance

August 17-18...Missouri CAN Office

Information Technology Professional Alliance

August 17-18...Jefferson City

Resource Development Professional Alliance

August 23...Missouri CAN Office

Outreach Personnel Professional Alliance

August 25...Columbia

Community Action Partnership Convention

August 29-September 1...Austin, TX

Missouri CAN Office Closed for Labor Day

September 5

Business Writing Style Workshop

September 7...Chillicothe

September 8...Rolla

MIS User Training

September 7...Jefferson City

MIS New Agency Admin Training

September 8...Jefferson City

Missouri CAN Cardinals Game Day

September 10...St. Louis

FDC Missouri State Update Meeting

September 13...Missouri CAN Office

MCADA

September 14...Missouri CAN Office

Missouri CAN Board

September 15...Missouri CAN Office

Missouri CAN Royals Game Day

September 17...Kansas City

MIS Committee

September 20...Missouri CAN Office

Leadership Academy

September 21-22...Missouri CAN Office

FDC Missouri Instructors' Institute

September 27-29...Missouri CAN Office

Safe At Home Application Assistance Training

October 6...Missouri CAN Office

MCADA

October 12...Missouri CAN Office

Leadership Academy

October 13-14...Missouri CAN Office

MIS Committee

October 18...Missouri CAN Office

Energy and Housing Professional Alliance

October 19...Missouri CAN Office

Information Technology Professional Alliance

October 20-21...Missouri CAN Office

Resource Development Professional Alliance

October 25...Missouri CAN Office

Missourians to End Poverty

October 26...Missouri CAN Office

Outreach Managers Professional Alliance

October 27-28...Missouri CAN Office



Kurt Brewer, Missouri CAN Executive Director

August 17, 2016

For the most current list of events and for more information, check the calendar on our website at www.communityaction.org.