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October 25 Registration Deadline for VACAP Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity Summit

VACAP is excited to host our return to in person meetings on November 1-2, 2022 at the Virginia Housing Center in the Richmond Region (Glen Allen/Short Pump). **This is a reminder that registration closes on October 25.** If you or your colleagues have not already, register now at <https://cvent.me/X1KkAG>.

Summit Agenda Highlights

Over 100 attendees will network, exchange ideas and hear from key funders and partners at the summit. The summit agenda with detailed descriptions of each session can be found at <https://cvent.me/X1KkAG>.

The agenda includes hearing from peer community action leaders, the coaches of the six whole family pilot sites, state leaders, funders and strategic partners.

Here is a sample of some of the featured guest speakers:

- Dr. Danny TK Avula, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services
- Susan Dewey, CEO, Virginia Housing
- Jonathan C. Zur, President & CEO, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
- Bill Curtis, Assistant Director, DHCD
- Matt Fitzgerald, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Virginia
- Laurie K. Crawford, Director, Office of Trauma and Resilience Policy, VDSS
- Karen Gulliford, Chief Learning Officer/Owner, Great Workplaces LLC

- Chandler Vaughan, Broadband Policy Analyst, DHCD
- Monique Johnson, Managing Director of Community Outreach, Virginia Housing
- Sandra Powell, Senior Deputy Director, DHCD

Thank you to our strategic partners for making the summit possible!



Join the Zoom set for October 26, 2022 – Tips for Getting the Most out of the VACAP Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity Summit

VACAP will host a pre-summit zoom on October 26 from 12-12:30pm to provide an overview of the summit agenda and tips for getting the most out of the summit experience. No registration required, just use the link below to join the zoom.

This is the first annual VACAP Summit, so everyone attending is a first-time attendee. We look forward to welcoming you! So much of the value of attending a summit is learning and networking with your peers during the summit and building relationships with partners and funders. It is also a time enjoy local dining and activities in the evenings. Join this zoom to learn more about the summit agenda, dining options in the area, tips on networking and making the most of opportunities to meet partners and funders. Carolyn and Erik will also be available to answer any questions from content to logistics. Hope you can join us and we will record the zoom for those who would like to watch it later.

Join Zoom Meeting on October 26 from 12pm-12:30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85262012010?pwd=SENtdkxKdW5kQmlMUvJFRnRMMUtsdz09>

EITC Grant Applications Due November 10, 2022

VACAP announced on September 28, 2022 that the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) grant application period for the upcoming tax season was open. Grant funds of \$185,725 are provided by Virginia’s Governor and General Assembly and successful applicants will use the funds to provide free outreach, education and tax preparation services to those eligible for the federal EITC, child tax credit (CTC) and the new refundable state EITC. The application deadline is November 10, 2022. More information is available at www.vacap.org/grants

Save the Date for AECPP Weatherization Virtual Peer Exchange – Nov. 9

The Association of Energy Conservation Professionals (AECPP) exists to support Virginia’s weatherization network. AECPP will host their 9th Peer Exchange virtually on November 9, 2022. The purpose of the Peer Exchange is to provide a forum for the respectful exchange of ideas, questions, comments and solutions while interacting and networking with other programs and state program staff at DHCD. VACAP’s Erik Johnston will participate and encourages community action weatherization staff and CEOs to attend. This exchange comes at a critical juncture for the weatherization network as everyone is trying to scale up to deploy unprecedented new resources through the federal infrastructure law. More details will be available at <https://www.aecppes.org/index.php>.

OEO Continues to Support Financial Health of Community Action Agencies

OEO is working with agencies on the cost allocation plan review project which will be completed by Kay Sohl. Kay's expertise is known nationally, and OEO is expecting a product from this that will greatly assist the state office and community action agencies. This is the first phase of a multi-phase project to give the agencies, and state office, tools to strengthen the financial health of the community action network. OEO also assisted VACAP in a focus group looking at fractional CFO services during August and September.

Calls to Eviction Legal Helpline Increase by 500%

Now that important tenant protections have expired, Virginia courtroom dockets are stacked with eviction filings — as rents continue to skyrocket and the federally funded rent relief program has ended.

VPLC's Eviction Legal Helpline is stretching to meet the need. Helpline attorneys personally advise a limited number of callers facing a scheduled sheriff's eviction or an upcoming court date. All callers are provided legal information and self-help materials through the website. Virginians facing a potential eviction, can call 1-833-NOEvict (1-833-663-8428) or visit evictionhelpline.org.

DHCD Homeless Reduction Grants and Affordable and Special Needs Housing Deadlines

DHCD Homeless Reduction Grant applications are open and due November 18, 2022. More information is available at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/housing/hf-hrg-fy23-application-instructions.pdf>

DHCD's Affordable and Special Needs Housing resources for new construction and rehabilitation through the National Housing Trust Fund, HOME and State Housing Trust Fund are available and due October 31, 2022. More info available at:

https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/asnh/asnh_guidelines_21-22_final_1.pdf

NCAP Head Start Forum on Workforce Challenges - October 20

NCAP will hold this webinar on Thursday, October 20 at 11am. Head Start and Early Head Start programs within Community Actions Agencies are facing unique workforce challenges. Join the National Community Action Partnership Head Start Task Force and CAPLAW for a forum to discuss the workforce issues facing CAA Head Start/EHS programs, potential solutions, and next steps. The forum will be focused on feedback from CAA Executive Directors and Head Start/EHS Directors and Staff, but all Community Action Network members are welcome. Click here to register: https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-qvqTMjHNYrz5_ugYUb_S4lTYGd6uQw

MLK Day of Service Mini-Grants Available – Due Nov. 7

The Virginia Service Foundation offers mini-grants to support service activities, available to any public or private nonprofit organization serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, including faith-based and other community organizations, public or private schools, institutions of higher education and government entities. Qualifying organizations may be eligible for an award of up to \$250 to use towards hosting a service project for the MLK Day of Service on or around January 16, 2023. Applications are available on the VirginiaServiceFoundation.org website and are due by November 7, 2022.