



## **VACAP NEWS**

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### **VACAP Legislative Conference Registration Now Open!**

Join us in Richmond on January 23-24, 2024 as we need all agencies to plan to participate in this critical convening. The first day will focus on updates from state and federal leaders and preparing you to advocate for VACAP's whole family and CASH Campaign priorities during visits to the new General Assembly Building on January 24.

Register now: <https://cvent.me/kxdvMZ>

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### **Save the Date! VACAP Regional Meeting Dates Announced**

VACAP is pleased to announce two regional meeting dates in May for time to network with other peers and strategic partners. Save the Date for:

May 1, 2024: Wytheville, VA

May 15, 2024: Williamsburg, VA

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## **Member News**

**HRCAP** receives critical \$200,000 grant from Bank of America. HRCAP accepted the grant on November 9 at Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders awards ceremony for contributing to the community's growth and sustainability by addressing issues fundamental to economic mobility. As part of their award, they will receive leadership development and \$200,000 in flexible funding, join a network of peer organizations across the U.S., and have the opportunity to expand their impact in the Hampton Roads community.

More information about Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders program:

[https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/topic/topics\\_community\\_neighborhood-builders](https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/topic/topics_community_neighborhood-builders)

**People, Inc** is one of nine recipients of the Office of Community Services (OCS) new pilot grant program, the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD). The AHSSD provides funding to CAAs and tribes that received Community Services Block Grant funding in FY2023 and own affordable housing units. Grant recipients are using funds to strengthen and expand wraparound supportive services available to affordable housing residents.

Save the Date for **SERCAP's** annual the Water is Life Celebratory Banquet on April 4, 2024 at the Hotel Roanoke in Virginia.

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## **Good Reads & Newsworthy Updates**

### **'Back to normal': Next Va. budget faces big bills for Medicaid, education**

By MICHAEL MARTZ, Richmond Times-Dispatch (Metered Paywall - 7 articles a month)

Virginia is likely to face big bills with less money to pay them in the next two-year budget, as the state emerges from the COVID-19 public health emergency with less federal money available to spend and more pressure on the state tax revenues. As the General Assembly money committees prepare for their annual budget retreats in less than two weeks, they are waiting for estimates on how much K-12 public education will cost to maintain at current levels.

[https://richmond.com/news/state-regional/government-politics/back-to-normal-next-va-budget-faces-big-bills-for-medicaid-education/article\\_73e56ec4-78c9-11ee-8097-f3a8a38a7729.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://richmond.com/news/state-regional/government-politics/back-to-normal-next-va-budget-faces-big-bills-for-medicaid-education/article_73e56ec4-78c9-11ee-8097-f3a8a38a7729.html#tracking-source=home-top-story)

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## **DHCD Hires New Associate Director of Energy Efficiency and Housing Rehabilitation**

Timothy Pettit has been hired as the new Associate Director of Energy Efficiency and Housing Rehabilitation at the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Tim Pettit brings a wealth of experience to this role, with over 25 years as a seasoned executive in energy efficiency and distributed energy resources. His career has included successfully leading and directing programs for federal, state, and local government offices, as well as electric and gas utilities. His expertise spans various facets of energy efficiency, from residential to multifamily and income-qualifying programs.



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## **NCAP 60th Anniversary Poster Contest**

To commemorate 60 Years of the Birth of Community Action, the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) is sponsoring a poster contest. Open to Community Action staff, board, volunteers, and their family members, the contest challenges competitors to visually demonstrate the important role of Community Action in fighting the conditions of poverty—whether the focus is on our historic accomplishments or on our future challenges and opportunities. Entrants may use the promise of community action as inspiration, recognizing the past but looking to the future and inspiring hope.

Poster entries must be received by January 10, 2024. Winners will be announced on February 2, 2024.

**Poster Guidelines:** [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NCAP-Poster-Contest-Guidelines-11-14-23.pdf](https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NCAP-Poster-Contest-Guidelines-11-14-23.pdf)  
**Contest Entry Form:** [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NCAP-Poster-Contest-Entry-Form-11-14-23.pdf](https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NCAP-Poster-Contest-Entry-Form-11-14-23.pdf)

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## **DHCD: Upcoming Input Sessions for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan**

In order to determine the planning, housing, and community development needs of the Commonwealth, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is undertaking its Annual Action Planning process for the year 2024-2025.

This planning process will result in the development of an Annual Action Plan, which will outline the prioritized needs and best use of resources to address those needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The anticipated federal housing and community development resources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), and Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). DHCD will accept input on anticipated federal housing and community resources including goals and objectives for housing and community development, the projected use of funding, and the method of distribution.

Roanoke, Virginia: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Abingdon, Virginia: Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, 11-12:30 p.m.

Richmond, Virginia: Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Woodbridge, Virginia: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Hampton Roads: Virginia, Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m.

Register for any of the five dates here:

<https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/dhcdevents/registration.aspx?EID=540>

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### **Please Complete NCAF Survey**

NCAF advocates before both Congress and the Executive Branch on behalf of the Community Action Network. NCAF has planned a very aggressive legislative strategy that will move the Community Action agenda forward in a very significant way. NCAF will use this information that you submit when talking to many congressional offices. Please submit a survey response on behalf of your agency!

Take the survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNd\\_dtXhdjbn-SiXw1sTCsEKhQSb2nBsX4\\_kRwxT0Aw\\_J-ZA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNd_dtXhdjbn-SiXw1sTCsEKhQSb2nBsX4_kRwxT0Aw_J-ZA/viewform)

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### **November Coffee Chat with David Bradley**

NCAF hosts monthly virtual "Coffee Chats with David Bradley!" Join David for these free legislative briefings that detail the policy issues and legislative strategies pressing to the Community Action Network. November's coffee chat is Friday, Nov 17 at 2 PM ET.

Register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_KV3ox26bQ6GgWWhRJ95Giw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KV3ox26bQ6GgWWhRJ95Giw#/registration)

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