



## VACAP NEWS

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### VACAP Summit: Thanks for Attending!



Last week, more than 130 Community Action professionals, local community leaders, statewide partners, and funders gathered at the VDSS offices in Glen Allen, VA for the VACAP Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity Summit. Special thanks to our partners, speakers, Board of Directors, attendees, and all who helped create a successful event.

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## **SAVE THE DATE: VACAP Legislative Conference**

Join us in Richmond Virginia on February 10-12, 2025, for training, networking, advocacy and convening state leaders, VACAP leadership and more while the Virginia General Assembly will be in session. We're working hard to bring you great content this year and more opportunities to connect with each other and our great state partners. Look for registration details in the months ahead.

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### **Virginia SUN Bucks 2024 Program Success**

In its inaugural year, the new Virginia SUN Bucks program fed more than 703,000 children through \$84 million in benefits issued on 302,100 EBT cards. The Virginia

Last fall, Governor Youngkin approved Virginia to be a Champion State for this permanent benefit. The program accomplished its goals of feeding children, making it easy to obtain the benefits available, and having them use the funds to purchase nutritious foods that keep them nourished and strong.

Thank you for your assistance in making Virginia SUN Bucks a successful program!

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### **VA Food is Medicine Community Listening Sessions**

The Federation of Virginia Food Banks, the Virginia Food is Medicine Coalition, and Transformative Changes are committed to tackling hunger. They are launching the Virginia Food is Medicine Community Listening Sessions to center the voices of community members (more details below!).

Too many people struggle to access affordable, nutritious food, leading to significant health disparities among socially and economically disadvantaged communities. The Food is Medicine Listening Session creates the space for impactful policy and program development. We know that -- by passing the megaphone to individuals who have been directly impacted by food and nutrition insecurity, a wider range of ideas perspectives will create a pathway for better informed policy.

**“Virtual” listening sessions will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Thursday, October 31 at 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Thanks to the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, participants will receive a \$50 gift card to compensate them for their valuable time.**

Learn more and [register for the Virginia Food is Medicine Listening Sessions here.](#)

Checkout our “marketing toolkit” [here!](#) Spread the word by using our recruitment email and PDF flyer or our social media toolkit and PNG/JPG flyer. More to come!

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## **NCAP/NASCSP Weatherization Funding Leveraging Survey**

Share how your WAP funding makes an impact by October 31, 2024 here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RT6KTLX>

Each year, NCAP partners with NASCSP to illustrate how the network supplements federal Weatherization Assistance Program funds. While NASCSP surveys WAP Grantees, NCAP's role in this joint effort is to document funds brought in by weatherization subgrantees without the involvement of their state WAP office.

The goal of this effort is to illustrate how direct local partnerships amplify the Weatherization Assistance Program and to celebrate the vital role of community-based weatherization providers. In the PY2022 survey, NCAP uncovered more than \$300 million non-federal funds leveraged in 41 states!

For questions about this survey, please contact the Energy Partnerships Project at [energy@communityactionpartnership.com](mailto:energy@communityactionpartnership.com).

Thank you for taking time to share this important information about your Weatherization Program!

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## **New CAPLAW Resource on Upcoming OMB Uniform Guidance Changes**

CAPLAW has released a new resource to explain the upcoming changes regarding HHS's adoption of OMB's codification of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (the "Uniform Guidance") at 2 CFR Part 200. The article sheds light on the phased approach to implementation and provides context for CAAs who may be receiving federal funding from multiple agencies and will no longer have to comply with two versions of the Uniform Guidance.

Access the new CAPLAW resource here: <https://caplaw.org/resources/almost-on-the-same-page-hhss-adoption-of-the-uniform-guidance>

The September 27 press release from HHS on this topic is available here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/09/27/hhs-adopts-new-rules-federal-financial-assistance-2-cfr-part-200-publishes-updated-grants-policy-statement-gps-make-grants-more-accessible-transparent.html>

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## **Action for Women's Health Funding Opportunity**

On October 9, Pivotal, a Melinda French Gates organization, launched Action for Women's Health, a \$250 million global open call that will fund organizations around the world that are improving women's mental and physical health.

This new initiative will support organizations of diverse geographies, sizes, perspectives, and approaches that are united by their work to improve the mental and physical health of women. Interested applicants must register to apply before 4pm CT on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Learn more and register here: <https://womenshealth.leverforchange.org/submit>

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## **Data shows thousands of Virginians in need of childcare services**

By NATHANIEL CLINE, Virginia Mercury

Parents of nearly 10,000 children in Virginia are seeking early childhood care and education services primarily in the south and central regions, according to data collected by the Department of Education as of Oct. 1. Industry experts say the challenge is balancing capacity and demand as the state focuses on preparing children and supporting families. Virginia faces unmet parental demand for all three state-funded child care programs.

**Read the article here:** <https://virginiamercury.com/2024/10/21/data-shows-thousands-of-virginians-in-need-of-child-care-services/>

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## **RPIC Regional Webinars**

For the second year, Virginia is partnering with our Region III counterparts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, D.C., and Delaware to provide webinars on a variety of subjects. These trainings will occur twice a month and be attended by Community Action Agency staff from multiple states. Here are some upcoming regional webinars:

### **11/14/24 @10:00am Inclusive Communication**

<https://communityactionassociationofpennsylvania.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/DpBjvGEp?mode=Attendee>

### **12/10/24 @ 10:00am Capitalize & Cultivate: Mastering Fundraising and Asset Development for Impactful Growth**

<https://communityactionassociationofpennsylvania.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/zLEjdm9r?mode=Attendee>

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## **Organizational Standards Skill Builder Training**

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### **Two Ways to Participate:**

IN-PERSON: An in-person event, held over two consecutive days with 1.5 days of learning opportunities.

Day 1: November 14 from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Central

Day 2: November 15 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Central

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<https://ncap.users.membersuite.com/events/9a6db3bd-0078-ccd1-7e3e-0b4714b27743/details>

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