

Maryland Community Action Partnership LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2021

The Maryland Community Action Partnership ("MCAP") was established in 1986. The non-profit, multi-regional association advocates on behalf of Community Action Agencies ("CAA's") and partnering organizations that serve individuals and families with low incomes who reside in Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia to ensure their voices are heard at the local, state, and federal levels.

We continuously monitor for legislation and regulations that affect our members.

Our legislative priorities for 2021 are:



Critical Funding for Community Action Agencies



Funding to strengthen Community Action Capacity to Implement Whole Family/2-G Initiatives -

MCAP seeks to strengthen the Community Action Network by securing continued funding in the amount of **\$950,000** that will allow for full implementation of the 2 Generation /Whole Family service model throughout the state.



Capital funding for safe facilities linked to anti-poverty services (outside of CSBG).

MCAP seeks funding for the Community Action Network to **improve safety**-related building elements and safety systems to mitigate occupational and environmental hazards related to **COVID** and new requirements for staff and clients.



Fair and Just Treatment for All



MCAP supports social justice/human rights initiatives promoting fair and justice treatment for all, and major reforms through policy changes and legislation.

- **MD HB266** - Student Education Equity Grant Program - Established (Student Education Equity in Funding Act)



MCAP supports legislation supporting Health Equity initiatives that will ensure healthy communities and health families.

- **MD SB52/HB78** - Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity
- **MD HB172** - Maryland Health Equity Resources Act



Housing Stabilization



MCAP supports legislation to mitigate the impact of COVID on housing, and promote housing security.

- **MD SB130** - Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Pay Rent - Fee Limit During Emergencies
- **MD HB31** - Courts - Surcharges and Payment to Rental Assistance Programs
- **MD HB90** - State and Local Housing Programs - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- **MD HB58** - Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity



Lifting Families Out of Poverty



Reducing poverty by encouraging work.

MCAP supports legislation to expand awareness of the EITC to those who are most likely to qualify. EITC is recognized for lifting families out of poverty because it's "earned" income.



Improving Access to Childcare



Strengthening of the quality of Child Care.

MCAP supports legislation that provide funds to eligible grantees to help support the operations of childcare centers.