

The National Need

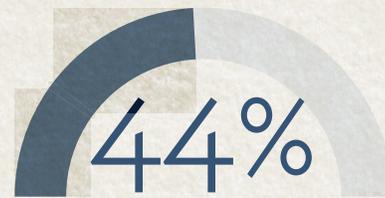
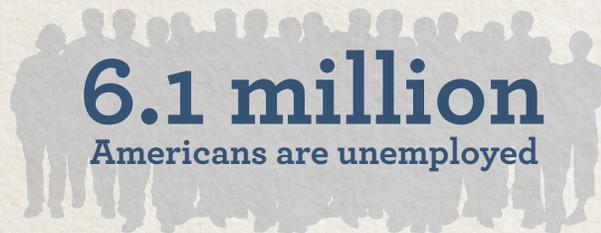
Despite America's economic recovery, millions are still living in poverty and even more are just one missed paycheck away from hardship. Whether our neighbors are experiencing a temporary set back or have been priced out of affordable housing - too many struggle to achieve a good quality of life.

Nearly **40** million people in America live poverty.

People of color are disproportionately impacted



1 in 6 children go hungry at some point during the year



of Americans can't cover a \$400 emergency expense

Community Action's Reach

The nation's 1,000+ Community Action Agencies are a robust, national, state, and local force, reaching children and families in **99% of America's counties** with life changing services that create pathways to opportunity and prosperity. Annually, we reach:

15 million low-income individuals



3.9 million children

2.3 million seniors



6.2 million families



1.7 million people with disabilities



Our Impact

America's Community Action Agencies embody our nation's spirit of hope, change people's lives, and improve communities. We promote workable solutions that connect more families to opportunity - and make America a better place to live for everyone.

Community Action Agencies:

- Connect individuals and families to approaches that help them succeed - including high quality education programs for children, job retraining for adults, stable and affordable housing for families, utility assistance for seniors, and so much more.
- Promote community-wide solutions to seemingly stubborn challenges throughout our cities, suburbs, and in rural areas - whether it's the lack of affordable housing or the need to promote economic growth that benefits all families.
- Share expertise with national, state, and local leaders looking for evidence on what works to promote greater economic opportunity for children and families.

As a result, each year:

800,000 households increased their financial **Assets** or skills 



More than 8 million people received food, healthcare services and more to increase family **Health & Well-Being**



4 million **Children & Families** accessed childcare, after school programs, and more



339,000 people obtained safe, affordable **Housing** - and millions more received emergency help with heat or energy assistance

5.8 million people were put on a pathway to good **Jobs** through employment support 

1.2 million people engaged in **Community Building** 

Community Action Agencies are locally run but receive a range of public and private resources for their work. This includes funding from the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) which provides the Community Action Agency designation. **For every \$1 of CSBG funds, the Network annually leverages \$7.70 from state, local, and private sources.**



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