# The National Community Action Network Theory of Change

## **Community Action Goals**

Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.

People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

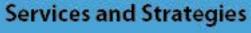












(some examples from the network)













#### **Community Action Core Principles**

- Recognize the complexity of the issues of poverty
- Build local solutions specific to local needs
- Support family stability as a foundation for economic security
- Pursue positive individual, family and community level change

- Maximize involvement of people with low incomes
- Engage local community partners and citizens in solutions
- Leverage state, federal and community resources
- Advocate for systemic change

## **Performance Management**

How Well Does the Network Operate?

#### **Network Excellence**

- Local Organizational Standards
- State and Federal Accountability Measures
- Results Oriented
   Management and
   Accountability System

What Difference Does the Network Make?

#### **Robust Results**

- National Performance Indicators for Individuals and Families
- National Performance Indicators for Communities

A national network of over 1,000 high-performing Community Action Agencies, State Associations, State offices, and Federal partners supported by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to mobilize communities to fight poverty.



