The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.
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Message from President/CEO Letter

In 2007, the Illinois Community Action Association (ICAA) changed its name to better define its role as the umbrella organization of the community action network in Illinois. ICAA is now known as the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA). The movement to change the name was spurred on by the need to build unity and strengthen the Association’s capacity to advocate on behalf of the network.

The 2007 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) report reflects the hard work of a community action network that is forty plus years strong that continues to help low income individuals and families become more self sufficient. Born in the 1960s when President Johnson declared a war on poverty, community action has seen how the face of poverty has changed over the years and has adapted its approach to meet the needs of the poor—hiring bilingual staff, providing comprehensive case management, and assisting first responder agencies in emergencies by providing emergency services to families. I am proud to serve the Illinois network and share in the mission of community action, “helping people, changing lives.”

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is an integral resource for CAAs. Funded through the Department of Health and Human Services, CSBG is the federal block grant designated for CAAs. With CSBG, CAAs are able to design initiatives to meet local needs and provide comprehensive wrap around services.

The appendix of this report includes contact information for the individual community action agencies and more detail on their individual programs. To learn more about the Association, please visit our website at www.icaanet.org.

Sincerely,

Dalitso Sulamoyo
President/CEO
Executive Summary

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program in Illinois plays a vital role in improving the lives of low-income individuals and families. The program helps low-income people obtain the knowledge, skills, and opportunities that are needed to become self-sufficient. The program also provides support services, as well as emergency assistance.

In 2007, Illinois had 1.5 million people living in poverty. This represents about 12.3% of the state’s population and includes over 543,000 children. About 5.5% of the state’s population lives in “extreme poverty” which is defined as having an income level below 50% of the federal poverty level.

The CSBG program targets its services to those most in need. Nearly all of the participants (95%) are poor or near-poor (income levels less than 150% of the poverty level) and more than three-fourths of the participants’ highest education level is a high school degree/GED or less.

In 2007, the state of Illinois received $26.7 million for community action agency services through the federal CSBG program. The state was able to leverage these funds at a rate of $4.80. This means that for every $1 in CSBG funds, the state generated an additional $4.80 in state, local, private, and nonprofit funds. This funding was supplemented by $408.5 million in federal funding from other programs and over 1.4 million hours contributed by volunteers.

Through a network of 36 community action agencies and one migrant organization, working with more than 5,000 private, nonprofit, and governmental entities, the CSBG program offers services and programs addressing education, job skills, housing, health, nutrition, personal finances, and energy assistance. The local community action agencies are able to tailor their programs to the needs and conditions of the local community. Through an annual process of soliciting input from stakeholders, these agencies develop a community action plan to address poverty and to create opportunities and long-term solutions that actively involve the community.

The CSBG network of providers is making a difference in people’s lives as demonstrated in the indicators highlighted below:

- approximately 1,700 people improved their employment status and/or income;
- about 1,100 people obtained training and/or education preparation; and
- nearly 17,800 people received assistance to decrease employment barriers (e.g., childcare, transportation).

The proximity and flexibility of the local agencies allow them to respond quickly and effectively to provide emergency assistance. In 2007, community action agencies provided:

- more than 1.4 million units of emergency food assistance;
- emergency vendor payments for items such as fuel and rent/mortgage to more than 320,000 households;
- protection from violence to more than 11,000 households; and
- temporary shelter to more than 9,800 households.
Introduction

Overview of the Program
The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program is an important component of the nation’s response to poverty. The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant program is to provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.¹

The CSBG program, supplemented by contributions from other entities, funds a network of local community action agencies. These agencies provide housing, education, health, nutrition, job preparation and placement, personal financial management, youth/family, and emergency assistance programs throughout the state.

The CSBG program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services. At the state level, the CSBG program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Division of Economic Opportunity.

In 2007, the State of Illinois received $26.7 million for services through the federal CSBG program. This represents a 3.6% increase over the prior year’s funding. The CSBG funds were allocated to six statewide entities and a network of 36 community action agencies and one statewide migrant organization that provide services throughout the State of Illinois.
Poverty is a serious condition that affects the ability of individuals and families to meet their basic needs. In 2006, Illinois had 1.5 million people, including 543,000 children, living in poverty. This represents about 12.3% of the state’s population, compared to 10.7% in 1999. An additional 16% of the population had incomes between 100-200% of the poverty level and are considered to be at risk of falling into poverty (see Figure 1).²

About 5.5% of the state’s population lives in “extreme poverty” which is defined as an income below 50% of the federal poverty level. This group includes approximately 246,000 children; 53,000 adults with a disability that impairs their ability to work; 77,000 adults without a high school diploma; and 35,000 senior citizens.³

The poverty rates are proportionally worse for minorities. Blacks and Hispanics account for 14.6% and 14.8% of the state’s population, respectively, but they account for 33.1% and 21.3%, respectively, of the state’s poverty population.⁴

Illinois households are facing increased fiscal pressures. The Mid-America Institute on Poverty of Heartland Alliance reports that

- the median household income dropped in 70 of the 102 counties in Illinois during the period 2001-2005;
- more than one in four Illinois renters spend over half of their income on housing (a 42% increase since 1990); and
- the number of Illinois homes in foreclosure increased from 47,000 in 2005 to 91,000 in 2007.⁵

The Heartland Alliance report also notes that in 2006 Illinois had a health uninsurance rate for residents aged 0 to 64 of 15.5% and a food insecurity rate of 9.8%.⁶

### Need for Services

**Illinoisans with Income <200% of the Federal Poverty Level**

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<th>Earnings as a % of Federal Poverty Level</th>
<th>% of IL Population</th>
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<td>50-100%</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>100-150%</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
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<td>150-200%</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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[Figure 1]
Network of Service Providers
Community Service Block Grant programs are provided through a network of public and private nonprofit organizations. This network provides direct services and seeks to integrate and coordinate service provision.

In 2007, Illinois had six statewide organizations that were funded through CSBG discretionary grants (see Table 1). These entities address advocacy; community engagement and empowerment; training and technical assistance; housing; and economic development.

The State of Illinois has a network of 36 regional community action agencies (CAAs) and one Illinois Migrant Council that collectively provide services in all 102 counties in Illinois. These agencies play a critical role in identifying local needs; providing important services; coordinating and linking services among multiple local service providers; and being ready to assist in times of emergency or disaster.

The community action agencies focus on local needs. Rather than using a “one size fits all” approach, the local agency conducts a needs assessment that solicits input from clients, service providers, governmental agencies, and other stakeholders.

This feedback is used to develop a community action plan that is approved by the agency’s board and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The focus is on addressing poverty, creating opportunities and long-term solutions, involving the community, and providing services and support in an effective, efficient, and timely manner.

Leveraging CSBG Funds
The community action network leverages CSBG funding by obtaining supplemental funding from other sources; partnering with local government, nonprofit, and business entities; and utilizing the services of volunteers.

In 2007, the Illinois community action network received $4.80 from state, local, and private funds for every $1 received in CSBG funds. State sources accounted for about 74% of these funds, while local (e.g., county and city governments) and private funds each accounted for about 13%. Private funds included money from individuals, foundations, corporations, and other donors, as well as the value of donated items such as food, clothing, and furniture.
### Table 1
Statewide Organizations Funded Through CSBG Discretionary Grants
- Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA)
- Illinois Community Action Development Corporation (ICADC)
- Illinois Ventures for Community Action
- Illinois Coalition for Community Services
- Center for Economic Progress
- Korean American Community Services

### Table 2
State Funding Provided to Illinois Community Action Agencies in FY 2007 (in $ millions)

<table>
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<th>Program</th>
<th>Funding</th>
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<td>Housing/Homeless Programs</td>
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<td>Nutrition Programs</td>
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<td>Daycare and Early Childhood Programs</td>
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<td>Energy Programs</td>
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<td>Youth Programs</td>
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<td>Head Start Programs</td>
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<td>Senior Programs</td>
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<td>Transportation Programs</td>
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<td>Education Programs</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$94.8</strong></td>
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Partnerships are an integral part of the community action network. In 2007, Illinois community action agencies partnered with more than 5,000 organizations. These organizations included local governments, nonprofit organizations, private firms, and other community organizations.

The federal CSBG statute requires that the board of directors for community action agencies include (1) elected public officials, (2) low-income community representatives, and (3) officials or members from business, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community. This allows the community action agencies the opportunity to draw on the ideas, expertise, and knowledge of community stakeholders, including low-income residents.

In 2007, the community action agency network received assistance from volunteers who contributed more than 1,455,000 hours of service. Those volunteer hours are equivalent to about 700 full-time employees.

**Highlight:**

In 2007, community action agencies reported that volunteers contributed more than 1.4 million hours of services, which is the equivalent to approximately 700 full-time employees.

### Table 3

**Federal Resources (Other Than CSBG)**

Provided to Illinois Community Action Agencies in FY 2007 (in $ millions)

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<td>Weatherization, Dept. of Energy</td>
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<td>LIHEAP Fuel Assistance</td>
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<td>LIHEAP Weatherization</td>
<td>$26.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Head Start</td>
<td>$75.7</td>
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<td>Early Head Start</td>
<td>$6.7</td>
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<td>Older American Act</td>
<td>$5.5</td>
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<td>Women, Infants, and Children</td>
<td>$33.4</td>
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<td>Other Dept. of Agriculture Food Programs</td>
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<td>Community Development Block Grant</td>
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<td>Section 8, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</td>
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<td>Other HUD Including Homeless</td>
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<td>Employment and Training, Dept. of Labor</td>
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<td>Corp. for National Services</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$408.5</strong></td>
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Illinois community action agencies also received funding from federal programs other than CSBG. Table 3 shows a listing of this funding by program.
Types of Programs

The programs offered by the community action agencies vary depending on the needs of the community. The 36 community action agencies (CAAs) serving specific geographic areas are required to operate an Economic Development program which directly results in job creation. In addition, all 36 CAAs and one migrant council are required to provide a scholarship program. The remainder of programs, however, is determined at the local level.

A listing of the types of programs offered by the network of local community action agencies is shown in Table 4. Highlights of particular programs are shown in the enclosed boxes of text.

Table 4
Examples of Types of Services Offered by Local Community Action Agencies

Children and Youth Programs
- Nutrition Programs—before and after school and summer programs
- School Supplies

Education and Job Preparation
- GED Preparation
- Job Training and On-The-Job Support
- Computer Training

Crisis Assistance
- Homeless Prevention
- Domestic Violence Programs and Shelters
- Food Pantries
- Energy Assistance
- Medical Prescription, and Dental Assistance

Programs for Senior Citizens
- Nutrition—congregate and home delivered meals
- In-Home Care Programs
- Transportation

Family Support Programs
- Parenting Education
- Health Clinics
- Home Ownership Programs

Community Development
- Support for New or Expanding Business Ventures
- Low-Income Housing Development
- Community Forums
Financial Planning and Literacy Programs
In 2007, Project NOW, Inc., a community action agency, offered a Financial Fitness program as part of its Outreach and Home Buyer Programs. Program participants developed a monthly budget, learned about credit scores and ways to build or rebuild their credit, and developed a plan for home ownership.

Innovative Ways to Provide Nutritional Support
Several community action agencies have developed innovative ways to provide nutritional support for low-income families. The Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials and the Western Illinois Regional Council coordinate the donation of venison from hunters for food pantries. Project NOW, Inc., in conjunction with The Garden Growers, developed two community garden sites in 2007. Approximately 65 school-aged children helped take care of the gardens in exchange for fast food coupons and various other rewards.

Emergency Kits for People with Special Needs
Working in conjunction with community groups, the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation, a community action agency, sponsored a pilot project to assemble 200 kits for people with special needs to use during an emergency such as a snow storm. These kits, which contain items such as bottles of water, ready-to-eat ration kits, and a flashlight, are designed to sustain people for up to three days. The kits were developed by Decatur’s Special Needs Advisory Panel, which was formed to improve disaster services to people with special needs.
Assistance to Flood Victims

Community action agencies respond quickly in times of disaster to offer direct assistance and coordinate services from multiple entities.

In the summer of 2007, more than 100 low-income families were displaced when flooding hit their trailer park. DeKalb County Community Services helped victims apply for federal and local disaster relief, coordinated services among area providers, and partnered with the American Red Cross to provide emergency shelter.

The City of Rockford experienced severe flooding in the summer of 2007, resulting in damage to 738 homes. Working with local partners, the Community Services Block Grant staff organized a door-to-door assessment of damage, which helped the city document the damage and secure federal assistance. The staff also assisted in long-term recovery efforts.

CSBG Expenditures by Category - 2007

Figure 2 shows a breakdown of spending by type of program. Emergency services account for the largest component of spending (29%) followed by linkages (26%) and employment (15%) programs. Community action agencies develop linkages to coordinate services among multiple providers, to avoid service duplication, and to help clients obtain the information, referrals, and assistance they need.
Who is Being Helped

The CSBG programs assisted approximately 586,000 people in Illinois in 2007. Some of these individuals participated in ongoing programs, while others benefited from one or more services at a particular point in time.

The CSBG services are being provided to people in need as reflected in the characteristics of the individuals who were served in 2007.8

- Nearly all (95%) participants were poor or near-poor (household income < 150% federal poverty level).
- More than one-fourth of the families (28%) reported no income.
- Three-fourths of the families with children were headed by a single parent.
- Close to one-third (31%) of the participants were children.
- Almost one-fifth (18%) of the participants were age 55 or older.
- About 4 out of every 10 adult participants had not finished high school.
- Close to one-third (32%) of the recipients lacked health insurance and 1 in 6 (17%) of the participants were disabled.
- Approximately 12% of the participants were homeless and only 23% owned their own homes.

Figure 3

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<th>Race Demographics of Clients Served</th>
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<td>White</td>
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<td>Black</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Multi-Race</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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As shown in Figure 3, slightly over one-half of the clients (51%) were white and about 41% were black. The remaining were multi-racial or other minorities.
Figures 4 and 5 show the education and income levels of clients. More than three-fourths of the clients (78%) had a high school degree/GED or less education. Close to two-thirds of the families (62%) had income levels at or below the poverty level.

**Figure 4**

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<th>Education Level of Clients Served</th>
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<tr>
<td>No H.S. Degree</td>
<td>59,993</td>
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<td>H.S. Degree/GED</td>
<td>58,285</td>
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<td>Some Postsecondary</td>
<td>24,513</td>
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<td>2 or 4-Year Degree</td>
<td>8,259</td>
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<td><strong>151,050</strong></td>
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**Figure 5**

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<th>Income Levels of Families Served (expressed as % of Federal Poverty Level)</th>
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<td>Level of Family Income</td>
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<td>up to 50%</td>
<td>61,559</td>
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<td>51-100%</td>
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<td>101%-125%</td>
<td>15,828</td>
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<td>126%-150%</td>
<td>8,450</td>
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<td>151% and over</td>
<td>6,516</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>140,389</strong></td>
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Accomplishments

Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Indicators
A key focus of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program is results-based management and accountability. A task force of federal, state, and local community action officials in 1994 created a Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) system which includes six major goals.

This section presents those goals, along with highlights of the Illinois 2007 results for the associated performance indicators that were developed at the national level. Highlights of the accomplishments of particular programs are shown in enclosed boxes of text.

Job Skill and Education Preparation
Julie’s daughter looked at her one day and said, “Mommy, when I grow up I’m going to be a bartender just like you.” At that moment, Julie* decided she needed to make some changes in her life. The Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc. (ERBA) Family and Community Development Specialist urged her to enroll in the Employment Resource Lab. This is an eight-week CSBG-funded program that addresses basic computer skills and job-seeking skills such as resume preparation, job interviewing techniques, and job searching. Julie decided to try the program and after attending a few classes, gained some confidence and determination. She passed the class and is now attending college where she is on the Dean’s List.

*A fictitious name has been used to protect privacy.
Goal 1: Low income people become more self sufficient.
The most meaningful way to address poverty is to help people become self sufficient. As shown in Figures 6-8, the Illinois Community Service Block Grant program made progress in this area by

- helping approximately 1,700 people improve their employment status and/or income;
- providing assistance for about 1,100 people to obtain training/education preparation; and
- helping decrease other types of employment barriers (e.g., childcare, transportation, food assistance) for about 17,800 people.

**Figure 6**

**Employment Indicators**

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<td>Unemployed and received a job</td>
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<td>Increased employment income</td>
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<td>Achieved “living wage” employment</td>
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**Figure 7**

**Completion of Training/Education Programs**

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<tr>
<td>Obtained pre-employment skills/competencies and training program certificate or diploma</td>
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<td>Received ABE/GED certificate or diploma</td>
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<tr>
<td>Completed post-secondary educ. Program and Obtained certificate or diploma</td>
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**Figure 8**

**Reduction of Employment Barriers**

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<td>Enrolled children in before/after school program</td>
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<td>Obtained care for child/dependent</td>
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<td>Obtained access to transportation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Obtained health care services</td>
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<tr>
<td>Obtained safe and affordable housing</td>
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<td>Obtained food assistance</td>
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Goal 2:  The conditions in which low-income people live are improved.

Illinois 2007 indicators of community improvement and revitalization as a result of community action projects or initiatives include:

- more than 10,000 accessible and affordable health care services or facilities for low-income individuals were created or saved;
- more than 7,000 safe and affordable housing units were preserved or improved through construction, weatherization, or rehabilitation; and
- over 160,000 transportation resources that are available to low-income people were created or saved.

Goal 3:  Low income people own a stake in their own community.

Community action agencies throughout the state are encouraging low-income people to get involved and participate in their communities. During 2007, the following progress was made:

- approximately 1,100 low-income people participated in formal community organizations, governments, boards, or councils that provide input to decision-making and policy setting through community action efforts;
- about 5,800 low-income people engaged in non-governance community activities or groups created or supported by community action.

Weatherization Program

For 32 years, the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, a community action agency, has been helping improve the homes of low-income families like the Rosario family from Cicero.*

Olivia Rosario, the mother of three children, was worried about the rising cost of her utility bills. She sought assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and was accepted into the Weatherization Program.

This program helped make the Rosario home more energy efficient and safe through (1) the installation of insulation, sealing of bypasses, replacement of storm windows, and cleaning and tuning of the furnace, and (2) the installation of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher.

The intake provided through Community Services Block Grant-funded community development centers, helps clients, such as the Rosarios, save costs, be safer, and live in a more comfortable home.

*A fictitious name has been used to protect the privacy of the family.
Goal 4: Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low income people are achieved.

During 2007, the Illinois Community Action Agency network worked with over 5,000 organizational partners to expand resources and opportunities to achieve family and community outcomes.

Goal 5: Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.

Please refer to the section on Statewide Organizations and the work of the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies and the Illinois Community Action Development Corporation to see how they helped the CAA network build their agency capacity.

The Illinois community action agencies in 2007 increased their capacity by obtaining the following funding:

- $26.7 million from the CSBG grant;
- $408.5 million from non-CSBG federal programs;
- $94.8 million from state programs;
- $16.7 million from local public funding; and
- $16.5 million from private sources, including donated goods and services.

The Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) plays a leadership role in providing training and technical assistance for local community action agencies. In 2007, IACAA conducted training for Family and Community Development Specialists and for community action agency board members.

Goal 6: Low income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.

Community action agencies in Illinois provided services to help maintain independent living situations for over 48,000 senior citizens and more than 31,000 individuals with disabilities.

Community action agencies also provided emergency assistance to low-income individuals. In 2007, agencies provided more than 1.4 million units of food. In addition, more than 320,000 households received emergency vendor payments for items such as fuel and rent/mortgage, more than 11,000 households received protection from violence, and more than 9,800 households received temporary shelter assistance (see Figure 9).
Community action agencies also provide developmental and enrichment programs that benefit infants, children, youth, and parents (see Figures 9 and 10). Highlights of 2007 accomplishments include (1) more than 37,000 infants and children obtained age appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care; (2) more than 1,000 youth improved their physical health and development; and (3) more than 8,000 parents and other adults learned and exhibited improved parenting skills.

Figure 9

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<td>Temporary Shelter</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Care</td>
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<td>Protection from Violence</td>
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<td>Legal Assistance</td>
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<td>Disaster Relief</td>
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Figure 10

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Accomplishments of Statewide Organizations

Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA)

IACAA's new logo is underscored with the words “Illinois Poverty Fighting Network.” This reflects the association’s focus on bringing together statewide entities and local community action agencies and other partnership organizations to fight poverty and provide assistance to low-income people.

IACAA is actively involved in important services such as

- assisting in the administration of a statewide program to provide utility bill relief to low-income people;
- providing training for the board members and staff of the local community action agencies;
- sponsoring technical training (including an annual conference) for homeless providers;
- producing a Homeless Headlines newsletter for more than 1,000 readers each month.

IACAA's Individual Development Account (IDA) Program, which has been in operation since 1999, ended in 2007. With a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, IACAA provided a $2 match for every $1 participants saved, up to a specified amount. This allowed participants to accumulate funds to purchase a home, invest in their small business, or pursue their education. IACAA worked as the umbrella organization for this program, while four of its member agencies worked directly with the program participants.

The measures of success for this program in 2007 included 22 homes purchased, 9 small business start ups or expansions, 33 post secondary education investments, $79,000 saved by participants, and a match award of $147,956.

In 2007, IACAA trained the highest number of Family and Community Development Specialists in recent years with broad participation from several agencies. IACAA also added three new units of training including motivational interviewing, working with families in crisis, and the framework for understanding poverty.

IACAA also continued its training that is designed to strengthen community action agency boards. In 2007, ICAA trained 24 boards, including 11 private, not-for-profit boards, and 13 public boards. This training complements IACAA's distribution of Board manuals to new board members. The manual addresses the history of community action, board structure and responsibilities, financial management oversight, hiring and evaluation of the chief executive, strategic planning, and other important topics.

The IACAA continues to broaden the types of technical assistance available to the Illinois community action agency network. In 2007, IACAA conducted its first peer assessment of a weatherization program. IACAA assembled a team of experts who reviewed the program, made recommendations,
and conducted follow-up three months after the initial assessment. IACAA also assessed another weatherization program and provided strategic planning assistance and consultants until the program became effective on its own.

**Utility Bill Assistance Program**
In response to the end of the state’s long-standing electric rate freeze and dramatic increases in utility bills, the Illinois Community Action Network and the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) partnered with the states’ two largest utilities to offer financial assistance for people struggling to pay their utility bills. The community action agencies take applications, verify eligibility, and distribute payments on behalf of the utility companies.

**Illinois Ventures for Community Action**
Illinois Ventures for Community Action (IVCA) is a statewide not-for-profit corporation comprised of a 36 member network of community action agencies located throughout the state and one statewide migrant organization. In 2007, IVCA’s loan program provided assistance to nine Illinois businesses for start-up or expansion.

With discretionary funds of $200,000 dedicated to the loan program, IVCA was able to lend a total of $812,960 in new money to ten businesses in participation with several partners throughout the state. IVCA’s portion of this funding was $577,960 yielding a leveraged amount of $235,000 of additional non-CSBG funding invested in Illinois businesses. The intent is that these 10 companies will create a minimum of 14 jobs statewide.

The companies assisted in 2007 include an environmental testing company in Springfield, a car dealer in Beardstown, a highway safety company in Altamont, a stone artisan in Springfield, a manufacturer in Decatur, a manufacturer in Chatham, a material testing company in Springfield, a linen distributor in Carlyle, and an accounting firm in Peoria.

In addition to the loan program, IVCA provides equity investments in Illinois businesses, training programs for both loan programs and accounting practices, and technical assistance to borrowers and member agencies. In partnership with the State of Illinois, the Community Action Network, and borrowers, IVCA is working toward the mission of eliminating poverty, one job at a time.

**Illinois Coalition for Community Services**
As a statewide organization, the Illinois Coalition for Community Services (ICCS) is committed to empowering people to determine the direction of their communities through education, advocacy and grassroots organizing. They have been particularly focused on motivating more youth to become involved in civic activities of their community.

In 2007 the ICCS received CSBG funding to continue operating their Rural Youth Initiative. The goal of the initiative was to increase the engagement of youth living in low-income rural communities in the civic life of their communities. As they actively recruited youth for the project, they found there was a good deal of interest shown by young adults and seniors in becoming more involved in their communities. As a result, the project was expanded to include individuals of all ages.
A total of 255 individuals participated in the 2007 project. These individuals not only made a difference in their own lives, but in the lives of others in the community as well.

**Illinois Community Action Development Corporation (ICADC)**

The Illinois Community Action Development Corporation (ICADC) provides training and technical assistance to community action agencies and other organizations on affordable housing development. In 2007, ICADC provided advice on the initiation of pre-development activities and/or the completion of housing projects.

Specific projects are listed below.

- ICADC collaborated with the East Central Illinois Community Action Agency (ECICAA) on the Rossville Home Ownership Project. ICADC assisted Rossville in structuring a residential tax increment financing district that allowed a means for the local government to extend public utilities to the area. ICADC also assisted ECICAA in land negotiations and the identification of financial resources.

- ICADC is assisting the East Central Illinois Community Action Agency (ECICAA) with the development of the Hoopeston Home Ownership Project.

- ICADC is providing technical advice to the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (WEEOC) in the development of the Carbondale Home Ownership Project. This project will include 10 single family homes, three of which will be accessible to physically disabled individuals earning less than 50% of the area’s median income.

- ICADC is working with the Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials in the preliminary stages of the Glenview Meadows project in Mt. Sterling.

Table 5 shows the estimated completion date, costs, and number of houses in each of the projects.

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*in $ millions

ICADC also collaborated with Housing Action Illinois to offer training to individuals and organizations, including some community action agencies. These sessions addressed preparing for development, financing the development, construction management, marketing single family development, and property and asset management. A total of 45 individuals were trained in 2007.
Korean American Community Services, Inc.
Korean-American Community Services, Inc. (KACS) is a non-profit organization located in Chicago that was established in 1972 by a group of concerned community members seeking solutions to the acute problems of growing numbers of Korean immigrants. KACS exists to serve Korean Americans and others who are in need of social, psychological, educational and/or economic support and to provide assistance so that all members of the community may fulfill their needs and live dignified, meaningful lives.

In 2007 Korean American Community Services received Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. CSBG funds were used to fund their Immigrant/Refugee Child and Family Development Program. The goal of the program was to increase the healthy social and emotional functioning of low-income immigrant and refugee families. KACS provided services to 166 individual immigrants of all ages who are now more able to cope with the many changes in their lives.

Center for Economic Progress
Founded in 1990, The Center for Economic Progress is an entrepreneurial social change organization dedicated to promoting financial empowerment and encouraging economic prosperity among low and moderate income families and individuals. The mission of the Center is to increase financial resources of low-income families by improving the effectiveness of existing public benefit and entitlement programs. The Center provides tax services, financial education, advocacy and policy leadership, technical assistance and capacity-building services to low-income families and individuals.

The Center’s Tax Counseling Project helps carry out this mission by providing free tax preparation and counseling services to thousands of Illinois’ low-wage workers and their families. In 2007, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity provided Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding to the Center to assist low-income individuals prepare income tax returns.

Statewide, project volunteers prepared almost 30,000 tax returns, returning over $43 million in tax refunds to low-income workers and their families. The Center partnered with 17 financial institutions which facilitated the opening of 1,035 bank accounts including 644 checking accounts and 391 savings accounts. For many individuals, this was the first time they opened a bank or savings account. This partnership resulted in changing the lives of many in a very positive way.
Conclusion
The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program plays an important role in the lives of many low-income families and individuals in the State of Illinois. In 2007, approximately 586,000 people in Illinois benefitted from CSBG services.

By partnering with governmental and community organizations, community action agencies are able to address local needs and respond quickly to emergencies. The CSBG network of community action agencies is committed to helping improve the lives of low-income people and helping them become more self-sufficient.

(Endnotes)
5 Ibid, p. 4, 24, 28.
6 Ibid, p. 27 and 29.
7 The Illinois Migrant Council helps other agencies address the needs of Hispanics.
8 Data on the characteristics of individuals served by the Community Service Block Grant program are available for 269,753 individuals. The data reported in this section are from the Illinois FY 2007 CSBG Information System Survey.
9 The performance indicator data reported in this section are from the Illinois FY 2007 CSBG Information System Survey.
### 2007 US Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

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List of Funding, Leverage Factors, and Volunteer Hours for Individual Community Action Agencies

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