Schoharie County Community Action Program

2022 Impact Report



"Building stronger, healthier communities and empowering families that experience economic and social challenges through strategic partnerships, education, services, and compassion."

Supporting Relationships & Esteem-Building



"Empowering families" is at the center of our mission, and we do this through strengthening family bonds and making community connections.

31 families participated in skill building29 child care connections | 699 family visits occurred44 families connected with esteem-building activities for youth

Supporting youth activities, family bonds, skill building, and child care connections strengthens families at home <u>AND</u> increases positive interactions in the community. **Esteem-building** activities prepare youth for **success**. **Child care connections** and **family visits** outside of traditional working hours help to **support working parents**.

Enhancing our Workforce

Employment is a main driver of socioeconomic status – SCCAP supports both employers and those seeking employment in their job search, employment retention, and professional development.

822 total DHP* services provided during 202220 individuals enrolled | 10 entered employment6 retained employment for 90+ days



Helping individuals **overcome barriers to employment** and supporting local businesses in **workforce development** is a multi-faceted approach to **reducing unemployment** and **contributing to economic growth.** Customized Business Trainings are offered to our local business community to help **support business operations** and **build human assets**.

Workforce Impact: After enrollment in employment services, SCCAP assisted a participant with interview clothes and a gas gift card to attend an interview at Rivers Casino. The participant was accepted to attend dealer's school. Upon completion of the training, the participant was unsure if the wages would be adequate to justify the travel to Schenectady. After starting work, the participant discovered that the tips are very generous, and the job is enjoyable. They reached 90+ days of employment and were sent a \$50.00 congratulatory gift card for their achievement.

Improving Infrastructure



SCCAP is committed to reducing energy costs for low-income families by improving the energy efficiency of their homes and ensuring their health and safety.

36 homes weatherized | **9,206** gallons of fuel saved **\$45,461**energy cost savings | **36** weatherization audits completed

Weatherization services **improve Schoharie County housing stock** and **supports economic growth** in our neighborhoods by **reducing the impact** of energy usage and **increasing real estate market value** on local homes.

Homeowner personal wealth is also improved with increased home value.

Stabilizing Families & Maximizing Resources



The first step in the pathway to self-sufficiency is **stabilization**; meeting immediate needs to **alleviate stressors** and **keep families safe**. Supplemental programs help families **maximize their financial resources**.

34 rent/utility payments to keep families housed

Increased disposable income through the Earned Income Tax Credit

456 pantry packages | 407 SNAP/HEAP applications

Did you know? The Earned Income Tax Credit works to reduce the poverty rate and increase quality of life by helping individuals offset their tax expenses retain more of their earned income—for saving or local spending!

Stabilization Impact: A woman contacted SCCAP regarding her past due car payment. She is a home health aide and had a reduction of hours at work due to COVID-19. She had small children at home who were also affected by COVID-19, whether being sick or on quarantine from school. This then led to her not being able to work as many hours. The lender sent her a notice to pay, and she couldn't pay the entire back balance. This is the woman's only transportation her family had and to get back and forth to work. SCCAP was able to assist her with the back car payments for her to continue working and supporting her family.

Promoting Wellness

There are many dimensions to wellness – SCCAP supports and incentivizes local families and businesses for promoting healthy choices.

\$5,025 Farmer's Market Vouchers* distributed

1,406 oz of breastmilk donated to the Milk Depot Bank

83 eWIC cards issued | \$86,187 CACFP** reimbursements



Did you know? SCCAP's Healthy Families/WIC offers parents guided grocery shopping tours—showing participants the healthy choices they can make with their WIC benefits. Participants also learn how to utilize their eWIC card at checkout, facilitating a positive shopping experience and building confidence!

Community Impact: "The ladies in Child Care Resource and Referral at SCCAP have been a big part in helping my program thrive. Especially when it comes to CACFP. They make sure I know what healthy options to include in the meals I serve to the children in my program. I believe that without CACFP many providers would be lost navigating the nutritional needs of our future."

Heather Kelly In-Home Child Care Provider

"Over the past two years that I have served on the SCCAP Board, I have had the opportunity to interact with some wonderful and dedicated individuals who serve our community via their work with SCCAP. They genuinely care about people and are passionate about SCCAP's mission. It is a privilege to be part of such an incredible organization that daily makes a difference in our county."

Pastor Ray Richards, Board Chair



^{*}Farmer's Market Vouchers are distributed to WIC participants and can be redeemed for nutritious foods at participating farm stands.

^{**}Child and Adult Food Care Program provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks given to adults and children enrolled in care.

Departments of SCCAP, Inc.

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Child Care Resource and Referral

Community Engagement

Community Services

Creative Connections for Youth

Employment Training Center

Energy Services

Family Support and Resource Center

Healthy Families/WIC

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Community Action Agencies across the nation have been charged with addressing the causes and conditions of poverty within their community with a focus on educating the public about economic barriers the low-income community faces, the services available to address these barriers, and the far-reaching community benefits of these supportive services.