



Schoharie County

COMMUNITY

ACTION

PROGRAM

Impact Report 2025

Thank You From the Board

If you've ever watched track & field events on the Olympic level, you quickly recognize there's quite a difference between the 100-meter dash and the 26.2 miles of a marathon. The sprint requires speed and lots of it. The marathon, on the other hand, requires stamina and perseverance, especially when one hits the proverbial "wall" around miles 18-20. This is where a runner experiences physical and mental fatigue as stored energy resources are depleted.

Last year, SCCAP, along with other Community Action Programs around the nation, hit the "wall" when funding was withheld as governmental officials on the federal level debated and argued over the budget. Faced with dwindling financial resources and uncertainty for the future, it would have been easy for SCCAP to drop out of the race. Instead, like a champion runner, the Executive Director and her team of dedicated staff continued to run the race with perseverance, exhibiting the stamina not necessary for a sprint, but absolutely essential for a marathon.

As you will see in this Impact Report, this has paid off in a race run well over the past year in spite of the challenges. SCCAP's work and service continues to make a positive impact in our community and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Pastor Raymond Richards II Board Chair



Schoharie County Community Action Program, Inc. has been serving Schoharie County residents for over 60 years!

The year 1964 experienced several transformative events: Civil Rights Act, the British invasion aka The Beatles, IBM announced the revolutionary System/360 mainframe computer, and the foundation was laid to address the economic challenges impacting the country. On August 20th, 1964 President Lyndon Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, which created a variety of programs, including Community Action Agencies, as part of his War on Poverty. He knew then, as we know now, that the war against poverty must be won in the field, in every private home, in every public office, from the courthouse to the White House.

SCCAP was established in 1965 to wage the war on poverty in Schoharie County, New York by promoting self-sufficiency for those of limited income, ensuring that all residents are able to live in dignity; by implementing innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished; by providing support and instruction for everyone in need of assistance; and by being a major voice of reason in establishing welfare system reforms.

SCCAP, as a recipient of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) federal funds, is also charged with utilizing a performance measurement system to ensure the needs of Schoharie County's economically challenged families are being met to the best of our ability through the delivery of SCCAP's programs and services. Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) is the standard used by Community Action Agencies (CAA) throughout the United States to guide and evaluate CAA effectiveness. There are currently over 1,000 CAAs in the United States!

Why ROMA? Because it:

Defines a clear anti-poverty mission.

Assesses poverty needs and conditions within the community.

Identifies strategies and services to address both immediate and long-term needs.

Guides the implementation of programs, services, and strategies within the agency and among partner organizations.

Helps ensure meaningful, measurable impacts for the families/individuals served.

The 2025 Impact Report provides an overview of just some of the services and their benefits to our community.



SCCAP:

ADAPTING, ASSISTING, EMPOWERING

For over 60 years, SCCAP has remained true to its purpose to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty. Our Mission: Building stronger, healthier communities and empowering families that experience economic and social challenges through strategic partnerships, education, services, and compassion.

2025 was a challenging year to say the least! A change in presidential administration, DOGE cuts, the longest government shutdown, floods, fires, and tariffs. All events that have shaped and continue to shape the thoughts and needs of our country and our community. Through all the changes SCCAP has continued to stay the course of caring for its community due to dedicated staff and continued community support. Teamwork! As executive director, let me acknowledge what a privilege it is to work with such amazing people and meet so many wonderful supporters - service partners and generous donors. Thank you all!

Jeannette M. Spaulding

STABILIZING FAMILIES & MAXIMIZING RESOURCES

The first step toward self-sufficiency is stabilization and addressing immediate needs to reduce stress and ensure family well-being. Access to supplemental programs empowers families to make the most of their financial resources, providing critical support on their path to stability.



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FAMILIES RECEIVED
ASSISTANCE WITH
HOUSING & UTILITIES



356

FAMILIES RECEIVED
FOOD PANTRY
PACKAGES



207

HEAP APPLICATIONS
PROCESSED

Supportive Services...

“ Being able to give our families a sense of stability in an uncertain time is my goal. Whether it be through advocacy or providing a service, it gives me a great sense of purpose that I can help make a difference in their lives.”

-Tracy Gertzberg
Director, Community Services

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS & PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT



Our mission centers on empowering families by strengthening family bonds and building strong community connections.

Family Teamwork...

"I like being able to work with families to help them become a strong and healthy part of the community!"

-Rhonda Wilty

Supervised Visitation Coordinator



33

FAMILIES
PARTICIPATED IN
SKILL-BUILDING



325

SUPERVISED
VISITS HOSTED



152

HOME VISITS CONDUCTED



41

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN
YOUTH ESTEEM-BUILDING
ACTIVITIES.



PROMOTING WELLNESS FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

\$7,975

**FARMERS' MARKET CHECKS
DISTRIBUTED TO A TOTAL
OF 319 FAMILIES**

59

**eWIC BENEFIT CARDS
ISSUED TO NEW FAMILIES**

SCCAP provides families with the opportunity to access nutritious foods, ensuring children grow healthy and strong while supporting overall family well-being.

\$47,030

**MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS
TO DAY CARE PROVIDERS**

SCCAP in the Community...

In August 2025, WIC hosted another successful World Breastfeeding event at the Lily Park in Schoharie. It was a retro-inspired photo shoot open to all WIC mothers and babies. Each participant received one free digital image of her choosing, with the option to purchase additional photo packages. Each participant also received a raffle item of their choosing. Community Maternity Services and Fidelis Care also had outreach tables.

ENHANCING OUR WORKFORCE, ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY



Employment is the key driver of socioeconomic status, and we support job seekers and employers by providing professional development services that advance career growth, business success, and a stronger community.



40

INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED CPR
CERTIFICATION



423

HOURS OF TRAINING
GIVEN TO CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS



18

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED
SAFE SITTER®
CERTIFICATION

Community Training...

"My daughter took the Safe Sitter® course through SCCAP and loved it. It gave her a lot of confidence, and the skills to be able to help in emergencies. This experience also opened her mind to discover her interest in studying nursing in the future."

-Sarah D.
Parent of Safe Sitter® client



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & ENHANCING HOME ENVIRONMENTS

Weatherization improves Schoharie County homes by enhancing energy efficiency, reducing utility costs, and increasing property values, which supports economic growth by boosting the real estate market and generating long-term wealth through savings and home equity.



What I enjoy about my job and what we do as a program, is not only the help we provide to our community, but being able to meet and work with lots of different people and work in different locations. Learning the history of some of the older buildings we work on and about the transformations they've undergone throughout years is both intriguing and educational."

-Adam Smith
Energy Services Building Analyst

Making a difference at home!



SCCAP In Action...

In spring 2025, Adam completed an energy audit for a 90-year old senior living in a 1990 mobile home. The home recently received a new heating system through the DSS Emergency Replacement Program. The home had: broken old windows, a faulty hot water heater, no exhaust fan in the bathroom or the kitchen, no insulation in the belly or attic and several holes in the skirting. This client was hanging blankets on the interior walls of the living room and used portable electric heaters to stay warm.

The Weatherization crew insulated both the attic and belly of the home, repaired the skirting, installed exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathroom, installed a new hot water heater, replaced all 9 windows, both doors and installed low flow aerators and shower heads.

During the winter of 2025, this senior no longer needed to cover her walls with blankets or use space heaters. Her HEAP fuel dollars went further and as a result was able to use the money she saved on other necessary things.

In 2025, SCCAP contributed an economic investment of \$296,090 to our local business community.



DEPARTMENTS & SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Assistance with housing and utilities
- Employment Services
- Food Pantry and personal care items
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

ENERGY SERVICES

- Cooling Assistance Benefit
- Energy consumption audits
- Weatherizing services

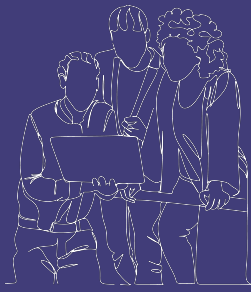
FAMILY SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTER

- Peer support and advocacy for families Skill
- Building classes
- Facilitate Family Team Conferences Child Care
- Resource Services:
 - Safe Sitter® Baby Sitting Courses Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Creative Connections for Youth:
 - Self-esteem building activities
- Facilitate Supervised Visitation

WOMEN INFANTS and CHILDREN (WIC)

- Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program
- eWIC benefit cards
- Farmers' Market checks

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our families, our agency, and the community!*

Schoharie County Community Action Program is seeking dedicated board members to help drive positive change and empower our community. If you are interested, please reach out to 518-234-2568 or email us at admin@sccapinc.org with your name and contact information!

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