



# Community Action NEWS

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## CAADC Helping to Keep Residents Cool and Healthy

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) was approved for a pilot project mid-summer through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for an Air Conditioning Cooling Program. The goal of the program is to ensure that residents can remain cool and in healthy conditions during the hot summer months. This program has been even more helpful this year as we had some record temperatures. As of August 1st the program already helped over 100 households.



The program can provide up to two (2) Energy Star rated window air conditioners and/or up to two (2) box fans. In some cases, it can also repair existing inoperable central air conditioning systems.



County residents whose household income fall within the LIHEAP guidelines qualify for assistance. Referrals have been coming from the County Assistance Office, Weatherization recipients and the general public. The program will be accepting applications on a first come first served basis until September 30, 2022. Interested residents should call CAADC/Weatherization at (610) 521-8770.

## DID YOU KNOW?



CAADC operates three homeless shelter facilities helping families and single individuals.



Our Recreational Therapy Program supports families by assessing children for developmental delays and MH issues.



Last year CAADC received nearly 30,000 requests for information and referral from County residents.



CAADC provides food assistance through a variety of programs.



Community Action Agencies serve 99% of Counties nationwide.

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### How You Can Help

Please consider supporting CAADC by making a contribution through the United Way. Simply designate CAADC and include our number (#06194) on your United Way Donor Choice form.

- United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

*On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your support.*



## **CAADC Plans to Open a Direct Service Office in Upper Darby**

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) is going to open an additional Direct Service Office in Upper Darby. CAADC felt there was a need to provide a readily accessible service site in eastern Delaware County due to all the low- and moderate-income households that have suffered negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Services coordinated will include referrals to County shelters and temporary emergency shelter as well as rental, utility and food assistance.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to State Senator Tim Kearney and his staff which were crucial in CAADC being able to obtain funding for the site. Funding for the site is a COVID-19 ARPA Pandemic Response Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for September 14th. The office will be located at 7408 West Chester Pike in Upper Darby.



## **Amazing Results for our Youth Clinical Medical Assistant Program**

Our Clinical Medical Assistant Program is designed to help out-of-school youth gain the skills for a rewarding career in the healthcare industry. Program components include Clinical Medical Assistant courses; paid clinical externship with a local healthcare provider; case management; financial literacy and life skills training; job readiness workshops; and job development and placement.

Our 21-22 class had great results including:

- 11 participants completed the Condensed Curriculum International Certified Clinical Medical Assistance Program Class and received their diplomas.
- 8 students successfully completed CPR training.
- 7 students participated in paid externships.
- 8 students so far obtained full-time employment as Certified Medical Assistants earning between \$17.00 - \$19.50 an hour. Employers included Crozer-Chester Medical Center, ChesPenn Health Services and the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

**Congratulations to all the Students and Staff!!!**

## **Brinker Simpson & Company Employees Support CAADC**

The employees of Brinker Simpson & Company LLC recently supported CAADC and all of our efforts to help the residents of Delaware County with a donation of \$620. Brinker Simpson & Company is a regional certified public accounting firm headquartered in Springfield. The company believes strongly in giving back to the community. One way is through collecting \$5 from employees that wish to participate in "Dress Down Fridays." The funds collected each month are then donated to a local charity or non-profit organization. They chose to support CAADC with their July collection.



*Pictured: Colleen Fries and Anna McPeake of Brinker Simpson & Company present a check to CAADC CEO Edward T. Coleman.*

## **CAADC Staff Recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month**

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Department hosted a Self-Care Event in May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. The event was on May 26th and was held in the Cafeteria/Break Room at CAADC's Boothwyn Office. Literature regarding mental health and stress management was offered to raise awareness of mental health in the lives of all Americans. It is especially crucial to recognize and learn about healthy coping techniques after the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



*Pictured: CAADC CEO Edward T. Coleman (Center) with staff at the Mental Health Awareness Month Event.*

## Program Spotlight: Recreation Therapy

The objective of the Recreation Therapy Program is to design and implement activities and strategies targeted to break the potential generational cycle of homelessness. CAADC's Recreation Therapy Program is located at the Family Management Center at 229 Norris Street in Chester. Children in CAADC's family shelters and transitional/rapid re-housing receive an assessment and treatment plan. The Recreation Therapist meets with the family and then with the parent or identified child individually to assess parenting issues/needs. Assessment tools used determine physical, mental, emotional and social issues/needs. A treatment plan is developed in cooperation with the Recreation Therapist, parent and child.

Overall services provided by the Program include:

- Individual and Family Recreational Therapy
  - After School Tutoring Program
  - After Camp Program/Summer Extension
    - Parent-Child Programs
- Special Events for Children and Families



Children that completed the Recreational Play Therapy Program receive certificates.



The Summer Extension Program took a trip to the Cape May County Park and Zoo.

## CAADC Partners with Boscov's

CAADC is participating once again in the Friends Helping Friends event at the Boscov's at the Promenade at Granite Run on Wednesday, October 19th. Shopping Passes are available for \$5 (all of which benefits the Agency). Each Shopping Pass gives you 25% off your entire purchase (some items are only 10-15% and some are excluded). It is a great way to get an early start on holiday shopping.

Please contact Daniel Nesbitt at (610) 833-4454 or [dnesbitt@caadc.org](mailto:dnesbitt@caadc.org) if you are interested in a ticket.

You need to get your ticket ahead of time in order to support Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc..

## Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: **Quest for the Best** supported the Wesley House Shelter with a donation of \$2,500. The **First Presbyterian Church of Springfield** made a donation of \$750 to the Life Center. **America's Charities** donated \$460 to support CAADC. The **Independence Foundation** provided a grant of \$5,000 for our housing and food assistance programs. **Congregation Ohev Shalom** supported our summer programs at the Wesley House and Family Management Center with a donation of \$1,415. **Brinker Simpson & Company LLC** made a donation of \$620 for CAADC's programs. CAADC can also be supported by designating Agency Code #06194 on **United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey forms**.

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## CAADC Making Homes Safer with Lead Paint Hazard Control Program

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) is now accepting applications for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. In this program, qualifying families who have a child age 5 or under may qualify for new windows and other repairs to help remediate lead paint hazards. Income eligibility guidelines do apply. Once an application is received, CAADC staff meets with the applicant to explain the program in detail and to discuss the hazard of lead-based paint in the home. Next, a lead audit is performed by a licensed firm. A report is prepared showing where lead paint exists in the home. CAADC then prepares a Scope of Work detailing the steps that will be taken to remove or reduce the lead to acceptable levels. This may include replacing doors and windows, installing new drywall, replacing trim and moldings, etc. When the renovations are complete, another lead audit is performed to be sure that all lead has been removed or reduced to acceptable levels. A copy of the final report along with educational materials related to lead hazards is then given to the family. All of the services are free if the family is determined eligible.

Edward T. Coleman, CAADC CEO, urges, "This program can make your home safer and keep your children healthy."

For more information or to receive an application, call (610) 833-4442. This program is funded by the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development and Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.



### Service Profile April 1 - June 30, 2022

Utility Assistance Programs	27
Weatherization	53
Helping Hand Program	38
Rental Assistance	26
Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing	95
Housing Locator	34
Temporary Emergency Shelter	54
Emergency Shelter	86
Permanent Rental Housing	259
Life Center Meal Program	2,912
Workforce Development	39
Clinical Medical Assist Program	15
Finally Home Program	18
Play Group Participants	110
Recreational Therapy Assessments	21
After School Program	15
Transportation	144
Information and Referral	7,989
Food Stamp/SNAP Outreach Project	135
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	860
Veterans Housing Program	26

**Total Units of Service 12,956**