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Pinal County Diaper Drive

Donate through April 14th to help get diapers to families in need.

For more information, [see their flyer, here](#).

**Support Our Work.
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Please Join ACAA at Our 2012 Annual Conference:

Creating a Community of Action

Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11, 2012

Wigwam Resort
300 East Wigwam Boulevard
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Join ACAA for a day and a half of sessions designed to give you the resources, skills, and inspiration to create a community of action where you live and work.

For more information about the Conference, including sessions and speakers, please [see the agenda attached](#).

Register Today!

Registration is available NOW online. [Simply follow this link to register](#).

Be sure to reserve your hotel room by April 9th to take advantage of discounted rates!

Hotel Information

Discounted rates starting at \$69 a night (plus a \$12/stay portorage fee and a \$3/night room attendant gratuity) are available at the Wigwam Resort for all conference attendees.

Call the Wigwam at 1-888-807-7395 and reference the Arizona Community Action Association Conference for booking details.

Discounts are only guaranteed through April 9, 2012 or until our block is filled, so be sure to book your room now!

Poverty Simulation

The Poverty Simulation is a unique, experiential, interactive session that takes you through a simulated experience of an individual or family living in poverty. This simulation lasts the duration of the afternoon of Thursday, May 10th.

Registration for the simulation is limited. If you would like to attend the

Our mission of preventing and alleviating poverty throughout Arizona is perhaps more relevant now than ever before in our history. We cannot do the work we do without our Board, members, and partners and your financial support. Please consider donating to ACAA at the link below.

[Donate here.](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

Poverty Simulation, you must reserve your space in advance. An additional charge of \$15 will be added to your conference registration. The Poverty Simulation is held at the same time as the two afternoon breakout sessions on Thursday, May 10th. The Poverty Simulation is also open to individuals who are not also attending the conference, at a cost of \$25 per participant. To register for the Poverty Simulation, please follow the [link for conference registration here](#).

The Poverty Simulation is put on by Yuma Community Action Poverty Simulation and ACAA. A special thank you for making this possible through a sponsorship to our friends at APS.

For more information on the Poverty Simulation, [check out our flyer](#).

THANK YOU to our Platinum Presenting Sponsors for their generous contributions in support of the ACAA 2012 Annual Conference:



ACAA Brings Community Issues to Capitol Hill

At the recent 2012 legislative conference of the National Community Action Foundation (NCAF), representatives from Arizona Community Action Association and Community Action Agencies participated in meetings with members of Arizona's Congressional delegation to ensure that Arizona's federal officials understand the positive impact of Community Action in their local communities, and to make our federal priorities clear so as to encourage our elected officials to fight to maintain Community Action's powerful, client-centered, holistic

approach for their constituents. ACAA is grateful to those of you who attended and participated: Malissa Buzan, Betsy Bolding, Deanna Jonovich, Susan Joy, Marge Leyvas, and Stephanie Small.



Mark Shriver, above, the fourth son of the late Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who has authored a forthcoming book about his father, brought great humor, passion, and insight as he presented some key points from his book and took questions from the group. We also heard from Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, a long-time champion of community action. For more information about NCAF news and events go to www.ncaf.org.

Voter Registration: Get Engaged Now!

It's election season and this year Arizona has been identified by the national organization NonProfitVOTE as a priority state to increase voter registration and turn out amongst underrepresented groups. To accomplish this goal, NonProfitVOTE has partnered locally with the Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO) to spearhead the effort. There are a lot of ways nonprofits can engage in voter registration and education activities and research shows case managers often have the most impact on encouraging the people they serve to participate! If you are interested in how your agency can get involved browse through Nonprofit Vote's great resources <http://www.nonprofitvote.org/get-started.html> and contact PAFCO or ACAA to discuss this statewide collaborative effort!

Let's make sure the voices of all Arizonans are heard this election cycle!

President's Budget Proposes Cuts to Funding That Supports Community Action



President Obama released his FY2013 budget proposal which uses a mix of spending cuts and tax increases to keep the

deficits lower, in accordance with the debt limit last passed last August. Overall the Administration's budget would spend about \$10 billion more than in FY2012, but also contained \$24 billion worth of cuts.

The Administration proposed \$350 million for FY2013 CSBG and expressed that they want this program to be made more competitive. LIHEAP received a cut of \$452 million with the proposed funding at \$3.02 billion, which the Administration justified by a decrease in energy costs nationwide. Weatherization also took a major cut with only \$135 million proposed by the Administration.

Here is a breakdown of what the President has recommended:

	FY2011 Actual	FY2012 Enacted by Congress	FY2013 Proposed by the President
Community Services Block Grant	\$678 million	\$677 million	\$350 million
LIHEAP	\$4.7 billion	\$3.47 billion	\$3.02 billion
Head Start	\$7.5 billion	\$7.96 billion	\$8.05 billion
Weatherization Assistance	\$177 million	\$68 million	\$139 million

Article from NCAF at <https://www.ncaf.org/node/455>

Hashtag #CommunityAction

Join the Community Action Partnership on May 8th, 2012 for a united social media campaign promoting the efforts of Community Action in making America a better place to live! All agencies are encouraged to tweet messages with the hashtag #CommunityAction throughout the day in the hopes of making Community Action a trending topic on Twitter.

If your agency and staff would like to learn more about Twitter and this effort, join the Community Action Partnership's "Twitter 99: When You're Not Ready for the 101 Level" webinar on Friday April 13th at 12pm. For more information and to register, [visit their website](#).

Now Accepting Nominations for the ACAA Board of Directors

Arizona Community Action Association is looking for individuals who want to serve on the Board of Directors. ACAA has two Member at Large seats and six Board Appointed seats available and seeks interested individuals who can meet the expectations and obligations which are outlined in the attached nomination form. We welcome any referrals or recommendations of people who you believe would be an asset to the Board, and also welcome you to apply personally if you are interested in serving. A completed Nomination form is required for each person applying.

In an effort to ensure diversity and representation on our Board, ACAA specifically seeks individuals in the following areas, but encourages all interested individuals to apply:

- Finance/Accounting
- Tribal members
- Business leaders
- Legal
- Banking

ACAA's Nomination Committee will consider all nominations and follow up with all eligible applicants.

Applications for the **Member at Large** seats need to be returned to ACAA by no later than 4pm on Friday, April 27th. Nominees for the Member at Large seats will be selected by membership at our Membership Meeting during the lunchtime membership meeting held during our Annual Conference on Thursday, May 10th. For more information on the conference, [please visit our website.](#)

[The Member at Large form can be found at this link.](#)

Applications for the **Board Appointed** seats need to be returned by no later than 5pm on Friday, June 1, 2012. Nominees for the Board Appointments will be selected by the ACAA Board of Directors at the Board meeting scheduled for Friday, July 20, 2012.

[The Board Appointee form can be found at this link.](#)

To submit a nomination, please email the form, found at the link below, to mbarrios@azcaa.org.

Sherri Walton (1958 - 2012)

ACAA extends our condolences to the family and friends of Sherri Walton. Sherri spent many years as an outspoken and compassionate advocate for mental illness in Arizona, and her legacy touched many lives.

Donations in Sherri's name can be sent to Mental Health America, Gift Office, 2000 N. Beauregard St., 6th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311 or made online through www.nmha.org.