

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY provides direct services and administers partnerships that reduce poverty and promote low-income families' self-sufficiency. Community Action funding comes from federal and state grants and County government. Contracts monitored by Community Action receive funding from the federal Administration of Children & Families, Office of Head Start, HHS; the Maryland State Department of Education; and the Montgomery County Executive and County Council Community Grants programs.



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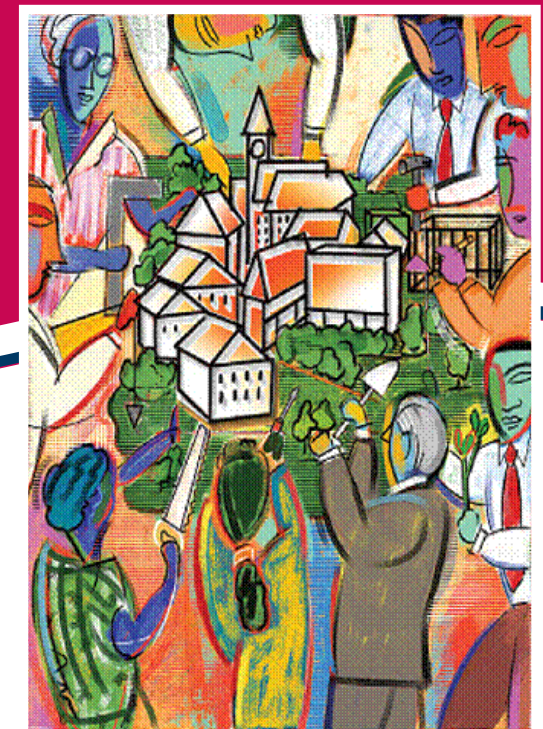
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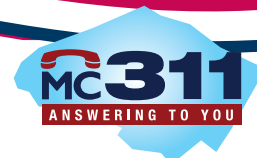
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THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB), the County's federally designated antipoverty group, advises the County about poverty and the needs of low-income people. CAB provides oversight for the agency's federal grants and the agency's services.

Services & Community Partners



If you need additional help, call



mc311.com

For calls made outside of Montgomery County: 240-777-0311
Maryland Relay - 711

To request this information in alternate formats,
call 240-777-1697.

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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.



The Montgomery County Community Action Agency seeks to reduce poverty and improve the self-sufficiency of low-income residents.

Community Action manages federal, state and County Head Start funding and the Community Services Block Grant. We partner to provide comprehensive **early childhood services** through Head Start, deliver **social services** at the Takoma-East Silver Spring Community Action Center (TESS), and increase **asset development** through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) partnership. Throughout the County, nonprofits with contracts monitored by Community Action staff **deliver emergency food, clothing, and social services; legal assistance; employment training; and education and facilitate community engagement** among Montgomery County's diverse low-income community members, including residents with Limited English Proficiency.

At A Glance

Last year, Community Action assisted low-income County residents directly by providing:

- ◆ 8,000 encounters at its TESS Community Action Center for social services
- ◆ 2,000 families with free tax help (VITA)
- ◆ 648 children and their families with comprehensive Head Start services

FY2018 Partners

Emergency Services – Clothes

- ◆ Colesville Council of Community Congregations: C-4 Clothes Closet
- ◆ Interfaith Works Clothing Center

Emergency Services – Utilities/Rent

- ◆ East Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network (EMEAN)
- ◆ Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Washington

Emergency Services – Food

- ◆ Caribbean Help Center
- ◆ Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Washington
- ◆ Crossroads Community Food Network
- ◆ Kids In Need Distributors
- ◆ Manna Food Center
- ◆ Montgomery County Muslim Foundation
- ◆ Women Who Care Ministries

Employment and Training/Support

- ◆ CASA de Maryland
- ◆ Catholic Charities at Spanish Catholic Center
- ◆ Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- ◆ Family Services Inc.
- ◆ Korean Community Services Center of Greater Washington
- ◆ Empowered Women International/Latino Economic Development Corp.
- ◆ Upwardly Global

Community Engagement and Outreach

- ◆ Circle of Rights
- ◆ Community Health & Empowerment Through Education and Research (CHEER)
- ◆ IMPACT Silver Spring
- ◆ MoverMoms ("KindWorks")

Agency Development

- ◆ The Nonprofit Village Center

Economic Enhancement

- ◆ **Community Action "VITA"**
A free tax partnership among the cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville, Family Services Inc./CAFE Montgomery, CASH Campaign of Maryland, East County Regional Services Center, Gilchrist Center, United Way, University of Maryland, and WorkSource Montgomery.

Social Services and Referrals

- ◆ Caribbean Help Center
- ◆ CASA de Maryland
- ◆ Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Washington
- ◆ Catholic Charities at Spanish Catholic Center
- ◆ Community Ministries of Rockville
- ◆ Family Services, Inc.
- ◆ Korean Association of the State of Maryland Metropolitan Area
- ◆ Korean Community Services Center of Greater Washington
- ◆ Mary's Center of Maternal and Child Care, Inc.
- ◆ Spanish-Speaking Community of Maryland

Legal Services

- ◆ Kids In Need of Defense
- ◆ Legal Aid Bureau
- ◆ Montgomery County Maryland Bar Foundation

Early Childhood Education, Youth Development and Academic Support

- ◆ **Head Start, a partnership with MCPS (the Delegate) and DHHS School Health.**
- ◆ Community Ministries of Rockville
- ◆ YMCA of Metropolitan Washington

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Changing lives.*