

## COMMUNITY ACTION IN VIRGINIA

Virginia's **thirty-one community action agencies** are a robust state and local force, reaching children and families throughout the Commonwealth with life-changing services that create pathways to opportunity and prosperity.

### Annually, we reach:



**102,000 low-income individuals**

### This includes:



**33,000 children**



**17,000 seniors**



**12,000 people  
with disabilities**



**14,000 people  
who lack health  
insurance**

Over **\$10 million** in federal community service block grant (CSBG) funds were allocated to community action agencies to assist lower-income families in Virginia, and **\$6.25 million** in TANF funds were provided by the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor to supplement assistance to lower-income families and their communities.

Community action agencies are locally run and receive a range of public and private resources for their work. This includes federal CSBG funding which provides the community action agency designation. For each **\$1** in CSBG funds, the Virginia community action network leveraged over **\$13** from other federal, state, local and private sources.

# OUR IMPACT

Virginia's community action agencies embody a spirit of hope, change people's lives, and improve communities. We promote workable solutions that connect more families to opportunity - and make Virginia a better place to live for everyone.

## Community action agencies:

- Connect individuals and families to approaches that help them succeed - including high-quality education programs for children, job training for adults, stable and affordable housing for families, assistance for seniors, free income tax preparation and much more.
- Promote community-wide solutions to challenging problems in our urban, suburban and rural areas - whether it is the lack of affordable housing or the need to promote economic development that benefits all families.
- Share expertise with state and local leaders providing evidence on what works to promote greater economic opportunity for children and families.

### As a result:

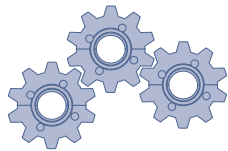
#### 60,000 Children & Families

accessed educational and cognitive development services



#### 736,000 Health and Nutrition

services (including 685,000 prepared meals and food boxes)



15,000 people were put on a pathway to good **Jobs** through employment support

33,000 people received

#### quality free income Tax Preparation

services, providing over **\$37 million** in federal and state refunds

(including **\$19 million** in Earned Income and Child Tax Credits)



15,000 households increased their financial **Assets** and skills

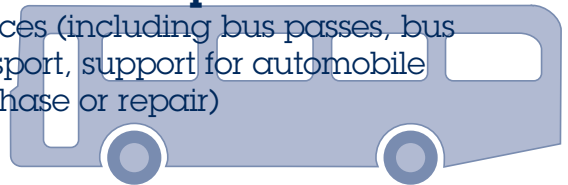


25,000 people received **Housing** assistance, counseling, repairs and efficiency



#### 28,000 Transportation

services (including bus passes, bus transport, support for automobile purchase or repair)



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