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What is Community Action?

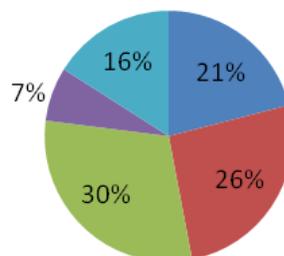
CAPSAW serves the Greater Augusta Region, which includes Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro, as the designated Community Action Agency. As a Community Action Agency, CAPSAW actively supports the individuals, families, and institutions that make up our unique community. CAPSAW awards a combination of local, state, and federal dollars to local agencies that provide anti-poverty services. Grants are awarded competitively.

CAPSAW uses local data to determine local needs. A combination of elected, appointed and volunteer Board Members help to narrow these data to establish funding priorities. Agencies chosen to receive CAPSAW funds offer services to eligible children and youth, people in crisis, working families, unemployed and underemployed persons, the elderly, and the disabled. In short, CAPSAW funded agencies serve our entire community. The Virginia Community Action Partnership describes a Community Action Agency as one that changes peoples lives; embodies the spirit of hope and improves communities. Each agency plays an important role in CAPSAW's efforts to help empower individuals and families to move from economic and social dependency to self-sufficiency. This report describes how CAPSAW funded agencies helped to make our community a better place to live.

From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, seventeen programs received nearly \$200,000 in CAPSAW monitored funding. These programs provided anti-poverty services believed to have the greatest effect in increasing economic and social independence in these focus areas: Childcare/Education; Independent Living; Emergency Services; Family Development; and Community Improvement.

FY 12 Funding by Category

- 21% Childcare/Education
- 26% Independent Living
- 30% Emergency Services
- 7% Family Development
- 16% Community Improvement



Funded Programs

Emergency Services:
\$57,828

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Verona Food Pantry

Valley Mission

New Directions Center

Independent Living:
\$50,739

Daily Living Center

VPAS: Sr. Centers

VPAS: Transportation

Crossroads for Brain Injury Recovery

Childcare/Education:
\$40,925

Boys and Girls Club

Community Child Care

Community Improvement:
\$31,146

Augusta Regional Free Clinic

Blue Ridge Court Services

Blue Ridge Legal Services

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

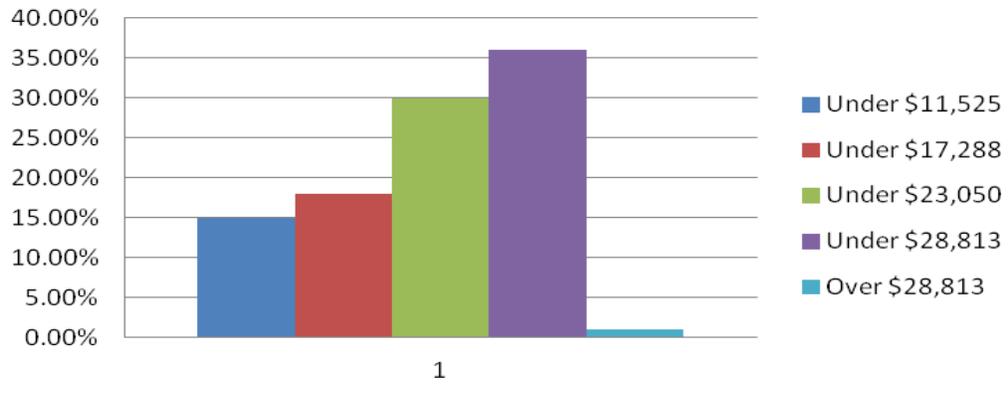
Family Development:
\$14,500

Valley Hope Counseling

Healthy Families of the Blue Ridge

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Average Annual Income of Families Served FY 12 (based on family of 4)



What Did We Accomplish?

In fiscal year 2012, over 10,000 individuals and nearly 5,000 families received services funded, at least in part, by CAPSAW. Demographic data has been submitted by CAPSAW-funded agencies since its establishment in 2009. In that first year, only 13% of families served showed an annual income of at least 125% of the Federal Poverty Line, and only 12% of 2009 clients earned income from employment. Data from 2012 reflect positive changes in the lives of community members who accessed CAPSAW-funded services:

- **32% have an income of 125% of the Federal Poverty Line (see chart above).**
- **59% of families report earning income from employment;**

Data indicate that a significant percentage of clients served are employed but unable to provide adequately for themselves and their families without the support of CAPSAW funded agencies.

These forms of support include emergency food and housing, reduced-cost counseling, medical and legal services, transportation, childcare supplements, and other individualized case management services.

In FY 12:

- **Over 8,000 individuals received emergency food;**
- **Nearly 1,000 people spent at least one night at an emergency shelter;**
- **Over 1,000 participants received reduced cost medical, legal or counseling services;**
- **The parents of over 350 children were able to continue to work as a result of reduced cost child care and education services.**

As we move forward with strategic planning for anti-poverty services, we expect data to continue to show improvements in income, employment, and asset development for our community.