

DeKalb County Community Action Department – List of Acronyms

- **CAA – Community Action Agency**
Nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Community Action Agencies help people to help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency. Today there are approximately 1000 Community Action Agencies, serving the poor in every state as well as Puerto Rico and the Trust Territories.
- **CSBG – Community Services Block Grant**
Provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. CSBG funding supports projects that:
 1. Lessen poverty in communities.
 2. Address the needs of low-income individuals including the homeless, migrants and the elderly.
 3. Provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health.
- **CAP – Community Action Partnership**
A national, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen, promote, represent and serve its network of member Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to assure that the issues of poverty are effectively presented and addressed.
- **NCAF – National Community Action Foundation**
A private, non-profit organization that serves as the national advocate for Community Action Agencies (CAAs), community-based programs located throughout the country that assist low-income families and individuals.
- **IACAA – Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies**
The membership organization that provides a unified voice and support to the poverty fighting network of Community Action Agencies.
- **OCS – Office of Community Services**
Partners with states, communities and agencies to eliminate causes of poverty, increase self-sufficiency of individuals and families and revitalize communities.
- **CAPLAW – Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc.**
Providing the legal, governance and management resources necessary to sustain and strengthen the national Community Action Agency (CAA) network.
- **IVCA – Illinois Ventures for Community Action**
Administers equity investments to provide job creation for the Illinois Community Action network.
- **DCEO – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity**
Administers the CSBG for the Illinois Community Action network.
- **FEMA/EFSP – Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Food and Shelter Program**
Meets the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. DCCA administers this national program for DeKalb County.

- T&TA – Training and Technical Assistance

T&TA intended to enhance capacity and infrastructure in the Community Action Network.