10 Things to Know About
Community Action Agencies

1 Kentucky has 23 Community Action Agencies. There is at least one outreach office in every one of Kentucky's 120 counties.

2 CAAs each have a local "tri-partite" board. Boards are made up of at least 1/3 local elected officials and 1/3 representatives of the local low-income population. The remainder of the board is often representatives from business, economic development, faith-based or other groups.

3 CAAs take a "whole family" approach, providing a combination of resources and services to help a family find success. This may include transportation for a parent to get to work, education and care for children, and companionship for grandparents during the day.

4 Community Action Agencies are focused on local issues and needs, but work together to address state, regional and national issues.

5 CAAs are flexible by design. Pineville, Paducah and Louisville have different needs, with each tailoring services and initiatives to best meet local needs. This is why different Community Action Agencies may offer different services.

6 CAAs employ bus drivers, electricians, healthcare workers, teachers, cooks, career counselors, social workers and more.

7 CAAs operate Senior Centers, Adult Day Programs, Head Start and Transportation systems. They provide rides to work, school and medical care. They provide job training to adults and education to children. They provide meals to seniors and care for those with disabilities.

8 CAAs provide a safe place for victims of domestic violence and a supportive home for those recovering from addiction. Allowing individuals to come as they are, stay, receive services, and get back on the road to success.

9 CAAs are required to be accountable. Every CAA undergoes regular programmatic monitoring as well as a financial audit by independent firms.

10 There are over 1,000 Community Action Agencies covering 99 percent of all the counties in the United States. Our national, regional and state networks provide CAAs with a wealth of expertise that keeps our network strong.

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