



Community Action

Partnership of Hennepin County

Community Action Month

A CAP-HC Timeline



1965

The Minnesota Office of Economic Opportunity is created. By year-end, nearly all Minnesota counties are served by a Community Action Agency (CAA).



1969

Executive Directors of the Minnesota Community Action Agencies form the Minnesota CAP Directors Association, which is reorganized into the Minnesota CAP Association in 1971.

1986

Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) is formed amidst a growing awareness that poverty in Hennepin County is not confined to urban areas.

2005

National Indicators of Community Action Performance is implemented as a way to provide a uniform and coherent national picture of the work and accomplishments of the entire Community Action Network.

2022

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CAP-HC rises to the changing needs of the Hennepin County community, helping thousands of individuals and families with move out of poverty and pave their path to prosperity.

August 20, 1964

Based on advocacy from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Lyndon Johnson works with Congress to pass the Economic Opportunity Act, creating the Office of Economic Opportunity. Johnson names Sargent Shriver is its first director. The Community Action Network is created to connect millions of children and families to essential services, build community resiliency, and help people move out of poverty.

1,000+

1966

Just eighteen months after the Community Action Network is created, over one thousand national and local agencies have been established.

1976

Minneapolis Community Action Agency is formed under the governance of the Minneapolis City Council. The organization works as part of the city to create and support programs to eliminate poverty in Minneapolis.

1994

The Office of Community Services introduces Results-Oriented Management and Accountability, a performance-based initiative designed to preserve the anti-poverty focus of Community Action and promote greater effectiveness across the Community Action Network.

2016

CAPSH is re-launched as Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) and receives the formal state designation to serve as the Community Action Agency for Minneapolis in addition to suburban Hennepin communities.

