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Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc.

“Helping People. Changing Lives.”



The mission of CAASTLC is to end poverty. We are committed to helping families who are caught in poverty. We are committed to helping the communities of St. Louis County prevent the conditions of poverty for future generations.

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Housing Assistance

Housing - Emergency rent and mortgage financial assistance and counseling designed to prevent homelessness. New housing development, transitional housing and home repair program.

Home Buyer Education - Counseling, education and information to make purchasing a home a successful venture. A homebuyer program designed to make the home buying process less-costly and the homebuyer more knowledgeable.

Credit Counseling - Services that include obtaining on-line credit reports and understanding and correcting credit problems. Also included is assistance in establishing credit and increasing a credit score.

Individual Development Account (IDA) - A self-help savings plan with an agency match for purchasing a home. Additional components include financial literacy and homebuyer education.

Community Coordination & Resource Development

Employment Fairs - CAASTLC holds quarterly job fairs to provide increased access to employment opportunities. There are at least fifteen employers at each job fair and they represent various job sectors such as industrial, hospitality, medical and telecommunications.

Gang Prevention - Community Presentations - Awareness and intervention information presentations centered on gang customs, symbols and trends. Presentations are provided throughout the community upon request.

Step-Up to Leadership Training - A 12 session curriculum offered once or twice a year for community-minded people wanting to make a difference. Training is intended for people who:
 1) are willing to assume the responsibilities of board membership;
 2) seek understanding about group processes and the complexities of collaboration; and
 3) are ready to take on the challenge of leadership.

Poverty Simulations - Understanding the day-to-day reality of poverty is important for everyone involved in fighting poverty – from policymakers to service providers. MISSOURI'S COMMUNITY ACTION POVERTY SIMULATION (CAPS) is a unique tool to help people understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. During a simulation, participants role-play the lives of low-income families, including single parents, people with disabilities, and senior citizens on Social Security. The task of each family is to provide for food, shelter and other basic necessities during four 15-minute "weeks". Families interact with staged community resources. Available for groups of 20-100.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - JDAI – CAASTLC is partnering with other community organizations to develop a project that addresses delinquency and initiates system improvements by reducing the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

Homeless Veterans Stand Down – CAASTLC and partners are involved in promoting and conducting an annual event that gives homeless veterans the opportunity to receive free legal assistance, medical and dental care, job referrals, housing referrals and other services to assist them in stabilizing with employment and housing.

Family Development Programs

Counseling - Services designed to increase self-sufficiency and family stabilization. Counseling is conducted in both group and individual settings. Counseling services include Individual & Family Counseling, Anger Management, Drug & Alcohol Counseling and a Women's Drug & Alcohol Program. All counselors are licensed and certified. Services are free of charge to eligible low-income St. Louis County residents.

Case Management - Home-based one-on-one family support to assist the entire family with movement from crisis to stabilization through the establishment of employment and/or educational goals. Advocacy for reunification and safe and affordable housing.

Youth-At-Risk - A counseling and case-management program that utilizes classroom instruction and one-on-one intervention. The purpose of this program is to educate youth and their families on the dangers of gang activities, violence, illegal acts and other related activities and provide prevention and intervention strategies by focusing on positive behavior improvements in school, at home and in the community. Several St. Louis county school districts are collaborating with CAASTLC in this program.

Resource Distribution - Helping-hand assistance includes a food pantry, USDA Commodities, holiday assistance program and Back-to-School supplies.

Job Readiness & Job Placement – Workshops include: resume writing, basic computer skills, job search tips, dressing successfully and basic employment skills. In addition, job referrals and retention services are provided for motivated job candidates.

Life Skills Training - Classroom training for several topics including nutrition, family development, home management, budgeting and energy conservation.

GED Classes - Classroom instruction for those interested in obtaining their GED. Free onsite childcare and bus passes are available.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention – Group sessions and one-on-one counseling with teens to prevent pregnancy and encourage healthy self-esteem, leadership and personal growth through the development of goals.

Energy-Related Services

Weatherization Assistance – Installation of energy efficient measures designed to reduce the impact of high home energy costs and promote a healthy and safe home environment.

Energy Rated Homes – A fee-for-service program for the general public, designed to test mechanical system's efficiency and to reduce a home's energy costs by lowering energy usage.

EA - Energy Assistance (EA) is designed to assist low-income families with their heating bills during the winter months. This program runs October 1st thru March 31st of each year. An individual's account does not have to be off or in threat to receive this service.

Utility Assistance - Crisis intervention programs for emergency payment of heating and cooling bills. A variety of funding is available for income eligible households in crisis to prevent disconnection of heating and cooling services or to reinstate services.

Eligibility Guidelines

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Weatherization Program

Based on 150% FY 2007

Family Size	Max. Monthly Income	Max. Annual Income
1	\$ 1,300	\$ 15,600
2	1,750	21,000
3	2,200	26,400
4	2,650	31,800
5	3,100	37,200
6	3,550	42,600
7	4,000	48,000
8	4,450	53,400

For more than 8, add \$5,400 annual income for each additional household member.

LIHEAP/Energy

Based on 125% FY 2006

Family Size	Max. Monthly Income	Max. Annual Income
1	\$ 1,064	\$ 12,763
2	1,426	17,113
3	1,789	21,463
4	2,151	25,813
5	2,514	30,163
6	2,876	34,513
7	3,239	38,863
8	3,601	43,213

For more than 8, add \$4,350 annual income for each additional household member.

Family Development Programs

Based on 125% FY 2007

Family Size	Max. Monthly Income	Max. Annual Income
1	\$ 1,083	\$ 13,000
2	1,458	17,500
3	1,833	22,000
4	2,208	26,500
5	2,583	31,000
6	2,958	35,500
7	3,333	40,000
8	3,708	44,500

For more than 8, add \$4,500 annual income for each additional household member.

Program	Extension	www.caastlc.org
Counseling	426	314.863.0015
Employment	431	
Energy	655	Mon. Wed. and Fri. 8:00 am -5:00 pm
Family Support	654	
Food	650	Tues. & Thur. 8:00 am- 7:30 pm
Housing	657	
Special Programs	651	
Weatherization	653	

Outreach Sites:

Access to CAA services is available at several locations including: South County Family Support and Children's Division, The Salvation Army Stratford Commons(Pine lawn), Seven Hills Workforce Development, Feed My People, The Salvation Army Gateway Corps (Carondelet) and North Oaks Workforce Development. **Call (314) 863-0015 or visit www.caastlc.org for a complete schedule.**

