



COMMUNITY ACTION  
OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



*Building Stronger Families and Communities.*

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**223** Employees  
**10** County Area

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



January 2022, marked my second-year as Executive Director of Community Action of Southern Kentucky. As we slowly began to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, our community was shaken with another major devastation, the December 11, 2021 tornados. Once again, our staff “adapted” to the changes in our community and provided immediate resources to those in need. We are thankful to the AARP Foundation for the \$50,000 donation for tornado relief. Approximately 107 families received monetary support because of the generosity of AARP. United Health Care provided \$9,000 to purchase 120 grocery cards that were also given to those directly affected by the tornados.

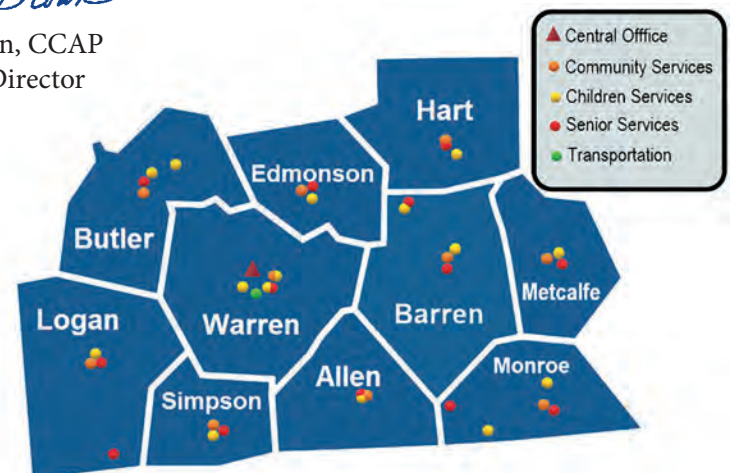
May 2022, the Board of Director and staff outlined our vision and goals in our 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. Our key focus areas are empowering families, enhancing leadership expertise and community involvement. This strategic plan will aid us in advancing our mission of providing human services with dignity and respect.

On August 31, I was recognized as a Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP). This certification awarded by the Nation Community Action Partnership demonstrates mastery in *Community Action Vision and Values, History Management, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership* and *Addressing the Causes of Poverty*.

This annual report tells the story of how we “fight the war on poverty.” It is just a small testament of the wonderful works that occurs daily. We consider every day as a new day and a new opportunity to help people and change lives.

*Carla Brown*

Carla Brown, CCAP  
Executive Director



In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the organization secured funding of \$20,513,110. This funding allowed the organization to serve clients and meet the needs of the community at an increasing level. Multiple federal, state, and local entities provide oversight of these funds, and the organization expends these funds in accordance with all grant circulars and requirements. Generally accepted accounting principles are used when preparing all financial statements for the organization.

PROGRAM / FUNDING SOURCE	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	OTHER	IN-KIND
Community Services Block Grant / KY Cabinet for Families and Children	\$ 701,683	0	15,000	15,396	99,609
Community Collaboration for Children / KY Cabinet for Families & Children	172,451	0	0	0	0
Head Start / Health and Human Services/CACFP	6,354,776	994,150	3,000	70,000	1,249,166
Migrant Head Start / Community Action Council	490,912	55,608	0	0	162,522
LIHEAP / Community Action Kentucky	5,599,897	0	0	1,391	0
Foster Grandparents / Corp for National and Community Svcs	266,847	0	0	0	0
Transportation / City of Bowling Green	0	0	1,353,233	51	0
Senior Citizens / BRADD/Various	465,685	132,773	6,977	0	134,506
Adoption Services / KY Cabinet for Families and Children	36,000	0	0	0	0
Refugee Services / Catholic Charities	99,248	0	0	0	0
Kynect / Community Action Kentucky	0	309,010	0	0	0
LIHWAP / Community Action Kentucky	733,548	0	0	0	0
Emergency Food and Shelter / FEMA	75,760	0	0	0	0
Child Care Center / KY CCAP/Various	0	149,679	28,552	0	0
Community Development - CV / KY Dept Local Govt/Various Local Govt.	47,500	0	0	0	0
RSVP / Corp for National and Community Svcs	243,152	0	0	389	3,831
Other / Various sources	0	61,127	242,540	137,141	0
<b>Total By Funding Source</b>	<b>\$15,287,459</b>	<b>1,702,347</b>	<b>1,649,302</b>	<b>224,368</b>	<b>1,649,634</b>

**TOTAL AGENCY BUDGET: 20,513,110**

**STATE**

Goodwill	\$ 31,224.31
CDBG	47,492.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 78,716.77</b>

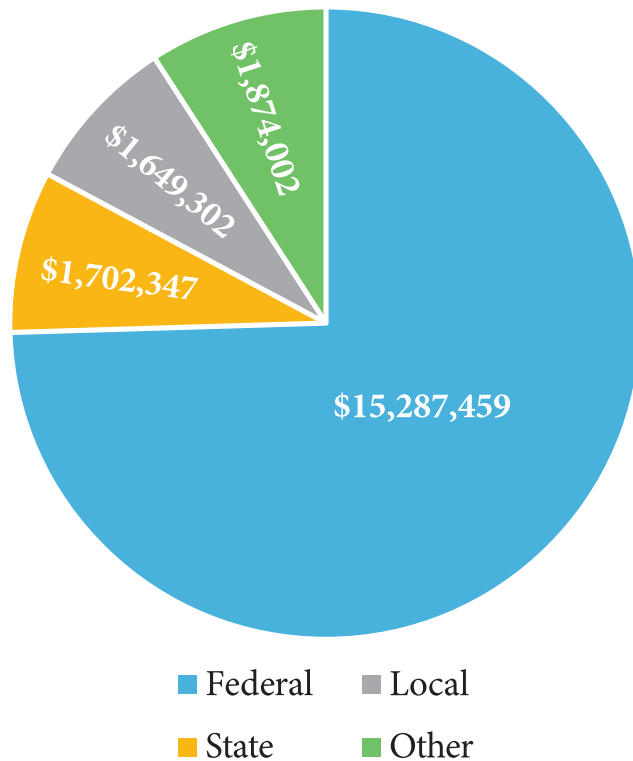
**LOCAL**

Atmos	\$ 71,275.22
FRECC	3,761.29
WRECC	1,255.15
KU	1,611.76
Healer	871.38
ESB	3,691.11
FoodLion	200.00
Halton	109.22
Lions Club	300.00
REPB	400.00
Save-A-Lot	499.99
Victory	2,767.82
Victory	650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,392.94</b>

**FEDERAL**

CSBG	\$ 110,000.00
CSBG	15,690.41
Scholars	2,000.00
LIHWAP	625,779.52
EFSP	82,826.20
LIHEAP	5,090,215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,926,511.13</b>

## ANNUAL REVENUE BY TYPE OF FUNDING



# SCHOLARSHIPS

Community Action of Southern Kentucky, Inc. accepts applications each spring for our annual Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship. There are \$1000 scholarships available, one in each of the ten counties.

Our CSBG Scholarship helps provide training or retraining required for the local job market. The CSBG Scholarship is open to income-eligible individuals wanting to return to school or continue their education. Scholarship benefits can be applied to fees, tuition, or textbooks at a college/university, vocational/technical school, or trade/professional program.

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Hart County Scholarship recipient Halle Tennyson
- Logan County Scholarship recipient Marjorie Hickman
- Barren County Scholarship recipient Jacqueline Guardado and Judge Executive Michael Hale
- Barren County Scholarship recipient Codey Stinson and Judge Executive Michael Hale

## KHBE ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2022

Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange is a division within the Office of Health Data and Analytics with the primary responsibility to administer the provisions of the Affordable Care Act for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. KHBE provides support and resources for Kentuckians to enroll in healthcare coverage and learn what health insurance and other programs they may be eligible for. CASOKY employs 5 Kynectors who service the BRADD area helping citizens free of charge to apply for several public aid programs. Since the start of open enrollment on November 1, 2022 Kynectors across the state have assisted over 77,000 citizens to submit applications for healthcare assistance alone and over the past year, CASOKY Kynectors have hosted over 240 public education events within the BRADD counties CASOKY Kynectors are high-energy presenters looking to ever expand the breadth of the Kynectors role in the community and make the mission of Community Action a reality.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

**2,328**  
Referrals

County Coordinators in ten counties administer individual and community services to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty. Staff manage several programs, mobilize community resources, and may serve as an advocate on behalf of the program applicant to meet an apparent need.

County Coordinators administer services in nine areas: employment, education, housing, self-sufficiency, emergency services, nutrition, income management, health and linkages to help families improve their living conditions.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Community Action Children's Services provides comprehensive early childhood services to children birth (6 weeks) to five-years old. Children's services consists of Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant Head Start and Childcare. Our program supports the skills addressed in the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework: Ages Birth to Five and school readiness skills in the areas of social and emotional development, language and communication, literacy, mathematics development, scientific reasoning, cognition, perceptual, motor and physical development and approaches to learning. In addition to these areas, children receive health and developmental screenings, nutritious meals, oral health and mental health support. We recognize parents as the first teacher and focus on individual needs and unique family strengths.

## FAMILY NURTURING

The Family Nurturing Program funded by the Community Collaboration for Children(CCC) provides In Home services by trained in-home family service associates to work in the home on a short-term basis with families. The associates identify family strengths as well as areas of concern. The strengths-based approach to in home services is designed to promote safe, stable, healthy families and to prevent child abuse and neglect. Program staff also assists families in their ability to utilize community resources.

### 2021-2022 DATA

- 12 Cases
- 18 Turnback
- 3 cases closed incomplete
- 9 cases closed complete
- 1 case carried over to next fiscal year with services happening in both years



**16,549**

**Utility Payments**

LIHEAP Includes:  
Emergency Utility  
Payments /  
Utility Payment  
Assistance

**867**

**Utility Arrears  
Payments**

Utility Payment  
Assistance

**392**

**Rent Payments**

Includes:  
Emergency  
Rent Payments or  
Mortgage Payment

**654**

**Immunizations**

Health Services,  
Screening and  
Assessments

# SENIOR SERVICES

## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

The Foster Grandparents Program provides senior volunteers, ages 55 and older, an opportunity to support, encourage, mentor, and nurture children with special and exceptional needs from infancy through 21 years of age. The children served may be those who have experienced trauma through abuse and neglect, or those with physical, mental or social and emotional challenges.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, 61 active FGP volunteers served a total number of 39,481 hours working with children in non-profit settings across our service region.

The Foster Grandparent program was able to continue its partnership with Head Start to deliver Christmas gifts to volunteers as well as collaborating with the Barren River District Health Department on COVID protocols, guidelines and vaccine opportunities.

The previous director, Sandi Knight, retired in March with 20 years of service to the Senior program at Community Action. The FGP program welcomed a new director, Krista Graves, in May. Krista has a wealth of knowledge in Early Childhood, Community Services and over 15 years' experience working with children and families. As a teacher Krista has worked with Foster Grandparents in her classroom and placed them in other preschool classrooms.

## SENIOR SERVICES

Community Action operates Senior Centers within our ten-county service area. Our friendly, well-trained Senior Center Managers plan and oversee activities designed to aid in the social and nutritional well-being of our older community members. Members of our Senior Centers must be at least 60 years of age. (Spouses are eligible, regardless of age.)

Monroe and Edmonson Counties serve as the distribution location for Senior Commodities. Each location serves over 300 people a month thanks to Feeding America.

Farmer's Market vouchers are available in Logan, Warren and Monroe counties. This partnership with USDA distributed over 900 vouchers to our seniors.

Over 18,082 congregate meals are served per quarter at our senior centers and approximately 10,351 meals were delivered to home bound clients.



**302**

**Physicals**

Health Services,  
Screening and  
Assessments

**511**

**Development  
Delay Screening**

Health Services,  
Screening and  
Assessments

**480**

**Vision Screening**

Health Services,  
Screening and  
Assessments

**379**

**Case  
Management**

# AMERICORPS RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



AmeriCorps Seniors-RSVP is a volunteer program funded by the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS). RSVP began nationally in 1971, and is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation. It matches local needs with older Americans who are willing to help. Each year approximately 200 older Americans provide community service to around 7,000 individuals through an estimated 27 locally sponsored RSVP projects. Volunteers involved in this program serve in the areas of senior services, military support, food security, home-delivered meal programs, tax preparation assistance, and other community needs.

County	No. of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Companionship Visits	Services to Veterans	Disaster Response	Job Placement
ALLEN	12	651.5	44	0	0	0
BARREN	15	3,123	3	3	0	0
BUTLER	15	2,473	26	264	12	78
EDMONSON	39	6,171	26	1	60	814
HART	20	1,088.50	65	0	3	0
LOGAN	46	4,126.50	35	0	0	0
METCALFE	32	7,669	50	0	7	0
MONROE	20	1,210	2	0	8	0
SIMPSON	24	2,769.25	14	0	0	0
WARREN	31	2,677	8	0	150	0



**17,871**  
Eligibility Determinations

**30**  
Childcare Subsidies

**3**  
Childcare Payments

**338**  
Emergency Clothing Assistance

# HEAD START



	HEAD START	EARLY HEAD START	MIGRANT	CHILDCARE
TOTAL FUNDED ENROLLMENT	531	56	48	NA
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED	558	98	57	42
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	507	83	46	37
AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT	80%	96%	62%	NA
PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED	93%	97%	100%	100%
PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED CHILDREN RECEIVING MEDICAL EXAMS	77%	40%	75%	48%
PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED CHILDREN RECEIVING DENTAL EXAMS	65%	54%	77%	45%



## REFUGEE SERVICES

The Refugee Employment Program is designed to provide employment and training services for eligible refugees residing in the United States less than five (5) years. The program also assists refugees to adjust and adapt to the American Workplace and ultimately achieve self-sufficiency to end their need for public assistance. The program is intended to help unemployed refugees or refugees who are employed, but not working to their skill level.

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**Youth**  
Who Obtained Employment

37

**Adults**  
Who Obtained Employment



Community Action of Southern Kentucky (CASOKY) operates GO by Transit (Fixed Public Bus Route) and GO, too (ADA Complementary Paratransit) as a contracted service provider with the City of Bowling Green.

**JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022 / 250 DAYS**

<b>HOURS</b>	Fixed Route	14,607
	ADA Paratransit	3,146
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,753</b>

<b>PASSENGERS/ RIDERS</b>	Fixed Route	54,157
	ADA Paratransit	7,885
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,042</b>

<b>MILES</b>	Fixed Route	175,049
	ADA Paratransit	37,379
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212,428</b>



# TRANSPORTATION



WE TEAM WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN KENTUCKY TO ACHIEVE STABILITY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY.



# FOOD SERVICES

The Food Services program provides nutritious and healthy meals to the children enrolled in our programs to ensure their continued success in physical and mental development.

**51,957**

**Breakfast**

**151**

**AM Snack**

**52,052**

**Lunch**

**46,268**

**PM Snack**

**150,428**

**Total**  
Meals served 2021-2022

# REMEMBERING GRANDPA JIMMY

On Monday June 27th, the Foster Grandparent Program mourned the loss of one of our most dedicated Foster Grandparents, Khin Maung Nyunt (Grandpa Jimmy) who served from 2005 to 2022. We honor his memory and his work in our community.

Our Refugee Program Coordinator, Heath Ray, shares his story in a beautiful remembrance of a life well lived. Knowing that English speakers would struggle with his name, he offered that everyone could call him “Grandpa Jimmy.”



He was born in Burma and he passed away at the age of 83, while on a trip back to Thailand, after a battle with cancer.

Before coming to America, Grandpa Jimmy was a ranking member of the Burmese military. He fled to Thailand as an enemy of the state after the Aung San Suu Kyi rebellion. He made a living there as a humble English instructor. After arriving in the US as a political refugee in 2004, Grandpa Jimmy quickly assumed the role of community leader in his new home of Bowling Green, KY.

Since 2005 he attended to the children with special needs in Head Start and the Migrant program helping with translation and interpretation. Despite being a non-native English speaker, his eloquent vocabulary was incredibly extensive. He was also a dedicated volunteer for the Refugee Program at Community Action. He was a compelling force in the local Burmese community in Bowling Green and beyond.

Grandpa Jimmy was very attuned to politics, culture and current events. “Justice and fairness make our community strong. It is important to always seek out justice and fairness.” Even though he was originally an outsider, Grandpa Jimmy easily made everyone feel that they belonged. He and his wife both earned their American citizenship, which he claimed as one of his proudest moments.



Being the engaged community member that he was, he was called upon to help in many civic activities such as the city of Bowling Green’s International Advisory Council, Reception for New Americans, interpreter trainings, Bowling Greens International festival, COVID testing and immunization drives, and much more.

The quality we will all remember most about Grandpa Jimmy was his gratitude. He was always serving the community and he always showed gratitude for even the smallest things to which he would reply “That is very kind of you.” To honor him, we will challenge ourselves to pay attention and acknowledge kindness with those simple but powerful words.

In an article highlighting the FGP program from 2014, Grandpa Jimmy said he “tries to give hope to the children he works with at Head Start.” He said “I am very satisfied because I know that I am giving something back to the community.”



*We team with community partners  
to provide human services with dignity and respect,  
empowering people in Southern Kentucky  
to achieve stability and economic security.*



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