



COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) & NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER SERVICES OVERVIEW

Community Development Commission

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1960s



1964 – The War on Poverty

Community Action Partnership

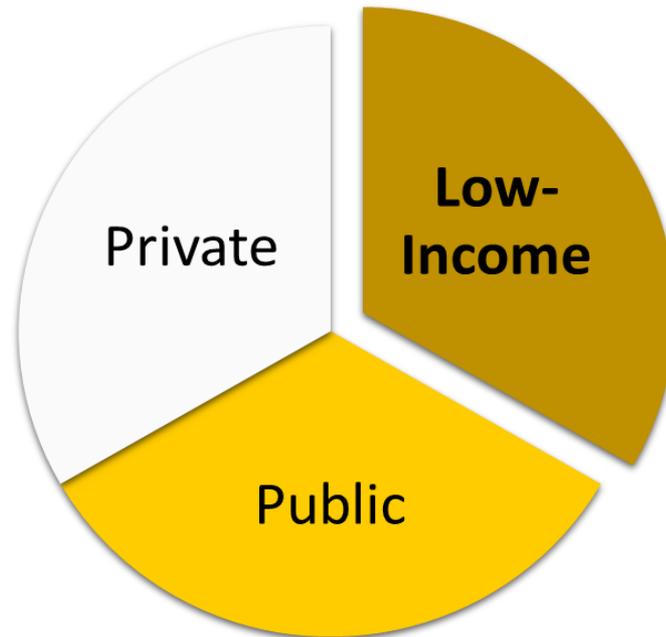
- <https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Impact-Report-Infographic-white-3.8.19.pdf>

1980s

- Creation of the block grant
- Federal \$\$ pass through to States to CAAs
 - Texas uses a formula based on poverty population and poverty density
 - 90% of funds allocated go to the 40 CAAs
 - 5% disasters/discretionary
 - 5% state admin
- Mission and purpose remain the same

1981

Federal CSBG Act



Requires a Tri-Partite Board with, at least, 1/3 of representatives democratically-selected from low-income communities.

1990s

Six National Goals

Goal 1. Low-income people become more self-sufficient. **(Family)**

Goal 2. The conditions in which low-income people live are improved. **(Community)**

Goal 3. Low-income people own a stake in their community. **(Community)**

Goal 4. Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved. **(Agency)**

Goal 5. Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results. **(Agency)**

Goal 6. Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems. **(Family)**

2000s

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Community Action Goals

Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.

People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

Services and Strategies

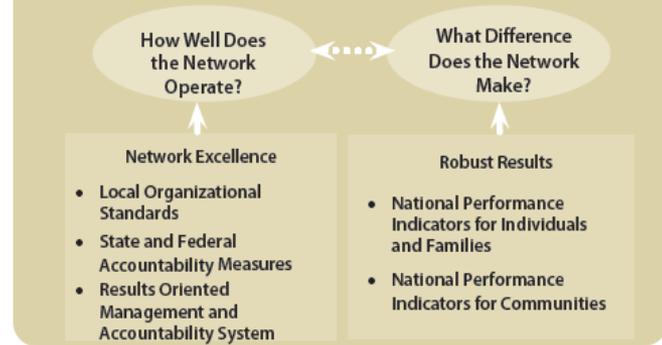
(some examples from the network)



Community Action Core Principles

- Recognize the complexity of the issues of poverty
- Build local solutions specific to local needs
- Support family stability as a foundation for economic security
- Pursue positive individual, family and community level change
- Maximize involvement of people with low incomes
- Engage local community partners and citizens in solutions
- Leverage state, federal and community resources
- Advocate for systemic change

Performance Management



A national network of over 1,000 high-performing Community Action Agencies, State Associations, State offices, and Federal partners supported by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to mobilize communities to fight poverty.

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



Demographics

- **1,691** unduplicated persons received direct funded CSBG services.
- **37,183** unduplicated persons received CSBG supported services (no additional demographics gathered).

Demographics (cont.)

➤ Race

❖ Black or African American	790
❖ White	776
❖ American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
❖ Asian	5
❖ Multi-race	70
❖ Other	<u>44</u>
	1,691

Demographics (cont.)

➤ Ethnicity

❖ Hispanic or Latino	646
❖ Not Hispanic or Latino	<u>1,043</u>
	1,691

Demographics (cont.)

➤ Age

❖ 0-5	268
❖ 6-17	350
❖ 18-23	144
❖ 24-44	460
❖ 45-54	177
❖ 55+	<u>103</u>
	1,691

Demographics (cont.)

➤ Education -Adults ages 25+ and over:

❖ 0-8	5%
❖ 9-12/Non Graduate	18%
❖ HS Grad/GED	42%
❖ 12+ Post Secondary	16%
❖ 2 or 4 Yr. College Graduate	13%
❖ Grad of other post-secondary	6%

Demographics (cont.)

➤ Housing

❖ Own	3%
❖ Rent	89%
❖ Homeless	5%
❖ Other	3%

Successes

- **466 persons avoided eviction.**
 - ❖ Exceeded our goal of 375 persons (124.27% of goal)
- **15 unemployed adults obtained employment with a living wage or higher.**
 - ❖ Exceeded our goal of 10 persons (150% of goal)
- **43 persons transitioned out of poverty**
 - ❖ Met our goal of 43 persons (100% of goal)

Successes (cont.)

- **30,403** persons received food assistance
- **353** persons received rent assistance
- **775 Flu Shots** provided by Public Health Nurses at the Neighborhood Center
- **7,073** persons served received Public Health Nursing services at the Neighborhood Centers

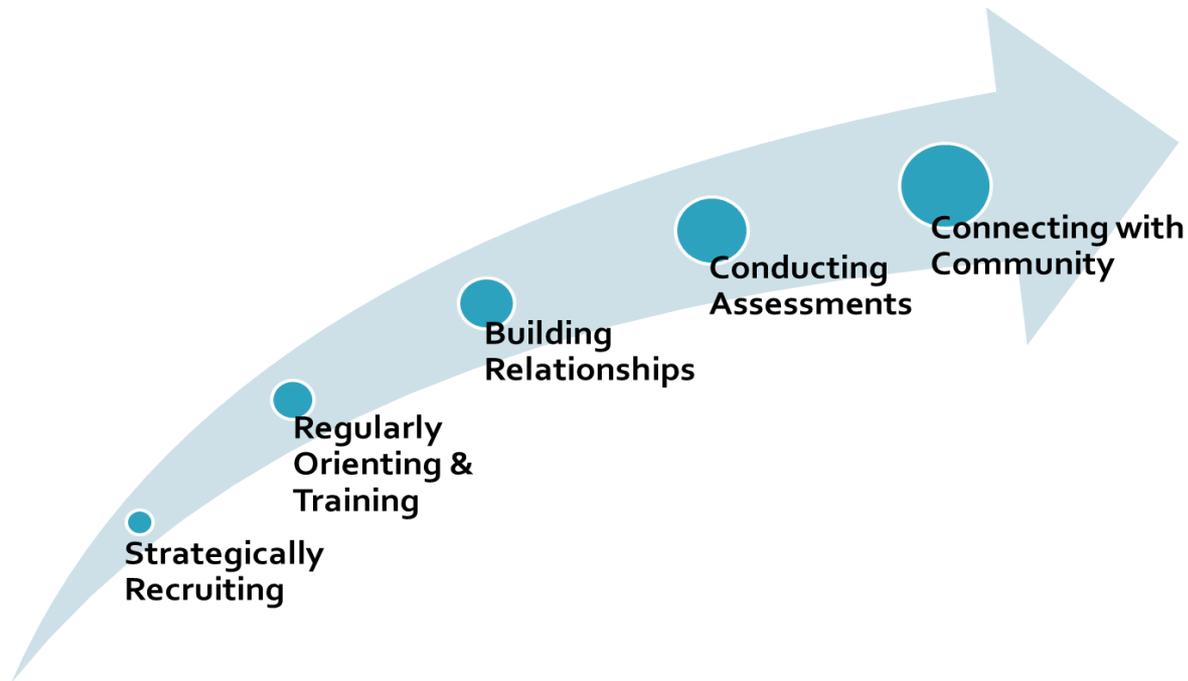
Successes (cont.)

- **669 persons received tax preparation services.**
 - ❖ Partnership with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Areas for Improvement

- **Sharpen focus on outreach to low-income individuals and families**
- **Continue to explore options for service expansion to underserved areas**
- **Continue to strengthen partnerships that help remove barriers to self-sufficiency**

CDC Commissioners Ways to INCREASE Engagement



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