



Michigan Community Action is the state association for the 27 designated Community Action Agencies in Michigan that help people move from poverty to economic stability and self-sufficiency.

#### Mission

Michigan Community Action leads and serves a poverty-fighting network. We are dedicated to helping people and changing lives, through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

#### Vision

Economic opportunity and stability for all.



## The MCA network is united by the Promise of Community Action:

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



Community Action Agencies **HELP** homeowners, communities, families and participants engage with programs and resources that provide guidance and support to empower positive change in their lives.

# **Housing and homelessness**

Weatherization, rent assistance, temporary housing.

# **Emergencies**

Food, heating, and transportation services.

# Learning

Early childhood education, financial literacy, employment, and parenting.

# **Poverty**

Alleviating poverty and building self-sufficiency.











# **Ottawa County Community Action Agency**

**Counties served: Ottawa** 

**5.7%** of households using SNAP benefits



## **Mission**

OCCAA aims to reduce the effects of financial hardships by promoting self-sufficiency and empowering individuals and families to achieve economic independence.

#### 2024:

4,063

households per quarter served with pantry TEFAP food

482

clients helped with utility payments

46

homes weatherized



## **Areas of Need**



## **Food & Emergency Needs**

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Emergency Utility Assistance
- Michigan Energy Assistance Program (HEAT)



#### **Benefits**

- MI Bridges Community Partner
- Tax Preparation



### **Older Adults**

Home Repair



## Veteran/Migrant

**Migrant Services** 



# Housing, Employment & Community Development

Weatherization, Home Repair, and/or Home Rehab