



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.











### **Monroe County Opportunity Program**

**Counties served: Monroe** 

9.9% of households using SNAP benefits



#### **Mission**

To reduce the effects of poverty by empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and mobilizing resources.

2023:

2,746,521 pounds of food distributed

households moved from homelessness to housing

youth participated in summer camp, Tot-Lot, and after school programming

### **Areas of Need**



### 🍟 Children

Youth Programs including mentoring, afterschool programs, summer camp, recreation leagues, substance use prevention



#### **Food & Emergency Needs**

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



#### **Benefits**

- MI Bridges Community Partner
- Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)
- Tax Preparation



#### **Veteran/Migrant**

Supportive Services for Veterans



### Older Adults

- Transportation for Older Adults
- Home Repair
- In-Home Services
- Installation of Safety Devices
- Volunteer Caregiver Program,
- Resource Advocacy
- Chore Services



### **Housing, Employment & Community Development**

- Housing Programs
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Weatherization, Home Repair, and/or Home Rehab
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)
- Foreclosure Prevention & Intervention
- Transportation
- Home Buyer Education & Home Ownership
- Financial Literacy & Self-Sufficiency