



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.

# Mid Michigan Community Action Agency

Counties served: Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland, Muskegon, Oceana, Osceola

**14.92%** of households using SNAP benefits

2023:

**459**

Head Start and Early Head Start children served

**291**

households helped with unforeseen expenses

**533**

households maintained/restored water services

**282**

homes weatherized

**834**

households helped with filing taxes

**14,168**

diapers delivered to houses

**282**

households provided with financial assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, including 29 veterans

## Mission

Mid Michigan Community Action guides local residents on the path to self-sufficiency through empowerment, education and community enrichment.



## Areas of Need



### Children

- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
- Diaper Assistance Program



### Food

- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA)



### Benefits

- MI Bridges Community Partner
- Tax Preparation
- Home Heating Credits



### Critical Needs

- Utility Shutoff Assistance
- Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)
- Emergency Shelter Program (ESP)
- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing



### Veteran

- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- Michigan Veteran Homelessness Prevention



### Housing

- Housing Programs
- Weatherization & Home Repair
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)
- Foreclosure Prevention & Intervention
- Individual Development Accounts
- Homebuyer Education
- Home Ownership Financial Literacy
- Senior Housing