



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.

# Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

Counties served: Berrien, Cass, Van Buren

**13.21%** of households using SNAP benefits



## Mission

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency (SMCAA) is dedicated to empowering individuals and families in need and supporting their journey towards economic security.

**2024:**

**4,605**

individuals served

**48**

homes weatherized

**48,938**

USDA food boxes distributed to seniors and families.

**1,450**

utility payments issued, including water and sewer



## Areas of Need



### Food & Emergency Needs

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Emergency Utility Assistance



### Benefits

MI Bridges Community Partner



### Housing, Employment & Community Development

- Housing Programs
- Weatherization, Home Repair, and/or Home Rehab
- Homeless Shelter

