



Community Action Directors of Oregon

"Promoting Solutions to Poverty"

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa Counties

Community Connection of NE Oregon, Inc.

Benton, Linn and Lincoln Counties

Community Services Consortium **Clackamas County**

Clackamas County Social Services

Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook County

Community Action Team, Inc.

Coos and Curry Counties

Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCA)

Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties

Central Oregon Community Action Network (COCAAN)

Douglas & Josephine County

Umpqua Community Action Network (UCAN)

Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler Counties

CAP of East Central Oregon (CAPECO)

Jackson County

ACCESS, Inc.

Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties

Mid-Columbia CAC

Klamath and Lake Counties

Klamath and Lake Community Action

Lane County

Lane County Human Services Commission

Marion and Polk Counties

Community Action

Serving Marion-Polk

Multnomah County

Multnomah County Office of Schools and Community Partnerships

Washington County

Community Action Organization

Yamhill County

Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP)

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Our Promise

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

2007 Legislative Goals

In the 2007 Legislative Session, the Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO) will pursue the following goals to advance solutions to poverty in our communities:

- ❑ **Enhance funding for Emergency Homelessness Assistance by a minimum of \$5 million dollars.** In Oregon, on any given night more than 8,000 people seek emergency homelessness assistance. Tragically, many are turned away due to a lack of funding. We are committed to enhancing this critical safety net to create opportunities towards self-sufficiency for all Oregonians.
- ❑ **Increase funding for the Oregon Energy Assistance Program from \$10 million to \$15 million dollars.** Today, the number of families on waiting lists for assistance in Oregon exceeds 15,000 households. With the rising energy prices, many low-income families are struggling to pay electric and heating bills and face potential utility shut-offs. Expanding assistance and adjusting it each year to reflect inflation will significantly help many low-income families now and in the future.

CADO Supports Our Friends

The Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Housing Alliance, Oregon Coalition on Housing & Homelessness and Oregon Housing & Community Services all work to eradicate the causes and conditions of poverty that exist in Oregon today. We join our allies in support of the following concepts:

- ❑ Advocating for \$100 million dollars in new revenue for affordable housing;
- ❑ Increasing Oregon Pre-Kindergarten head start funding
- ❑ Strengthening protections from unjust lending practices;
- ❑ Reinstating the General Assistance Program;
- ❑ Enhancing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families;
- ❑ Increasing funding for Oregon Food Bank's statewide network;
- ❑ Protecting Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit;
- ❑ Expanding WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Coupon Programs;
- ❑ Creating access to available health care and human resources by supporting Oregon's 2-1-1 statewide telephone system; and
- ❑ Increasing health care opportunities for all Oregonians.