

Community Action:

Confronting Economic Challenges With Opportunities For Change



29th FACA Annual Training Conference

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Florida Community Action Agency of the Year Award

The Community Action Agency of the Year Award was established by the Florida Association for Community Action (FACA), Inc. to recognize and honor achievements by the Community Action Agency (CAA) which fostered the mission of community action through assisting the greatest number of families and individuals to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency within their communities. This award also recognizes local advocacy efforts, community participation, partnerships and collaborations formed by the agency to assist low-income citizens in their journey to self-sufficiency as well as the agency's efforts to achieve organizational excellence and represent the best practices within the network.

The Community Action Agency of the Year Award should represent what Community Action is all about: "*Helping people and changing lives*". Community Action Agencies have been honoring "Achievers" by opening doors and leading the way from poverty to economic independence since 1964. Every CAA has success stories of program participants and with this award: the Association seeks to honor those agencies that have turned hope into reality for low-income citizens.

Eligibility Criteria

The Community Action Agency nominated must be a member of FACA and can:

- Demonstrate outcomes which reflect how program participants have changed their lives and achieved economic self-sufficiency with the assistance of the Community Action Agency;
- Demonstrate outcomes reflecting its contributions to improving the community for its low-income citizens through advocacy at the local, state and national levels; collaborations and partnerships; community involvement and public service, or some other vehicle;
- Demonstrate the Agency's efforts toward maximum feasible participation thru employment of its' low-income clients;
- Demonstrate organizational effectiveness thru clear evidence of ROMA implementation, i.e., an integrated management information system; common client intake; agency use of Logic Models and outcome scales; agency self evaluations and community needs assessments in the past two (2) years;
- Demonstrate agency engagement in strategic planning, succession planning;
- Demonstrate evidence of annual Audits and State Monitorings with no material findings for the past three (3) years.

Nomination Procedure

FACA members may nominate an agency by submitting the following:

- Official nomination form;
- A narrative of no more than two pages demonstrating the nominee eligibility for this award; and
- Supporting material (e.g., press clippings, articles, letters, or photos)

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Please adhere to the nomination guidelines to ensure the candidates eligibility. The nomination packet must include the official nomination form, narrative, and letter of support. If your nominee is selected, the Florida Association for Community Action will request that you provide a three-minute videotape featuring your award nominee. The video of the award recipient will be presented during the *Opening Luncheon* at the 2009 FACA Annual Conference in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Selection and Submission Deadline

The Executive Director of the Community Action Agency award recipient will be notified at least one month before the Conference. The Award will be presented during the *Opening Luncheon* and nominations must be received or postmarked by **April 3, 2009** to be considered. Please mail nominations to the following:

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2009 Florida Community Action Agency of the Year Award
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