



THE QUARTERLY CAA-NECTION Quarter 4 - 2022

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What's New in CAA

The Phase 2 Staffing Pilot is currently underway! Through the Community Action Agency (CAA) partnership with the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA), newly recruited staff were placed with Agencies who demonstrated a need for additional field staff. These Agencies were St. Clair County and Champaign County. The staff are settling into their roles and are engaging in weekly meetings with IACAA.

Recap and Future of Phase 3 of the Staffing Pilot

Phase 3 will be implemented in 2023. One of its strategic areas of focus is coordination with IACAA and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to build a network of supplemental staff resources with a pathway for permanent employment at Agencies in need. The Implementation Team will assess Agency needs for full-time staff and coordinate recruitment efforts with workforce development and employment partners. Phase 3 design will mimic Phase 1 and Phase 2. In an effort to increase access to training, all newly hired staff will begin Illinois Weatherization Training and Certification Program (TCP training) in January of 2023 with completion in May of 2023. As with Phase 2, Phase 3 incorporates partnerships with career centers and community colleges to build a continual supply of staffing resources to Agencies. This initiative will serve as one of the major candidate pipelines to support the Agency Supplemental Staffing Initiative through 2023 and beyond.

By agency Phase III includes C.E.F.S (Christian, Montgomery, Shelby, Moultrie, Fayette, Effingham, Clay), ERBA (Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Jasper, Crawford, Richland, Lawrence), East Central, (Iroquois, Ford, Vermillion), Sangamon (Sangamon), Two Rivers (Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Pike), Illinois Valley (Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, St. Clair (St. Clair). 7 agencies covering 29 counties.

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Yearly Forecast

Congratulations to Bond, Clinton, Marion and Washington Counties (B.C.M.W) and Christian, Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Montgomery, Moultrie, and Shelby (C.E.F.S) for their excellent progress in quarter three! They are starting ahead of the game for quarter four.

New in 2023: The First CAA Kickoff

We want to recognize you for all you do! Our first CAA Kickoff will be taking place in January 2023. The Kickoff will include information on current trends and goal forecasting for the year and will also include speakers from the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program, the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies and more!



Developing Career Pathways

CAA Liaison Taria Armstrong and Program Coordinator Tiffany Irby (*pictured above*) attended the DIGIM College Fair to provide outreach and information about the CAA Program and to provide students with information on careers in weatherization and energy efficiency.

Agency Spotlight

St. Clair County experienced extra excitement recently as the US Department of Energy (USDOE) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) monitored their Weatherization program. The Weatherization program provides eligible families in St. Clair County with the labor and materials necessary to weatherize their homes to assist with energy efficiencies. The Weatherization program also helps eligible families with furnace repair or replacement. Congratulations to Weatherization Coordinator Lial Field and his staff Nancy Wilson, Michael Shoemaker, and Kyle Kukorola for all of their dedication and hard work to the program and thank you to the staff at DCEO for all of their support.

Share your success with us!



Share your story, and you could be featured in an Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program Good News article. Please submit your success stories to your respective CAA Liaison:

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