



## THE QUARTERLY CAA-NECTION Quarter 1 - 2023

You are receiving this newsletter as part of your participation in the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program.

### *Phase 3 Internship Program*

The Community Action Agency (CAA) Channel offered through the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program is currently seeking candidates for internship. Currently the Program is recruiting for C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation and Two Rivers Regional Council. Recruitment across the service territory for the Agencies that have chosen to participate is underway. In partnership with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the internship will be a one year paid employment training. The candidates will receive on-the-job training that can transfer into practical career skills. They will also receive two certifications as Field Assessors and Final Inspectors to help achieve and advance their career goals. For additional information regarding the internship, please contact **Diana Fuller** at [dfuller@ameren.com](mailto:dfuller@ameren.com).

### *Phase 2 Success Story*

Through the CAA Channel partnership with the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA), newly recruited staff were placed with Agencies who demonstrate a need for additional Field Assessors. The two candidates have been working with St. Clair County and Champaign County. The Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program will be participating in field days with both Agencies to learn more about what a day in the life of an Assessor is like. The trainees have completed their Illinois Weatherization Training and Certification Program (TCP) courses and are now planning for the field exam and the written exam for Final Inspectors (QCI).

### *2023 Kickoff Event: Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL*

Join us to kickoff the year ahead as we listen to an inspired message, discuss the 2023 measures, hear from our Partners and connect with your CAA Channel. **Please click this link to register.**

Questions? Contact your CAA Liason.



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## ***Outreach in the Community***

### ***Sangamon County***

Capitol Area Career Center Event Dec. 9, 2022

The CAA Channel Staff attended this event to speak with students interested in pursuing careers in weatherization.

### ***Stark County Career Fair***

At the Stark County Career Fair, those in attendance were able to learn about careers in weatherization and how to explore additional contractor opportunities. *(Pictured right)*



### ***BPA Upper Midwest Conference***

Attended by Melissa Davenport and James Croft, this event was filled with networking opportunities and information sharing opportunities for the CAA Channel.

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## ***Participation Agreement Reminder***

All Participation Agreements must be turned in as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the agreement, please reach out to your regional Liaison as soon as they are approved.

## ***Agency Shout Outs***

### **2022 Production**

**We ended the year with 311 projects! Thank you to all the Agencies for working with us and allowing our team to assist you in removing barriers, no matter how big or small. Together we got it done.**

Top producers include:

Bond, Clinton, Marion and Washington (BCMW) Community Services | Crosswalk Community Action Agency

Madison County Community Development | Tazwood Community Services, Inc. | Tri-County Opportunities Council



### ***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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