



## Who we are

**Community Action Partnership of Utah (CAP Utah)** is the statewide association for Utah's nine Community Action Agencies. The Community Action network envisions an end to poverty in Utah. Our member agencies work toward this vision every day by providing services to low-income families and individuals across the state.

CAP Utah advocates for, supports, and provides training and technical assistance to Utah's Community Action Agencies, utilizing our collective strength to address the causes of poverty. Our advocacy focuses on low-income housing, work supports and asset building. Our biggest internal effort to fight poverty comes from our support of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

### **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 Partnership of Utah**

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## Vote!

Fall is here and it's an election year. For me, this time of year might equate to Football season for some people. I love it. The excitement of the campaigns. The news stories. The people walking neighborhoods. Every candidate and campaign worker is focused on one thing: Election Day. A few of us will even go to the polls and vote on November 2.

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report Utah has the lowest voter turnout in the nation. This is sad, but true. This right to vote is a wonderful thing, yet the vast majority of Utahns don't take advantage of it. This means we must live with the choices others make: those that they elect, the bonds they pass (or not), the initiatives they pass.

Voting is not just a right it is a responsibility. We all have a responsibility to our community, our state, our children to get out and make our voices heard. Democracy depends on an active voter base. So get out and vote! Early voting has started – so do it today - or, if you're like me wait until Election Day. It doesn't matter when you vote, it just matters that you do it. Then sit back with a bowl of popcorn and wait for the results on the 10:00 news.

Oh, and by the way, it doesn't end on November 2. Being an active participant in our democracy means you must pay attention to what candidates do when they are elected officials as well. Hold them accountable, guide them, make your voice heard.

801-596-2011 (fax)

[www.caputah.org](http://www.caputah.org)

[www.facebook.com/CAPUtah](http://www.facebook.com/CAPUtah)

## Member Agencies

**Bear River Association of Governments - serving Box Elder, Rich and Cache counties.**

170 North Main  
Logan, UT 84321  
435.752.7242  
435.752.6962 (fax)  
1.877.772.7242 (toll free)

[www.brag\\_dst.ut.us](http://www.brag_dst.ut.us)

**Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership - serving Weber county.**

3159 Grant Ave.  
Ogden, UT 84401  
801.399.9281  
801.399.9887 (fax)

[www.owcap.org](http://www.owcap.org)

**Family Connection Center - serving Davis and Morgan counties.**

1360 East 1450 South  
Clearfield, UT 84015  
801.773.0712  
801.774.8267 (fax)

[www.fccdavis.org](http://www.fccdavis.org)

**Salt Lake Community Action Program - serving Salt Lake and Tooele counties.**

764 South 200 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
801.359.2444  
801.355.1798 (fax)

[www.slcap.org](http://www.slcap.org)

**Uintah Basin Association of Governments - serving Daggett, Uintah and Duchesne counties.**

330 East 100 South  
Roosevelt, Utah 84066  
435.722.4518  
435.722.4890 (fax)

**Community Action Services and Food Bank - serving Summit, Utah and Wasatch counties.**

815 S. Freedom Blvd. Suite 100  
801.373.8200  
801.373.8228 (fax)



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Give back to your community—  
**Volunteer!**

Help low- to moderate-income households  
keep more of what they earn and bring millions  
of Earned Income Tax Credit dollars  
into Utah's economy!



It may only be October and tax season is probably the last thing on the minds of most, but we at Community Action Partnership of Utah are not most people. We have already begun recruiting volunteers for the 2011 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) season. Anyone living in South Salt Lake, West Valley, Murray, or Midvale look in your Valley Journal for our volunteer ads, and anyone living in Tooele County look for our ads in the Tooele Transcript.

Also, for any organization interested in hearing more about volunteering with VITA in these areas, please contact Casey Christoffersen ([casey@caputah.org](mailto:casey@caputah.org) 801 433 3025 ext 3). Casey would also be happy to visit

001.373.0220 (fax)

[www.communityactionprovo.org](http://www.communityactionprovo.org)

**Six County Association of Governments - serving Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute and Wayne counties.**

250 North Main Street  
Richfield, UT 84701  
435.896.9222  
435.896.6951 (fax)  
888.899.4447 (toll free)

[www.sixcounty.com](http://www.sixcounty.com)

**Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments - serving Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan counties.**

P.O. Box 1106  
Price, UT 84501  
435.637.7323  
435.637.5448 (fax)

[www.seualg.dst.ut.us](http://www.seualg.dst.ut.us)

**Five County Association of Governments - serving Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield and Kane counties.**

1070 W. 1600 S. Building B  
P.O. Box 1550  
St. George, UT 84770  
435.673.3548  
435.673.3540 (fax)

[www.fcaog.state.ut.us](http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us)

**Utahns Against Hunger - serving the State of Utah.**

455 East 400 South, Suite 407  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
801.328.2561

[www.uah.org](http://www.uah.org)



your office in order to better explain the importance of the program and what each volunteer means to the community. As added incentive we will be more than happy to provide lunch for any attendees interested in volunteering.

**For more information about Utah's Statewide VITA program - Earn it. Keep it. Save it. Please contact Melissa Jensen at 801 433 3025 ext 7 or [mjensen@caputah.org](mailto:mjensen@caputah.org)**

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## **BELIEVE in Your Future!**

Community Action Partnership of Utah is excited to be a part of the Utah Council on Financial and Economic Education (UCFEE) which is dedicated to boosting Utah's economy through financial resources and education and making the dreams of Utahns a reality. Please visit [www.believeinyourfuture.org](http://www.believeinyourfuture.org) and see how partners (public and private) are working toward this goal!

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## **Community Partnerships and Benefits Enrollment**

In response to some of the negative fallout of the now renowned immigration list that was distributed by two DWS employees, the Department teamed together with CAP Utah to provide a full day workshop on immigration issues and benefits enrollment for various assistance programs. The agenda included the following topics:

- Federal Health Reform in Utah
- Overview of Unemployment Insurance - policies and procedures
- Health Services Availability for Undocumented Individuals and Families
- Rights of Undocumented Individuals and Families
- Historical Perspective of Immigration Immigration Myths
- DWS Eligibility and Benefits Enrollment, including

an Overview of DWS Privacy Policies; Application Process, Appeals Process and Policies for DWS services; and a Discussion of DWS Assistance Programs and Procedures.

The response was overwhelming! More than 140 people registered and another 50 more had to be turned away due to space limitations. This level of interest indicates the need amongst community-based workers to have a better understanding of the various aid programs; as well emphasizes the importance of strong partnerships across the state. The workshop was a great success and will be offered on a biannual basis.

Special thanks to the Utah Housing and Community Development State Community Services Office for Funding the Workshop and to the Utah Department of Workforce Services, ACLU Utah, Utah Domestic Violence Council, Salt Lake Community Action Program, and the Association for Utah Community Health for providing their knowledge and skills for the workshop.

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