

Community Action was supposed to be about family and community CHANGE – SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE, LIFE/COMMUNITY CHANGING CHANGE, NOT about providing emergency and temporary services and outputs. CAAs should be about community involvement and leadership, being a community catalyst and advocate (where the advocacy and education are needed), and not measuring temporary OUTPUTS! The Report change largely takes us backwards regarding outputs...we simply become another service provider.

The real impact comes of CAA comes from community involvement: sitting and being heard at the decision tables, be recognized as community/county/state LEADERS, recognized as problem solvers, being capable of leveraging resources and finding solutions (which may be had without \$\$\$), demonstrate high integrity and transparency, being individual/family/business/community mentors, developing and growing networks/collaborations/partnerships! If direct services are provided, either directly or indirectly, then they should only do so if the service embraces and funds intensive case management (which no one wants to fund). If we are not a community leader and dynamic, we will become irrelevant. The Annual Report should reflect the importance and uniqueness of CAAs and not relegate to counting the number of food vouchers delivered – to quote ROMA (which I am so happy has been placed with continuous improvement which is a concept the rest of the world understand, then “so what”! Please don’t take us backwards!!!!