



INTRODUCTION

Advocacy is a key lever Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) uses to help move people out of poverty. The agency pursues its advocacy goals through an educational lens, as opposed to lobbying for or against specific legislative bills. This includes sharing information about the needs and experiences of community members to expand policymakers' awareness of the impact and/or urgency of legislation.

The agency has the following priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session. These priorities are consistent with the 2024 Legislative Agenda from our statewide association, MinnCAP. By promoting greater opportunity and support for traditionally marginalized communities in Hennepin County, these priorities are in alignment with CAP-HC's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

MINNCAP*-LED INITIATIVES



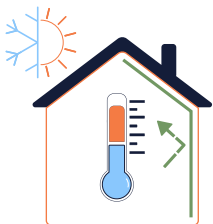
Minnesota Community Action Grant (MCAG)

Educate policymakers about the importance of MCAG funding, setting up a discussion for future legislative requests. MCAG's flexible funding allows Community Action Agencies and Tribal Nations to meet and respond to the specific needs of people with low income in their communities.



Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) Program

Educate policymakers about the importance of FAIM, setting up a discussion for future legislative requests. FAIM helps Minnesotans with low incomes move out of poverty and achieve wealth through asset acquisition.



Workforce Training, Pre-Weatherization, and Weatherization

Collaborate with the Department of Commerce to expedite the allocation of workforce training funds and guarantee the preparedness of our network and weatherization service providers to efficiently utilize the pre-weatherization funds.



MINNCAP-SUPPORTED INITIATIVES



Provide support for possible changes to the Diaper Grant Program.



Support Legal Services Advocacy Project's (LSAP's) legislative proposal to address utility fee regulation of low-income, multi-unit rental dwellings.

COALITION SUPPORT



CAP-HC also supports the advocacy efforts of additional coalitions by offering input and educational support for their legislative initiatives.

- ◆ Homeownership Minnesota
- ◆ Homes for All
- ◆ Minnesota Head Start Association
- ◆ Partners to End Hunger
- ◆ Volunteer Driver Coalition

ABOUT CAP-HC

CAP-HC is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps Hennepin County residents with lower incomes stabilize and lift themselves out of poverty. We are a proud member of a national network of over 1,000 Community Action Agencies committed to poverty reduction in the United States. The network was established in 1964 with the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act.



*Minnesota Community Action Partnership (MinnCAP) is the state association for 24 Community Action Agencies and 11 Tribal Nations in Minnesota.

