

Agenda: Day 1

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

8:00-
9:00am

Registration & Coffee – (Breakfast included in overnight hotel stay)

9:00-
9:15am

Welcome (Atrium)

9:15-
10:00am

Keynote Speaker: Camela Hughes, Ph.D., Program Assessment & Effectiveness Research Specialist, LaSalle School (Atrium)

10:15-
11:15am

Keynote Speaker: Denise Harlow, CEO, Community Action Partnership (Atrium)

11:15-
11:30am

Morning Break (please visit our Exhibitors in the Atrium)

11:30am-
12:30pm

Panel Discussion: Community Action Agencies and Census 2020 / Hard to Count Populations: What can we do? (Atrium)

Denise Harlow, CEO, Community Action Partnership
Jeff Wice, Fellow, Rockefeller Institute of Government

12:30-
1:30pm

Lunch Provided (Gazebo)

1:30-
3:00pm

Breakout Sessions –

A. NYS Budget Update / Priorities and Strong Nonprofits Campaign (Teleconference Room)

Ron Deutsch, Executive Director, Fiscal Policy Institute

B. Trauma Informed Care (Atrium)

Timothy Hathaway, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse New York

Jenn O'Connor, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Prevent Child Abuse New York

3:00-
3:15pm

Networking Afternoon Break – Refreshments Provided (please visit our Exhibitors!)

3:15-
4:45pm

Breakout Sessions –

A. Advancing Energy Affordability and Access to Clean Energy in NYS (Teleconference Room)

Chris Coll, Low- to Moderate-Income Strategy and Policy Development Team Lead, NYSERDA

Chris Rogers, Project Manager, NY-Sun, NYSERDA

B. CAAs and Rural Health: Opportunities for Partnership (Atrium)

Jack Salo, Rural Health Network of SCNY

Maureen Abbott, Tioga Opportunities, Inc.

Agenda: Day 2

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:30-
9:00am

Coffee Provided (Breakfast included in overnight hotel stay)

9:00-
10:00am

Keynote Speaker: Ruthie Liberman, Vice President of Public Policy, EMPATH - Economic
Mobilities Pathway (Atrium)

10:00-
10:15am

Break – Refreshments Provided (please visit our Exhibitors in the Atrium)

10:15-
11:45am

Breakout Sessions –

A. CAA Innovative Programs (Atrium)

*Chari Jones, Director of Employment Services, Schenectady Community
Action Program (SCAP)*

Laura Rossman, CEO, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.

*Margie Lawlor, Director of Special Projects, Pro Action of Steuben
and Yates, Inc.*

Patrick Waite, Senior Director of Program Services, Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.

B. Engaging the Whole Family (Teleconference Room)

*Sherry M. Cleary, Executive Director, New York Early Childhood Professional
Development Institute, City University of New York (CUNY)*

Presentations

Wednesday, March 27th

KEYNOTE

9:15AM – 10:00AM (Atrium) | Keynote
ACEs, your clients, and you: An overview of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience, and Impact on Human Service Providers

Camela Hughes, PhD, Program Assessment & Effectiveness Research Specialist, LaSalle School

Dr. Hughes will provide an overview of ACEs and the role trauma plays in people's lives. She will also speak to the Pair of ACEs which demonstrates a relationship between family and community adversity. She will end her talk with stressing the importance and the necessity of human service providers need to care for themselves.

KEYNOTE

10:15AM – 11:15AM (Atrium) | Keynote

Denise Harlow, CEO, Community Action Partnership

Community Action leadership during these challenging times calls us to be vocal advocates for the families and communities we serve. If not Community Action, then who will speak? The narrative on poverty needs to be changed to reflect the struggles and complexities families face and Community Action has the data and the stories to tell an accurate story. Community Action provides hope and opportunity every day. Denise will share her perspective on the role of Community Action leaders in today's poverty debate.

**11:30AM – 12:30PM | Community Action Agencies and Census 2020/
Hard to Count Populations: What can we do? (Atrium)**

*Denise Harlow, CEO, Community Action Partnership;
Jeff Wice, Fellow, Rockefeller Institute of Government*

“Get Out the Count” efforts are critical to the 2020 US Census, and to ensuring an accurate count, especially in hard to count communities. The panelists will discuss undertakings at both the national and state levels for Census 2020. You will learn about the efforts of the Community Action Partnership collaborative to develop curriculum and provide training and technical assistance. You will also hear about efforts specific to New York State on getting out the count and what you can do in your local communities.

**1:30PM – 3:00PM | Breakout Session
A. NYS Budget Update/Priorities and Strong Nonprofit Campaign
(Teleconference Room)**

Ron Deutsch, Executive Director, Fiscal Policy Institute

This workshop will examine various aspects of the Governor’s Executive Budget and their impact on such topics as: Income Inequality, State Finances and Tax Revenues, Human Services, Housing & Health, Education, Immigration, Economic Development, and Local Government. The presenters will also provide a Policy Recommendations Agenda for New York: FPI will outline progressive public policies that can be adopted to ensure that we create more shared opportunities to help lift New Yorkers out of poverty and provide avenues for upward mobility.

1:30PM – 3:00PM | Breakout Session
B. Trauma Informed Care (Atrium)

Timothy Hathaway, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse New York;
Jenn O'Connor, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Prevent Child Abuse New York

We are all challenged with a flood of new information, initiatives and imperatives. With all of these issues tugging at our attention it is challenging to shift frames to take on trauma informed work. Is it just “one more thing” or is it transformational? This session will explore underlying principles, everyday leadership, systems perspectives and core practices that ground our work in building resilience with our clients, coworkers and ourselves.

3:15PM – 4:45PM | Breakout Session
A. Advancing Energy Affordability and Access to Clean Energy in NYS (Teleconference Room)

Chris Coll, Low-to-Moderate-Income Strategy and Policy Development Team Lead, NYSERDA; Chris Rogers, Project Manager NY-Sun, NYSERDA

New York State is advancing far-reaching clean energy initiatives to spur achievement of important climate and energy affordability objectives, including undertaking clean energy innovation and fundamental regulatory changes to bring new investments into the State that improve consumer choice and affordability. This presentation will provide an overview of the primary initiatives guiding New York State’s clean energy transition with specific focus on how New York is advancing energy affordability and access to clean energy solutions for lower-income and disadvantaged New Yorkers.

3:15PM – 4:45PM | Breakout Session

B. CAAs and Rural Health: Opportunities for Partnership (Atrium)

*Jack Salo, Executive Director, Rural Health Network of South Central New York;
Maureen Abbott, Executive Director, Tioga Opportunities, Inc.*

The state-wide Medicaid reform initiative, DSRIP, has created opportunities for community organizations to work directly with healthcare providers to address the non-clinical, social and economic needs of patients. Many community organizations including Community Action Agencies and Rural Health Networks are DSRIP partners. The DSRIP experience and opportunities for community organizations moving from DSRIP into value based payment networks will be discussed.

Thursday, March 28th

KEYNOTE

9AM – 10:00AM | Keynote (Atrium)

Ruthie Liberman, Vice President of Public Policy, Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)

In this keynote address, Ruthie Liberman, Vice President for Public Policy will share a new way to think about and combat poverty. EMPath has developed a roadmap to help low-income people reach economic independence. Focused on long-term goals, EMPath guides each person in health, family life, career, finances, and education with surprising results. Nearly 120 organization across the United States and in six countries use The Mobility Mentoring® platform developed by EMPath.

BREAKOUT SESSION

**10:15AM – 11:45AM | Breakout Session
A. CAA Innovative Programs (Atrium)**

Chari Jones, Director of Employment Services, Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP); Laura Rossman, CEO Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.; Margie Lawlor, Director of Special Projects, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.; Patrick Waite, Senior Director of Program Services, Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.

Join Community Action Agency (CAA) representatives for a lively conversation about what CAAs are doing to better meet the needs of their program participants. Come hear about an innovative employer-based model employment program, a remote “learning lab” with a community college, and the challenges and accomplishments of a CAA in their process in becoming a Trauma Informed Care Organization.

10:15AM – 11:45AM | Breakout Session
B. Engaging the Whole Family (Teleconference Room)

Sherry M. Cleary, Executive Director, New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, CUNY

All early childhood programs must serve both young children and their families. Failure to embrace this two-generation approach places program success at risk. Families, in all their iterations, are integral to happy and healthy early childhood and programs must embrace a range of strategies that ensure that children and their families are respected and valued for who they are and where they are in the developmental process so they each benefit and attain the outcomes they seek.

Keynote Speakers



Camela Hughes, PhD *Program Assessment & Effectiveness Research Specialist, LaSalle School*

Dr. Camela Hughes has been on LaSalle's staff since 2012 as the Program Assessment and Effectiveness Research Specialist. Her research interests include evidence based practice, trauma informed care, and the linkages between client characteristics, treatment interventions, and outcomes for youth. In addition to her work at LaSalle, Dr. Hughes is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the College of St. Rose. She is the data and research analyst for Ocean Tides in Narragansett, RI.

Dr. Hughes earned bachelor degrees in Criminal Justice and Spanish at the University of Nevada, Reno, and continued her work in Criminal Justice at the University at Albany's School of Criminal Justice, where she received her Master's and PhD.

Denise Harlow *CEO, Community Action Partnership*



Denise Harlow, CCAP, is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Community Action Partnership, a national hub that links the nation's 1,000+ Community Action Agencies to each other and to federal, state, and local leaders looking to connect Americans to greater opportunity. She was appointed the Partnership's CEO in 2014 after serving as Senior Director of Training and Technical Assistance and Interim Chief Operating Officer. Working with Community Action Network partners, Denise was instrumental in the design and deployment of network-wide Organizational Standards and was a leader in the recent update to the Community Action performance management framework.



Ruthie Liberman *Vice President of Public Policy, Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)*

Ruthie Liberman is the Vice President for Public Policy at Economic Mobility Pathways whose mission is to help people move out of poverty and to provide the tools for other organizations to systematically do the same. Ruthie holds a Bachelor's Degree from Pomona College and a Master's Degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. With 25 years of experience in nonprofit strategy, policy and program management she previously worked in

hospital and community health settings and as a Senate Fellow in the California Legislature and the Public Policy Director for Planned Parenthood Los Angeles.