

2008 EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Community-Based Organization of the Year
Community Action of Washington County



Community action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. The agency works in partnership with local governments, businesses and other nonprofits to reduce the effects of poverty on local families and provide them with resources to achieve social and economic self-sufficiency.

The agency helps people and families meet their basic needs and connect with opportunities for self-reliance by providing a diverse set of programs and services including housing and homeless services, energy and emergency rental assistance, weatherization, childcare resources and referral services, head start programs, and information and referral services.

In 2007-08 alone 201 homeless children and parents received a chance to get back on their feet; 569 families facing eviction received rent assistance and 8,403 families stayed warm and safe in their homes with heat and electricity bill payment assistance.

The causes and conditions of poverty are complex and far-reaching, but through the programs offered by Community Action of Washington County, families have a chance to achieve greater financial security and hope.