

Community Action  
Partnership of Staunton,  
Augusta and Waynesboro:

## CAPSAW

### 2013 Annual Report



The Community Action Partnership of Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro, CAPSAW, was formed in 2009 to provide funding and technical assistance for anti-poverty based programming in our community. Although CAPSAW is relatively new to the SAW region it was formed as a direct result of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and it's mission to eliminate poverty and to foster opportunities for individuals, families and communities to achieve economic security. CAPSAW funds services that change people's lives and improve our community.

Since CAPSAW's inception in 2009 over **30,000 individuals** from the Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro region have been served by dozens of agencies receiving over **1.3million dollars**. Roughly 20% of these funds were provided by our localities meaning 80% came from state and federal sources. Partner agencies are chosen through a competitive grants application process. Each year CAPSAW Board Members are asked to determine the best and most appropriate use of these dollars. Each year there are more requests than can be honored. To evaluate success, CAPSAW determines the impact these funds are having on our community and its mission to foster an environment in which economic security for each and every individual and family in the region is attainable.



CAPSAW will continue to focus on impactful programming, strengthening partnerships, encouraging collaboration and elimination of the duplication of effort as we move into future funding cycles. Partner agencies will be asked to continue their efforts in providing services directed towards addressing Self Sufficiency, Family Stability and Community Revitalization and Enhancement.

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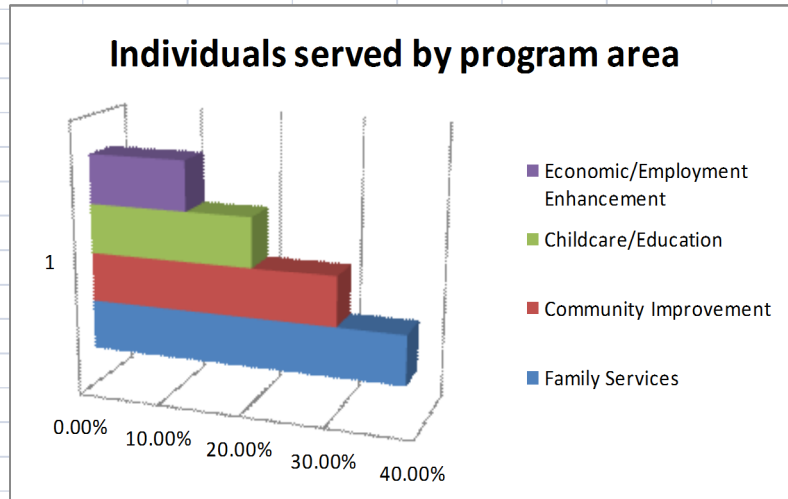
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## What do we know?

Does our region today look any different as a result of the work funded by CAPSAW? Here is what the most recent data tells us:

In Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) over **\$200,000** was distributed to programs providing services to over **3,000** individuals coming from **2,500** families.

- **44%** of those served were children aged 17 and under;
- **62%** of households reported earning an income up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Line (a yearly income of just over \$23,000, or \$1,960 a month, for a family of four);
- **33%** of individuals over age 24 reported some post secondary education;
- **24%** of families served owned their home.



- **133** families were able to move from a crisis facility to safe and stable housing;
- **555** children received educational services provided while caretakers were working;
- Partner agencies tracked **\$530,714** in costs avoided or income added for those they served.

Comparing these figures to previous years helps highlight our path for future programming. CAPSAW will focus on increasing opportunities for growth in income, attainment of higher educational and vocational training goals as well as job skills training and income/ asset development.

## CAPSAW Partner Agencies & Programs FY 13

The Valley Mission	Valley Hope Counseling	Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery
Valley Program For Aging Services	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	Waynesboro Area Learning Tree (WALT)
Boys and Girls Club	Valley Children's Center	Community Child Care
New Directions Center	Daily Living Center	Rebuilding Together Greater Augusta
Blue Ridge Legal Services	Augusta Regional Free Clinic	Valley Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

