



INTRODUCTION

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) has adopted the following Advocacy Policy Statements that support its mission of “working in partnership with the San Bernardino communities to support low-income residents in achieving self-sufficiency”. The focus of CAPSBC includes, but is not limited to, topics addressed by the Statements. The Statements serve as a guide to the CAPSBC board and staff as they work to promote self-sufficiency among low-income people. CAPSBC supports efforts to address issues relating to the Statements. CAPSBC acknowledges that solutions for some topic areas may proceed more rapidly for various reasons than for other areas. CAPSBC cannot support efforts that promote solutions in one or more topic areas that are set forth at the expense of other topic areas.

ADVOCACY POLICY STATEMENTS

Child and Youth Development

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to increase the availability and accessibility of quality child and youth development services and opportunities for low-income families. To that end CAPSBC will seek to promote new/expanded sources of funding and coordination of services that address the family as a primary learning unit.

Economic and Community Development

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to implement economic/community development principles in communities that benefit low-income individuals. This includes but is not limited to the use of workforce development (Workforce Investment Boards), neighborhood reinvestment strategies or the creation of community development financial institutions or other resources. To that end CAPSBC will monitor and advocate for the creation of economic/community development programs, projects and plans that both include and benefit low-income individuals in the process.

Employment and Asset Development

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to increase and enhance the creation of additional income/asset-building and employment opportunities. This includes but is not limited to the use of economic and community development and Workforce Investment Board strategies and resources. To that end CAPSBC will monitor and advocate for the creation of capital and opportunities that will support the creation of jobs, small/micro business enterprises and community development financial institutions.

Individual and Family Development

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to support individuals, families and communities to help them to develop capacity that will improve their condition. Further CAPSBC supports the development of opportunities for low-income persons to participate in such legislation/initiatives that affect them and to advocate for themselves. To that end CAPSBC will monitor and advocate for improvements in areas including but not limited to: Financial Services, Education, Health Services, Insurance, Energy, Technology and Senior Services.

Health and Quality of Life

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to improve the health and well being of low-income families and individuals. From research to the development of products/services CAPSBC is committed to ensuring that opportunities exist for low-income families and individuals to participate in and receive the benefit of new approaches to healthy living. To that end CAPSBC will work with others to identify areas of effective support of efforts to achieve a healthy quality of life.

Housing

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to increase the availability and accessibility of quality affordable housing for low-income families and individuals as well as to develop comprehensive responses to address homelessness and related concerns including but not limited to: residential weatherization, and residential utility assistance. To that end CAPSBC will assist in monitoring the appropriation of resources and promulgation of laws to facilitate housing development.

Hunger

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to increase the availability and/or accessibility of quality nutrition resources for low-income families/individuals and that develop longer-term sustainable approaches to alleviating hunger. To that end CAPSBC will monitor conditions that contribute to hunger and seek to develop new and expanded solutions.

Poverty

CAPSBC supports and promotes legislation and public/private initiatives that are designed to increase income/assets of low-income families and individuals and the goal of which is to improve conditions that affect them. To that end CAPSBC will monitor the measures of poverty and seek to develop new and expanded solutions.