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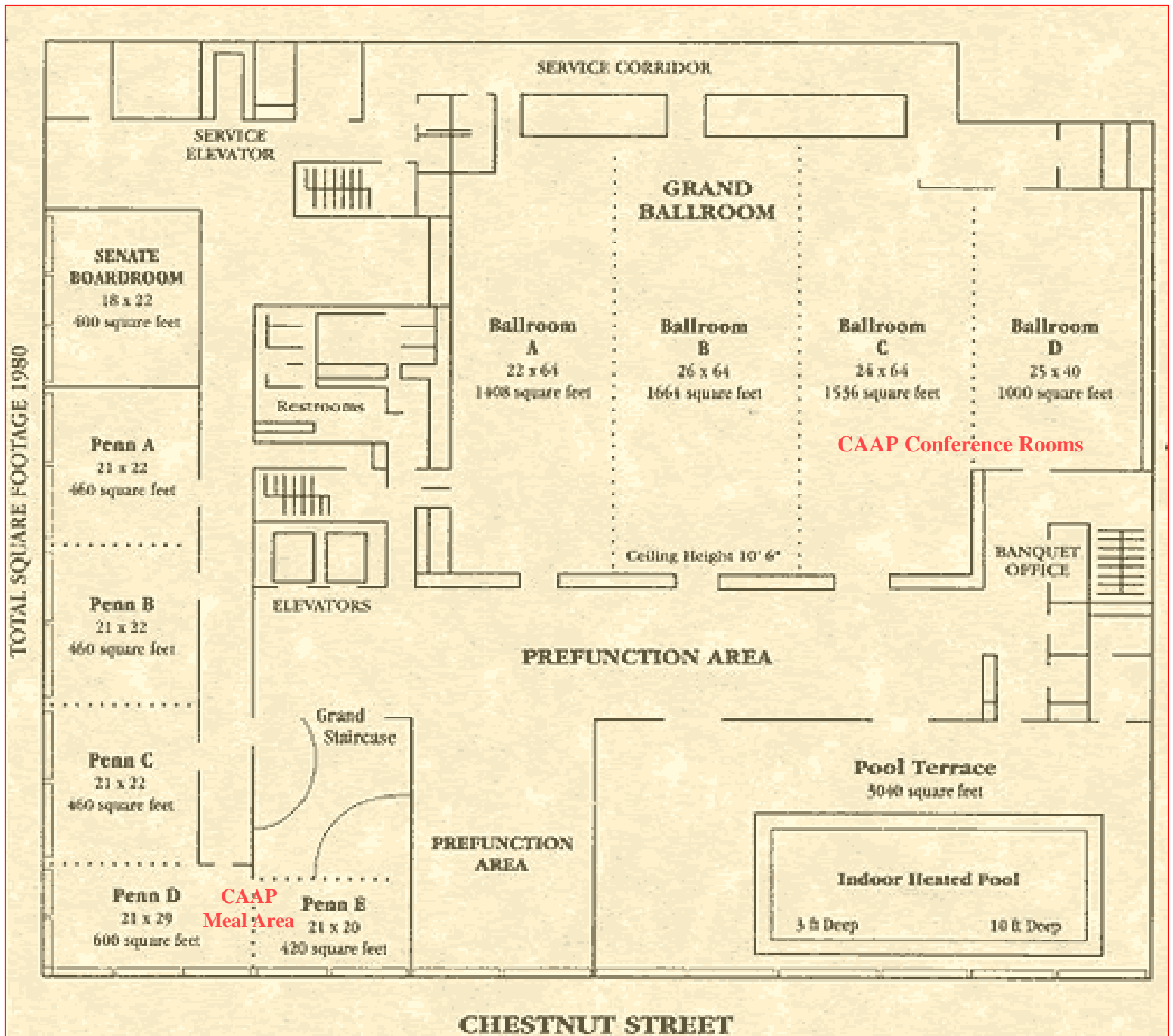
Community Action
Association
of Pennsylvania

2006 Winter Conference on Policy & Legislation



NCAF Reception: Monday evening, February 6, 2006
Conference: February 7 - 8, 2006
Crowne Plaza, Harrisburg

Floor Plan
Crowne Plaza Harrisburg - 2nd Floor - Mezzanine Level



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This conference will provide you, your key staff and your board members with the opportunity to discuss trends in public policy, strategize with the membership about policy and legislation, meet with key decision makers and visit your state legislators to support CAAP's legislative efforts.

CAAP welcomes the Pennsylvania Head Start Association (PHSA) to its Administrators meeting taking place at the same time as the CAAP conference. In support of the Memo of Understanding between the two organizations, members of PHSA will join CAAP for various events throughout the conference.

All functions of the conference will be held on the 2nd floor of the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg in the room indicated under the time for the function.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR SPEAKERS, PRESENTERS AND OTHER ATTENDEES.
Turn off or set all cell phones to "vibrate" mode when attending agenda functions.

	Conference Agenda
<i>Monday, February 6</i>	
6:30 p.m. <i>Penn D & E</i>	National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) Reception NCAF's Executive Director, David Bradley, will address attendees, providing an update on funding issues and offer his perspective on the future direction of funding for human services programs. Entertainment will be provided. The reception is free with contributions to support NCAF and CAP-PAC accepted.
9:00 p.m. - 12 midnight <i>Concierge Room, 10th Floor</i>	CAAP Hospitality Suite Relax and network with colleagues. Refreshments provided.
<i>Tuesday, February 7</i>	
7:00 a.m. <i>Pre-function area</i>	Registration
7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. <i>Penn C, D & E</i>	Continental Breakfast with Pennsylvania Head Start Association Administrators
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	Opening Remarks John Wilson, Executive Director, CAAP Edward Coleman, President, CAAP Board of Directors

<i>Tuesday, February 7 continued</i>	
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Public and Private, One Agenda”</p> <p>Ken Klothen, <i>Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs & Development, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development</i></p> <p>Mr. Klothen will address the changes in the federal CSBG allocation for FY2006 and the possible effects on Pennsylvania’s Community Action Agencies.</p>
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Speaking with Collective Voices”</p> <p>F. Joseph Loeper, <i>CAAP Government Relations Liaison</i></p> <p>CAAP’s government relations liaison will share insights on the Rendell administration and the 2006-2007 budget address. In addition, Mr. Loeper will discuss the state of the legislature, the upcoming election and agency hill visits.</p>
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Working for a Common Cause”</p> <p>Cheryl Davis, <i>Director, Bureau of Employment and Training Programs, Office of Income Maintenance, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare</i></p> <p>As the new director of the Bureau of Employment and Training Programs, Ms. Davis will discuss issues facing the department, its clients and vendors, including Community Action Agencies. She will provide insight into the bureau’s long range goals and strategic initiatives.</p>
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Shared Values, Exceptional Results”</p> <p>Cynthia Whitman Daley, <i>Policy Director, Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania</i></p> <p>Ms. Daley will discuss how like-minded organizations can work together to achieve results. She will address how policy and fiscal matters can result in opportunities for providers of different services to combine efforts.</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Moving Forward as One”</p> <p>Cathleen Palm, <i>President, Cathleen L. Palm & Associates</i></p> <p>Ms. Palm will give an overview of the federal budget and its relationship to Governor’s budget. She will provide an analysis of policy and fiscal issues and their affects on the safety net (TANF, Medicaid, block grants). Open discussion is encouraged.</p>

<i>Tuesday, February 7 continued</i>	
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon <i>Ballroom C & D</i>	<p>“Building Bridges”</p> <p>Annette H. Mentzer, <i>Vice-president for Public Policy, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children</i></p> <p>Ms. Mentzer will address federal budget priorities and their impact on children and families in Pennsylvania. She will also discuss opportunities for collective partnerships and bridging common goals.</p>
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. <i>Penn C, D & E</i>	Buffet Lunch with Pennsylvania Head Start Association Administrators
12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. <i>Penn C, D & E</i>	<p>CAAP on the Hill Legislative Hill Visit Briefing</p> <p>Prepare for individual member visits with legislators.</p>
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. <i>Capitol Building</i>	<p>Legislative Hill Visits</p> <p>Conference attendees are invited to visit legislators in their Harrisburg offices to discuss the importance of Community Action in helping low-income constituents move from poverty to self-sufficiency.</p> <p>CAAP will provide legislative information packets and talking points for attendees. Available at the registration table.</p>
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	Legislative Hill Visit Debriefing Session
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>Recap your visit with legislators and compare notes with your peers on responses to CAAP initiatives.</p> <p>Executive Director’s Policy Roundtable</p> <p>Engage in a discussion about the Supported Engagement Program (SEP). This session is open to executive directors and senior management staff.</p>
9:00 p.m. - 12 midnight <i>Concierge Room, 10th Floor</i>	<p>CAAP Hospitality Suite</p> <p>Relax and network with colleagues. Refreshments provided.</p>
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8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. <i>Penn C, D & E</i>	Buffet Breakfast with Pennsylvania Head Start Association Administrators

<i>Wednesday, February 8 continued</i>	
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Community Action and Head Start: Common Community, Common Interest”</p> <p>Jeffrey Masterson, <i>Executive Director, Tableland Services</i> John Wilson, <i>Executive Director, CAAP</i> Blair Hyatt, <i>Executive Director, PHSA</i></p> <p>An open dialogue and discussion between Community Action directors and leaders of Head Start programs on strengthening the relationships between the organizations.</p>
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Performing with Change”</p> <p>James Rowland, <i>Education Information Specialist</i>, and Jennifer Kocher, <i>Press Secretary, Public Utility Commission</i></p> <p>Find out the latest on Chapter 14 and how the Public Utility Commission can work for you by conducting or participating in events to provide consumer awareness.</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>“Surviving the Cold”</p> <p>Harry Geller, <i>Director, Pennsylvania Utility Law Project</i></p> <p>Mr. Geller will present a mid-winter utility assessment, outlining the effect on consumers. He will also comment on the Governor’s recent changes to PA’s LIHEAP program and the need to extend current legislation scheduled to expire June 2006.</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell 2006-2007 Budget Address</p>
12:00 noon <i>Ballrooms C & D</i>	<p>Parting Remarks/Adjournment</p> <p>John Wilson, <i>Executive Director, CAAP</i></p>
12:15 p.m. <i>Penn D & E</i>	<p>Joint Board Luncheon CAAP Board of Directors and Pennsylvania Head Start Association Board of Directors</p>

Presenter Biographies

David Bradley is one of Washington's leading advocates for low-income programs. For nearly two decades, Bradley has worked with federal government representatives, members of Congress, congressional staff and key White House personnel to develop national policies dealing with low-income needs and related regulations and guidelines. Bradley is Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation, a private, non-profit group that interacts with Congress, the Executive Branch and state governments to represent a variety of anti-poverty programs. He is also a frequent witness before Congress and serves on a number of advisory boards and commissions. He served as principal author of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) and major contributor of the McKinney Act. Bradley served in the Carter Administration as congressional liaison at the Small Business Administration and is a partner in the government relations firm of Moss, McGee, Bradley, Kelly & Foley. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from George Washington University and was a senior executive fellow at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Edward T. Coleman is Executive Director of the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. He is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP).

Cheryl Davis is the newly appointed Director of the Bureau of Employment and Training within the Office of Income Maintenance for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Originally from Philadelphia, Davis earned her graduate degree in child development from the University of California, Davis. She worked for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency as Director of Community Development before becoming the director of the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, a position she held for ten years. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, she served as Chief Operating Officer of Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia.

Cynthia Witman Daley is Policy Director for the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, a nonprofit organization with 500 members statewide which advocates for homes within reach of all Pennsylvanians, especially those with low incomes. Prior to joining the Housing Alliance's staff in 2004, Daley worked with Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) for 17 years. Her work at RHLS included representing community development organizations in the development of low-income housing and providing support to legal services programs throughout Pennsylvania on issues related to low-income housing. She continues to work with RHLS providing state support and administering The Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP) Help Center helping homeowners facing foreclosure.

Harry Gellar is Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP). PULP provides advocacy, training, consultation and support services in energy and utility matters in conjunction with the programs of the statewide Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network and other non-profit community agencies serving the low-income. Gellar has served as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA), as a staff attorney for the New York City Legal Aid Society and director of Legal Services, Inc. Gellar presently serves as chairperson for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Advisory Board, the Pennsylvania Energy Assistance and Weatherization Coalition and the Pennsylvania Legal Services Utility/Energy Law Group. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission Consumer Advisory Council, the Weatherization and Energy Conservation Policy Advisory Council to the Department of Community and Economic Development and the PECO Universal Services and Low Income Usage Reduction Program Advisory Committees.

Blair Hyatt has been the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Head Start Association since 2004. He previously worked as the Manager of Family and Community Partnerships for Philadelphia Parent Child Center, Inc. Hyatt serves as the Assistant Education Director of Parent and Youth Leadership for the University of the Poor helping to build the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign. He holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Temple Universities' School of Social Administration where he completed his master's thesis on the "Oppression and Liberation of Youth".

Ken Klothen is Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and Development in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. He previously served as the executive Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services and the Community Action Team (CAT). In addition to degrees from Swarthmore College and Princeton University, Klothen holds a law degree from Georgetown University. He is a former president and two-term member of the Swarthmore Borough Council and has 20 years experience as a lawyer and public policy analyst, including service as general counsel to the Corporation for National Service (the federal agency administering AmeriCorps and the nation's other domestic service programs) and Executive Director of President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets. He most recently served as a Principal of The Susquehanna Group in Media, providing consulting services in public policy analysis and advocacy.

Jennifer Kocher serves as the Press Secretary for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Previously, she worked as the Communications Manager for the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania.

F. Joseph Loeper is Government Relations Liaison for the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania. He spent 25 years in the Pennsylvania Senate, first elected to represent the 26th Senatorial District in 1978 and re-elected for five consecutive four-year terms. He served as Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania State Senate and as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education and was a Pennsylvania Commissioner on the Delaware River Port Authority. Loeper has taught Social Studies for the Lansdowne-Aldan and Upper Darby School Districts and was an adjunct professor for the Delaware County Community College and Millersville, Kutztown and West Chester State Universities. He is a graduate of West Chester State University and received a Master of Education from Temple University. In 1988, the National Republican Legislators Association honored Loeper with its "Legislator of the Year" award. The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Nature Conservancy presented him with its 1992 Annual Public Service Award for his contribution to preserving natural resources and creating the state's Recreation Improvement and Rehabilitation (RIRA) Program. In 1994, West Chester University awarded Loeper the President's medallion for Service in recognition of his support of higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Jeffery Masterson is Executive Director/CEO of the Community Action Partnership for Somerset County, Tableland Services, Inc.

Annette Mentzer is Vice-President for Public Policy at Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children (PPC) where she is responsible for shaping and directing policy priorities for the agency. During the Ridge Administration, she served as deputy secretary in the Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs and Director of the Department of Public Welfare's Office of Legislative Affairs. She also served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and as director of governmental relations at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She holds a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii, and a Bachelor's in

Psychology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania and has received training as a physician assistant.

Cathleen Palm is owner of Cathleen L. Palm & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in community-based advocacy and public policy issues. Palm's diverse experience includes positions as Senior Communications Specialist for Pennsylvania's Auditor General; Director of Government Relations for a statewide children's services organization; Legislative Analyst in the Pennsylvania Senate; Campaign Manager for various public officials; and Volunteer Court-appointed Advocate for abused and neglected children. Most recently she served on Governor Edward Rendell's Department of Public Welfare transition team. Palm holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph's University and attended the Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work.

James Rowland is one of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Consumer Education Information Specialists. He joined the PUC's Office of Communications having working in the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services for five years serving consumers as a utility investigator.

John Wilson is the Executive Director of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania (CAAP). In this role, he collaborates with numerous state and federal agencies, legislative leaders and state and national low-income interest groups and advocates. He facilitates, designs, and implements training and technical assistance programs and conferences, including a CAAP demonstration program that evolved into the National Community Action Agency ROMA Training Academy. Wilson served as Executive Director of Community Action Southwest from 1978 to 1993. His 32-year career in Community Action began at Community Action, Inc. where he served as an Outreach Worker, Neighborhood Youth Corps Director, RSVP and VISTA Director, Manpower and Training Director, and Deputy Executive Director. Wilson has served in leadership positions with the Middle Atlantic Directors Association of Community Action Programs; Region III Community Action Association; National Center for Community Action; The National Energy Law Project; the national Community Action Partnership and was appointed as chair of the Governor's State Manpower Planning Council. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from Clarion University and pursued postgraduate studies in counseling sciences at Slippery Rock University.

Notes

Upcoming Events



2006 ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

March 7 – 10, 2006

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Washington DC

Featuring:

Pre-Conference Workshop hosted by David Bradley:

“How Congress REALLY Works: Inside Tutorial of the Legislative Process – Understanding the Congressional Authorizing and Appropriations Processes.”

Registration information at www.ncaf.org

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Knowledge Transfer Forum

Building Strong Mission-Driven CAA's Urban/Suburban

Community Action Agency Forum

Community Involvement • Community Development

April 3 – 4, 2006

Media & Bethlehem, PA

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4th Annual PA Congressional Delegation Reception and Member Meeting

May 3 - 4, 2006

Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C.

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