

*How Can Your Staff or Members Benefit*

1. Collect materials explaining widest range of services.
2. Meet with staff and members of other services.
3. Establish working relationships for future coordination.
4. Broaden outlook regarding spectrum of services.

*Is There Any Cost*

There is no admission charge.

There is no charge to participants.

Each group will be expected to provide for itself:

Visual display for wall,

Card table with materials,

Pass out information sheets,

Referral cards (if desired),

Any printed materials it wishes to distribute,

No sales will be permitted except that coffee, light refreshments will be sold by WORKSHOPS, INC.

"The Community Services Committee for the Handicapped" has assisted in planning and is cooperating fully with the "Services in Action" Day.

61 groups participated in Services in Action Day.

32 Government agencies or paid staff

29 Service groups

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COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

*Purpose*

To effect a permanent increase in the capacity of individuals, groups, and communities afflicted with poverty to deal effectively with their own problems so that they ultimately need no further assistance.

*Goals*

Program development stage:

1. Locate and identify poverty.
2. Assess and evaluate existing services.
3. Involve TOTAL community.
4. Coordinate existing services.
5. Communicate resources to the poor.
6. Plan needed programs to fill gaps.
7. Locate local sponsoring support.
8. Establish priorities on basis of greatest need.

Administration of programs:

1. Initiate and administer programs.
2. Coordinate new programs with existing resources.
3. Outreach to the poor.
4. Public education, both poor and total community.
5. Evaluate constantly for maximum real effect on poverty.
6. Act as advocate of the poor.
7. Follow-up so apparent gains become permanent improvements.
8. Lay groundwork for increased community sponsorship so that ultimately programs become an integral part of community services.

*Comment*

Both phases continue simultaneously. While we are now administering Day Care, Headstart, Opportunity Centers, we are Program Developing Neighborhood Youth Corp, New Careers Program, Possibly Legal Services Program. We have already "spun-off" Senior Citizens Centers.

Long range CAP goals should be to: Turn smooth running programs over to the community when they are ready, administer programs as long as needed, develop new programs to meet unmet gaps in service, continuously evaluate to see which programs are at which stage.

*Greatest Strengths of Community Action Programs*

1. The REAL participation of the poor in shaping their destiny.
2. Utilization of low-income people as non-professional aides, Day Care assistants, community aides, outreach people.

Benefit to them: Job training, upgrading, raised sights, increased potential.

Benefit to CAP: Understanding, rapport, realistic view of poverty.