2025 CALCAPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 4-6, 2025

Join us as we come together to learn, connect, and grow stronger as a force for change across California.

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Rooted in Resilience

Like palm trees in the desert, **our network stands tall**—deeply rooted in purpose and grounded in our commitment to creating lasting impact for communities across California.

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About the event

The 2025 CalCAPA Annual Conference is more than a lineup of engaging workshops—it's a full-scope experience designed to inspire, connect, and rejuvenate. Held at the stunning Grand Hyatt Indian Wells, attendees will enjoy access to resort-style amenities like poolside cabanas, world-class spa services, on-site dining, and breathtaking desert views.

Beyond the sessions, the conference features special events that bring the Community Action Network together: kick things off at our **Welcome Reception**, celebrate excellence at the **CalCAPA Awards Luncheon**, and build new connections at the **Young Professionals Meet-Up**. Whether you're here to learn, network, or recharge, this is a space where mission meets momentum.

Welcome Reception

Kick off the 2025 CalCAPA Annual Conference at our Welcome Reception– an evening of connection, conversation, and celebration under the Indian Wells sky. Enjoy light bites, refreshments, and a relaxed atmosphere as we come together to toast the start of an inspiring week with fellow Community Action professionals from across California.

Location: *TBA*

CalCAPA Awards Luncheon ↓

Young Professionals Meet-Up ↓

At A Glance

Monday, Nov 3

CSBG Service Providers Meeting

- 9:00-1:00 – Registration Check-in
- 12:00 – Lunch *(Provided- Attendance must be indicated on conference registration)*
- 1:00-4:00 – Quarterly CSP Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 4

- **8:00** – Breakfast *(Provided)*
- **8:30-10:00** – Conference Kick-off
- **10:15-11:30** – **Morning Sessions**
  - Creating & Sustaining a CAP Agency Foundation – CAP Kern
  - Designing Diaper Programs: lessons Learned from DDDRP & Other Models – CalCAPA
  - Energy Summit Session – TBA

- **11:45-1:15** – CalCAPA Awards Luncheon *(Lunch Provided)*

- **1:30-4:15** – Afternoon Sessions
  - *1:30-2:45 PM* – Using Technology to Effectively Coordinate the Rescue & Redistribution of Food – CAA of Butte County, Inc.
  - *1:30-2:45 PM* – Building Partnerships with a Local Foundation – Inland Empire Community Foundation
  - *1:30-2:45 PM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA
  - *3:00-4:15 PM* – Rooted in Resilience: Storytelling and Impact Strategies to Strengthen Culture and Retain Staff in Housing & Homeless Services – CAP Kern
  - *3:00-4:15 PM* – 2025 CSBG Monitoring Presentation – CSD
  - *3:00-4:15 PM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA

- **4:30-6:30** – Welcome Reception *(Hors D'oeuvres Provided)*

Wednesday, Nov 5

- 8:00 – Breakfast *(Provided)*
- 8:30-9:15 – Opening Session
  - **Keynote Speaker** – Ellen Aprill, Senior Scholar in Residence – UCLA School of Law

- 9:30-12:15 – Morning Sessions
  - *9:30-10:45 AM* – How to Embrace Being a Community Action and Use It for Image Development – CAP OC
  - *9:30-10:45 AM* – Whole Person Heath Score – Riverside University Health System
  - *9:30-10:45 AM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA
  - *11:00-12:15 PM* – CSBG Annual Report Refresher Training
  - *11:00-12:15 PM* – CalCAPA Business Meeting
  - *11:00-12:15 PM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA

- 12:15-1:45 – Lunch on Your Own

- 1:45-4:00 – Afternoon Sessions
  - *1:45-2:45 PM* – Executive Director Roundtable
  - *1:45-2:45 PM* – CalAIM Roundtable
  - *1:45-2:45 PM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA
  - *3:00-4:00 PM* – Using Benchmarking to Increase Competitiveness of Your Retirement – Mutual of America
  - *3:00-4:00 PM* – CalAIM Roundtable – CalCAPA
  - *3:00-4:00 PM* – Energy Summit Session – TBA

- 4:30-6:30 – Young Professionals Meet-up *(Hors D'oeuvres Provided)*

Thursday, Nov 6

- 8:30 – Breakfast *(Provided)*

- 9:00-10:15 – NCAF Founder, David Bradley
- 10:30-11:45 – Closing Sessions
  - **_10:30-11:45 AM_** – Your Story Raises Awareness & Donations – Wipfli

- 12:00-12:30 – Conference Closeout Session

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Featured Topics

Strategic Funding Diversity

Explore practical ways to expand an agency's funding sources while remaining aligned with its mission. Participants will learn how to identify and obtain diverse funding, including public grants, private foundations, social enterprise models, and community partnerships. The presentation could also address the risks of relying too heavily on one funding stream and offer strategies for building long-term financial stability.

Grant Writing and Proposal Development

Lear about various aspects of the entire grant development process, covering how to identify funding opportunities and match them with community needs, how to write clear narratives, set measurable outcomes, draft relevant logic models, and develop realistic budgets. Attendees will gain practical advice for storytelling with data, aligning with funder priorities, and showing impact in ways that appeal to both public and private funders.

Financial Management and Sustainability

Receive essential guidance on maintaining compliance, ensuring fiscal accountability, and building long-term sustainability in a complex funding environment. It can also cover key topics such as budgeting for multi-funded programs, managing restricted versus unrestricted funds, preparing for audits, and aligning financial practices with strategic goals. Presenters can share tools and real-world strategies for strengthening internal controls, improving financial reporting, and making data-driven financial decisions.

Data and Performance Management

Learn how Community Action Agencies can use data to inform decisions, meet performance benchmarks, and improve outcomes for the communities they serve. It can also include strategies for developing a strong data culture, integrating Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) principles, utilizing tools like dashboards and logic models to monitor and report progress, turning compliance requirements into opportunities for learning and growth, and aligning data collection with strategic objectives and community needs.

Demonstrating Impact and Storytelling

Learn how to effectively blend quantitative results with compelling stories to showcase your organization's impact. Participants will learn to find engaging stories, connect them with key performance indicators, and customize messages for different audiences, including funders, policymakers, and the public.

Policy and Advocacy

Learn the basics of policy and advocacy work, including how to work with lawmakers and create effective policy messages. Participants could learn how to track legislation, mobilize community voices, and align advocacy efforts with organizational goals. The presentation could also discuss building relationships with elected officials, engaging community voices, and aligning advocacy efforts with agency objectives and data. Real-world examples could show how CAAs influence change through grassroots efforts and strategic partnerships.

Board Development and Governance

Explore best practices for board development and effective governance, including recruitment and onboarding, defining roles and responsibilities, and promoting a culture of accountability and strategic leadership. It might explore strategies for recruiting and retaining board members who reflect the communities served, clarifying roles and responsibilities, encouraging collaboration and transparency, and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

Explore strategies to boost organizational efficiency while enhancing overall effectiveness. Participants could learn how to streamline internal processes, reduce duplication, and optimize resources without compromising service quality or mission. It could also focus on identifying process improvements, leveraging technology, and implementing performance metrics that balance cost management with client-centered service delivery. The session will highlight how to foster a culture of continuous improvement and data-driven decision-making within your agency.

CSBG Implementation

Receive a detailed overview of CSBG implementation, including compliance with federal and state standards, performance management through the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) framework, and aligning services with local needs identified in the Community Needs Assessment. Participants could gain practical insights into planning, reporting, and using CSBG funds to support strategic initiatives.

Energy and Weatherization

Navigate challenges and solutions involved in implementing various Federal Department of Energy assistance programs, with a focus on developing administrative and service delivery staff. Participants could improve their skills in program management, client negotiations, field decision-making and might earn continuing education credits.

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