

FUNDING SOURCES

1994-95 Budget:

Approximately \$5.25 million;
10% to Early Childhood Development,
3% to Administration,
15% to Multi-Service Center Project,
12% to Resource Development
18% to Comprehensive Family Services,
12% to Housing and Homeless Services,
Our administrative costs were 7%
of the agency.

Funding Sources for 1994-95 include:

- 8% from Federal
- 2% from State
- 3% from local government
- 0% from private contributions
- 15% from program income
- 12% from United Way.

BACKGROUND:

The agency was founded in 1965 as part of the "War on Poverty" initiative. It was established as a non-profit organization to eliminate poverty in Washington County. Governed by a Board of Directors that has equal representation from the low-income, public and private sectors. Part of a statewide and national network of community action agencies.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

We employ 140 staff that work at sites around Washington County.

We have 10 Head Start Centers located in Aloha, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Gaston, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard and Westview High School.

In addition to our central office in Hillsboro we have a satellite office in Tigard called Neighborshare. The Shelter Home is for homeless families in Washington County and is located in Hillsboro.

In 1994-95 we had 641 individual volunteers give of their time to the agency. We also had many groups who helped with special projects for the agency. The volunteers donated over 9000 hours of service to the agency through a variety of programs and services.

Our Partners

Community Action works collaboratively with a variety of organizations to address the needs of families and issues of poverty in Washington County.

COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

FACTS & FIGURES

OUR MISSION: Community Action Organization is a private, non-profit, community-based agency serving the economically disadvantaged in Washington County by providing for basic needs and promoting long-term self-sufficiency.

Multi-Service Center
1001 SW Baseline Street
Hillsboro, OR 97123
(503) 648-6646
FAX 648-4175
Client Assistance 648-0829

Neighborshare
12750 SW Pacific Highway
Tigard, OR 97223
(503) 639-0495
Fax: (503) 598-8923
Client Assistance: (503) 648-0829

SERVICES:

Our major program areas include:

- Head Start
- Homeless Family Shelter
- Affordable Housing Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Comprehensive Emergency and Basic Needs Assistance
- Home Weatherization
- Housing Stabilization and
- Self-Sufficiency Support
- Advocacy and Education

A single point of access for individuals and families seeking assistance from Community Action Organization is offered at both our Hillsboro and Tigard sites.

In the initial visit with staff, families are first assisted with emergency basic needs, and other areas of need are explored. If necessary, referrals to other agencies and programs are made. A plan is then developed to help them acquire the skills, confidence and opportunities to become self-sufficient.

THE NEED

Washington County has the state's fastest growing population and the highest per capita income. Yet, over 40,000 people in Washington County are living in poverty or on very low incomes and struggling to meet basic needs: food, warmth, shelter and clothing.

Many are young working families unable to find affordable housing- people who, despite hard work find themselves hungry and on the street, and 55% are children under 17.

Nearly 10,000 people annually become homeless in Washington County due to the high cost of housing and the lack of family wage jobs. A family wage to support four people in Washington County is about \$10.00-\$12.00 per hour. The incidence of poverty among racial and ethnic minorities is higher than among anglos. The vast majority of low income people, however, are white or anglo.

OUR RESPONSE

1994-95 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Responded to nearly 25,000 requests for assistance

Sheltered 960 homeless people; assisted another 8,400 homeless people who could not be sheltered with information, referrals and other emergency assistance

Served about 410 low income and disabled, three and four year old children and their families in Head Start, about 20% of those who are eligible

Provided nearly 84,000 meals to the pre-school children enrolled in Head Start

Prevented 230 people from becoming homeless with rent assistance or 20% of those in need

Provided energy assistance to over 6,900 low income people in danger or going without power and heat, helping 33% of those who requested help