

# The Fairfax County

# COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD

Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of low-income families

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#### **CAAB Members**

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## **MISSION**

The mission of the Community Action Advisory Board is to make a positive difference in the lives of low-income families and individuals by empowering residents to achieve self-sufficiency and reach their full potential.

To achieve this mission, the CAAB:

- Employs advocacy;
- Provides education; and
- Offers funding for effective community based programs.

The Community Action Advisory Board reviews and develops new policies as they related to residents with low-income. The CAAB also oversees the disposition of Community Services Block (CSBG) funds by:

- Researching and assessing community needs;
- Allocating funds; and
- Approving programs and contracts with community organizations serving persons with low-income.

The CAAB communicates with the Board of Supervisors and other county officials, agencies, and civic groups, the low-income community and residents of Fairfax County.





## **CAAB COMPOSITION**

The Community Action Advisory Board is a tri-part board of 30 members.

- Ten members are appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. One is appointed from each of the county's nine districts and one is appointed atlarge.
- Nine members are selected by a democratic process—three members from each of the following regions in the county: North (Dranesville, Hunger Mill and Sully Districts); Central (Braddock, Mason and Providence Districts); and South (Lee, Mount Vernon and Springfield Districts). The Fairfax County Head Start Program also appoints a representative.
- Ten private sector organizations that share the CAAB's interest each select one representative.

### **MEETINGS**

The Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board meets the first Tuesday of each month (except in November) from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 9 and 10 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The public is welcomed to attend CAAB meetings. The CAAB requests that members of the public indicate their interest in making a public comment by calling 703-324-8241 (TTY 703-222-9452) or emailing caab@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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