



**LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION
AGENCY, INC.**

**Celebrating 56 Years of
Service to Lake County
Florida.**

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022 EDITION**

**Helping
People.....Changing
Lives**

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**Greetings from Our Board of Directors
President John H. Christian, II
LCAA Celebrating 56 Years of Service 1966-2022**



It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve as the President of this great organization for the past few years. For 56 years this organization has continued to provide needed services to the economically disadvantaged children and families in Lake County.

We are still working our way out of the great COVID-19 pandemic. We have continued our commitment to build the partnerships at all levels that will help provide the resources that are needed to help the most vulnerable children and families survive and thrive during these challenging times.

As always, let me commend the board members for your support and commitment to this great cause of “Community Action” and the “Mission” of Lake Community Action Agency, Inc. Also, to the dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment to achieving the Agency’s mission and strategic goals. May God continue to bless this organization and Lake County.

“Continuing The Legacy 56 Years of Helping People.....Changing Lives”



It is again with a great pleasure and sense of pride and gratitude that I am able to bring you greetings and present to you the 56th Annual Report of the Lake Community Action Agency, Inc.

As we reflect on the past year, we look forward to the New Year and additional opportunities to support the goals of our Board of Directors and the national goals of the Office of Community Services to help and assist the economically disadvantaged of this county, state, and nation to become more self-reliant, thereby “changing lives.”

As we continue to build on this great legacy, we must continue to maintain and develop more partnerships that are committed to working together with Unity, Creativity, and a Shared Vision. These are attributes that will sustain us as a Community Action Agency and a local community as we perform the important work we do.

We will continue our commitment to family empowerment as the primary goal of the programs and services we manage, “Helping People to Help Themselves.” Our annual report reflects some of the positive accomplishments and outcomes for this reporting period. In spite of the fact that we still are dealing with COVID-19 Pandemic.

I commend all of you, the Board of Directors, Community Partners, and Staff for what you continue to do but most importantly, what you are going to do in these still critical months to help our most vulnerable citizens. With unity, creativity, shared vision as guiding principles; with the talent, skill and commitment within our community and agency; with the sense of redirection fostered by 56-years of history pursuing our mission, Lake Community Action Agency is in position for greater success.

I pause also, to express our sincere gratitude to all of our Corporate Sponsors and financial supporters for this past year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past 53 years. I believe strongly in the “Promise of Community Action” – “Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”

God’s continued blessings on LCAA and each of you!

James H. Lowe, CCAP
Executive Director

Lake Community Action Agency's 2022 Board of Directors Roster

Board Officers:

John H. Christian - President
Louis C. Ward - Vice President
June Love - Secretary
Donna Bonifacino - Assistant Secretary
Catherine Lynum - Treasurer
Robert Ragin - Member-At-Large
Lee Ann Gilson - Finance Consultant
Derek A. Schroth, Esq. - Legal Consultant

Other Board Members:

Mollie Cunningham
Brian Broadway
Charles Brown
Tony Fields
Cathy Heflin-McKenzie
Walter McGriff
Vershun Foard
Willie Hawkins

Lake Community Action Agency's Sponsors

Rand Management

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Southern Technical Institute, Inc.

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Jacobson Foundation

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Greenhouse Financial

Public Housing Assistance

Spring Harbor Apartments

Palestine Lodge

BusinessMasters.Net, Inc.

City of Eustis

Toshiba Business Solutions

Community Foundation of South Lake

About LCAA

Lake Community Action Agency, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation. The aim of LCAA is to stimulate a better focusing of all available local, State, private and federal resources upon the goal of enabling low- income families, senior citizens, and other individuals in rural and urban areas, to obtain the skills, knowledge, and motivation and secure the opportunities needed for them to become self-sufficient.

Our Mission Statement

Promoting self-sufficiency by reducing and eliminating barriers that contribute to the instances of poverty through a variety of programs to improve the standards of living.

Our Vision Statement

Lake Community Action Agency strives to become the premier agency in building partnerships that provide professional services to children and families.

The Promise of Community Action

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BALANCE SHEET

LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC

For the year ended September 30, 2022

-Unaudited-

ASSETS

Cash	36,317	
Receivables	702,196	
Fixed Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	222,727	
Total Assets		961,240

LIABILITIES

Payables	457,234	
Accrued Expenses	33,165	
Refundable Advance	124,530	
Total Liabilities		614,929

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

		<u>346,311</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u><u>961,240</u></u>

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES

LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC

For the year ended September 30, 2022

-Unaudited-

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

STATE OF FLORIDA

Department of Economic Opportunity	2,946,454	
Department of Education	203,278	
		<u>3,149,732</u>

LOCAL AND PRIVATE

		<u>313,701</u>
Total Support and Revenue		3,463,433

EXPENSES:

PROGRAM SERVICES

Community Services	635,917	
Emergency Home Repair/Weatherization	193,035	
Home Energy Assistance	2,172,224	
Home Water Assistance	30,890	
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten/School Readiness	299,259	
Total Program Services		3,331,325

SUPPORT SERVICES

Management and General		<u>50,695</u>
Total Expenses		<u><u>3,382,020</u></u>

		<u><u>81,413</u></u>
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INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

1966 – 2022 Fifty- SIX Years – The Legacy Continues: Community Services Block Grants Programs: CSBG

LCAA provided services that have impacted 8,609 individuals through the programs administered by the agency.

LCAA assisted 2,028 families with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LCAA assisted 3,574 unduplicated individuals were served through the administration of the Community Service Block Grant CSBG), CSBG-CARES, CSBG-Integrated Services Pilot Project, Weatherization, Low Income Homes Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Low Income Homes Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), American Recovery Act Program (ARP), and LIHEAP-CARES in obtain program services.

LCAA assisted 225 families through Agency-Wide Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

LCAA assisted 21 households with weatherization and home repair throughout Lake County.

LCAA moved 16 families to full self-sufficiency through education, training, and gainful employment.

LCAA assisted 51 total at-risk School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) low-income children ages 1 to 5 with educational services.

LCAA continued its relationship with the Department of Economic Opportunity and CareerSource Florida DEO.

LCAA through its formalized Integrated Services Pilot Project Agreement with CareerSources Central Florida assisted 24 individuals with training and job placement, 18 have completed with credentials, and 16 placed on jobs.

LCAA renewed partnership with Spring Harbor Apartments to provide unsubsidized affordable housing for 48 families, generating a cost savings of \$153,000.00 a year

LCAA continues to provide a career database internet technology for assisting local employers in finding suitable candidates to fill employment needs.

LCAA has provided soft skills training for job retention and employment for 24 individuals.

LCAA continues its partnership with Lake Sumter Center for Workforce Acceleration and Innovation to assist potential employers in Lake and Sumter counties in filling their jobs demands in the area of Health services, Agribusiness, Renewable Energy, Transportation and Education.

LCAA continued its relationship with the Central Florida Health Alliance and provided job referrals for 21 individuals in health-related fields.

LCAA through its supportive housing initiative has provided housing assistance for 401 families that were homeless or facing homelessness.

LCAA continued its formalized partnership agreement with Southern Technical Institute to combat the growing need and shortage for Healthcare professionals in the areas of Nursing and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's).

LCAA assisted 3,574 unduplicated individuals were served through the administration of the Community Service Block Grant CSBG), CSBG-CARES, CSBG-Integrated Services Pilot Project, Weatherization, Low Income Homes Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), LIHEAP-CARES, Low Income Homes Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), American Recovery Act Program (ARP), Lake County Grant, and the Community Foundation of Southlake.

LCAA secured \$45,000 in grant funds from Jacobsen Foundation grant to provide Educational assistance to at-risk Low- Income pre-school children ages 1 to 5.

LCAA received a \$25,000 grant from Community Foundation of Southlake to providing Housing assistance to prevent evictions.

We are very proud of the continuous active, dedicated volunteers and community partners that have been mobilized to help us provide the many different services and the local in-kind required.

Who We Serve 2021 - 2022

Lake Community Action Agency is dedicated to serving the needs of its Community by empowering those with lower incomes to attain and maintain self-sufficiency through a variety of programs. Poverty can affect anyone at any time; the following is an illustration of the Lake Community Action Agency clients served in Lake County.

Family Type

Most Households served were headed by single-parent females.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Single Parent Female	52.4%	.36%
Single Parent Male	2.7%	.02%
Two- Parent Household	20.9%	.18%
Single Person	15.6%	.30%
Two Adults/No Children	6.9%	.10%
Other	1.5%	.04%

Ethnicity/ Race

Clients are from a variety of ethnic backgrounds representing the diverse communities within our county.

African American	53.7%	.53%
White	24.7%	.27%
Native American	0.3%	.03%
Multi-Race	3.9%	.02%
Asian	0.3%	.03%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.4%	.02%
Other	16.7%	.01%

AGE

The majority of our clients were adult high school graduates between the ages 24 to 44 and young children under the age of 12.

0-5	14.6%	.13%	18-23	7.4%	.09%	55-69	12.2%	.07%
6-11	14.9%	.16%	24-44	23.6%	.29%	70+	4.0%	.02%
12-17	14.6%	.14%	45-54	8.7%	.10%			



*Comparing
the statistics:*

2022

2021





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2021-2022

PROGRAM SUMMARY



Lake Community Action Agency is committed to providing quality services with impact and outcomes for families in our community. Our programs enhance and enrich lives by providing citizens with tools and resources that encourage self-reliance and improved standard of living.

Helping People... Changing Lives Community Action Helps:

8,609 total, of which (3,574) unduplicated individuals and family members were impacted by services received through the administration of the **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Community Services Block Grant American Recovery Program (CSBG-ARP), Community Services Block Grant CARES (CSBG-CARES), Weatherization, School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK), Integrated Services Pilot Project (ISPP), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP), LIHEAP-ARP, Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), Jacobsen Foundation, Lake County Human Services Grant, and Community Foundation of Southlake.**

3,574 households received assistance to help maintain Self-Sufficiency.

51 families became self-sufficient through **gainful employment** from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

21 households received assistance for **Weatherization / LIHAP-Weatherization Home Repair Program.**

3,574 services were administered through Agency-Wide **Family Self - Sufficiency Programs.**

Integrated Services Pilot Program Success Story: Rosa M. Yancey

Lake Community Action Agency would like to congratulate Ms. Rosa Yancey on her academic achievements. Rosa Yancey was initially referred to us by our partner, CareerSource Central Florida to seek financial assistance in furthering her education and life opportunities. Ms. Yancey had recently completed her CNA training through CareerSource and was successfully employed as a full time CNA. However, as a single parent, Ms. Yancey found it challenging to provide for her and her child. Ms. Yancey realized it was necessary to improve her life financially and decided she needed additional training that would lead her towards self-sufficiency. She was interested in the LPN program with Lake Technical College. As a single parent Ms. Yancey was receiving public assistance and earning less than the 200% poverty income level which made her eligible for the scholarship through our Integrated Service Pilot Program (ISPP). Rosa Yancey worked diligently on her studies as well as maintaining full time employment while in school. In one of our monthly follow ups Ms. Yancey expressed she was experiencing financial difficulties. She shared that the long drive from Clermont to Eustis 5 days a week made it tough for her to keep up with her expenses. Nevertheless, Lake Community Action Agency assisted and provided support services for gas to help alleviate the distress Ms. Yancey was facing. Ms. Yancey successfully completed the LPN program with outstanding grades and earned several certificates like the Practical Nursing Certificate of Completion, an IV Therapy Certificate, and most importantly her License for Nurse Practitioner. Rosa Yancey is now a competent individual working with Advent Health Central Florida as an LPN making \$39,330.00 annually. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! Kudos, Way to Go Rosa! It has been a great honor in allowing us to become part of your journey towards your success!

Submitted By:
Mariana Martinez

SR/VPK

Summary Report FY21 - 22

June 2022

The following is a summary of the educational services provided and progress that was demonstrated by the high-risk underserved low-income pre-school children ages 1 to 5 as a result of the Childcare services provided by the Lake Community Action. This program provided educational assistance to develop the following five areas of Learning and Child Development: Print Knowledge, Phonological Awareness, Oral Language / Vocabulary, and Mathematics.

The results of the initial assessment that was performed in October 2021 show that in the area of Print Knowledge, 83% of the students tested were below expectations, 0% were meeting expectations, and 17% were exceeding expectations. In the area of Phonological Awareness, 67% of the students were below expectations, and 33% were meeting expectations and 0% of the students were exceeding expectations. In the areas of Oral Language and Vocabulary, 100% of the students tested were below expectations, 0% of the students were meeting expectations and 0% of the students were exceeding expectations. Finally, in the area of Mathematics, 83% of the students were below expectations, 0% of the students were meeting expectations, and 17% of the students were exceeding expectations.

The results of the second assessment performed in March of 2022 were as follows: In the area Print Knowledge, 50 % of the students tested were below expectation, down from the 83%, which was a decrease of 33%. Of those tested 0% was meeting expectation, and 50% are exceeding expectation, an increase of 33%. In the area of Phonological Awareness, 67% of the students were still below expectation, a decrease of 0% in this area. Of the students tested, 0% were now meeting expectation and 33% of the students were exceeding expectation. This indicates that the 33% of students tested that were meeting expectation are now exceeding expectation. In the areas of Oral Language and Vocabulary, there were no students below expectation, a decrease of 67%. Now 67% of the students are meeting expectations, and 33% of the students are exceeding expectations, an increase of 33%.

Finally, in the area of Mathematics, 17% of the students were below expectations, a decrease of 66% from the previous testing, 67% of the students were now meeting expectations, an increase of 67%, and 17% of the students were still exceeding expectation.

The results of the third, and final assessment performed in May of 2022 were as follows.: In the area Print Knowledge, 33 % of the students tested were below expectations, down from the 50% in the second testing period, a decrease of 27%. Of those tested 17% of students were meeting expectations, and 50% of the students were exceeding expectations. In the area of Phonological Awareness, 33% of the students were below expectations, a decrease of 34% in this area. Of the students tested, 50% are now meeting expectations, an increase of 50% from the second period, and 17% of the students were exceeding expectations. In the areas of Oral Language and Vocabulary, there were no students below expectations. Now, 33% of students tested were meeting expectation, and 67% of the students are exceeding expectations, an increase of 34% from the second testing period. Finally, in the area of Mathematics, 50% of the students were below expectations, a decrease of 33% from testing period two (2), 0% of the students were meeting expectations, down from 67%, and 50% of the students are exceeding expectations, up from 17% during the second testing period which is an increase of 33% in this area.

Mt. Clair Child Development Center 2000 Park Circle – Leesburg, FL 34748 “Day in the Park” & “Story Time”



SCL FOUNDATION, INC. SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 2022 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Every week on Tues/Thurs SCLF continues to deliver meals to the homeless and food insecure around Sumter County. We have increased from 43 meals twice week in 2021 to 104 meals twice week by the end of 2022. So we are delivering 204 meals a week/ 832 meals a month. Our meals have since increased to 124 twice weekly as of January 2023. Once a quarter we take out toiletry bags that include HIV health info, shoes or clothes with pre-packaged food items to anyone with a need.

JANUARY 2022: January 15, 2022 – We partnered with the City of Wildwood again to host the annual MLK Day Block Party at the new MLK Park in Wildwood, FL.

FEBRUARY 2022: Every Thursday in the month of February the SAR office showed various Black History movies and documentaries aimed and sharing information of the African American struggles and triumphs with the area youth.

MARCH 2022: March 5th – SCLF sponsored a trip to Selma, AL for 20 students/adults to attend the 56th Annual Selma Bridge Crossing Celebration. This year the special guest speaker was the new Vice President of the USA, Kamala Harris,

APRIL 2022: April 8th – Grocery Giveaway / Voter Registration – we gave away 62 bags of groceries; registered 3 new people

JUNE 2024: June 1st – The Sumter County Democrats ran a food drive for the food pantry. We received 5 truckloads of groceries that will be given out to those in need. We continue to provide a place for the community to come pick up groceries free of charge for their families.

June 1 – 12th – SCLF help sponsor College Football Camp & College Tour with The Field House. This year we help send 50 high school aspiring athletes to 9 different colleges in MS, AL, GA & AR.

June 1st – We partnered with ACP – Affordable Connectivity Program, to provide free government cell phones to all who qualify.

June 4th – We partnered with the City of Coleman to host the 1st Annual Summer Block Party.

AUGUST 2021: August 6, 2022 – Back to School Giveaway. With our various partners we gave away school supplies for 1st – 12th grade students. Also this year we gave away 10 college care packs to 1st & 2nd year college students, that included bags of groceries, bed & bath linen & classroom supplies, to help them on their new chapter of education.

OCTOBER 2021: October 6, 2022 – Celebrity Basketball Tournament – We partnered with Coach James Hampton of WRK Daily Nonprofit and the Glendora Stephens-Wright Fund to sponsor a high school tournament with various Olympic Medalists and NFL Athletes competing in teams with and against high school students. We provided the snacks and hydration for all participants in the tournament, coaches & celebrity athletes.

NOVEMBER 2021: November 2022 – Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway. We were a partner to Powerhouse of Jesus EPC to prepare and giveaway a full Thanksgiving meal for attendees of a Gospel Choir Outreach. We help cook, prepare and give away over 100 plates of food.



Success Story: Mid Florida Homeless Coalition

Lake Community Action Agency, Inc.

Office locations and area's served



LCAA Administrative Office and the Neighborhood Service Center - 501 North Bay Street-Eustis, FL 32726

(352)357-3497

The Leesburg Neighborhood Service Center – 1010 North Blvd. East – Leesburg, FL - 3474 (352)787-1156 and the

Montclair VPK/School Readiness Center – 2000 Park Circle-Leesburg, FL – 34748

(352)326-8277 located in Leesburg, FL

*Leesburg Target Area

South Lake County Target Service Area

Okahumpka/Yalaha Target Area

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition

Serving:

Lake, Sumter, Citrus & Hernando Counties

Sumter County:

The Coleman Enrichment Center
Southern Christian Leadership Foundation

4606 Lime Street – Coleman, FL
Katina Stephens – Site Director

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