



**Ohio Association of  
Community Action Agencies**

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## **Press Release**

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### **Announcement regarding VirtualCAP: A national resource for Community Action Agencies**

COLUMBUS — For those of you unfamiliar with VirtualCAP, the project was launched in 2002 by the Virginia Community Action Partnership, and managed by Ken Ackerman since its inception. VirtualCAP was developed as a way to support excellence in Community Action by providing online resources such as program models, best practices, Standards information, and other resources relevant and specific to our network. In 2015, Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) began administering the project in our effort to maintain this valuable resource for our peers across the country. That year we launched a fully redesigned website, and the VirtualCAP RoundUp—a subscription-based resource.

Effective January 1, 2018, VirtualCAP will begin another transition and will no longer be a managed OACAA project. As we continue to work with our partners to evaluate the most effective and viable way to keep this data available, the currently available free resources will remain online and public. Although OACAA will no longer be associated with it, Mr. Ackerman has also committed to maintaining the VirtualCAP RoundUP during this transition period.

We believe VirtualCAP has been an excellent resource, and it has helped many of our peers develop innovative programs to help low-income Americans on their path to self-sufficiency. We are grateful to all who supported the project, including state associations and national partners, and hope that support will continue.

For questions about how you can support the future of VirtualCAP, please contact Ken Ackerman at [ken@oacaa.org](mailto:ken@oacaa.org). If you choose to discontinue your subscription to RoundUp, please contact Greg Bollenbacher at [greg@oacaa.org](mailto:greg@oacaa.org) for a prorated refund of your subscription.

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