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Governor Kasich announces reforms to help Ohioans out of poverty

COLUMBUS - Today at the Winter Legislative Conference of the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA), Ohio Governor John Kasich announced bold reforms to streamline the state's human services programs and help Ohioans break the cycle of poverty.

"The reforms Governor Kasich announced today will be good for the people of Ohio," said Philip E. Cole, executive director at OACAA. "Focusing on the needs of the people who live in poverty is what must be done."

The Governor announced plans to provide stronger services and work supports for teens and young adults to increase eligibility for subsidized child care and to hold government agencies accountable to help more people out of poverty.

"The efforts of Governor Kasich and the Office of Human Services Innovation are important to the future of Ohio," said Cole. "Economic turnaround works best when it includes all people and that is clearly the plan."

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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. Community Action Agencies work to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families in their communities. The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies represents 50 agencies around the state serving the needs of low-income people in all of Ohio's 88 counties. CAAs provide education and training, emergency services, and other assistance programs to over 800,000 Ohioans annually.