



## **Cinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency**

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### **Community Action Agency receives Excellence Award** *CAA knows the "Blueprint for Success"*

(Cinnati, OH) – The Cinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) took home the Excellence Award for its Blueprint for Success program at the Fourth Annual Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Award Luncheon. Out of over 100 submissions, only six nonprofit organizations throughout the state were recognized for their dedication to furthering their mission and serving their communities.

Blueprint for Success is a nine month pre-apprenticeship construction training program for 18-30 year olds that fosters self-sufficient community members. The goal of the program is to provide a new, promising livelihood to those who have dropped out of high school, are unemployed, are underemployed or are an ex-offender. CAA works with the students to provide intensive supportive services, along with educational and vocational training, so that they are fully equipped to enter the workforce. The program concludes when students put their skills into action through the complete rehab of an abandoned, inner city property.

The Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) sponsors the Excellence Award to recognize the creativity, execution, achievement, and overall excellence of a specific project or program completed by an Ohio nonprofit. OANO is a statewide membership association of nearly 550 nonprofit organizations representing the breadth and diversity of Ohio's charitable nonprofit sector.

The Cinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency is a private, non-profit organization that has served as a lifeline for low-income children and adults throughout Hamilton County for more than four decades. Delivering a seamless system of services, CAA provides assistance with employment, supportive services, home energy bills, home weatherization, early childhood education, housing and youth programs.

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