

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Union-Snyder CAA is active in addressing pressing community needs by participating in, and hosting, various community initiatives and by working in close partnership with other local service agencies. Examples of these initiatives include:

- **The Linen Closet (TLC):** A donation closet of personal hygiene products and essential cleaning supplies to assist families on a limited budget and in urgent need. To donate to The Linen Closet, please visit Union-SnyderCAA.org/TLC.
- **Poverty Simulations:** Union-Snyder CAA facilitates Poverty Simulations to educate the community about day-to-day realities of living with low income. To learn more about hosting a Poverty Simulation at your school or organization, please call us at (570) 374-0181 or visit Union-SnyderCAA.org/PovertySimulation.
- **Annual Family Service Conference:** Union-Snyder CAA hosts an annual Family Service Conference as an opportunity for service providers to connect on issues affecting the customers they serve. Conference dates vary year-to-year. To receive more information, please call us at (570) 374-0181.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your contributions enable us to continue expanding our reach to individuals and families living with low income in Union and Snyder Counties. Donations to Union-Snyder CAA are tax-deductible and can be made in memory or honor of someone special, or can be designated toward one of our program areas.

For questions regarding supporting Union-Snyder CAA programs and services, please contact Emily Mrusko, Assistant Director, at emrusko@union-snydercaa.org or (570) 374-0181 x108.

Fundraise

Engage your network of friends, family, and coworkers to support CAA's mission of reducing poverty in Union and Snyder Counties. Donations can be made online, check, or cash. Union-SnyderCAA.org/Give

Workplace Giving

Many companies offer an employer-sponsored workplace-giving program, such as a dollar-for-dollar match or charitable payroll deduction. Check with your employer to see how you can maximize your gift to CAA!

Corporate Sponsorship


Become a corporate sponsor by directly contributing to CAA by providing in-kind support, assisting with marketing and advertising, or sponsoring one of our programs or services. Contact Emily (above) for more information.

In-Kind Contribution

Donate personal hygiene products and/or cleaning supplies for The Linen Closet (TLC), a CAA initiative to support families in an urgent need and a limited budget. Visit our website to view our current wishlist of items. Union-SnyderCAA.org/TLC

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



 Union-Snyder Community Action Agency is a member of the Community Action Partnership, which is the national hub that links the nation's 1,000+ local Community Action Agencies and State Associations to each other and to leaders looking for solutions that connect families to great opportunity.



Union-Snyder COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

WE ENVISION a future where all residents of Union and Snyder Counties have equal opportunity to reach their full social, civic, and economic potential.

Union-Snyder CAA has been delivering programs and services to help individuals and families living with low income achieve self-sufficiency since 1979. We offer assistance in the following four components: Community Services, CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps, Education & Employment, and Veterans Affairs. We are committed to addressing local community issues, as identified in our Community Needs Assessment, through partnerships and additional various community initiatives.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services provides services and/or referrals to community members experiencing one of the following needs. Please call us at (570) 374-0181 for more information regarding these services.

Housing Assistance

Housing programs offered to income-eligible individuals and families living in Union and Snyder Counties include Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Assistance Program.

Utility Assistance

Individuals or families that need help paying home heating or electric bills to avoid shut off may be eligible for assistance through PPL and/or UGI Customer Assistance Programs managed through Union-Snyder CAA.

Transportation Assistance

Transportation assistance may be available for working parents with children under 18 who are residents of Union or Snyder County. Assistance may include financial assistance toward car purchase, car repair, mileage reimbursement, or access to rabbittransit.

Food Referrals

Referrals are made to monthly food pantries, weekly community meals, or emergency food cupboards for families or individuals who are in need of supplemental food. Visit our website for food pantry schedule and resources. Union-SnyderCAA.org/FoodAssistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

CAA's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program files eligible households' taxes at no cost to ensure maximum return to families living with low-to-moderate income.

Information & Referrals

Intake staff member(s) will address questions and make appropriate referrals to local agencies as needed.

CORE SUSQUEHANNA AMERICORPS

Union-Snyder CAA administers the local affiliate of the national AmeriCorps service program, a voluntary civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors engaging adults in public service work with a goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community." CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps is supervised by the state commission, PennSERVE, and the Corporation for National Service.



Become a Member

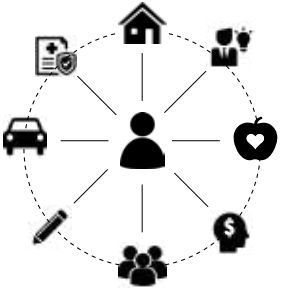
CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps members are assigned to serve an agreed upon term at a local community site. Partner sites can include nonprofit or government-related organizations. Members receive benefits such as a living stipend, Education Award, health insurance, childcare assistance, student loan forbearance, and more. Visit the CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps website for more information on positions and how to apply. CoreAmeriCorps.org/Become-A-Member

Become a Partner

Partner sites host CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps members at their organization for an agreed upon term to address an identified community need. Visit the CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps website for more information on how to become a partner site. CoreAmeriCorps.org/Become-A-Partner

SERVICE NAVIGATION

Service Navigation provides individuals with an essential mentorship in accessing and understanding services and advocating for self and family. CAA Service Navigators work with people to understand long-term goal planning, eligibility processes, online and paper application completion, and relationship-building that leads to long-term self-sufficiency. Please call us at (570) 374-0181 for more information.



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Union-Snyder CAA offers a variety of education and employment-related workshops and services at Selinsgrove and Lewisburg locations. Individuals can participate in the following programs. On-site childcare and transportation may be available. Please call us at (570) 374-0181 (Selinsgrove) or (570) 524-3895 (Lewisburg) for more information.

Adult Education

Individuals work on achieving the educational goal of their choice (i.e. GED) and participate in group projects through project-based learning.

Parenting

Individuals learn and discuss information and topics important in creating a healthy, safe environment for their family.

Employment Skills

Individuals learn skills needed to gain successful employment, such as job search techniques, resume writing, and more.

Financial Literacy

Individuals learn how to get out of debt, get on top of bills, and ultimately how to achieve financial independence.



SNYDER COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS

Union-Snyder CAA is home of Snyder County Veterans Affairs, which assists veterans, widows, and dependent children in obtaining benefits that are available to them from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Snyder County Veterans Affairs discusses and submits applications for all related benefits to which veterans and their dependents may be entitled to, such as:

- Compensation & Pension
- Hospitalization & Outpatient Care
- Education
- Home Loans
- Insurance
- Special Housing & Automobile Grants

More benefits may be available through the VA or other Federal, State, County, or local agencies/organizations. Snyder County Veterans Affairs also makes referrals to other sources of benefits as needed and appropriate. For more information, please call us at (570) 374-0181.

