# Add Vocate Northeast Florida



### A C T I O N A G E N C Y Eliminating Poverty. Promoting Self-Sufficiency

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Promoting
Self-Sufficiency for
Young Adults

#### **Training For A Better Tomorrow**

Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA) supports customers toward upward



mobility. The Agency has introduced several soft skills and vocational training programs to target unemployment in underserved communities and provide viable skills for those seeking opportunity. NFCAA partnered with the Clara White

Mission to offer a Janitorial/ Construction Certification Program that provides comprehensive instruction in commercial cleaning, construction cleanup, management skills,

c u s t o m e r service, and on the job training. The Graduation Ceremony



was held on December 22, 2016. NFCAA's new graduates are on their way toward improving their economic situation. The Agency believes that training and education help to propel communities forward.



NFCAA assisted five young adults to fulfill their dream of becoming Certified Nursing Assistants The (CNA). Young Adult Workforce and Education Grant is funded by the City of Jacksonville and offers an array of services that eliminate barriers to employment for youth. The main intent of the program is to reduce crime by connecting eligible youth to the education and training that is needed to increase economic selfsufficiency.

Serving Northeast Florida

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties



#### **Executive Director's Spotlight**

2017 is going to be an exciting and busy year at the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA). The Agency remains committed to providing innovative and needed services to stabilize vulnerable households. improve communities, promote positive change in the lives of persons with low-incomes. NFCAA will continue community visibility initiatives, assessment of communities in its seven county service area, and planning to determine the agency's strategic direction.

Outlined below are some of the activities that will occur at NFCAA in 2017:

#### **Community Visibility**

NFCAA will have its 4rd Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon on July 27, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront located on 225 East Coastline Drive. This annual event provides opportunity for NFCAA highlight the Agency's positive impact on low-income individuals and communities, while also recognizing the accomplishments of partners, staff, and customers.

Individuals interested in sponsorship opportunities and tickets to the event should contact Marion Walker at 904-398-7472, ext. 224.

NFCAA will also sponsor a Lunch and Learn Event in each of the seven counties in its service area. These events will allow the Agency to highlight programs and services for elected officials, other service providers, businesses, faith-based organizations, and community leaders. The goal of the Lunch and Learns will be to foster more community support by obtaining new partners to help NFCAA accomplish its mission.

### Community Assessment and Strategic Planning

NFCAA will begin the process to start its 2017 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) in February. Every three years, NFCAA conducts an intensive assessment in its seven county service area to determine community needs. The CNA conducted by NFCAA allows low-income persons, elected officials, businesses, other service providers, and community members as follows:

- To direct input in determining the needs/problems that the Agency will address with program and grant funds.
- To determine the goals, objectives, and implementation strategies that will be the focus of NFCAA's Strategic Plan.

Our commitment to changing lives one family at a time, while offering the spirit of hope remains the NFCAA way. The best is yet to come!

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#### **NEED TO FILE?**

Tax season is drawing near and as a result, NFCAA has once again partnered with Real Sense, a United Way initiative to assist families. The Agency encourages customers to utilize this free tax and financial literacy resource. Tax preparers will be available at various NFCAA offices in Duval, Baker, Clay, Putnam, and Flagler counties.

#### **Robert F. Kennedy Center**

1133 Ionia Street Jacksonville, FL 32206

January 25, 2017-April 18,2017

#### **Tax Preparation Hours:**

Monday-Thursday (by Appointment) 10:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday Walk-Ins

10:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.

#### **For Information:**

**Contact United Way 211** 



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### NFCAA's Sponsors



#### 2017 Calendar of Events

January 26th NFCAA's Annual Meeting

March 1st Data Busters Accepting Applications

May Annual FACA Conference-Jacksonville, Florida

June Data Busters Program

July 27th 4rd Annual Award & Recognition Luncheon

August CAP 2017 Annual Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



#### **Community Action Promise**

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.





The Sheltering Tree Carla Trister, Director/Founder Outstanding Community Leader



Edward Waters College Dr. Nathaniel Glover **Keynote Speaker** 

















### In Time For The Holidays

NFCAA provided holiday dinners and much needed groceries to deserving families

in various counties. Staff and volunteers prepared bags and boxes filled with turkeys, vegetables, and all the fixings for the enjoyment of a home-cooked holiday meal.



The Agency continues to share the spirit of hope by providing supportive services to customers in need.

### Community Pride of North Riverside



#### **Community Pride For North Riverside**

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA) has organized several North Riverside beautification projects. NFCAA staff, volunteers and residents came together to lend a helping hand in this community effort. NFCAA provided exterior beautification elements to homes and removed trash and debris from yards. New plants and shrubbery were also added as a finishing touch. NFCAA believes this project created an opportunity for the residents to come together work to uplift their community.



## **Community Christmas Ball**

NFCAA celebrated the holidays by hosting a community Christmas ball for partners and residents of the North Riverside Neighborhood Partnership. This event was held in honor of those working diligently towards the revitalization of the North Riverside Community.



### **Holiday Cheer!**

