



Speakers Bureau

Building Community & Poverty Awareness



Lorain County Community Action Agency directly serves approximately 20,000 adults and children each year. Our private, 501(c)(3) non-profit was incorporated in 1966 as part of America's War on Poverty. With an \$11 million budget, less than 10% administrative costs and 165 dedicated employees, LCCAA remains focused on its mission:

To serve and empower Lorain County residents in need.

www.lccaa.net

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Building Community Through Collaboration Presenter: Jackie Boehnlein, President & CEO **Duration:** 20 Minutes

After 50 years of serving Lorain County residents in need, LCCAA has developed an extensive network of partners. We recorded 101 partnerships in 2016 alone. Learn about how we prioritize new and existing partnerships and our collaboration goals for the years ahead.



Bridges Out of Poverty – For Organizations &/or Businesses

Presenter: Frank Prihoda, Director of Planning & Community Services

Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes

This Informational session is a comprehensive approach to understanding poverty. Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to alleviate poverty. Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. Participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes, but the focus of the training is to provide a broad overview of concepts. This training assists employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals gain insight and strategies.

Getting Ahead Program—A Bridges Approach

Presenter: Frank Prihoda, Director of Planning & Community Services

Duration: 30 Minutes

This is an overview of the “Getting Ahead” program. This is a program for people in poverty that shows how to use the hidden rules of class to build up financial, emotional, social, and other resources. Understanding the hidden rules of the middle class and wealth, and choosing to use them, can open doors to new relationships, new jobs, and higher resources.

LCCAA Community Needs Assessment Report

Presenter: Frank Prihoda, Director of Planning & Community Services

Duration: 30 Minutes

Once every two years LCCAA conducts a comprehensive needs assessment in order to align our services with priority needs in Lorain County. Find out which needs were identified as the highest priority and what services residents expected to need most in the near future.

LCCAA Community Resource Directory

Presenter: Frank Prihoda, Director of Planning & Community Services

Duration: 10-15 Minutes

LCCAA maintains a current directory of frequently-used resources for low-income families. The 35-page directory, updated continually and reprinted every six months, has become our most requested publication from residents and other service providers alike. Learn about the directory, including a distribution of directories to attendees, in this informative presentation.

Lorain County Community Action Agency staff are also glad to make presentations on any of our current emergency or empowerment programs. Please visit our website for the most current list of ways we serve the low-income families and individuals in Lorain County. www.lccaa.net

LCCAA Today: An Annual Report and Agency Overview

Presenter: Jackie Boehnlein, President & CEO

Duration: 30 Minutes

This presentation features the Agency's recent accomplishments, an overview of the Agency's program and services, and objectives for the year ahead.

Lorain County Head Start: LCCAA's High-Quality Approach to School Readiness

Presenter: Shauna Matelski, Director of Head Start

Duration: 20 Minutes

While all Head Start programs in the country comply with the same program performance standards, how services are structured and delivered looks a little different from county to county based on local needs. This presentation gives an overview of how Head Start services function for the low-income children and families of Lorain County.

Self-Sufficiency in Lorain County

Presenter: Jackie Boehnlein, President & CEO

Duration: 20 Minutes

Based on the Ohio Association of Community Action Agency's latest Self-Sufficiency Report for Ohio, this presentation shows what it currently costs to live in Lorain County without financial assistance.

Top 10 Myths About Poverty

Presenter: Jackie Boehnlein, President & CEO

Duration: 20 Minutes

Despite rumor to the contrary, perception is not reality. Learn about what it means to be poor in America by looking at the top ten myths about people receiving income supports and other assistance.

Why Head Start: A Workshop for Parents

Presenter: Shauna Matelski, Director of Head Start

Duration: 20 Minutes

It is not uncommon for parents of young children to struggle with where to send their child to preschool. Learn about what makes Head Start such a quality program responsive to the needs of the whole family.



LCCAA's free Speakers Bureau is designed to build community and raise awareness of real poverty issues in our community.

Any organization in Lorain County can request a speaker. Duration of any presentation can be adjusted to fit your timeframe.

Please allow at least one month for planning.

Visit our website at www.lccaa.net or email speakers@lccaa.net.

LCCAA Announces Free Speakers Bureau

LCCAA's Speakers Bureau is designed to build community, raising awareness of poverty and its effects in Lorain County and forging new relationships. We offer this free service to any organization in Lorain County such as

- ◆ Chambers of Commerce
- ◆ Service organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.)
- ◆ Schools and youth-serving organizations
- ◆ Churches and faith-based groups
- ◆ Parent groups
- ◆ Community and senior centers



We have always been grateful for our community's support and we know many residents and organizations are looking for ways to help Lorain County. We're excited to spread information and share our experiences.

Jackie Boehnlein, President & CEO



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