**Mission**

ACAP works in partnership with families and communities to empower people to achieve economic self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

**Guiding Principles**

**Community**
We believe that people should be empowered to self-advocate, assume responsibility, become self-sufficient, and use their inherent strengths to thrive and succeed.

**Action**
We will be pro-active in meeting customer needs, addressing community issues, and striving for excellence in all that we do. We believe that people should be empowered to self-advocate, assume responsibility, become self-sufficient, and use their inherent strengths to thrive and succeed.

**Partnership**
We see partnership as the catalyst for achieving our goals. We work collaboratively with the families we serve as well as with stakeholders who share our values.

**Vision**

The Albany Community Action Partnership is:

- A trusted and reliable leader in community relationships.
- A leader in business operations, demonstrating continual improvement in the skills, systems and teamwork that create excellence.
- A good neighbor, investing human and financial resources in the communities around us.
- A leading advocate, naming and breaking down societal barriers to economic self-sufficiency.
- An innovator and collaborator, allied with other organizations that seek creative, intentional solutions to longtime challenges and changing community needs.

ACAP is one of New York State’s 51 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and one of 1,100 CAAs nationwide. CAAs are independent nonprofit organizations designated by the Federal Government to combat poverty in various locales.

ACAP offers connections and services to a diverse cross-sections of our community, that help economically vulnerable individuals strengthen their families through

ACAP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization registered in the state of New York. With outreach offices in Albany and Cohoes, and multiple early childhood development classrooms throughout Albany County.

The Power Of Change
Parents and caregivers of children participating in ACAP’s Head Start Program have a multitude opportunities to participate in program-related activities throughout the program year — including classroom activities, parent workshops, and take home items.

Results of most recent review by Secretary on 4/27/18 ACAP was notified that the program was currently eligible for non-competitive five year grant to operate a Head Start Program.

Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP) operates a comprehensive Head Start program that provides education, special needs, health, nutrition, dental, mental health, parent involvement, and family development services at multiple locations throughout Albany County.

In the 2017 –2018 School Year:

**CHILDREN**

- 544 Children Served
  - Have medical insurance: 94%
  - Received age appropriate immunizations: 95%
  - Have received dental examinations: 76%
  - Have a medical home: 99%
  - Average Monthly Enrollment: 99%

**FAMILIES**

- 522 Families Served
  - 52% Single Female Head of Household
  - 29% Fathers participated in activities
  - 50% Parents Volunteered in the classroom
  - 75% Parent Participation
ACAP Head Start utilizes **Creative Curriculum System for Preschool** which offers comprehensive support in four essential areas: curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family connection. ACAP utilizes the **Teaching Strategies GOLD Early Childhood Assessment Tool** to tie curriculum to goals and outcomes for children.
Head Start & Early Head Start serves children based on federal income poverty guidelines. Children can also be eligible if they receive public assistance, are homeless, or because they are in foster care.

Percent of eligible children served - 100%
ACAP’s financial statements are prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, with an independent audit completed annually. As required, ACAP’s most recent audit, for the fiscal year that ended February 28, 2018, included review for compliance with the United States’ Office of Management and Budget’s Circular A-133 requirements for Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. No Findings, Material Weaknesses or Significant Deficiencies were found.