



AT A GLANCE

Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County:

- Is a private, non-profit organization that provides ***services and opportunities for low-income people*** living in Santa Barbara County.
- Offers programs designed to help individuals and families ***achieve and maintain self-sufficiency***.
- Provides services that benefit over ***12,000 people*** in Santa Barbara County each year.
- Has been helping people and changing lives in Santa Barbara County ***since 1967***.
- Provides services in all areas of the county, with program sites stretching from ***New Cuyama to Carpinteria***.
- Operates twenty-six ***Head Start and Early Head Start*** centers which provide early care and education to infants, toddlers and preschoolers at little or no cost to eligible low-income families.
- Provides services and ***programs for families and youth*** struggling with mental health issues, gang involvement, substance abuse, sexual activity, violence, unemployment and incarceration.
- Eases the burden of rising utility rates for low-income households by providing ***free home weatherization and utility payment assistance***.
- Serves over 150,000 ***hot, nutritious meals to low income seniors*** each year, delivering meals to home-bound seniors and providing community meals at senior centers throughout the county.
- Operates programs that are funded by a combination of ***private donations, private grants***, and government grants.
- Has served as a ***birthplace of several local non-profit agencies*** including Food Bank of Santa Barbara County, Easy Lift Transportation and Domestic Violence Solutions.
- Is governed by a board of directors which always includes ***equal representation*** from the low-income, government, and private sectors.
- Operates Back Door Deli, located at 315 Camino Del Remedio in Santa Barbara, which devotes ***100% of its restaurant and catering profits*** to CAC's Senior Nutrition Program.
- Is ***continuously changing and evolving*** to meet the needs of the community.
- Is not a government bureau and therefore ***depends on private donations for survival!***