

# Colusa, Glenn, & Trinity Community Action Partnership



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President Lyndon B. Johnson

## Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was passed as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty" which created a federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

In his SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, on March 16th, 1964, President Johnson declared, "The Act does not merely expand on old programs or improve what is already being done. It charts a new course. It strikes at the causes of poverty . . . Not just the consequences of poverty. It can be a milestone in our 180-year search for a better life for your people."

- Amendments were passed in 1967 to the Economic Opportunity Act requiring local government designation of Community action partnerships and created the [tri-partite Board](#) structure that still exists today.
- TRI-PARTITE, as the name implies, means “THREE PARTS”. One-third of members must consist of elected public officials or their representatives. The public officials must be in office at the time of selection.
- Not less than one-third of members must represent low-income individuals/families. These members must be representative of the populations served by the agency.
- The remaining members represent the community, or private sector (they may represent local business, labor, industry, religious, law enforcement, education, other major groups and interests).

## Community action partnerships Tri- Partite Board Structure

- **Elected Public Officials**
- **Low Income Individuals served by Community Action**
- **Community Member of Public or Private Sector**



### Community Services Block Grant

In 1981, the Economic Opportunity Act was rescinded and the Community Services Administration was abolished, under the Reagan Administration.

In its place, came the **Community Services Block Grant**, which delegated responsibility for the administration of Community action partnerships to the states.



## Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG funds the anti-poverty Community action partnerships and family self-sufficiency efforts of a nationwide network of 1,100 community agencies. These organizations create, coordinate, and deliver comprehensive programs and services to almost a quarter of all people living in poverty in the United States.



**The CSBG Act requires Community Action to provide the following activities to help low-income persons:**

- Secure & Retain meaningful employment
- Remove obstacles to self-sufficiency
- Attain an adequate education
- Obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment
- Obtain emergency assistance to meet immediate and urgent family needs
- Achieve great participation in the affairs of the community
- Make better use of available income
- Make more effective use of related programs



## Results Oriented Management & Accountability

There was a trend of opposition against Community Action, by critics who claimed CAPs had outlived their usefulness, and have failed to accomplish their charge to “eliminate poverty.”

A shift to Results Oriented Management and Accountability or **ROMA**, is used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the services provided by Community action partnerships.

The charge of Community action partnerships, to this day remains,  
***“To eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty.”***

# Unique Characteristics of Community Action Partnerships

## Governance

- The Tri-Partite Governing Board consisting of equal parts of Public, Private, and Low Income Representatives of the community being served
- This structure brings together leaders from each of these sectors to collaborate on response tailored to local needs

## Volunteer Support

- A Major provider of volunteer services in the country
- Colusa, Glenn, & Trinity CAP has an annual average of over 11,000 volunteer hours serving low income programs

# Unique Characteristics of Community Action Partnerships (cont'd)

## Leveraging of Other Resources

- Every Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) dollar leverages almost \$5 of State, local, and or private contributions.
- The Community Action network administers Federal, State, local, and private resources.

## Innovative Solutions & Low Costs

- CSBG funds give CAPs the flexibility to design programs that address needs specific to individuals and the local community
- CAPs have very low administrative overhead costs (on average between 7 and 12%)
- Resources are invested directly in the community, not in bureaucracy



## Unique Characteristics of CAPs - Emergency Responses

- CAPs respond quickly when a family or individual is in crisis to avoid costly, long-term problems.
- This includes disaster assistance, energy assistance, and emergency shelter.
- While emergency services are one of the largest categories of CAPs service delivery, the highest priority is helping people achieve permanent self-sufficiency.

# Comprehensive Solutions

- Another major use of CSBG dollars by local agencies is coordination among multiple programs
- CAPs provide services that address a full range of family needs (ie Literacy, Child Care, Parenting, Youth/Adult Employment & Training, Permanent Housing, Job Placement, Asset Building & Budget Counseling)
- CAPs also strengthen the local economy & develop the community's infrastructure

**Governing Board for  
CAP**

Glenn County  
Board of  
Supervisors

**Joint Powers  
Agreement  
Administrative Board**

Trinity County  
Board of  
Supervisors

Colusa-Glenn-  
Trinity  
Community Action  
Partnership

Colusa County  
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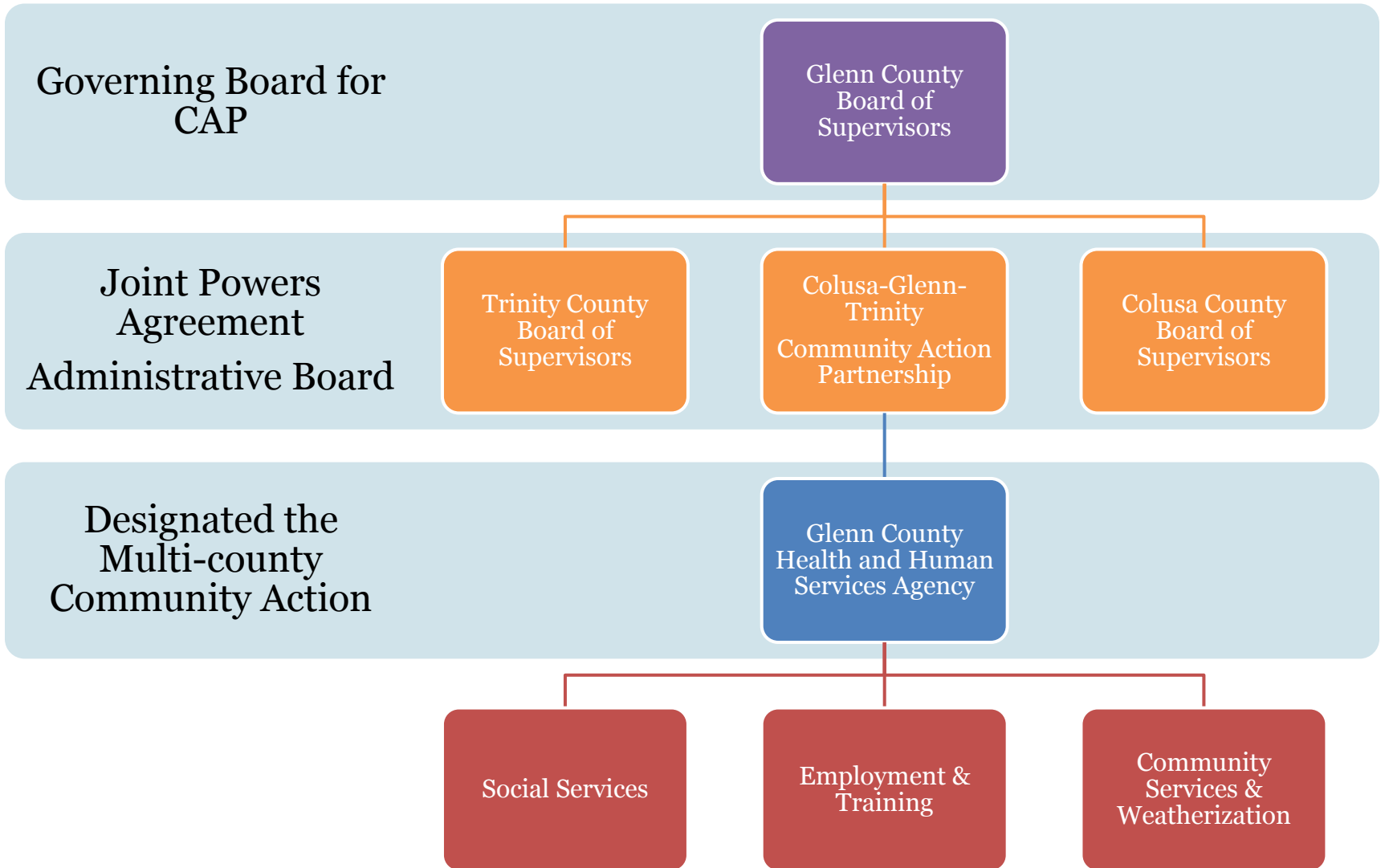
**Designated the  
Multi-county  
Community Action**

Glenn County  
Health and Human  
Services Agency

Social Services

Employment &  
Training

Community  
Services &  
Weatherization



## Housing & Community Services (Housing Programs)



- HOME Rent Assistance
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Continuum of Care – (4) Counties
- Emergency & Transitional Housing
- Energy Assistance
- Special Needs

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## Family & Community Services

- Child Welfare Support Services
- CSBG Support
- CAP Board Support



# Housing Rehabilitation & Weatherization



- Housing Rehabilitation
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Program Income/REUSE
- HOME
- Home Weatherization
- LiHEAP
- DOE
- Energy Education
- Emergency Preparedness/Assistance

# Employment Services



- One Stop Resource Center, Employment Resources
- Job Training & Placement
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Cal-Works
- Work Experience
- Youth Services
- Youth Employment Services (YES)
- Independent Living Program (ILP)
- Summer Youth
- Business Services
- CDBG MicroEnterprise
- Rapid Response
- Job Development



## Colusa County

- Homeless Prevention
- First Months Rent
- Eviction Prevention
- Housing & Weatherization
- Utility Assistance



## Glenn County

- Homeless Prevention
- First Months Rent
- Eviction Prevention
- Housing Rehabilitation & Weatherization
- Utility Assistance
- Employment Services
- Family Support Services



## Trinity County

- Homeless Prevention
- Utility Assistance
- Weatherization

# Colusa, Glenn, & Trinity Community Action Partnership



- Services Provided in all Three Counties
- (18) Board Members Serving the Three Counties
- Community Action Planning
- Resource Development
- Grant Coordination

# Colusa, Glenn, & Trinity Community Action Partnership Principles



- We Open Doors and Lead the Way
- We Turn Hope Into Reality
- We Empathize
- We Treat People with Respect
- We Say “Yes,” Finding Some Way to Help
- We Give a Voice to Those in Need
- We Mirror the Diversity of Our Communities through Our Local Boards