

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

ASSET BUILDING PROGRAMS

Individual Development Accounts (IDA)

- Matched savings incentive program.
- Save for one of three goals: education, home purchase, or small business capitalization.
- Participants save \$2,000, which is matched by \$4,000 from CAP Riverside and its partners for total of \$6,000.
- Participants **must have earned income** from a job or self-employment to be eligible for the program.

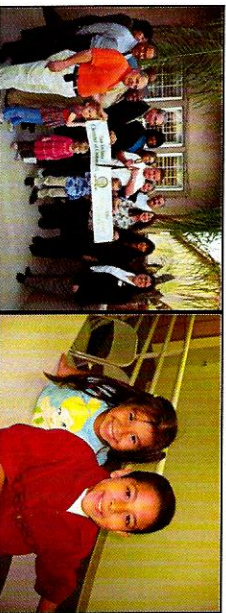
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites provide free tax preparation for qualifying residents.
- EITC could provide tax refunds up to \$5,700.
- IRS certified Volunteer tax preparers.
- Alternative to costly refund anticipation loans.

Project B.L.I.S.S.

(Building Links Impacts Self-Sufficiency)

- Assists families in poverty to create life changes that lead to self-sufficiency.
- Mentors, known as Allies, support and guide the family to reach their goal of escaping poverty.
- Engages the community in addressing barriers that people encounter in trying to get out of poverty.



YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS

Pre-Apprenticeship Program

- Workplace mentor program for 11th and 12th grade high school youth.
- Eligible youth are placed with small businesses for 520 hours of training.
- Youth earn a stipend.
- Students save \$100 that is matched with \$100 from CAP Riverside and \$100 from employer.

Project L.E.A.D.

(Linking Education, Advocacy & Development)

- Trains mentors to tutor middle school students enrolled in after-school programs.
- Mentors provide cross-generational mentoring and tutoring through character development activities.
- Mentors receive comprehensive pre-service orientation and on-going training and support.
- Mentors earn a stipend and an educational award.

Riverside County Mentor Collaborative (RCMC)

- Provides assistance to youth mentor programs throughout Riverside County.
- Encourages member best practices.
- Provides training and technical assistance.
- Hosts monthly network meetings.
- Hosts a web site and mentor information toll-free hotline.
- Hosts an annual mentor recognition event.



MEDIATION SERVICES

Dispute Resolution Center

- Provides services to resolve disputes for community: individuals and small businesses.
- Provides mediation services to the Riverside County Superior Court of California.
- Conducts free community education workshops on managing conflict in everyday life.
- Teaches Peer Mediation skills to students on high school and middle school campuses.
- Trains, certifies, and deploys volunteer mediators to assist in resolving disputes.
- Trains law-enforcement officers how to issue "referral tickets" for disputing parties to participate in mediation.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Community Action Academy

- Agencies, organizations, and community members-at-large learn basic capacity building, sustainability and grant development skills.
- Low-cost and free workshops offered in core development areas.

Lingafelter Program Development Fund

- Funds assist small or start-up organizations to apply for non-profit status.
- Services and activities must benefit Riverside County's low-income communities and residents.

