



Agency Happenings

Congressman Joyce Visits Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

On September 5, Ashtabula County Community Action Agency (ACCAA) was proud to host a visit from Congressman David Joyce. ACCAA Executive Director Judith Barris invited the first-term Congressman to visit the agency to learn more about them, their services and the needs of the county residents.



ACCAA Executive Director Judith Barris greets Congressman Joyce

ACCAA directors related information about their many services, shared some examples of people and families they have helped, and explained the importance of the work they do. Also in attendance were David Bradley of NCAF, Phil Cole from OACAA, David Rinebolt with OPAGE, and Kevin Benacci, district outreach coordinator for Representative Joyce.

“Judith Barris and her staff did a very good job explaining all of their federal programs, especially the ones involving CSBG,” commented Cole. “The Congressman understands CSBG and appreciated the work ACCAA is doing.” Congressman Joyce is a key member of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Bradley assured the Congressman that he has the support of Community Action.

“We had a great conversation; Representative Joyce listened intently and he invited further discussion regarding needs in our communities and how his office may be able to assist,” Barris said. While he was there, Representative Joyce got to see first-hand one of ACCAA’s Weatherization trucks and the high-tech equipment used by their staff to perform energy audits, air sealing, and other efficiency measures.

It was a very successful event and Mr. Cole said he encourages all members to invite members of Congress to visit their agencies.



OACAA Executive Director Phil Cole discusses Community Action with Congressman Joyce