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## **Community Update: Government Shutdown Impact on Local Services**

The recent federal government shutdown has created significant financial uncertainty for our organization and the vital community services we provide. As a nonprofit dedicated to serving our community, we are committed to maintaining transparency about how these federal funding disruptions impact our ability to serve families and children.

# **Immediate Service Impacts**

Our Community Action Program Committee Weatherization Program has been directly impacted by the recent funding freeze. In response, and in what we hope will be a temporary service modification, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily reassign our weatherization program staff to other departments supported by alternative funding streams. This proactive step ensures continuity of service and allows us to retain our skilled and dedicated workforce as we navigate this period of uncertainty.

## **Educational Program Challenges**

The shutdown has also created significant challenges in our educational programs. It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract and retain qualified educational staff, which impacts our capacity to serve children effectively. Our greatest concern remains the learning and development of the children who depend on our programs for quality educational experiences. CAPC Head Start is funded through November 30, 2025. We are awaiting our Head Start grant award for fiscal year 2025–2026, with an effective date of December 1, 2025. We are working to identify contingencies should the shutdown continue beyond that time.

#### **Commitment to Community**

Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our mission to serve the community. We are actively working to secure alternative funding sources, optimize our resources, and maintain the highest quality of service possible during this uncertain period. Our dedicated staff continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience and commitment to the families we serve.

### **How You Can Help**

Community support is more critical now than ever. Individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in supporting our mission and helping us maintain these vital services should contact Mr. Doug Brown, President/CEO of Community Action Program Committee to discuss partnership and contribution opportunities.

### For more information or to discuss support opportunities:

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