



Community Action Network

WELCOME

Community Action Network partners with children, youth, and families from under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods to create better futures for themselves and improve the communities in which they live.



THREE PILLARS

EDUCATING CHILDREN & YOUTH

Goal: Prepare youth to fulfill their academic potential and become successful, self-sufficient adults.

STABILIZING FAMILIES

Goal: Assist families in meeting their basic needs and create better futures for themselves.

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

Goal: Create and maintain clean, safe, and supportive neighborhoods where families can thrive.



LOCATIONS

Arrowwood Hills Community Center

Brick Community Center

Bryant Community Center

Creekside Court Community Center

Green Baxter Court Community Center

Hikone Community Center

Northside Administrative Building



EDUCATION PROGRAMS



■ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CAN's After School Programs are operated at 6 of our community centers and all include homework help, reading time, social-emotional development, enrichment activities, nutritious meals and snacks, connections to schools and parents, Art & Design, and more!



CAN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PURPOSE STATEMENTS:

- **TEACH** students how to self-regulate their bodies and emotions
- **ASSIST** students with developing their critical thinking skills
- **GIVE** the time and attention for students to report how safe and supported they feel
- **ENCOURAGE** homework completion *and* comprehension
- **HELP** students learn to enjoy reading
- **PROVIDE** an environment that supports the building of meaningful relationships
- **CONNECT** community to school
- **SUPPORT** the development of self-advocacy and tools for self-agency



CAN ART & DESIGN

Art & Design lessons are facilitated at each of our 6 community centers at least once a week during After School Program and once a day during CAN's Educational Summer Camps!

We believe that out-of-school art & design can serve as a catalyst for engaging young designers, thinkers, and leaders to create real work that makes a big difference in our communities.

Art & design provide a unique platform to learn from, engage with, and contribute to our world. They build the confidence to question, the skills to act, and the passion to create meaningful impact. Each of our projects empowers students to learn creatively and collaboratively to make work that matters.



EDUCATIONAL SUMMER CAMPS

Campers spend the mornings participating in a variety of academic activities relating to math, science, geography, language arts, nutrition and more! The afternoons are filled with thoughtfully curated lessons that align with the theme for the summer. In 2022, CAN's summer camp theme was *Our Friend, Earth*. Campers learned all about weather, climate change, the environment, solar power and more! In between all the exploration, campers engage in mindfulness activities, free play, exercise, and games, and enjoy 3 healthy meals!



YOUTHWORKS

CAN's YouthWorks program is a youth-driven work-readiness program for teens age 14-17 in CAN communities. YouthWorks offers interactive experiences to help teens develop employability skills needed for the workplace such as professionalism, accountability, and customer service while exploring various career fields. Teens who participate are equipped with the knowledge and experience they will need to be successful in real-world work environments!



STABILIZING FAMILIES



FOOD ASSISTANCE

CAN provides consistent, diverse, and nutritious food during all of our educational programs as well as weekly food distributions and on-site emergency food pantries for families within CAN communities.

Our Bryant Community Center and Brick Community Center's food distributions and pantries are also open to all of Washtenaw County. Families who visit receive fresh groceries like meat, produce, bread, dairy, and more!



SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

- Referrals for utility and rental assistance
- Assistance with navigating and completing vital applications
- Connections to community resources
- Backpacks and school supplies for every CAN student each year
- Food baskets and gift cards for holiday meal support
- 4 gifts for each After School Program participant during the holiday season
- Advocating for community members in a variety of ways
- And CAN's Bryant community is tackling the root causes of housing stabilization in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor by working towards making it the first carbon-neutral neighborhood in the midwest!



STABILIZING FAMILIES OUTCOMES

10,833 visits to CAN's
food pantries in fiscal year
2021-22

0 evictions due to
nonpayment of rent since
2002

Nearly \$29,000 in holiday
gifts and \$500,000 in
home energy retrofits

School supplies for over
530 students

Bryant and Northside
resilience hubs!



BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are a great way to bring people together!

At each CAN community, events are hosted throughout the year like Back to School BBQs, Harvest Potlucks, Holiday parties, Egg Hunts, Halloween parties and Haunted Houses, and more where residents enjoy good food, time together, and fun activities!



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

CAN communities are clean and welcoming! At all sites, staff regularly tidy up, ensure trash is contained, and work to beautify the grounds. Staff also work to gather the community in these efforts and multiple sites even host annual community clean-ups. These events allow community members to get rid of unwanted items that are otherwise difficult to dispose of.



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