In the 19 years since CEDAM started its work, we’ve watched the community economic development industry evolve to embrace a variety of services to help improve neighborhoods and cities across our great state. CEDAM members work to address their specific community’s needs—and those needs are diverse. To address a community’s ever-changing environment, CEDAM strives to be nimble and respond to these changes through our own programs and work, enabling our members to provide the best service to their communities.

We realize that we can’t do it alone—nor can you. With that in mind, we work diligently to provide new partnerships, networking and training opportunities. We are proud to collaborate with stakeholders large and small, with hands both in policy and on the ground, to create a cycle of growth and best practices that help our members best achieve their mission.

You help your community; we help you. Thank you for the work that you do and allowing us to play a small role.

Letter From the Executive Director:
Jamie Schriner
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

Michigan Communities for Financial Empowerment (MCFE) is a network for local leaders working to integrate financial empowerment with core public and nonprofit services. MCFE members help Michigan residents to reach financial stability through financial education and counseling, access to affordable financial products and services, opportunities to save and build wealth and consumer protections. CEDAM provides member training, technical assistance and funding to develop and expand financial empowerment initiatives in their communities. CEDAM also leads consumer protection advocacy in the state to protect Michigan residents in the financial marketplace.

Show Me the Money Day Events

Supported these community-led events resulting in more than 5,803 participants with 176 free financial workshops and 470 versions. Sixty percent of attendees reported feeling more hopeful about their financial situation after attending Show Me the Money Day.

100 Practitioners & advocates came together

At the 3rd annual MCFE Summit. This year, two pre-summit workshops were added to focus on municipal strategies for child savings accounts.

Learn more about the Michigan Community Financial Empowerment at mcfe.cedam.info.

TAX PREPARATION

The Michigan Earned Income Coalition (MEIC) unites individuals, organizations and local initiatives committed to supporting tax credit and asset building opportunities for Michigan families through improved access to free, quality income tax preparation assistance.

The MEIC supports its members and free tax sites across Michigan through training and networking opportunities, resource sharing and advocacy. These members served more than 49,005 households, saving more than $14.4 million in tax preparation fees. They also helped more than 15,325 Michigan households claim more than $1.9 million in earned income tax credits.

Resourcing & Training

CEDAM hosts legislative luncheons across the state to provide opportunities for members to engage with local legislators.

BLIGHT ELIMINATION

The Michigan Vacant Property Campaign (MVPC) is a collaboration between Center for Community Progress, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Community Resources and CEDAM. The MVPC works with communities in Michigan to repurpose blighted properties into new opportunities.

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RESOURCES & TRAINING

CEDAM produces a catalog of resources, training and networking opportunities that complement specific programs and appeal to the industry at large. In addition to the items below, CEDAM is active on social media and maintains a resource library with a variety of toolkits and other resources.

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Neighborhood Stabilization

The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force (MFTF) was created in 2007 to respond to the foreclosure crisis by serving as a statewide clearinghouse for foreclosure-related information and providing a unified voice in promoting public policy to respond to the crisis. The MFTF was focused on reducing the number of foreclosures, keeping families, including homeowners and renters, in their homes and softening the impact of preventable foreclosures on families, neighborhoods and communities.

3+1 Presentations & a webinar

Held in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Troy and online to showcase data and explain how to use the information.

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