

10 Years

20 Years

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50 Years



- > **1964:** President Lyndon B. Johnson Signs the Economic Opportunity Act
- > **1965:** The Greater Willimantic Human Rights Council was incorporated as Windham Area Community Action Program, Inc. (WACAP) serving the greater Windham area (Willimantic) and part of Tolland County
- > **1968:** Quinebaug Valley Action Committee was incorporated to include both service areas as one with main office on 796 Main Street, Willimantic

- > **1970:** OEO Instruction 6302-1 establishes funding of community action agencies (CAAs) and programs
- > **1972:** Main office relocated to 100 Main Street in Danielson, second floor of the Danielson Surplus Center building
- > **1974:** Community Service Act provides funding grants and oversees the activities of CAAs
- > **1975:** VISTA program developed placing 11 volunteers in the community
- > **1976:** WACAP purchased current office in Danielson to accommodate the increased staff, Weatherization program implemented
- > **1977:** Women, Infants and Children Program implemented



- > **1978:** Opened outreach office on 810 Main Street in Willimantic. Energy Assistance Program developed, no longer a "loan" basis program. Big Brothers/Big Sisters program implemented
- > **1980:** All of Tolland County was added to the WACAP service area, CACFP implemented
- > **1981:** Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Act provides U.S. federal funding for CAAs and other programs

- > **1984:** WACAP opened an Emergency Shelter and was the only shelter available in the area



- > **1993:** Government Performance and Results Act establishes strategic planning and performance measurement for CAAs
- > **1994:** Six National Goals, CAAs to provide outcome measures to monitor success
- > **1994:** WACAP changed its name to The ACCESS Agency, Inc. and relocated to current main office in Willimantic on 1315 Main Street
- > **1995:** Entrepreneurial Center Opens
- > **1998:** Reauthorization of CSBG Act to provide assistance to States and local communities



- > **2001:** Information Memoranda 49 added to CSBG to emphasize results-based, client-focused accountability among Federally-funded domestic assistance programs
- > **2006:** Groundbreaking for Access Senior Housing of Willington (ASHoW)
- > **2007:** Crossroads opens for DCF referred adolescents transitioning to Independent living
- > **2009:** Serve America Act expanded the AmeriCorps volunteer service program
- > **2010:** Groundbreaking for Access Senior Housing of Franklin (ASHoF)
- > **2012:** The Windham Hour Exchange begins, strengthening community connections



- > **2015:** Low Income Housing Program begins renovating multi unit homes with opportunities for low income eligible people to buy or rent

