30 Years

40 Years

50 Years



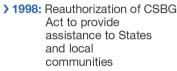
- > 1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson Signs the Economic Opportunity Act
- > 1965: The Greater Willimantic Human Rights Council was incorporated as Windham Area Community Action Program, Inc. (WACAP) serving the greater Windham area (Willimantic) and part of Tolland County
- > 1968: Quinebaug Valley 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



> 2001: Information
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added to CSBG
to emphasize
results-based, clientfocused 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



