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
1966: 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 for community service programs
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