The people CAANW-AL serves, most of whom have incomes below 90% of the poverty threshold, are working to find a way back to stability and greater independence. They have experienced crises and setbacks, sometimes for the first time.

Poverty is complex and not easily defeated. CAANW-AL offers people a hand up, providing a continuum of services to help them address their greatest needs, build on their strengths, and have hope for a better future.

**Program Areas/Households Served:**
- Responsible Parenting/Fatherhood - 304 served
- Mothers Program - 171 served
- Youth Connect - 62 served
- Housing Supports - 556 served
- Energy Supports - 2,619 served
- Weatherization Program - 27 served
- Meals on Wheels of The Shoals - 245 served
- Gerald William Cooperative Gardening Program - 950 served

**IN 2019, CAANW served**
- **4,152 individuals** receiving **9,509 services** representing **4,006 Families** **1,597 Disabled** **527 children under age 5**
2019 by the numbers

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# of clients in our 3 county area that received Housing Counseling. Of those, 302 improved their economic stability, 163 avoided eviction, and 124 went from homelessness to housing.

556

Child Support dollars collected through the Responsible Parenting/Fatherhood program.

$174,691

66,430 Meals delivered to seniors

14,560 hours worked by volunteers

123 organizations partnered with CAANW

182 Seniors maintained independent living

2,692 households improved/reduced the energy burden in their homes

Danny’s story

“Danny” contacted his local utilities department by letter begging for help to get his utilities restored. Danny, a deaf and mute man, had been robbed recently and needed his utilities on, not just for comfort but because the lights blinked when someone was at the door and his phone was used for communicating. Unable to help, the utility company referred him to CAANW late one afternoon.

So we went to Danny’s home, with little time to spare that afternoon. We partnered in the community to get his power restored, which enabled him to get his phone working so he could contact police about the break-ins. Danny was so thankful at his improved environment and how much safer in our community!

CAANW is a private non-profit corporation. Incorporated under the law of the State of Alabama March 19, 1965 and organized for the purpose of planning, developing and administering programs and services designed to help eliminate poverty and encourage self-sufficiency. We are conveniently located in Franklin, Colbert and Lauderdale Counties to serve the residents of each county.
CAANW-AL's Board of Directors is composed of one-third private sector representatives, one-third elected officials or their designee representing our service area, and one-third representatives of the low-income community.

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