



2018 SCAP Advocacy Agenda

Workforce Development

Workforce development is an economic development catalyst, and flexible resources are necessary to invest in high quality education, training and employment efforts customized to the diverse needs of jobseekers and businesses. SCAP recognizes the links between jobs and the other issues facing low-income communities and strives to be an intermediary to support employer recruitment and retention with flexible and responsive services meeting the comprehensive needs of job seekers and employers.

- The NYS Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) have spent less than 1% of its funding on workforce training.

SCAP supports the New York Association of Training and Employment Professional (NYATEP) and the NYS Displaced Homemakers Association.

- Direct 10% of the \$175 million for REDCs to workforce solutions aligned to economic development projects, prioritizing the use of funds for low wage or unemployed workers.
- \$3.5 million for Displaced Homemaker Programs. The DHP is a cost-effective, comprehensive program with a return on investment of \$14 for every \$1 spent.

<https://www.nyatep.org/>

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There are over 2.8 million NY residents living in poverty or 15.7%. In Schenectady County the rate is 12.6% and in the City of Schenectady it is 22%. The Child Poverty Rate in Schenectady County is 20.9% and in the City of Schenectady it is 40.1%.