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## News in brief

## CAO announces results of dialogue on poverty

Community Action Organization (CAO) of Washington County has announced the results of four community meetings, one in Spanish, held in June as part of the national Dialogue on Poverty.

Over 110 participants agreed that the most compelling issues were: more safe, affordable housing; meeting the basic needs of more people; more fulltime jobs with good pay and benefits; increased family capacity to solve problems effectively and nonviolently; more individuals learning basic skills in reading, math and communication; and increased quality, affordable childcare and other support for working adults.

Strategies for addressing these issues were discussed as well and will be incorporated into the planning efforts of CAO. These strategies, combined with those of other dialogues, are intended to influence decision

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