

Answering the Needs of Our Community

Every three years, Missouri Ozarks Community Action (MOCA) collaborates with community organizations, public authorities, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and families to conduct a community needs assessment. This assessment, based on the latest community data, is designed to identify and address local economic needs, with the ultimate aim of creating an environment where all families can thrive and succeed.

Once the needs are uncovered, MOCA conducts a strategic planning session with the assistance of the University of Missouri (MU) Extension to create a whole family approach to answering the most pressing needs identified.

To ensure accountability, MOCA participates in Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA).

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Strategic Plan 2024-2026

Our Mission

To strengthen our communities and encourage self-reliance; we work in partnership with our communities by implementing programs and providing resources to improve lives and inspire hope for low-income individuals and families.

Strategic Plan Priorities: 2024 - 2026

A "Whole Family" Approach



Community Needs Assessment 2023

The following needs were identified as barriers or gaps within the eight counties MOCA serves:

1. Unemployment and Job Growth Rate
2. Education and Cognitive Development
3. Income and Asset Building
4. Affordable Housing and Homelessness
5. Family Health and Nutrition
6. Civic Engagement
7. Multiple Other Domains, including Child Care, Crime, and Veterans Demographics

Strategic Plan Priorities 2024-2026

The following strategies were identified as priorities within the eight counties MOCA serves:

1. Employment
2. Education
3. Income and Asset Building
4. Housing
5. Health and Nutrition
6. Civic Engagement

The MOCA three-year strategic planning process includes:

- Completion of a comprehensive needs assessment (2023)
- Strategic Planning Session facilitated by MU Extension (April 2024)
- Implementation
- Achievement of Results
- Reassessment

EMPLOYMENT

FAMILY: Expand tools for employment readiness and retention.

AGENCY: Expand skills and opportunities for family coaches.

COMMUNITY: Build employment partnerships.

EDUCATION

AGENCY: Promote and provide cross-training opportunities for employees.

FAMILY: Provide whole family learning opportunities and crisis intervention.

COMMUNITY: Increase resource awareness.

INCOME AND ASSET BUILDING

FAMILY: Provide Financial Literacy Programs.

AGENCY: Provide opportunities for employees to develop their Financial Literacy.

COMMUNITY: Build a network and funding diversity to assist in transportation accessibility.



"People who are in a poverty situation need someone they can trust and rely on to help them want to succeed in life."

HOUSING

COMMUNITY: Create opportunities for collaboration with housing resources.

AGENCY: Explore alternative funding for safe and affordable housing opportunities.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

COMMUNITY: Increase awareness of resources for crisis intervention.

FAMILY: Increase resource awareness.

AGENCY: Cultivate mental health partnerships.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

AGENCY: Build a MOCA Public Relations Committee to increase awareness and promote civic engagement.