

YOU'RE INVITED!

SC Commission
for Minority Affairs



WORKING TOGETHER **WORKS**

Forging New Pathways to Fight Poverty in SC

Invitation Only Strategy Summit
April 20, 2017

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia SC 29201

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The Board of Commissioners and the staff of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA) cordially invite you to the first “Working Together Works, (WTW) Summit.” The summit is designed to forge new pathways to fight poverty in SC. It is an invitation-only strategy summit and your presence is needed to make a difference. The summit will convene Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from 9am to 5pm.

You were recommended as a person who is interested in socioeconomic improvements for the well being of South Carolinians living in poverty and as well someone who will make

a valuable contribution to the solutions we will tackle at the 2017 WTW Strategy Summit. CMA is embarking on an ambitious strategic undertaking for year 2020 that reflects a future state in which “Policies and Systems are in place that will increase access to healthcare, equitable education, expand workforce and economic development opportunities and promote a fair and equitable criminal justice system” as way to help eradicate poverty in South Carolina.

We recognize that in order to achieve this vision, we need the input from diverse organizations and a strategic action plan that will guide our work. We will be delighted to have you or a representative from your organization join us on April 20th.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Smith
Executive Director



SC Commission for Minority Affairs

CMA is a non-cabinet state agency which was signed into law by Governor Carol A. Campbell, Jr. in 1993. The agency serves as the single point of contact for information regarding the State's minority populations and for determining the factors that contribute to poverty and deprivation.

Mission: *“To serve as a catalyst to bring about economic prosperity and social equity for all ethnic minorities.”*

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS

WTW focuses on fighting poverty in South Carolina. This event will gather select partners and members from around the state to work together on a comprehensive strategy for alleviating poverty and deprivation.

At this year's summit we expect approximately 150 participants representing direct service organizations, advocacy groups, faith communities, state agencies and governmental partners, educational institutions, and individuals that have experienced living in poverty.

It is our hope that WTW will generate meaningful and significant conversations. Coming together, we will forge new pathways to fight poverty in South Carolina.



The Summit emphasizes two strategic objectives in line with CMA's Vision 2020:

1. *Develop leadership and legislative commitment*
2. *Increase awareness, accessibility and equity for impoverished communities*

Our agenda consists of six Focus Areas organized around these two objectives.

We encourage participants to join a Focus Area (see below) where their respective agency or organization can provide insights into current challenges and potential opportunities. The work groups will formulate actionable plans for all participants to implement in their organizations.

CHOOSE YOUR FOCUS AREA



Strategic Objective One: Develop Leadership/ Management/Legislative Commitment

1. Inter-Agency Partnership

Identify key performance measures to assess effectiveness of collaboration of interagency collaboration.

2. Data Management

Discuss ways to collect and share data related to poverty in the state.

3. Poverty Policy Agenda

Lay the foundation for creating a poverty policy agenda that addresses poverty and deprivation in the state.

Strategic Objective Two: Increase Awareness, Accessibility and Equity

4. Community Engagement and Advocacy

Lay the foundation for creating a plan that engages and educates minority communities regarding programs and services that address poverty in South Carolina.

5. Equity in Public Education

Discuss and develop ways to ensure a performance based education is in place.

6. Criminal Justice System Disparity

Discuss and lay the foundation for developing processes to eliminate criminal justice system disparity in South Carolina.

Be sure to choose your Focus Area when you register!

REGISTER NOW!



Register for the WTW 2017 Summit in one of two ways:

1. **Email Summit Coordinator Ms. Christina Hyppolite**
chyppolite@cfma.sc.gov
2. **Register through our Eventbrite page**
<https://2017workingtogetherworkssummit.eventbrite.com>

When you register, please include the following:

- Your name
- Your organization
- Your phone number
- Your email
- Your choice of Focus Area (see inside panel)

AT A GLANCE AGENDA

Plenary Session

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:15 Opening Remarks and Greetings
Conference Background, Objectives and Expectations
10:15 – 10:30 Break and Transitions

Focus Area Work Groups: Part 1

- 10:30 – 11:45 Challenges and Opportunities
Focus Area Breakout Discussions—Six Options
1. *Inter-Agency Partnership*
 2. *Data Management*
 3. *Poverty Policy Agenda*
 4. *Community Engagement and Advocacy*
 5. *Equity in Public Education*
 6. *Criminal Justice System Disparity*
- 11:45 – 12:00 Break and Transitions

Lunch Session

- 12:00 – 1:45 Recognition Lunch
Keynote Speaker
1:45 – 2:00 Break and Transitions

Focus Area Work Groups: Part 2

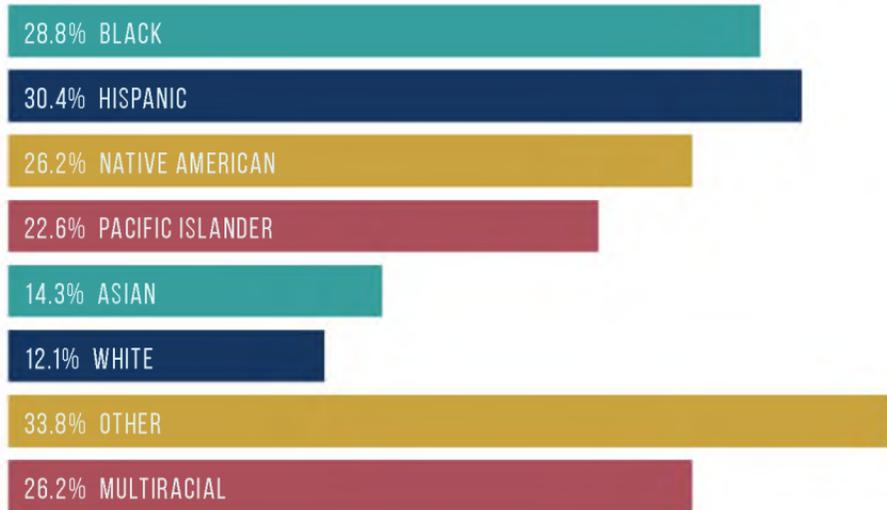
- 2:00 – 3:45 Development of Long-Term and Short-Term Goals
3:45 – 4:00 Break and Transitions

Closing Session

- 4:00 – 5:00 Focus Area Work Group Presentations
Next Steps and Evaluation

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

WHAT DOES POVERTY IN SC LOOK LIKE?*



Source: census.gov
*Population percentages for whom poverty status is determined.

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