

History of CAC

Community Action Commission of Santa
Barbara County

1967 - 2015



1964 "War on Poverty"

Is declared - Board of Supervisors creates Community Action Committee



1967 Head Start & Energy Programs Begin

Agency incorporates as Community Action Commission - a private non-profit



1974 Senior Meal Program Begins

Offering daily hot lunches at senior centers and home delivery



1993 Central Kitchen Opens

After CAC assumes operation of an unused Santa Barbara County Kitchen Facility



1997 Family and Youth Services Added

Los Compadres is the first youth program offered



2000 CAC Mid-County Regional Office Opens

On Chestnut Avenue in the city of Lompoc



2004 North County Kitchen Breaks Ground

CAC partners with Good Samaritan Shelter to build kitchen; first meals prepared in 2007



2011 Cal-SOAP joins CAC

Helping make college a reality for local high school students



2015 All CAC Head Start Centers Are Accredited

By the NAEYC the hallmark of excellence in Early Childhood Education