

# WHIP business

## People on the move

### Julie Ackerman earns national certification

The national office of the Community Action Partnership has announced that Julie Ackerman, director of planning, research and communications at the Community Renewal Team, was one of 59 first-rate human services professionals to receive the organization's Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) credential this year. The new CCAPs will be honored Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the Awards Gala during the Partnership's Annual Convention in New York.

Community Action managers and leaders from across the country that work with low-income individuals and communities earn the CCAP designation after demonstrating their Community Action expertise by completing a detailed assessment of their knowledge of poverty theories, causes, and remedies; ability to help low-income people achieve economic stability; and comprehension of the mission, vision and values of Community Action. To date, there are 442 CCAPs across the country representing rural, urban, and suburban Community Action Agencies.

Ackerman has anchored the CRT planning department since 2006 and is a member of the agency's Executive Cabinet. Her leadership is directly responsible for securing funding resources for CRT's 50+ programs that operate in more than 60 Connecticut towns. Her 25 years' experience in nonprofits and community action agencies started in the '80s when she was a program assistant in the Elder Nutrition Program for TEAM, Inc. based in Derby.



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Pictured above from left to right: Rob Rowison, Town of West Hartford community services director and Chamber Board of Directors member; Maryellen Milio, West Hartford Chamber of Commerce; Donna Baez, assistant branch manager American Eagle Federal Credit Union; Jennifer Valenches, branch manager; Barbara Kreitner, West Hartford Chamber of Commerce; and Bill Dokas, president and CEO of American Eagle Federal Credit Union.

## American Eagle Federal Credit Union hosts July BAH

American Eagle Federal Credit Union hosted the July Business After Hours for the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, July 12.

Over 80 business professionals and local entrepreneurs attended the event for networking. Guests enjoyed catering provided by Café Louise and refreshments courtesy

of Wine Cellars 4. The West Hartford Chamber is almost 500 members strong and offers many networking and community events. The August Business after Hours

event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at John Boyle Decorating in Elmwood. For more information, visit [www.explorewesthartford.com](http://www.explorewesthartford.com).

## CT Business Hall of Fame announces 2012 induction class