



# NCA

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Mission: To support and strengthen education for children, families and older adults, and advocate for the social, economic, and political well-being of Greater Clevelanders. NCA envisions a Cleveland where all people have access to resources to help them thrive.



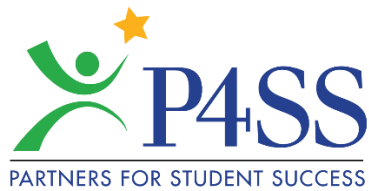
A vital entity for 75 years in Cleveland's neighborhoods, NCA was established as the Neighborhood Settlement Association (NSA) in 1948, to support three neighborhood centers. NSA coordinated resources and office functions (budgeting, fundraising, staff training, marketing) and partnered with Cleveland's Board of Education and the City's Recreation Department. NSA began the International Youth Leaders Program bringing Germany's Youth Workers to the US in an international exchange.



In 1963, the name changed to the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association when NSA and United Neighborhood Centers merged. GCNCA supported over 20 Member Centers in Cleveland until early 2001. In 2006, NCA was re-structured with a new business plan to advance its work serving communities. Today, NCA's focus is on Education and Support Services across Northeast Ohio serving youth, families, and older adults, and providing "back-office services to community-based organizations doing important work to strengthen our communities.

A global development and education organization, funded by the U.S. State Department selects 60 mid-career professionals annually for a four-month USA fellowship. This year, NCA hosted three women to learn about our work, engaged with youth and adult participants and met many community partners. Interested in women's issues, environment, entrepreneurship, STEM, and education, our Fellows embraced helping at the CMSD schools, meeting with IConnect participants and learning about AmeriCorps service. Awesome additions to NCA's staff, they "Loved Cleveland". Returning home to Latvia, Vietnam, and Nepal on 12.1.2023 they were very sad to depart but promised to return. We will continue to work with them on their projects, meeting via Zoom each month.





Partners for Student Success provides out-of-school time programs at 14 Cleveland Metropolitan Schools targeting youth in Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8) and High School (9-12) using a STEAM framework to engage students in project/problem-based learning aligned with the academic learning. Special programs offer healthy cooking, photography, sports, science and more. Career & College Readiness (C&CR), a key focus supports middle and high school youth to explore businesses and the vast positions needed. Students learn to identify their interests, skills, and work preferences. Over 1,800 youth and families were served in 2022-2023!

Special community partnership activities included Best Buy Geek Academy, NASA NIFTY Program, *Cooking with Cops* 5 Cleveland Police Districts & students at 5 CMSD Schools!



**COOK-OFF @ CCC  
CULINARY INST.  
CMSD STUDENTS  
& CLEVELAND  
COPS**



**STEM ENGINEERING @  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

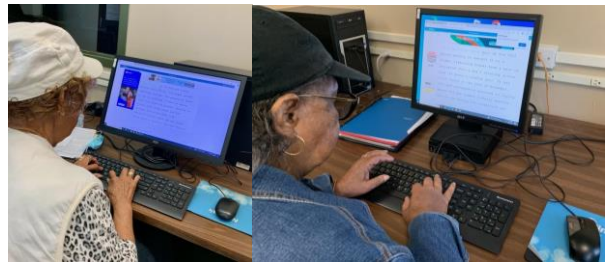


# IConnect NCA

IConnect improves social interaction by eliminating barriers for older adults who lack social ties, are isolated, and may experience loneliness by living alone. Over 600 older adults increased socialization and improved digital tech skills in 2022-2023

Offering diverse creative, educational, and experiential learning for individuals to share their interests, programming occurs seven days weekly from morning to late-night. Over 40 classes (exercise, BINGO, bedtime stories, gardening, art, cooking, virtual travel, music, bible study, movies, etc.) are held weekly throughout the year.

IConnect's Tech Concierge Team delivers digital tech training and guided support to help individuals overcome technology anxiety, strengthen digital skills, and develop confidence in utilizing technology for communication via personal devices (laptop/tablet/smartphone). Digital devices are deployed to individuals as available and needed thanks to a partnership with RET3.



Awarded a new 3-year grant from Serve Ohio, NCA's Community Connector Corps provides 32 AmeriCorps Members to work with P4SS youth, IConnect's older adults and serve at community partner sites. AmeriCorps Members receive a living stipend during the year of service. In 2022-2023 over 40,000 hours were provided by our Community Connector Corps.

NCA expanded services to Mansfield Ohio to serve the older adults in Richland County.



NCA has an incredibly diverse core with an age range of 19 -72, 35% over age 50 and 2/3 identified as minority populations. Several Members have signed on to serve multiple years as they love serving our youth and older adults.

NCA's "back-office services" continues to support community-based organizations (CBOs) with high-quality services at competitive rates. Started in 2012, NPA's business services (finance, IT, HR, planning, fiscal sponsor) accommodate the individual needs of CBOs.

Clients include America SCORES Cleveland, Cleveland VOTES, CREW, Final Touch Fencing, Jones Road Family Development, Morgan Conservancy, Ohio Transformation Fund, Partnership For Good Health, TechCade and unBail.



On September 21, 2023, NCA's Board of Trustees hosted a reception at the Edgewater Yacht Club, to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day our Articles of Incorporation were filed. Special thanks to EYC Members Dave and Beth Young. Seventy-five friends and supporters were invited to celebrate this milestone anniversary! Our distinguished guest, Mr. Clay Mock is a former board president who served in the 1960's and shared some inspiring stories. Please visit [www.gcnca.org](http://www.gcnca.org) to view more photographs and view the video that highlights our history!



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