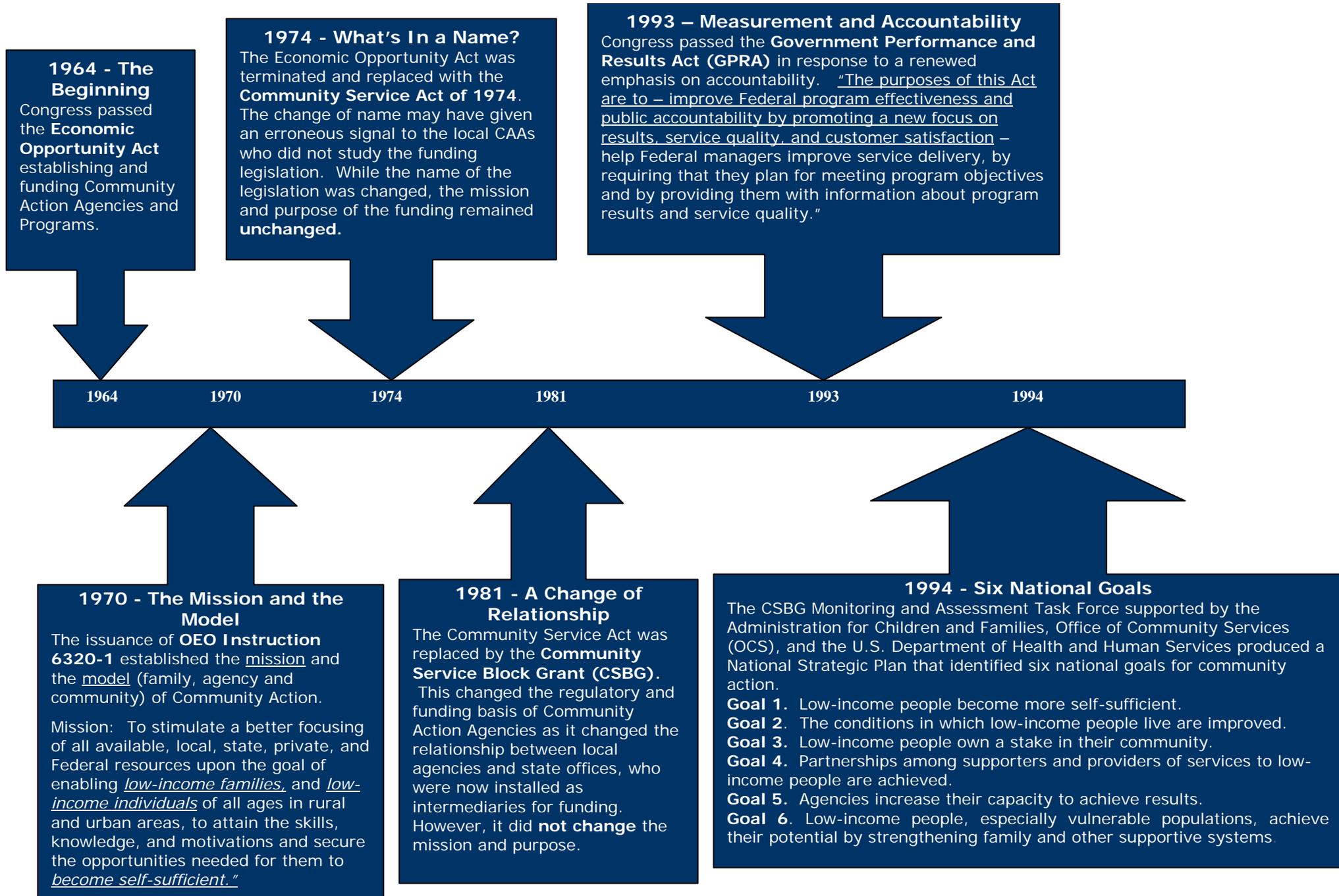


COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HISTORY TIMELINE



2001 - Focus on Client and Community

The Office of Community Services issued **Information Memo 49** – Program Challenges, Responsibilities and Strategies – FY 2001-2003. *The six national ROMA goals reflect a number of important concepts that transcend CSBG as a stand-alone program.* The goals convey the unique strengths that the broader concept of Community Action brings to the Nation's anti-poverty efforts.

2005 - Implementation of National Indicators of Community Action Performance

OCS moved to institute the first mandatory reporting for 2005. Partially in response to the issues regarding a need for a standardized system of reporting CAA results, OCS has established National Indicators of Community Action Performance (NPI), and moved to institute a **mandatory report** using the NPIs as of March 2005. One area that is emphasized in the NPIs is the concept of targeting performance goals. CAAs are asked to identify not only the number of units of service they will provide and the number of people to be served, but also to identify the number of results that will be achieved by these participants.

2009 – Renewed Focus on Results-The Obama Administration

As of January 2009, the OMB has issued the Performance Progress Reporting (PPR) Form, which will be used by Federal agencies to collect performance information from recipients of Federal funds awarded under all Federal programs that exceed \$100,000 or more per project/grant period.

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1998 - Reauthorization of CSBG Act

The Monitoring and Assessment Task Force, in addition to creating the Six National Goals, advised OCS to support the development of their own management and accountability practices. They recommended a system be known as "Results-Oriented Management and Accountability," or ROMA.

In response to GPRA, and with a recommendation by OCS, Congress enacted a reauthorization of the CSBG act that included amended language to mandate implementation of a **comprehensive performance-based management system** across the entire Community Services Network. ROMA is specifically mentioned in the legislation as this system. The reauthorization required reporting from all CAAs and CSBG eligible entities beginning October 1, 2001.

2004 – PART

The Office of Community Services (OCS) participated in a Program Assessment and Rating Tool (PART) review administered by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which raised several questions regarding the implementation and reporting of ROMA data across the country. PART questioned, especially, the way individual states/eligible entities had established performance goals and performance indicators. It was suggested that a national system be adopted to standardize this information for everyone.

2007– NASCSP Standard Monitoring Principles and Practices for CSBG

Originally presented by NASCSP for comment in 2004, the Standard Monitoring Principles are a guide for state offices to use in reviewing their monitoring responsibilities and practices. The Standards are being reviewed by the network to determine the base ways to transition from existing practices to the broader areas indicated. They focus on the concept "beyond compliance to excellence."