

**HELPING PEOPLE.**

(1) The Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. will participate in the mobilization of the community for support in the fight for the elimination of poverty. (2) In organizing necessary services when indicated to achieve that end; (3) and involving the community in the planning and execution of these programs.

**CHANGING LIVES.**

(4) The Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. must critically examine programs designed to eliminate poverty to ensure that they do not limit or deny benefits to any impoverished person.



**TURNING HOPE INTO REALITY.**



(5) The Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. shall educate and provide technical assistance to the poor to assist them to organize themselves and to raise strong articulate voices around issues that affect their lives.

**OPENING DOORS & LEADING THE WAY.**

(6) Our communities will understand that they do have the power to affect through voting power and be encouraged to exercise their franchise to participate in government by affecting the political decisions being made; and to participate from water, sewer and to understand that they do have the power to affect change through voting power, school district levels to the village, town, city, county, state and federal levels.



**“THE GOALS WILL BE MORE READILY AGREED UPON THAN THE METHODS”**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

(7) The Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. will attempt to develop locally owned and/or controlled industrial and commercial enterprises in the poverty target communities which will employ the people of those communities; assure that the economic life of that community continues beyond 5 P.M. (close of business) and assure that profits and wages are recycled within the communities, thereby having an impact upon the social and physical life of the communities.

**OUR PRIMARY FOCUS** will be to uphold the principles that those citizens who will benefit directly from programs should be realistically involved in their planning and operation. We will also urge that disadvantaged people’s potential for contributing to programs, formulating for them and the greater community, be recognized and accepted as a means of ending their isolation, economically, psychologically and physically from the larger society. **AS A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**, primarily concerned with Community Organization, the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc., has special responsibility to motivate other community social agencies and institutions to enlist the participation of deprived and alienated members of Nassau County in plans and programs, for successfully dealing with social problems and problems of poverty. **THE ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS**, under the Federal Economic Opportunity Act, and the successor Community Development Block Grant, have generally been viewed by our citizens as the singularly responsible agency, in relation to poverty. We must work towards having the concern shared by leaders in every sector of the population, in order to effect lasting and permanent social change. **WE AGREE** that the larger goals for the conquest of poverty in this county be shared and sought by its leaders. Not only in the Federal Government but State, City, County and Village government also.

