**Capital Area Poverty Reduction Initiative**

**(CAPRI)**

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) worked with [**CARES, Inc.**](https://caresny.org/) to conduct an evaluation of the Capital Area Poverty Reduction Initiative (CAPRI). This program was funded by The City of Albany after receipt of a $1.5 million [**Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative**](https://nyscommunityaction.org/nyscaa-public-policy/empire-state-poverty-reduction-initiative-and-community-action/) (ESPRI) grant to develop a plan to reduce poverty in Albany.

A main focus of the grant was to increase employment among adults in vulnerable populations residing in the City of Albany. The evaluation included:

* a review of secondary data sources to report on demographics and employment trends;
* a literature and document review to identify best practices, available vocational assessment tools, and outcome measures;
* development of a project-specific database;
* interviews with local stakeholders; and
* administration of electronic surveys to participants.

The project provided a data brief on demographics and needs, a data brief on the local employment landscape, a report on best practices and model programs, and a report summarizing participation and outcomes.