



As the Executive Director of Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP), **Neenah Bland** 's primary responsibility is to champion our mission of moving families towards economic security and an improved quality of life. Ms. Bland is working with her staff and the community to ensure all families are provided with opportunities that support the experiences they need to compete in a global society. Ms. Bland has over 28 years of experience working with children and families in the Albany area. She understands the need to develop opportunities within the community that not only addressed the immediate needs of those in poverty, but opportunities that would allow families to advocate and become self-sufficient.

For the last 16 years, Ms. Bland has been at Albany Community Action Partnership serving as the Director of Career and Community services to spending the last 7 years as the Executive Director. Ms. Bland has been able to develop and cultivate her professional experience in the fields of executive management, counseling, program evaluation, community impact, and fund development. She has been the force and champion of ACAP's organizational approach, which utilizes a multi-generational family model shaping the way in which ACAP serves its families. Ms. Bland holds a Master's Degree in Education from The College of Saint Rose, a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University at Albany. She credits her life achievements to having a strong grounding in faith, being a loving mom and having supportive and nurturing family and friends.