

JANUARY 2022



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

JOIN THE WOCAP TEAM TODAY

**WE ARE HIRING
& HAVE WAGES
STARTING AT
\$12.00**

WE ARE CURRENTLY HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- TEACHERS
- PRIMARY CARE GIVER
- INTAKE SPECIALIST (LIMA LOCATION)
- FAMILY LIFE SPECIALIST
- FAMILY SERVICE WORKER
- FOOD SERVICE WORKER
- HOME RELIEF WORKERS-FULL TIME AND PARTIME
- JANITORIAL TECHNICIAN
- CO TEACHERS
- EDUCATION ASSISTANT
- EDUCATION COORDINATOR
- TECHNOLOGY
- FACILITIES

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**Go To
WWW.WOCAP.ORG
FOR COMPLETE JOB
DESCRIPTIONS & TO APPLY
ONLINE FOR ANY OF THE
OPEN POSITIONS**

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- COMPETITIVE WAGES
- MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION
- 13 PAID HOLIDAYS
- 5 PERSONAL DAYS
- SICK LEAVE
- ANNUAL LEAVE
- EAP PROGRAM
- PAID TUITION
- PUBLIC LOAN FORGIVENESS

Head Start Enrollment

SEAL CHRISTMAS



“Seal Christmas With Love” is a partnership between WOCAP, private community businesses, and area service organizations. Our goal is to ensure children have gifts during the holidays and that the families receive hygiene products and food staples to get through the holiday. The distribution was held on December 20, 2021 and for the health and safety of all involved, was

conducted as a drive-thru event. From the generosity of the community, our agency was able to provide presents for 210 children this holiday season. A total of 86 families went home with gifts, household essentials, and a box of shelf stable foods. The home essential bags donated by Procter & Gamble contained items such as: toilet paper, laundry soap, fabric softener sheets, toothpaste, and shaving cream. Families also received a food box donated by the West Ohio Food Bank.

Our agency is grateful to have been able to distribute the number of gifts we did. With families still being affected by COVID, the need for this service has grown and we were fortunate to have donors who made it possible. The committee began meeting in October to start planning for this event. Committee members made multiple shopping trips and worked hard to organize everything for the distribution. Members of the committee and staff volunteers are always excited to give their time to this program and the parents were very appreciative. It is a special experience putting smiles on the faces of families’ during the Holiday Season.

Our agency would like to extend a thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible: ABATE, Dominion, Honda, Cenovus, Procter & Gamble, Life House Baptist Church, and our private donors



Reach us
Monday-Friday,
8:00 am -5:00 pm via
any of the following:

ONLINE:

www.wocap.org & scroll
down our home page to
find the application

PHONE:

Angie Montgomery at
419-227-2586 Ext. 120

EMAIL:

Angie Montgomery
amontgomery@wocap.org

Application forms can
be sent to your home if
you prefer



HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND - UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The HAF Utilities Assistance Program is for homeowners in need of assistance with housing expenses such as utilities, lot rent, property taxes and more. All available assistance can be found below. In order to receive Utilities Assistance Plus (UAP) assistance, eligible homeowners must have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

Eligible homeowners must be at or below 150% Federal Poverty Guidelines

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

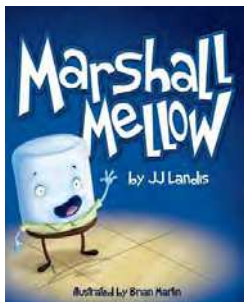
- Monday, January 17th—Agency CLOSED
- Wednesday, January 26th—Board Meeting

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Mary Collins	18 – Stephanie Staley
3 – Shareena Ingram	21 – Kelli Wooddell
7 – Theresa Wynn	23 – Lisa Dickman
7 – ShiAnn Drennen-Petersen	23 – Carmen Gibson
12 – Patty Rodabaugh	26 – Christine Shepherd
17 – Marlene Smith	28 – Whitney Hittle

BOOKS FOR WINTER READING




It's time to catch a winter chill! With H for *hot chocolate*, J for *Jack Frost*, and T for *toboggan*, this colorful primer has everything you need to know about what makes the winter season cool. Take this wintry slope from A to Z, and you'll never want the snow day to end!



Marshall Mellow discovers kindness in the world while finding his way home after he falls off his grocery store shelf. He was content to never leave his comfy home with the graham crackers and chocolate bars, but when Marshall Mellow fell off his shelf, he was forced to face his fears of the world. He meets a grouchy raisin, gets run over by a shopping cart, and meets a distinguished roll of toilet paper that he thinks is a giant marshmallow! Marshall learns that the world is not such a scary place. His new friends help him get back home.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

CALL WOCAP AT 419-227-2586 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WOCAP.ORG TO SIGN UP

	Fair Housing		Financial Management		Homeownership
<p style="text-align: center;">Please call Housing Specialist for More Information</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen & Mercer Counties</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: 567-371-5787</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Next Class will be held:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 22, 23 & 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 am—12 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Via Webinar</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">February 8, 10, 15 & 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 am—1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: Webinar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: 419-227-2586 Ext. 105</p>	

Excellent Attendance

Our goal is to prepare your child for their next stepping stone of education whether it is Head Start or Kindergarten. Regular Attendance is an important part of your child's educational, social, and emotional development. When children are absent from school they are missing out on a lot of educational and social opportunities. We would like to thank those parents who assure their child is attending school every day. In the month of November we had 59 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

Central A
Charlie G.

Central B
Serena S.
Sawyer S.

Home Based (GG)
Kolton K.
Avianna R.
Meena S.
Illana W.

Home Based (JJ)
Ethan B.
Maximus W.

Home Based (WW)
Haley M.
Kysen M.
Knyko W.

Lima Sr. I
Khari J.

Unity
Roman M.

Shawnee Wobblers
Jackson H.

Trinity
Colt H.
Aemaj H.

Allen East II
Zayvon B.

Central G
Waylon C.
Kali T.
Telly T. Jr.

Central H
Keaton C.

Home Based (KC)
Lillian A.
Olivia K.
Illana W.
Heaven Z.

Howard A
Keillen C.

Howard B
Kamryn C.
Saraia S.
Charlotte W.

Market St. II PM
Olivia B.
Averyanna D.
Kaiden D.
Holly H.
Mi'Layisha W.

O'Neal A
Taraji B.
Kayven C.
Treasure G.
Kingston W.

O'Neal B
Makiyah B-J.
Trace N.
Kaydan S-M.
Maximus W.

Philippian II
Logan H.
Zanoah M.
Zy'Lynn M.

Central D
Cameron D.
Juelle P.
MarShay S.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO MIKE FISHER & BARRY WARD

We would like to wish a Happy Retirement to Barry Ward & Mike Fisher! Barry worked at our agency for 8 years as our Janitorial Technician and Mike worked with us for 10 years in our Facilities Department. They will both be greatly missed.



The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Ohioans who are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected from their utility service, transferring services, establishing new services, at or below 25% fuel, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 12 months, may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which started on November 1, 2021.

Ohioans can visit energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application, or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider.

Individuals will need to have copies of the following documents to include with their application:

- Most recent utility bills
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers)
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members
- Proof of disability (if applicable)

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after January 1st. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider.

A list of providers can be found at energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Applications for the HEAP Winter Crisis program must be received by March 31, 2022. The last day to apply for the regular HEAP benefit is May 31, 2022.

For more information on the programs, visit energyhelp.ohio.gov or call your local Energy Assistance Provider.

Call 419-516-0063 to schedule an appointment for Allen, Auglaize, and Mercer counties
or call 419-227-2586 for more information.

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

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