

WEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

MAY 2022



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

It's May again—and that means Community Action Month!

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START!

Ages Birth—5 years

Call WOCAP Today!
419-227-2586



National Community Action Month in May was created by the Community Action Partnership to reinforce Community Action agencies' role in putting communities at the heart of our own local services and helping low-income families achieve economic stability.

During National Community Action Month, Community Action agencies make the Promise of Community Action—to **help people and change lives**—come alive by helping to put a “face” on the families striving to achieve self-sufficiency. Success stories are honored and personal achievements are recognized.

West Ohio CAP and other Community Action agencies also use National Community Action Month to recognize the positive programs that help thousands of families achieve self-sufficiency. Throughout the month, Community Action agencies are raising awareness of their programs and also giving local residents, many of whom are unaware of the poverty in their communities, a first-hand look at the struggles low-income families face and how Community Action programs help these families achieve financial security.

West Ohio CAP furthers the mission of “helping people, changing lives” through the 13 programs we make available throughout our service area. Each year over 9,000 individuals receive services from West Ohio CAP.

Please join us throughout the month of May in celebrating all that has been accomplished together, and all that community action continues to do each day. The COVID-19 Pandemic has proven to be a challenging time for all and we thank our staff for persevering through the crisis, as well as the many volunteers and community partners who continuously support one another to come together for individuals in our communities. It is truly amazing to see so many join together in pursuit of building community and social capacity through common community interests. Throughout it all, Community Action has continued to pursue their mission of making a difference in the lives of struggling families and step up in times of crisis.

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Head Start Enrollment

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

Toddler Trail Mix

Carbohydrates

(choose at least 1)

- 1/2 cup Kix
- 1/2 cup Cheerios
- 1/2 cup Puffins
- 1/2 cup Pretzels

Fruits & Veggies

(choose at least 1)

- 1/4 cup Dried Fruits
- 1/4 cup Banana Chips
- 1/4 cup Snap Pea Crisps
- 1/4 cup Veggie Chips

Healthy Fats & Proteins

(choose at least 1)

- 1/4 cup coconut chips
- 1/4 cup diced snack bar
Such as Rx Kids or Larabar
- 1/4 cup raisins

Instructions

- 1) Pick at least 2 foods from the 3 categories above or up to a bigger assortment!
- 2) Add a small amount of each to your container or snack bag and mix gently
- 3) Take it on the go or serve it at home!

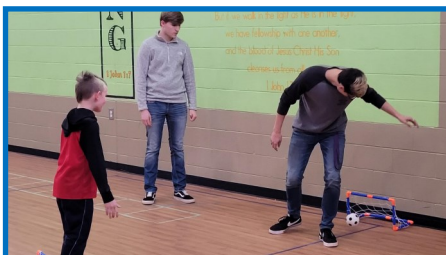
Notes

- 1) Let the kids help assemble their own mixes
- 2) Pack in an airtight container for up to 5 days
- 3) You can adjust the ratios of how much of each food you include based on your child

Spring Family Engagement Event

Our agency held a Family Engagement Event for our Early Head Start/Head Start families. Students from Bluffton University assisted us with activities as part of their Community Engagement class. We made a greenhouse for students to take and put in the windows of their homes to watch them grow until they are ready to plant. Children also played "the floor is lava" and made phones with PVC pipe and fittings. Phonics phones amplify the student's voice helping the student to focus and pay attention to the sounds.

It was a fun night for families and staff!



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

- May is Community Action Month
- May 19th—Policy Council Meeting
- May 25th—Board Meeting
- May 27th—Agency in-Service
- May 30th—Agency CLOSED

3 – Karen Anderson
4 – Alexis Handshoe
5 – Carmillia Zion
6 – Vance Cuthrell
6 – Megan Groves
8 – Monica Glenn
12 – Shannon Sien

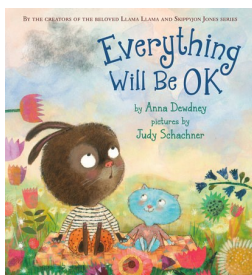
MAY BIRTHDAYS

18 – Kristen Jordan
19 – Lacy Trumbull
21 – Lue Bradley
27 – Shivana Breaston
29 – Angela Montgomery
31 – Ginger Gossard
31- Jen Smith

BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL READING

Just Help!

With the question, “Who will you help today?” Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor inspires readers to actively support their community. Her story provides a snapshot of the life of a young girl who, along with her friends, demonstrates various ways to make a positive impact.



Everything Will Be Ok




Little Rabbit is having a bad day, but a friend reminds him that while things may not always go his way, it will be okay in the end. Gentle rhymes and the comforting storyline give this book a cozy tone, making it a perfect read-aloud while snuggling with a loved one

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 <p>Fair Housing</p>	 <p>Financial Management</p>	 <p>Homeownership</p>
<p>Please call Housing Specialist for More Information</p> <p>Allen & Mercer Counties</p> <p>Contact: 567-371-5787</p>	<p>June 21, 22 & 23</p> <p>4 pm—6 pm</p> <p>Via Webinar</p> <p>Contact: 419-227-2586</p>	<p>June 7, 9, 14 & 16</p> <p>1 pm—4 pm</p> <p>Location: Webinar</p> <p>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 March we had 33 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

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WE ARE HIRING

- TEACHERS/CO-TEACHERS
- FAMILY SERVICE WORKER
- PRIMARY CARE GIVER
- FOOD SERVICE WORKER
- INTAKE SPECIALIST (ALLEN)
- TECHNOLOGY
- EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF
- EDUCATION COORDINATOR
- COMPETITIVE WAGES
- MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION
- 13 PAID HOLIDAYS
- 5 PERSONAL DAYS
- SICK LEAVE
- ANNUAL LEAVE
- EAP PROGRAM
- PAID TUITION
- PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

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)

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.

This one-time benefit is applied directly to the customer's utility bill or bulk fuel bill.

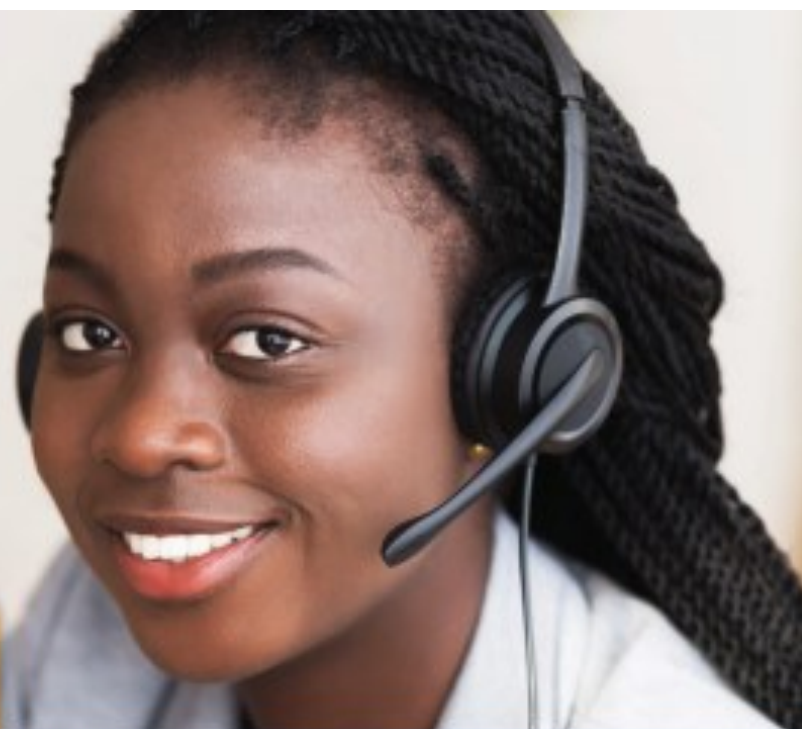
HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after January 1st.
If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider.

The last day to apply for the regular HEAP benefit is May 31, 2022

Call 419-516-0063 to schedule an appointment



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2-1-1 provides callers with information and referrals to social services for every day needs and in times of crisis. **For example, 2-1-1 can offer access to the following types of services:**

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|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| • Food | • Veterans | • Mental Health | • Transportation |
| • Clothing | • Mental Health Services | • Substance Abuse | • Prescription Discounts |
| • Childcare | • Education | • Legal Issues | • Utility/Rent Assistance |
| • Youth | • Employment | • Healthcare | |
| • Seniors | | • Emergency Shelter | |

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