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**ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN  
EARLY HEAD  
START/HEAD START!**

Ages Birth—5 years

Call WOCAP Today!  
419-227-2586



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# Do you have children?

Use the simplified Child Tax Credit  
Sign-Up Tool to get up to \$3600 per child!

## What is the expanded Child Tax Credit?

To help families meet their children's basic needs, Congress expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC) for 2021. Families will receive a total of \$3,600 per child up to age 5 and \$3,000 per child 6 to 17.

This will not affect your Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF Cash Assistance, SSI, or other public benefits.

## Is My Child Eligible for the CTC?

To be eligible, children must:

- ✓ Have a Social Security Number.
- ✓ Live with you for at least half of the year.
- ✓ Be under age 18 as of December 31, 2021.

## How do I get Signed Up?

If you haven't filed taxes recently and if your income is below under \$12,550 (under \$25,100 for a married couple) you can sign up at the link below!

**Scan the QR Code or go to**  
**[www.getCTC.org/CTCOH](http://www.getCTC.org/CTCOH)**



You do not need  
to have any  
earnings to get  
this credit!



## Head Start Enrollment

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

### ONLINE:

[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)

### PHONE:

Angie Montgomery at  
419-227-2586 Ext.  
120

### EMAIL:

Angie Montgomery  
[amontgomery@wocap.org](mailto:amontgomery@wocap.org)

Application forms  
can be sent to your  
home if you prefer



SCAN HERE TO APPLY



### Healthy Fruit Roll-Ups - only need 1 ingredient!

- Applesauce
- Baking sheets
- Parchment Paper
- Twine
- Silpat (optional, but helpful)

1. Line baking sheet with silpat or parchment paper
2. Pour applesauce onto sheet and spread evenly
3. Bake at oven temperature of 170 degrees F or your oven's lowest setting for temperature for 6 to 8 hours for a drying time
4. Once the outer edges of the applesauce have hardened, your fruit roll-ups are ready
5. Remove the fruit leather from your silpat and transfer to parchment paper
6. Use sharp kitchen shears or a pizza cutter to cut the fruit into two-inch strips which will form the fruit
7. Roll the delicious fruit leather strips up and secure with twine rollup. You will want them to be long strips so you can roll them



You can make a big batch of homemade fruit roll-ups and store in an airtight container or wrapped in plastic wrap until you need them

### Parent To Parent

Hello Head Start Parents,

This month we will be discussing the wonderful option of Home Based Early Head Start/Head Start. My oldest son (now 10) became a student in the classroom of LEADS Head Start in 2014. In May 2018, my middle child (now 7) started with WOCAP Head Start, at a classroom in Allen East. In August of 2018, we decided to switch to Home Based, and my son became a student of Ms. Katrina. Thanks to such a wonderful teacher and the comfortability of getting to participate in my children's education, our journey with Home Base took off.

Ms. Katrina helped me learn about Early Head Start Home Base for my infant daughter (now 3). There is this true sense of ease with every one of the Home Based teachers. They all make you feel included. During family days each teacher has so much knowledge to give that the feeling of being "new" to a community doesn't last long.

With Home Base you get the same education as you would in a classroom, but the comfort of being involved with your child's learning process IN YOUR HOME. Part of the benefits of being in the Home Based program is that the teachers come each week to help you work with your child at the individual child's level. Meaning they are capable of adjusting their work in P.A.T (Parents as Teachers curriculum) for your specific child's educational needs. They strive to meet you and your child where the child is educationally and building with them throughout the school years.

Another important aspect I would like to highlight is that the Early Head Start Home Based program goes year-round, with respect to Holiday times. Along with the fact that even though this is an in-home opportunity, Home Based holds days titled Family Days. Family days happen twice a month (usually on Fridays) and are intended to provide the socialization for the kiddos and parents alike. The teachers work hard to have members of the community come in and speak a bit about resources, as well as giving the parents the ability to bring up information they think others would enjoy.

For more information on Home Based options, please contact Angie Montgomery at WOCAP via phone 419-227-2586 or email [amontgomery@wocap.org](mailto:amontgomery@wocap.org)

Michelle Peake-Warren

# 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 May we had 75 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

## Central A

Karlia B.  
Braelynn R.

## Central B

Sawyer S.  
Serena S.

## EHS Home Based (GG)

Kolton K.  
Joshua P. III  
Alistair P.

## EHS Home Based (JJ)

Mizell T-K.

## EHS Home Based (WW)

Dominic G.  
Kysen M.  
Knyko W.

## Lima Sr. I

Khari J.  
King M.

## Lima Sr. II

Wynter P.

## Shawnee-Infants

Calianna B.

## Shawnee-Terrific 2's

Astella G.  
Camila O.

## Shawnee Tiny Tots

Adalei K.

## Shawnee-Transitional Todds

Emma C.  
Daxton F.  
Adilynn S.

## Central D

Cameron D.  
Jada H.  
Harmoni K.  
Braelynn K.  
MarShay S.

## Central G

Laila B.  
Randy H.  
Rhyan M.  
Kali T.  
Telly T. Jr.

## Central H

Penelope B.  
Jaiden H.

## HS Home Based (KC)

Lillian A.  
Aysia S.  
Illana W.  
Heaven Z.

## Howard A

Keillen C.

## Howard B

Kamryn C.  
Malik C.

## Market St. II PM

Holly H.

## O'Neal A

Kayven C.  
Lela J.  
Javeon T.  
Aireona W.

## O'Neal B

Aliviah G.  
Jaiden G.  
Maleah G.  
Trace N.

## Philippian II

Zadie H.  
Grant J.  
Konnor J.  
Zanoah M.  
Zy'Lynn M.

## St. Matthews

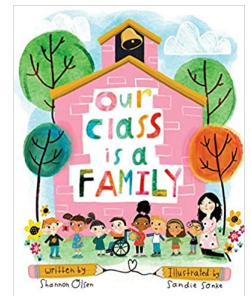
Lylah D.  
Lincoln V.



# BOOKS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

## Our Class Is A Family

Teachers do so much more than just teach academics. They build a sense of community within their classrooms, creating a home away from home where they make their students feel safe, included, and loved. With its heartfelt message and colorfully whimsical illustrations, "Our Class is a Family" is a book that will help build and strengthen that class community.



## Open The Preschool Door

Little preschoolers will love lifting 11 fun flaps to find a smiling teacher, a playground, a class pet, and much, much more in this bright and engaging board book. With a simple story and colorful and inviting illustrations, this is the perfect way to introduce the youngest of students to a preschool classroom.

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
Providing information, training and educational materials to the community	Economic stability through education about family budgeting, savings, and behaviors that affect financial stability	Providing pre-purchase counseling and homeownership classes
Please call Housing Specialist for More Information Allen & Mercer Counties Contact: 567-371-5787	September 20, 21 & 22 12 pm—2 pm Via Webinar Contact: 419-227-2586	September 6, 8, 13 & 15 1 pm—4 pm Location: Webinar Contact: 419-227-2586 Ext. 112

## 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

### August Birthdays

### IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

#### HOME BASED FAMILY DAY

**AUGUST 12TH**

#### POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

**AUGUST 18TH**

#### HOME BASED FAMILY DAY

**AUGUST 22ND**

#### ECE JOB FAIR AT APOLLO

**AUGUST 23RD**

#### BOARD MEETING

**AUGUST 24TH**

**1**  
AUGUST

Greg Jones

**2**  
AUGUST

Sammy Walton Jr.

**6**  
AUGUST

Doris Engler

**8**  
AUGUST

Regina Henderson

**9**  
AUGUST

Madison Mason

**11**  
AUGUST

Brittney Westley

**13**  
AUGUST

Keith Miller

**18**  
AUGUST

Abagel Winings

**22**  
AUGUST

Susan Webb

**23**  
AUGUST

Jasmine Petty

**26**  
AUGUST

Megan Williams

**29**  
AUGUST

Marissa Wicker

# WE ARE HIRING

FOR FULL JOB  
DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH  
POSITION & TO APPLY  
ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.WOCAP.ORG](http://WWW.WOCAP.ORG) OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW



## CURRENT OPENINGS:

- TEACHER
- CO-TEACHER
- PRIMARY CARE GIVER
- EDUCATION COORDINATOR
- FISCAL GRANTS MANAGER
- ENERGY CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
- INTAKE SPECIALIST - LIMA & CELINA OFFICES

JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30



## ***SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM***

### *Eligible Applicants:*

Ohioans with a household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines and have a household member who is either:  
60 years of age and older  
Has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health, or  
Households who have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new electric service may be eligible for assistance.

**To Schedule An Appointment, Call 419-516-0063**

**More Information can be found on the  
WOCAP website at [www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)**

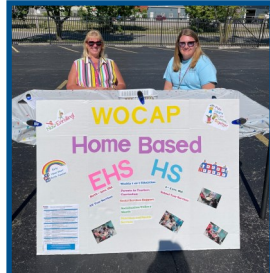
**The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time benefit to eligible Ohioans with cooling assistance during the summer months. The focus of the Summer Crisis Program is to provide assistance with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, air conditioning unit and/or fan.**

## Resource Fair

WOCAP held a Resource Fair in July for the public to come and talk to staff to inform them of all the services we offer.

If you missed our Resource Fair, we are available to answer all of your questions at **419-227-2586**

You can also find information on all of our programs on our website at **www.wocap.org**



## Winter preparations going on NOW!



614 E. Market St.  
Lima, OH 45804

### COATS FOR FAMILIES DISTRIBUTION

October 4, 5\* & 6 (Tues, Weds, Thurs)  
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
\*October 5 till 6:00 PM

Bring driver's license or state ID for adults, Birth  
Certificates for children and Social Security cards for everyone (no copies accepted)!  
Also need proof of income and a recent utility bill.  
(Donations of new and gently used coats also accepted at the above address.)

## AND

### CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Will also be taken at this time. Better to be early than  
late if needing help with Christmas toys and/or food.  
Come and apply for one or both of these services  
at the same time. ***It is important to apply on these  
dates for either service to meet deadlines!***



For more information or questions,  
contact Angela Long by calling 419-224-9055 x 216

## West Ohio Community Action Partnership

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 2022

**Representatives must be One Third Private Business, One Third Public Entity, and One Third Low-Income**

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