

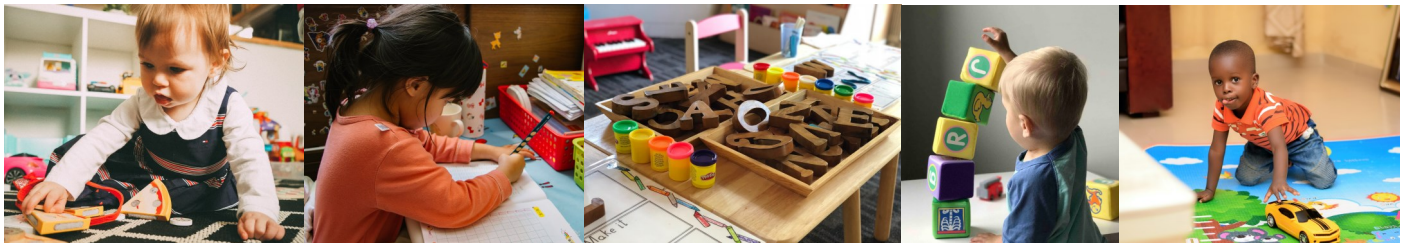
## SEPTEMBER 2022



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

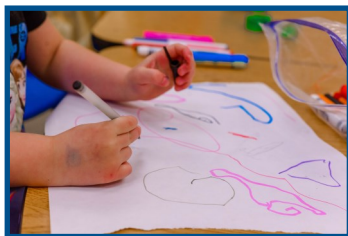
### ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY! EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HEAD START IN LIFE

Early Head Start & Head Start are free programs to eligible families serving children ages birth through 5 years of age. It offers social, emotional, and intellectual growth to prepare children for success in life. You want the best for your children. They deserve nothing less. We offer high-quality education in a safe environment.



#### How do I apply?

You may call WOCAP at 419-227-2586, visit us online at [www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org), or scan the convenient QR code provided to apply



**ALL SNAP RECIPIENTS ARE ELIGIBLE**

#### What documents do I need to apply?

- Proof of income
- Birth Certificate
- Parent Picture ID
- Physical

#### What services are offered?

- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Convenient Locations
- Healthy meals & snacks
- Family services & goal setting
- Developmental & health screenings
- Center Based & Home-Based options

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WOCAP's Child Development Services provides comprehensive health, educational, and nutritional services to encourage the healthy development of children from low-income families throughout Allen County

# 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 No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Oatmeal Bars

### Peanut Butter Oat Mixture

- 1 cup + 2 TBSP of creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/3 c. Agave or Pure Maple Syrup
- 1 1/3 c. Oats

### Chocolate Peanut Butter Topping

- 3/4 c. chocolate chips
- 1/3 c. creamy peanut butter

1. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper or wax paper. Set aside. Pour applesauce onto sheet and spread evenly
2. In a medium, microwave-safe bowl add peanut butter and maple syrup and heat in microwave 20 seconds and whisk together. Heat another 20 seconds if peanut butter mixture has not heated through and melted
3. Add oats. Stir and fold until thoroughly combined. Scoop oat mixture into the prepared baking pan.
4. Using a rubber spatula, smooth into an even, tightly-packed layer. Set aside.
5. Microwave chocolate and peanut butter together until melted in 30 second increments until melted. Stir and pour chocolate over bars, spreading out evenly over bars with rubber spatula or back of spoon
6. Freeze for 45 minutes, or until firm. Remove from freezer and slice into bars



Store in an  
airtight  
container or  
Ziploc bags in  
the  
refrigerator for  
up to 2 weeks

## Parent To Parent—A mother is a child's first teacher

Hello Head Start Parents,

This month we will be discussing a very important matter. As you become a part of the program and begin to understand the wonderful opportunities Head Start offers, please thank your teachers. A large way you can thank them for loving and educating your child is to share information about the program to your friends and families, or even strangers, you think could benefit. Head Start strives to hire parents/guardians first, but is also accepting applications from any person with a willingness to work with community members, the kids, and holds a strong work reliability. As a determined and motivated employee, WOCAP may have an opportunity to assist with providing your furthering education. These classes are generally offered a few evenings during the week. WOCAP's HR Department can provide you with more information if you are interested. The benefits offered are exceptional, and a list of those include:

- Paid time off
- Paid Holidays
- Medical/Vision/Dental Insurance
- Spring/Summer/Christmas break
- Weekends Off
- 5 Star Step Up To Quality
- Paid education/Professional Development
- Public Loan Forgiveness (after 120 qualifying payments)

A Covid-19 Vaccination will be required, and depending on a rise in transmission levels a mask may be required. WOCAP is currently hiring 24 staff members including, Co-Teacher (only need a diploma) and Teachers (WOCAP and YWCA may be able to help you obtain your CDA). Primary Care Givers are the teachers that work with the Early Head Start classes. For this position it is preferred that you already have your CDA. All of these job positions will put you in the classroom working directly with the kiddos, educating them and preparing them for Kindergarten. If you are not sure you want a full-time position or to be a teacher yet, but you still wish to work with the children, another option is to be a bus driver. As a bus driver, it does require you to have a CDL and is preferred that you have your School Bus Driver Endorsement Education Coordinators supervise the classrooms and interact with staff. Emergency Service employee and Family Service Worker are two other available positions.

As you can see there is plenty of opportunities here at WOCAP. We would appreciate you passing on the information and you may ask your teacher for an employment flyer. Thank you for helping keep Head Start going and keeping the youth in your community educated.

"The work we do makes a difference, being a part of something bigger"

Submitted By: Michelle Peake-Warren, Head Start Parent

## 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 July we had 33 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

### **Central A**

Karliah B.  
Charlie G.

### **Central B**

Alonza L.  
Victoria R.  
Sawyer S.  
Serena S.

### **EHS Home Based (GG)**

Ke'Kyra B.  
Alistair P.  
Meena S.

### **EHS Home Based (JJ)**

Ethan B.  
Mizell T-K.  
Zi'Tajarai Y.

### **EHS Home Based (WW)**

Dominic G.  
Emberly K.  
Knyko W.

### **Lima Sr. I**

Khari J.

### **Lima Sr. II**

Jerron G. Jr.

### **Shawnee-Terrific 2's**

Roman A.

### **Shawnee-Transitional Toddlers**

Daxton F.  
Adilynn S.

### **Shawnee Wobblers**

Khloe C.

### **The Children' Place**

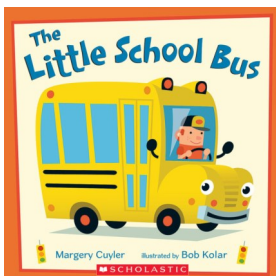
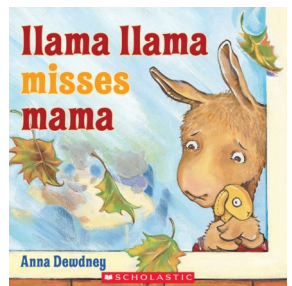
Levi B.  
Mia B.



## BOOKS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

### **Llama Llama Misses Mama**

Llama Llama just can't get out of bed. It's his first day of school, and he's not too happy about it. Still, he trudges along and makes his bed, brushes his teeth, and eats his breakfast.



### **The Little School Bus**

The lyrical text, catchy rhymes, and bright pictures make this a perfect choice for preschoolers who are soon to be school bus riders!

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	October 18, 19 & 20 5 pm—7 pm Via Webinar Contact: 419-227-2586	For anyone interested in Homeownership Classes, please contact Carmillia Zion carmillia.zion@cityhall.lima.oh.us 419-223-7280

## 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

### IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

#### AGENCY CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 5TH

#### AGENCY IN-SERVICE/OFFICES CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 6TH

#### HOME BASED FAMILY DAYS

SEPTEMBER 9TH & 23RD

#### POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15TH

#### SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM ENDS

SEPTEMBER 30TH

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 SEPTEMBER	Allison Cummings
11 SEPTEMBER	LaKeisha White-Sigman
15 SEPTEMBER	Danielle Anderson
15 SEPTEMBER	Susanna Ramsey
17 SEPTEMBER	Kim Schultheis
18 SEPTEMBER	Taylor Adams
18 SEPTEMBER	DeZharnae Ramsey
27 SEPTEMBER	Katie Wehnes
27 SEPTEMBER	Cynthia Davis-White



Looking  
for a  
**career  
change**  
and want to  
make a  
**difference?**



**Head Start might be right for you!**

Visit the link to apply today!

**Teacher  
Co-Teacher  
Primary Care Giver  
Education Coordinator  
Food Service Worker**

Visit our website for full job  
descriptions and to apply  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)



SCAN ME

**One more month to sign up for this program.  
Summer Crisis Program ends on September 30, 2022**

**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.**

# Learn & EARN!

**\*UP TO \$2,546**

**SEEKING INDIVIDUALS NOT CURRENTLY IN EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO EARN MONEY WHILE EARNING  
YOUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL**

- **9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSES OFFERED  
OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL -\$150 EARNED FOR  
EACH COURSE COMPLETED**
- **EACH COURSE HAS SIX 2.5 HOUR  
CLASSES OFFERED ON 2  
WEEKNIGHTS AND OCCASIONAL  
SATURDAYS**
- **\$1,196 BONUS WHEN ALL 9  
COURSES ARE COMPLETED &  
REQUIRED HOURS MET**

**ALL  
MATERIALS  
PROVIDED AT  
NO COST!**



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HERE  
TO APPLY**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[jashby@ywcanwo.org](mailto:jashby@ywcanwo.org)**



# SUCCESS STORY SPOTLIGHT

## I'Tayia Harris—A Student Intern Success Story

I'Tayia came to us as a senior from Lima Senior High school in the Early Childhood Education program in 2017.

The students are placed in classrooms their senior year to earn the required hours towards their CDA which is a Child Development Associate credential.

Upon graduating from high school I'Tayia attended Cuyahoga Community College on a full track scholarship. She ran track and worked part time all while earning A's each semester. She graduated from CCC in 2021 with an AA degree in small business.

I'Tayia applied for a position at WOCAP in January of 2022 as a Co-Teacher/FSW. She is now working in Central D with Miss Susanna and Miss Lue and what an amazing team they are.

I'Tayia is currently working towards a bachelor's degree online in Child and Family studies and hopes to someday be a director in her own daycare center. She spends most of her spare time enjoying her beautiful one-year old daughter Sariah.

I was fortunate to mentor I'Tayia as a senior in high school and the agency is now fortunate to have her as a full-time employee. Good luck in all your future endeavors!

Janet Buchanan

WOCAP Education Coordinator/Mentor Coach



High School Graduation



Now Employed at WOCAP



## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WOCAP offers internships throughout most of our departments in our organization. Whether it be for obtaining a CDA certificate in childcare, or an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in a Social Work program, WOCAP may be able to assist in getting the experience needed to satisfy program requirements. This opportunity will allow you to become familiar with the work we provide in our Head Start Program or Emergency Services Department. Participating in a WOCAP Internship can strengthen resumes, provide valuable avenues to letters of recommendation and can even turn into full-time employment.

**Call our HR Department at 419-227-2586 for more information**

## 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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