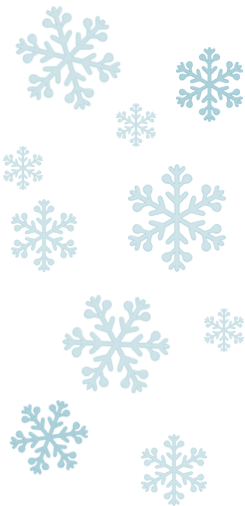


DECEMBER 2022



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!



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of the programs
WOCAP offers



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What does the holiday season mean to you and what traditions are your family favorites?

The one wish for me this holiday season will be that EVERYONE be kind to one another. Within each of us we have the ability to make someone's day better, brighter, by the way we treat them in one encounter, one moment. One kind gesture such as "good morning" or "glad to see you today". It absolutely doesn't cost anything to smile, make eye contact, compliment them, SEE THEM!

Please help me accomplish my holiday wish this year!! Be kind, caring, loving this year and every year!

This holiday season will be the last with my West Ohio CAP family. My retirement date is set for early March 2023 and oh my where did those 17 years go!! As I reflect on these years, so much has been accomplished with so many of my co-workers. I had never worked for a non-profit company, didn't know anything about grants, budget constraints, acronyms, nor level of patience needed for new projects requiring approval from funding sources. Lots can be accomplished when everyone works together for the same purpose.....that's WOCAP!

I have been truly blessed to be part of this Agency for the past 17 years! Thank you for all the friendships and great memories!

Holly Rex, COO

*We wish you a Safe & Happy New Year
from all of us at West Ohio CAP*

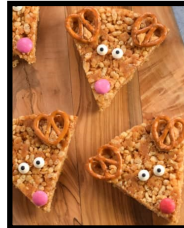
Reindeer Peanut Butter Rice Crispy Treats

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup Peanut Butter
- 2/3 cup Honey
- 5 cups Rice Crispy Cereal
- 12 Pretzels
- 12 Candy Eyeballs
- 6 Red or Pink Smarties

Instructions

- Grease and line an 8" round tin with non-stick baking paper
- Place the honey and Peanut Butter out into a large saucepan and cook over a low-medium heat for a few minutes, stirring continuously until the mixture changes texture and starts to thicken up
- Working quickly, remove from the heat and pour the puffed rice cereal into the peanut butter and honey mixture. Stir together until well combined
- Tip the mixture into the lined tin then press down into the tin to form an even layer
- Place in the fridge to set for around an hour until set. Remove and cut into 6 wedges
- Using extra Peanut Butter Smooth as 'glue', decorate each crispy wedge with 2 pretzels, 2 edible candy eyeballs & a red or pink smartie, to make reindeer antlers, eyes and nose



*Perfect for
making
with the
kids this
festive
season!*

Parent To Parent— Parent Meetings

Have you been attending your child's classroom Parent Meetings? Do you want to know what they are and why they are held? Jen Smith Central A teacher explains the what, why and how from her Parent Meetings:

What is a Parent Meeting?

Q

The meeting is for parents to gather to discuss events in the community, & provide tips & opinions on life by supporting each other.

A

Why do the meetings occur?

Q

They are designed to help educate & inform parents, & allow parents to develop relationships with other parents & their own sense of community.

A

How do the meetings work?

Q

Teachers share community information & resources & ask parents if they have any information on events/programs occurring.

A

Parents who attend the meetings will earn coupons for the Head Start Corner Store and be entered for a chance to win a door prize!

Currently, classrooms are having trouble getting parents to stay for the meetings. If you could find the time to stay, we would greatly appreciate your time as it will help the school earn in-kind time. In-kind is one of the ways Head Start programs receive their funding.

Michelle Peake-Warren
Head Start Parent

Head Start Enrollment

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

ONLINE:

www.wocap.org

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



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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 October we had 52 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

Central A
Charlie G.

Central B
Sawyer S.
Serena S.

Central E
Kassidy A.
Zayn B.

EHS HB (GG)
Alistair P.

EHS HB (JJ)
Ja'Mylah L.
Zi'Tajara Y.

EHS HB (WW)
Evelyn B.
Axis J.
Emberly K.

Lima Sr. I
A'Layah G.

Little Rascals B
La'Mira T.

Little Rascals C
Hezekiah M.

Trinity Creative Childcare
Drayvonte G.

Allen East I
Greyson R.

Central D
Angelica C.
Central G
Waylon C.
Kaydence S.
Kali T.

Central H
Zayvon B.

HS Home Based (KC)
Olivia K.
Illana W.
Isabella W.
Heaven Z.

Howard A
Keillen C.
Miracle C.
Kennedi J.

Howard B
Kamryn C.
Carter W.

Market St. II
Avion B.
Kaiden D.
Alexander E.
Nathan S.

O'Neal A
Kayven C.
Emberlynne D.

O'Neal B
Olivia C.
Armani S-M.
Kaydan S-M.
Philippian II
Grant J.
Konnor J.
Zanoah M.

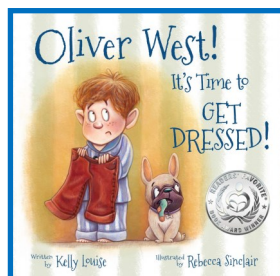
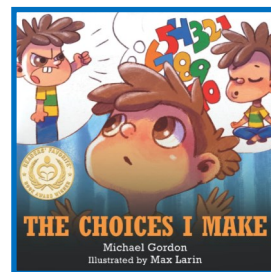
St. Matthews
Carter B.
Aubreanna S.
Lilyanna S.
Nakiyah S.



BOOKS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The Choices I Make

Decisions Can Be HARD! Here's a great story for helping kids manage their emotions and anger, and teaching kids how to make good choices. The story helps children with the decision-making process too.



Oliver West! It's Time to Get Dressed!

Empowering and Educational Book Teaching Kids About Having Routines and Gaining Independence. When Oliver sees his friends playing outside, he can't wait to join them. But something is standing in his way . . . his pajamas!

HOUSING DEPARTMENT	
CALL WOCAP AT 419-227-2586 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WOCAP.ORG TO SIGN UP	
Fair Housing	Financial Management
Providing information, training and educational materials to the community	Economic stability through education about family budgeting, savings, and behaviors that affect financial stability
Please call Housing Specialist for More Information Allen & Mercer Counties Contact: 567-371-5787	January 17, 18 & 19 1 pm—3 pm Via Webinar

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 DECEMBER DATES MEETING

DECEMBER 2ND

HOME BASED FAMILY DAYS

DECEMBER 9TH & 16TH

POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 15TH

AGENCY CLOSED

DECEMBER 26TH

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 DECEMBER	Christina Barry
11 DECEMBER	Janet Buchanan
13 DECEMBER	Laura Art
18 DECEMBER	Elisabeth Parker
21 DECEMBER	Katrina Bogart
29 DECEMBER	Jodi Walters

Winter Crisis Program

Running now until March 31, 2023
Schedule an appointment ☎ 419-516-0063

Visit our website at www.wocap.org for more information and to schedule online



HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUCCEED!

Visit our website for full job descriptions & to apply

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Visit the link to apply today!



This past month brought lots of learning & laughter to our St. Matthew's classroom



Children are designing their own pants and skirts for our six week study on clothing.



Our older children enjoy helping their younger friends. Here our friends have worked together to complete the alphabet puzzle learning letters and cooperation.



Our chefs are busy cooking up a storm in the dramatic play area. Here they explore real life adventures and imaginative play.



M is for mittens! Children designed their own mittens as we continue our clothing study and incorporate the season's needs also.



Our future engineer is building a police station for his police car.

Are you facing a utility disconnection?

(Electric or Natural Gas Service)

The “Special Reconnect Order” can help!

The **Special Reconnect Order** (formerly known as the **Winter Reconnect Order**) allows any electric or natural gas consumer of an investor-owned utility to avoid disconnection or to reconnect their service for \$175, even if the consumer owes more and cannot afford to pay the entire balance.

- ▶ Available one-time per utility October 17, 2022 through April 14, 2023
- ▶ Available to any household regardless of income
- ▶ You may be charged an additional reconnection fee
- ▶ The \$175 may be split between electric and natural gas if using for both at the same time
- ▶ Municipal utilities and rural co-ops are not required to offer the Special Reconnect Order

Contact your utility or your local Community Action Agency for more details

For more utility assistance information visit:
www.occ.ohio.gov/utilityassistance



Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers Needed in Classrooms

WOCAP Child Development Services and the Area Agency on Aging 3 are seeking volunteers to go into the classrooms to read to kids and help teachers.

Volunteers will go through a typical background check and get training on volunteerism.

Two age levels of children:

- 0-3 years old - class max capacity of 8 infants & toddlers
- 3-5 years old - class max capacity of 15-20 children

The time commitment is up to the individual and can range from a couple hours a week to a few days per week.

If you are interested in becoming a classroom volunteer contact Miranda van Rooyen, RSVP Program Director, at 419-204-4303 or email mvanrooyen@psa3.org.



The children in our Market Street classroom got a visit from one of the senior Volunteers from the Area Agency on Aging 3 and their RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) to read a book to them! Throughout the past several weeks he has visited to share his knowledge on various musical instruments and sports.



He brought in different musical instruments and showed the children how to put them together, told a little bit about each one and played each one. He also brought in his drum set and let the children play each piece as he added it on.



Different sports equipment and jerseys were shared with the children. He explained how you play each sport, and played little clips of each sport on his tablet so the children could understand each sport better.

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

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