

NOVEMBER 2022



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

# HEAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM

BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2022 - MARCH 31, 2023

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

helps income eligible Ohioans that are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected or have less than a 25% supply of bulk fuel in their tank maintain their utility service. The program can also assist with fuel tank replacement, fuel tank testing and heating system repair.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines
- Facing disconnection
- Have been disconnected
- Have less than a 25% supply of bulk fuel in their tank

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Income for primary applicant and all household members 18 years of age or older
- Social Security Numbers for primary applicant and all household members
- Most recent utility bills
- Proof of citizenship for all household members

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL



**419-516-0063**



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## Oatmeal Zucchini Cookies—Hidden Veggies for Kiddos!

### Ingredients

- 2 c. Quick Oats
- 1 c. Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 t. Baking Soda
- 1 t. Baking Powder
- 1 Banana
- 1 Egg
- 1/4 c. Butter, melted
- 1/2 c. Mix-Ins
- 1/4 c. Nut Butter
- 1 t. Vanilla
- 1 c. Shredded Zucchini
- 1/2 c. Maple Syrup or Honey

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 Degrees F
- Mash banana & combine with wet ingredients
- Stir in dry ingredients
- Scoop into 1/4 cup balls, press into flat disks, & bake for 8-10 minutes
- Cool & Enjoy!



You can  
replace the  
nut butter  
with  
sunflower  
seed butter  
to make  
allergy  
friendly

## Parent To Parent— HEAP Winter Crisis Program

As I'm sure you have all noticed, the weather has gotten colder. Leading us with small children to start considering our heating sources and the utilities that we use. With that being said, have you heard about WOCAP's HEAP Winter Crisis Program?

The program starts November 1st and runs until March 31st. It was created to help income-eligible Ohioans that are on notice for disconnection, have already been disconnected or have less than 25% supply of bulk fuel in their tank. The program can also help households to attain fuel tank replacement, tank testing and heating system repair.

HEAP stands for Home Energy Assistance Program. It is designed to help homes with a one-time payment per year, or with emergency assistance for those in danger of running out of fuel or facing shutoff.

PIPP stands for Percentage of Income Payment Plan. This program is designed to help Ohioans manage their energy bills year-round. The household must renew their application every year and have their PIPP bill paid and up to date by the renewal date.

Don't worry, whether you are renting your home or a homeowner, you can still qualify for assistance. Total gross income for the past 30 days (12months preferred) for all adult members in the household is a must.

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](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



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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 September we had 79 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

### Central A

Sebastian A-R.  
Charlie G.  
Zander M.  
Za'Raeah S.

### Central B

America B.  
Sawyer S.  
Serena S.  
Kyion S.  
Malachi W.

### Central E

Kaisen W.

### Home Based (WW)

Dominic G.  
Emberly K.

### Lima Sr. I

King M.

### Unity

Aaron B-T.  
Ezekiell R.

### Little Rascals A

Di'Xyhla H.  
Syion H.

### Little Rascals B

La'Mira T.

### Little Rascals C

Se'Koleon H.

### Shawnee Infants

Braylan B.  
Kali J.

### Trinity

Drayvonte G.  
Toby M.

### Allen East I

True D.  
Amurajhe G.  
J'Prince S.  
R'King S.  
Kelani S.  
Isabella T.  
Evlynn W.  
Damian W.

### Central D

Ki'Liyah A.  
Ni'Anna G.  
Nai'Sha I.

### Central G

Emmett C.  
Italayah C.  
Za'Niyah M.  
Kaydence S.  
Kali T.

### Central H

Penelope B.  
Kyson C.  
Jaelyn C.  
Brielle S.

### Home Based (KC)

Olivia K.  
Aimee L.  
Illana W.  
Heaven Z.

### Howard A

Keillen C.

### Howard B.

Kamryn C.  
Charlotte W.

### Market St. II

Kaiden D.  
Shama E.  
Diesel L.  
Ramal P.  
Kafsa S.  
Nathan S.  
Heiness T.

### O'Neal A

Kayven C.  
Kysen M.  
A'mariona O.

### O'Neal B

Olivia C.  
Armani S-M.  
Kaydan S-M.  
Maximus W.

### Philippian II

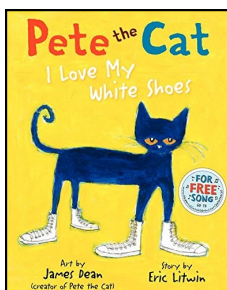
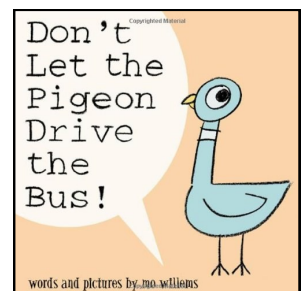
Zanoah M.  
Xzavier M.



## BOOKS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

### Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems is great for eliciting lots of participation and giggles. That silly pigeon wants to drive the bus, but the bus driver has asked the reader to make sure that doesn't happen.



### Pete The Cat—I Love My White Shoes

Pete the Cat goes walking down the street wearing his brand-new white shoes. Along the way, his shoes change from white to red to blue to brown to WET as he steps in piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other big messes!

HOUSING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE		
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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	December 13, 14 & 15 4 pm—6 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 NOVEMBER DATES

#### AGENCY CLOSED

**NOVEMBER 11TH**

#### HOME BASED FAMILY DAYS

**NOVEMBER 4TH & 18TH**

#### BOARD MEETING

**NOVEMBER 16TH**

#### POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 17TH**

#### AGENCY CLOSED

**NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 November	Heather Harner
6 NOVEMBER	Kristina Keller
12 NOVEMBER	Katrina Collar
14 NOVEMBER	Sarah Shellhouse
16 NOVEMBER	Wendell Hill
19 NOVEMBER	Charlene Adams
27 NOVEMBER	Raye Jean Luchini





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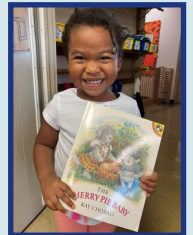
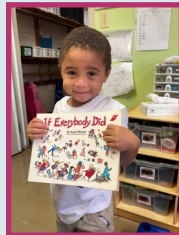
Visit the link to apply today!



### St. Matthew's

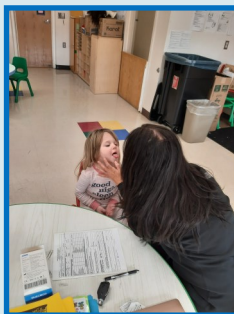
WOCAP's St. Matthew's classroom would like to extend a huge thank you to the AAUW and Mrs. Judy Bucher for their generous donation of gently used books to our classroom. The books were from their annual book fair. Enough books were donated that every child will be able to choose one book every week to take home and build a home library!

**Thank you for helping us promote a love a reading and books with our children!**



### Peds On Wheels

In October, 'Peds On Wheels' allowed us to offer our families the opportunity for their child to receive a Well Child Check (Physical) while at school. We were excited for them to provide Pediatric Care that came to our Head Start facility!



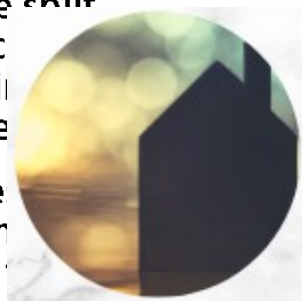
# Are you facing a utility disconnection?

## (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 used 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](http://www.occ.ohio.gov/utilityassistance)



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## 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](mailto:mvanrooyen@psa3.org).



## SUCCESS STORY

### HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM



A 66-year-old female, received an eviction notice from her rental in the summer of 2021. To avoid having an eviction on her record, she decided to leave the rental property before an eviction was filed. At that time, she was then referred to WOCAP by Auglaize County Council on Aging in August of 2021. She stayed with her son for a few days, but had to sleep on the couch which made for a less than ideal situation due to her various challenging health conditions. Auglaize County Council on Aging provided her with a stay at the Holiday Inn in Celina for a few days to assist her. With the help of WOCAP, she was able to get approved for a rental and her move in date was set for September 2021. WOCAP assisted with her deposit and three month's rent for her to move in. WOCAP staff advised her to apply for income-based rent early on in her assistance. At her 180-day case management re-certification, she informed the staff at WOCAP that she had been approved for income-based housing and would no longer need WOCAP's assistance. WOCAP successfully assisted her with locating permanent, safe affordable housing and thus eliminating the risk for her to return to homelessness.

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