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West Ohio Community Action Partnership



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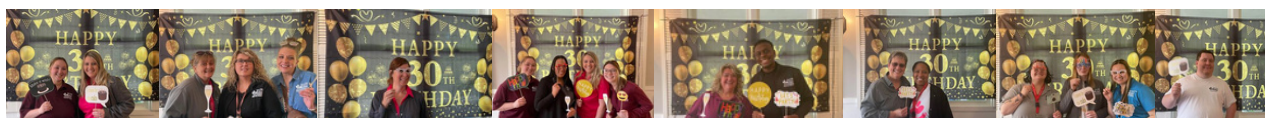


The month of May brought our agency so much to be thankful for. Not only did we celebrate Community Action Month, but we celebrated 30 years of serving our local community. Head Start's 58th birthday was celebrated by all staff and Early Head Start/Head Start children. Our agency even joined in on the fun for our local Memorial Day Parade. The past month allowed us to reflect back on all of the challenges and achievements in the past, as well as look forward to the opportunities the next 30 years and beyond may bring. It is because of our staff, volunteers, board members and local supporters the past 30 years that we are able to have so many successes to celebrate. We would like to thank each and every one of them for making our daily work and our commitment to serving individuals of all ages possible. Thank you also to everyone who joined us in celebrating Community Action Month and everything the Community Action Network represents. Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

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Spirit Week Recap

To end Community Action Month and celebrate WOCAP's 30th Anniversary, staff and classrooms participated in a fun Spirit Week.



United States Senate
Senator JD Vance
State of Ohio

Does hereby recognize the

**WEST OHIO COMMUNITY
ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Congratulations on celebrating your 30th anniversary! This remarkable milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of everyone involved in making the West Ohio Community Action Partnership a force for positive change in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

The impact of WOCAP's work is evident in the lives transformed and the communities uplifted. Through your various programs and initiatives, you have provided a lifeline to those facing economic hardships, offering them opportunities to overcome adversity and build better futures.

As you reflect on the remarkable achievements of the past 30 years, take pride in knowing that your collective efforts have made a profound and lasting impact. May the next 30 years be filled with even greater accomplishments as you continue to transform lives and empower communities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand on this twenty-sixth
day of May in the year of our Lord two
thousand and twenty-three.

A large, stylized blue ink signature of JD Vance.

JD Vance
United States Senator

Early Childhood Services Openings

***Sign On Bonus of \$500**
***New Minimum Starting Wage**
\$13.73/hour

- **Teacher**
- **Co-Teacher**
- **Primary Caregiver**

Emergency Services Openings

***New Minimum Starting Wage \$14.74/hour**

- **Intake Specialist - Allen & Mercer Co. Offices**

Come join our WOCAP team for a new, exciting and rewarding career

Work in a fast-paced, growing organization, while receiving a comprehensive benefits package that includes:

- Competitive Wages
- Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance
- 13 Paid Holidays
- 5 Personal Days
- Sick Leave
- Vacation Leave
- Weekends Off
- EAP Program
- Paid Tuition
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness

HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

If you are interested in any of our job opportunities, please complete the online application on our website & send a resume to:

WOCAP
(WEST OHIO COMMUNITY
ACTION PARTNERSHIP)

540 S Central Ave
Lima, Ohio 45804

Attn: Human Resource Coordinator

(419) 227-2586

www.wocap.org
Click on Employment
Opportunities & then select Job
Openings from the drop-down

**No longer requiring the
COVID-19 Vaccine**

STAFF SHOUT-OUT

Shout Out to Crystal Boroff, Compliance Coordinator here at West Ohio CAP, for this awesome customer 'thank you' for her dedication to serving those in our community. Thank you Crystal for going above and beyond for our customers!

"Hi Crystal! Thanks so much for your patience and your time in doing this for my dad! You are the nicest person that I have had in customer service to work with!

Sometimes we don't always say thank you and appreciate those people that did kind things for us. You are one of those that have treated me with respect.

Thank you and God Bless you and your family!"



Crystal Boroff, Compliance Coordinator

KINDERGARTEN KAMP 2023

June 26th - July 28th

Register your child today
and help them get ready
for Kindergarten!

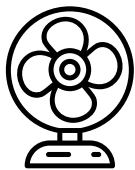
Children must be entering
Kindergarten in the Fall for
the 2023-2024 school year.

Unity Elementary School: 9:00 to
2:00

Heritage Elementary School: 8:30
to 1:30



For more information
contact: 419-996-3685
kindergartenkamplima@
gmail.com



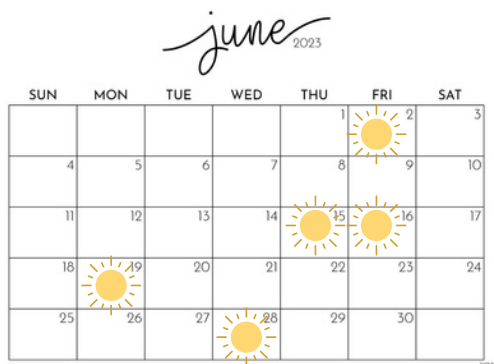
HEAP Summer Crisis Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Summer Crisis Program is a one-time benefit that can be used to pay electric utility bills, purchase air conditioners or fans, or repair central air conditioning units during the summer months

Eligibility is based on many factors, including income, age, certain medical conditions, current standing with utility service, or participation in other energy assistance programs

**The program begins
July 1, 2023**

IMPORTANT DATES



2nd - Home Based Family Day
15th - Policy Council Meeting
16th - Home Based Family Day
19th - Agency CLOSED
28th- Board Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of our
staff celebrating in June

6 – Penny Krouse
7 – Vicky Centers
19 – Michela Hinojosa
20 – Chasity Brewer
20 – Stephanie Shields
28 – Miah Katalenas
29 – Kim Crawford

Fair Housing	Financial Management
Providing information, training & educational materials to community	Education on aspects that affect financial security
Please call Housing Specialist for more information Allen & Mercer Counties	Please call 419-227-2586 Ext. 112 or Ext. 156 if interested

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Call WOCAP at 419-227-2586
or visit our website at
www.wocap.org to sign up

Strawberry Banana Sorbet



Healthy & Refreshing
Summer Treat for
the Whole Family

This strawberry banana sorbet magically blends up in just 5 minutes! It is naturally sweet and amazingly refreshing

Ingredients:

- 3 cup strawberries
- 2 medium bananas
- 1 medium lemon

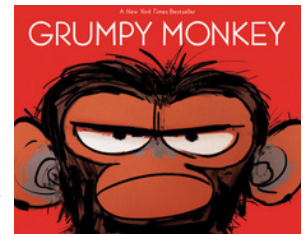
Directions:

- Slice strawberries and bananas.
- Put the strawberries and bananas on a baking sheet in the freezer for an hour. To save this step, you can make up pre-portioned out bags ahead of time so you can just pull out a bag when you want to make your sorbet!
- Once the fruit has been in the freezer for at least an hour, put it in your food processor or blender along with the lemon juice from one lemon and process until smooth – scrape down the sides when you need. The sorbet will be soft serve style texture right out of the blender, or you can put it in the freezer to firm up for a bit if you want.

BOOKS

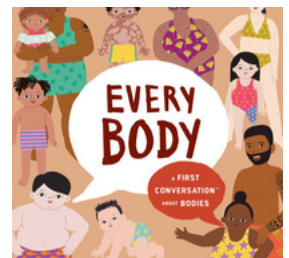
Grumpy Monkey

This story handles complex emotions with hilarity & skill. It's a beautiful day in the jungle, but Jim Panzee wakes up on the wrong side of the tree branch & finds everything irritating, especially his well-meaning friends. This entertaining tale reassures readers that bad moods don't last forever, and brighter days are right around the corner



Every Body: A first conversation about bodies

Simple language and colorful illustrations help children understand all bodies are good bodies in this empowering book. I love this brilliant series that addresses important topics for kids in a clear and impactful way!



Enroll Your Child Today!

Application forms can be sent
to your home if you prefer



Scan Here To Apply

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

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

ONLINE:
www.wocap.org

PHONE:
Angie Montgomery at 419-227-2586 Ext. 120

EMAIL:
Angie Montgomery,
amontgomery@wocap.org



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 April, we had 80 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

Central A Za'Raeah S.

Central B
Giovanni A.
Sawyer S.

EHS Home Based (GG)

Nyla G.
Kolton K.
Meena S.

EHS Home Based (JJ)

Harper R.
Sa'Dya T.

EHS Home Based (WW)

Madalyn B.
Axis J.
Emberly K.
Aahliyah R.

Lima Sr. I
Dylan B-T.
Cooper E.

Lima Sr. II
Khari J.
Amiyah M.

Unity
ZaHava W.

Kingdom
Terence W. Jr.

Little Rascals C
Kahmora H.

Shawnee Infants
Braylan B.

Shawnee Terrific 2's

Gabriella B.
Daxton F.
King L-K.

Shawnee Tiny Toddlers

Ava J.

The Children's PL

Harper R.
Sa'Raea W.
Savanna W.

Allen East I

True D.
Amurajhe G.
Jasper T.

Central C.

Kassidy A.
Phoenix B.
Ji'ya D.
Jordan J.
Zander M.
Wynter P.

Central D
Angelia C.

Central G
Za'Niyah M.
Rhyan M.
Kali T.

Central H

Kyson C.
Connor E.
Kyson H.

Home Based (KC)

Zayvon B.
Messiah G.
Aimee L.
Cerenity L.
Illana W.
Heaven Z.

Howard A

Graham P.
Makya S.

Howard B

Zayvion S.
Charlotte W.

Market St. II

Kaiden D.
Javionte G.
Diseal L.
Luna L.
Hafsa S.

O'Neal A

Emberlynn D.
Treasure G.
Messiah S.

O'Neal B

Olivia C.
Za'Kiya E.
Qwadir P.
Armani S-M.
Kaydan S-M.
Maximus W.

Philippian II

Zanoah M.
Luca M.

St. Matthew's
Rylee A.

Last month we talked about the Allen County History Museum. Did you know it's conveniently located next to the Lima Public Library? The library is constantly hosting free events for people of all ages.

While I highly recommend taking a look inside your local branch, you have the option to meander online first. On the main page there is an option to view upcoming events. The calendar is easy to navigate, with color-coordinated age groups.

Reading is a great way to keep your child's brain active during the summer. The library offers a Summer Reading program to reward your kiddo for being an active reader. They also have activity kits you can register for, or even in person activities, such as story time.

Give the library a chance, check them out at <https://www.limalibrary.com/calendar/month> and see what your house enjoys most.

PARENT TO PARENT

LIMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE PEAKE-WARREN,
HEAD START PARENT

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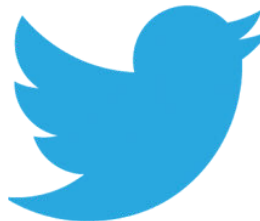
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