



# November 2023

## West Ohio Community Action Partnership

# HEAP Winter Crisis Program

**Begins November 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**

## The Program

helps income eligible Ohioans that are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected, need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have PIPP default, need to pay first PIPP, or have 25% (or less) supply of bulk fuel in their tank maintain their utility service.

Ohio households serviced by a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio-regulated utility must sign up for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) or another payment plan if there is still an outstanding balance on the bill after receiving assistance

## Who Is Eligible?

- 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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# ENROLL TODAY!



## Early Head Start & Head Start

Our experienced teachers & engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn & grow in a safe, nurturing environment

- Free Program for those who qualify
- Ages 0-5 years old
- Social, emotional & intellectual growth
- Serving Allen County

## Home Based Option

A Home Based teacher, child and family work together to provide activities & experiences designed to meet the child's needs in the home environment

- Ages 0-5 years old
- Serving Allen County



419-227-2586 Ext. 120

Angela Montgomery



APPLY ONLINE:  
[WWW.WOCAP.ORG](http://WWW.WOCAP.ORG)

The month of October brought some of our Head Start classrooms a fun Halloween party full of themed activities, various ways of learning through play, a trip to a playground with a picnic and nature walk, and celebrating Red Ribbon Week



## 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

### New Opening: Chief Executive Officer

Please visit our website on our Job Openings page for details and information on how to apply

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

Click on Employment Opportunities & then select Job Openings from the drop-down

Please Note: We are no longer requiring the COVID-19 Vaccine

## Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

On Monday, October 23, 2023, we hosted a National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week event with the Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition. The event included a tour of the child care rooms where public dollars had been deployed to replace windows to prevent lead exposure to the children. Our agency was touched that they chose to do this event as a tribute to the late Jackie Fox. It was great to see Ohio Healthy Homes Network Board members and other friends of the Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition, as well as so many dedicated leaders and community members!

Special appreciation to the following people who attended and shared remarks:

- City of Lima Mayor Sharetta Smith
- State Representative Susan Manchester (78th District)
- Allen County Health Commissioner Brandon Fischer
- Ohio Department of Health Bureau Chief Gene Phillips (& colleagues)
- Ohio Department of Development Residential Specialist Matt Spiess
- Parent Advocate Mary Nichols
- HUD Representative Anthony Fortes and colleagues
- WOCAP Representatives Phyllis Montrose and Vincent (& the pre-K teachers and children!

Photos courtesy of: Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition & WOCAP



West Ohio CAP staff wearing purple for #purplethursday in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October



## Winner, Winner!

We held a dip contest and table decoration contest at our previous All Staff Training. Ginger Gossard, one of our Home Based Teachers, won for her delicious Loaded Baked Potato Dip, and our bus drivers were a fan favorite for their creative table decoration. Thank you to our staff members who participated!





## New Auglaize Co. Site Location

**Effective November 1, 2023**

Staff will be serving customers at our Auglaize County Site at Mercy Unlimited  
38 E. Auglaize St., Wapakoneta

Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays our Dropbox will be available



## WOCAP Summer Intern



We would like to give a shout-out to one of our Summer Interns, Dalonte Manley. He is pictured with the students in John Glenn College of Public Affairs. Our agency is proud of all that he is accomplishing. We have been fortunate enough to have him work alongside our team for a few years now while he is home on break from The Ohio State University.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st - Winter Crisis Program Begins
- 3rd - Agency Closed for Agency In-Service
- 10th - Agency Closed (Veteran's Day)
- 15th - WOCAP Board Meeting
- 16th - Policy Council Meeting
- 17th - Home Based Family Day
- 23rd - Agency Closed
- 24th - Agency Closed

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of our staff celebrating in November

- 4 – Alizabeth Demoss
- 5 – Heather Harner
- 6 – Kristina Keller
- 8 – Patrick Loup
- 12 – Katrina Collar
- 14 – Sarah Shellhouse
- 16 – Wendell Hill
- 19 – Charlene Adams
- 27 – Raye Jean Luchini

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. 105 if interested

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Call WOCAP at 419-227-2586  
or visit our website at  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org) to sign up

## Baked Cinnamon Sugar Apple Chips



### Ingredients:

- 3 medium apples
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 T. ground cinnamon

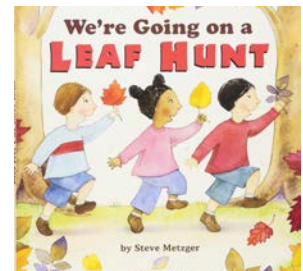
### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 225 degrees
- Line two baking sheets with silicone baking mats or parchment paper. Set aside
- Have an 'adult' use a knife to thinly slice the apples
- Evenly, spread the apple slices onto the prepared baking sheets
- Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture over top of each apple slice
- Bake for 1 hour, flip the apples over, sprinkle with more cinnamon sugar, and bake for another hour

## BOOKS

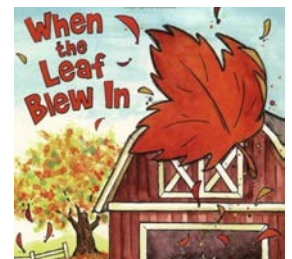
### We're Going On A Leaf Hunt

There are lots of beautiful fall leaves to find! Three friends have a big adventure hiking over a mountain and through a forest to collect leaves of all kinds and colors. What will they do with all their leaves at the end of the story? Jump and play in them, of course! With easy rhyming text and fun sound effects, children will delight in this rollicking autumn story



### When The Leaf Blew In

With simple, repetitive text and silly, expressive illustrations, children will fall for this hilarious autumn story about the way one leaf turns an entire barnyard upside down!



We started off the month of October with Spirit Week! Pictured are just a few of the classrooms and staff who joined in on the fun themed days

## AGENCY SPIRIT WEEK



Thank you to everyone who participated!

## 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 130 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

**Central A**  
Karliah B.  
Dustin C.  
Kirmon N.

**Central B**  
Ji'Aire H.  
ZaKion M.  
Hunter M.  
Sawyer S.

**ELS EHS A**  
Evelyn O.  
Malcom O.  
Kingston P.  
King Juan P.

**Home Based (GG)**  
Koltan K.  
Alistair P.  
Meena S.  
Robert W.

**Home Based (WW)**  
Brandon H. Jr.  
Axis J.  
Emberly K.

**Lima Sr. I**  
Treyvontay G.

**Lima Sr. II**  
A'Layah G.  
Darionte L.

**Kingdom Daycare**  
Elijah A.  
Malaiyah B.  
Aaryan N.  
Terence W. Jr.

**Little Rascals B**  
Laydrian S.  
Jaylen W.

**Shawnee Terrific 2's**  
Zy'aire M.

**Shawnee Transitional Toddlers**  
Jaylani M.

**The Children's PL**  
Ka'Marion N.  
Harper R.

**Trinity**  
Kai M.

**Allen East**  
Jae'Shawn D.  
Amurajhe G.  
Amor H.  
Greyson R.  
Willow R.  
Kelani S.  
Maverick S.  
Kaisen W.

**Central D**  
Nai'Sha I.  
Zander M.  
Jasir P-L.  
Armani R.  
Bearett R.  
Serena S.

**Central G**  
Kassidy A.  
Taylor B.  
Emmett C.  
Major H.

**Howard A**  
Londynn B.  
Keillen C.

**Howard B**  
Sabastian A-R.  
Kamryn C.  
Rosalie C.  
Brynleigh S.  
Carter W.  
Damian W.

**O'Neal A**  
Kayven C.  
Zi'Mion J. Jr.  
Kysen M.  
Hezekiah M.  
Makya S.  
Cadence W.

**O'Neal B**  
Olivia C.  
Brantlee J.  
Zander S.  
A'Blessin W.

**Market St. I**  
Eveyln B.  
Harper M.  
Malachi W.

**Market St. II**  
Zane A. Jr.  
Ji'ya D.  
Genesis E.  
Braxton F.  
A'Nyius G.  
Zaniyah H-B.  
Destani J.  
Ramal P.  
Douglas S.  
Heiness T.  
Palace T.

**Philippian**  
Monse B.  
Lamyra C.  
Ryleigh L.  
Luca M.

**St. Matthew's**  
Layla C.  
Jaiyah J.  
Raionna K.  
Remingtyn M.  
Cayde S.  
Lillyanna S.  
Asher S.  
Jasper W.  
Alayna W.

**Home Based (KC)**  
Christopher B.  
Adelynn B.  
Justice G.  
Makaila G.  
Tanner K.  
Olivia K.  
Ruby S.  
Meena S.  
Illana W.

As November is here, I wanted to let new parents know about Policy Council. Did you know without parent involvement, Head Start's around the United States would not be able to function? If you're wondering what a Head Start's Policy Council is, let me explain.

Policy Council is necessary for approving decisions about Head Start. Those decisions include activities and involvement of parents, financial monthly statements, remodels or new builds, and also the hiring of employees. That's all fine and dandy, but why do parents have to join? It is necessary for parents to be on the Head Start Policy Council because it ensures unbiased decisions and makes for less ability of a conflict of interest, especially since you sign a form when your term begins. It is required that the Council be made up of 51% parents.

A personal reason I chose to join is to have a better understanding of how Head Start runs. Now that I am involved, the opportunities to help advocate for our teachers and our school on different platforms has become an apparent need. While I still remain a part of the Council to advocate for your children and mine, I have learned that it has always been so much more. Being on Policy Council gives you a sense of standing up for the community, the parents, the children, the staff and the program itself.

If you weren't thinking about joining Policy Council as your Classroom Representative or Co-Rep, please read this and give it a thought. Your questions are valid, your concerns are heard, and you'll be helping your child become kindergarten ready.

## PARENT TO PARENT

### POLICY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY  
MICHELLE PEAKE-WARREN,  
HEAD START PARENT

## Board of Trustees - 2023

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

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