



December 2023

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

It has been a challenging time for West Ohio Community Action Partnership this past year, but we have stayed focused on serving our families and improving our communities. I am so proud of the WOCAP team and what we have been able to accomplish during a very difficult season. The hard work and dedication of the WOCAP staff is truly appreciated. WOCAP would not be where we are today without this amazing team. Thank you all so very much! Jackie Fox would be so proud of each, and every member of our team and I hope the staff are proud of their efforts as well!

In honor of Jackie, I wanted to share her favorite Christmas song this holiday season. This song reminds me of her and her unwavering dedication and effort to make our world a better place.

"Someday At Christmas"

Someday at Christmas men won't be boys
Playing with bombs like kids play with toys
One warm December our hearts will see
A world where men are free
Someday at Christmas there'll be no wars
When we have learned what Christmas is for
When we have found what life's really worth
There'll be peace on earth
Someday all our dreams will come to be
Someday in a world where men are free
Maybe not in time for you and me
But someday at Christmastime
Someday at Christmas we'll see a land
With no hungry children, no empty hand
One happy morning people will share
Our world where people care
Someday at Christmas there'll be no tears
All men are equal and no men have fears
One shining moment, one prayer away
From our world today
Someday all our dreams will come to be
Someday in a world where men are free
Maybe not in time for you and me
But someday at Christmastime
Someday at Christmas man will not fail
Hate will be gone and love will prevail
Someday a new world that we can start
With hope in every heart
Someday all our dreams will come to be
Someday in a world where men are free
Maybe not in time for you and me
But someday at Christmastime
Someday at Christmastime

We at WOCAP wish all of you a peaceful and joyous holiday!

Kim Bruns - Interim CEO

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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

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



Early Learning Center Bluffton Exempted Village School Orchestra



Preschool students had the incredible opportunity to experience the enchanting melodies of the Bluffton Exempted Village School Orchestra. The talented musicians took our little ones on a musical journey, engaging them with an interactive performance that had everyone tapping their toes and clapping their hands! The joy and excitement in the room were absolutely contagious – you could see the sparkle in the eyes of our youngest learners as they immersed themselves in the world of music. A huge shoutout to the amazing members of the Bluffton Orchestra for sharing their passion and talent with our preschoolers. It's moments like these that create lasting memories and ignite a love for the arts in our little ones' hearts.



HEAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM

Now - March 31, 2024

To Schedule An Appointment, Call 419-516-0063

Helps Income-Eligible Ohioans that are threatened with a 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

Who Is Eligible?

- Households 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 the household members 18 years of age or older
- Social Security numbers for primary applicant & all household members
- Most recent utility bills
- Proof of citizenship for all household members

Reminder for Auglaize County Residents

NEW Site Location

Now located at Mercy Unlimited, 38 E. Auglaize St., Wapak

Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

BOOKS

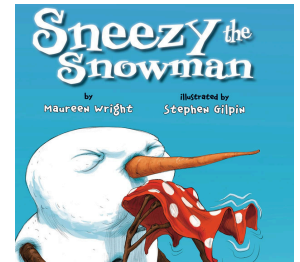
Everybody's Tree

Over the course of eighty years a spruce tree grows, along with the little boy who first selected it at a tree farm. As the tree grows from sapling to magnificent evergreen, the child matures as well, becoming a father and then grandfather. Now at the end of its life, the glorious tree is chosen to be the centerpiece of a city's holiday celebration.



Sneezy the Snowman

B-R-R-R-R! AH-CHOO! Sneezy the Snowman is cold, cold, cold. To warm up, he drinks cocoa, sits in a hot tub, stands near a warm fire—and melts! But the children know just what to do to build him up again—and make him feel “just right”.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of our staff
celebrating in December

- 1 - Christina Barry
- 11 - Janet Buchanan
- 13 - Emma Waldron
- 13 - Laura Art
- 18 - Elisabeth Parker
- 21 - Katrina Bogart

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st - Agency Closing Early
Allen - 11:00 AM
Aug/Mercer - 10:00 AM
- 8th - Home Based Family Day
- 15th - Home Based Family Day
- 21st - Policy Council Meeting
- 25th - Agency Closed

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 to sign up

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'Nyus 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.

Looking for something to do with these freezing temperatures? Look no further than your local Library. There is more than just books to look at. The Lima Public Library has activities for all of the members in your house.

For my household, we tend to frequent the youth services department, and let me tell you the month of December is packed with events. My preschooler really enjoys when they have Take Home Activity bags. With our Early Head Start baby, we are now able to introduce him to the Story Times on Friday's. A special event they are having while the bigger kiddos are out of school, a Christmas Scavenger Hunt! Please stop in and find the Book Nook Winter Catalog for more activities! A friendly reminder to check if the activity requires online registration. You can also check online on the library's website:
<https://www.limalibrary.com/calendar/month>

PARENT TO PARENT

VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE PEAKE-WARREN,
HEAD START PARENT

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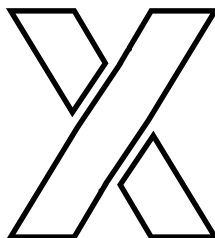
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