

# WEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP



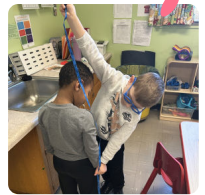
Kimberly Bruns, CEO

## ST. MATTHEWS HEAD START

### The Importance of Structure & Play

It is important to have both structure and play in our Head Start Classrooms. We develop a daily schedule that becomes routine to the children and provides consistency and predictability. Of course, the children's favorite part of the daily schedule is Free Play. During Free Play, the teachers select toys that align with the Head Start Program Standards. The children are given the opportunity to play in a learning center of their choice and this is where the magic happens! Children learn best through play, taking away both academic lessons and social skills. For example, children working together to build a castle out of blocks are learning shapes, geometric thinking and spatial reasoning, they are engaging in cooperative play, showing creativity and imagination, problem solving, eye-hand coordination, conversations and vocabulary, persistence and so much more.

The block area is just one example. Learning centers are set up for language and literacy, mathematics, art, science, dramatic play, and fine motor daily. The children are free to explore each area and move about freely to follow their interests. The teachers engage the children to expand on the learning opportunities. We definitely have fun interacting with the children during this time! We are able to learn so much more about our students when they are playing and chatting freely. This also helps us develop strong bonds with each child and increases their feelings of comfort and safety in the classroom. Most importantly, it helps the children to realize that learning is fun!



As teachers, we remind all of our families that daily structure at home is important and to remember that tablets have a place in learning, but remember that playing with toys and time outside has an important place in the daily lives of all children.



JOIN OUR TEAM

# WE ARE HIRING!

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

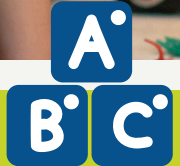


**POSITIONS AVAILABLE!**



**WOCAP offers competitive salary, benefits, paid education, and professional development.**

## BENEFITS



- Paid Time Off
- 13 Holidays
- Medical, Vision, Dental
- 403b Retirement
- Paid Professional Development
- Degree Seeking Education

If interested in any of these positions, please visit our website to apply - [www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)

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## Triple P Seminars

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program knows all parents have different needs. That’s why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will suit you and your family best

### Who is this for?

Parents of children birth-12

### Triple P can help you:

- encourage behavior you like
- deal with problem behavior
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

### What are Triple P Seminars?

Triple P Seminars are for large groups of parents – perhaps 20 or more. They’re informal presentations, a little like a public forum.

There are 3 seminars in the Triple P Seminar Series. You can choose to do one- or all - of them. They deal with the most common parenting issues we all face.

### The topics are:

- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children
- Raising Resilient Children



If you are interested in attending a Triple P Seminar, please scan the QR code below to sign up



10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

[www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

## SAVE THE DATES

### Mother/Son Dance

- March 27th
- 5:00–6:30
- Philippian Church

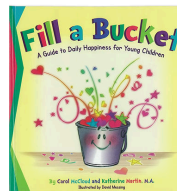
### Father/Daughter Dance

- February 27th
- 5:00–6:30
- Philippian Church

# BOOKS



**Kindness is my Superpower**  
This charming story with peaceful rhymes and colorful illustrations will explain to your child that it is okay to make a mistake and say I'm sorry. Lucas will teach your child good manners and positive behavior



**Fill a Bucket**  
Using a simple metaphor of a bucket filled with all the love and happiness we receive each day, this charming picture book encourages children to nurture kindness and become "bucket-fillers" wherever they are!

## Winter Crisis Program

November 1 - March 31

The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program (HEAP Winter Crisis 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 Participants

- 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 Documentation

- Income for primary applicant & all 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

## To Schedule An Appointment

419-495-0200

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



**Allen - 540 S. Central Avenue, Lima**

**Auglaize - 38 E. Auglaize St., Wapak**

**Mercer - 420 N. Brandon Avenue, Celina**

## BIRTHDAYS

3 - Lauren Link  
8 - Nikita Arrick  
10 - Michael VanBrocklin  
11 - Mary Hurley  
16 - Lora Elliott  
21 - Crystal Boroff  
26 - Angie Osage

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Patricia Rodabaugh- 24 years
- Sarah Shellhouse- 7 years
- Monica Glenn- 24 years
- Michael VanBrocklin - 5 years
- Abagael Winings - 7 years
- Nikita Arrick - 15 years
- Chasity Creech - 10 years
- Bethany Hill - 6 years
- Kim Upshaw - 7 years

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7th - Agency CLOSED (Agency In-Service)
- 14th - Home Based Family Day
- 20th - Policy Council Meeting
- 17th - Agency CLOSED (President's Day)
- 26th - WOCAP Board Meeting
- 27th - Father/Daughter Dance
- 28th - Home Based Family Day

## 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 December, we had 54 children with Perfect Attendance.

<b>Central A</b> Jayziere E.	<b>Allen East</b> Zander M. Za'Raeah S. Haizdyn W.	<b>O'Neal A</b> Zarian G. Jr. Khari J. Ka'Lani M.-A. Ka'Marion R.-M. Nova'Rose S. Roger W.	<b>Philippian</b> Rubensley D. Wooldensley D.
<b>EHS Home Based (GG)</b> Za'kius B.	<b>Central D</b> Kellum I. La'Miyah T.	<b>O'Neal B</b> Amiyah M.	<b>St. Matthew's</b> Alayna W. Justus P.
<b>EHS Home Based (JJ)</b> Harley P.	<b>Central G</b> Kassidy A. Jordyn B. Charlie G. Titan M. Alistair P. Howard A Kelilah D.	<b>HS Home Based (KC)</b> Kolton K. Ay'Jia T. Market St. I King M.	<b>The Children's Place</b> Denver C.
<b>Lima Sr. I</b> Ariel T.	<b>Howard B</b> Sebastian A-R. A'Layah G. Zanyla G. Kahmora H. Xavion M.	<b>Market St. II</b> Adelynn B. Ji'ya D. Darionte L. Kah'Zylah P. Da'Niyah S. Lee'ara S.	
<b>Smart Start</b> Maasai S. Mamie S.			
<b>Little Rascals B</b> Tasyrious R.			
<b>Shawnee Tiny Toddlers</b> Kalayah R.			
<b>Shawnee Transitional Toddlers</b> Kh'Air C.			

EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START

# ENROLL NOW

Ages Birth - 5 Years



## FREE PROGRAM THAT OFFERS SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE

Head Start is a comprehensive program for children and their families. We offer Home-Based and Center-Based options to best meet your needs. The Home-Based option consist of a home based teacher, child, and family work together to provide activities and experiences designed to meet the child's needs in the home environment for 1.5 hours.

### WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

Developmental screenings, hearing, vision, dental exam and treatment, lead testing, hemoglobin testing, parenting classes, and various training opportunities. Transportation to the center may be provided for eligible children and each child receives a free snack, breakfast and/or hot lunch daily. Field trips and family days are scheduled throughout the year.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Families income must be at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Families/children experiencing homelessness or who are in foster care are also eligible.
- Children with a disability may also qualify.
- Services available for children age birth - five years of age
- Service are available to families/children that live or work in Allen County

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Parents are involved in decision making and in carrying out the program's activities. Parents serve on Parent Policy Council, parenting groups, and work as volunteers in the classroom. They also help to develop educational and social activities for their children.

## Board of Trustees - 2025

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

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