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MARCH 2025 WEST OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

LEAD SAFE LIMA

West Ohio CAP can help make repairs to your home to make it lead-safe for your family. Lead is a serious health risk because it is a toxic metal that can cause significant harm to people, especially young children, pregnant women, and those with prolonged exposure. Lead is known to cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities, to seizures and death. Children under 6 years of age are most at risk of exposure to lead-based paint because they crawl on the floor, and put their hands and other items that have lead-based paint dust on them into their mouths. Since their bodies are still growing, children tend to absorb more lead than adults. Understanding and preventing lead exposure is essential to protecting public health, especially for young children and vulnerable populations.

How is West Ohio CAP Helping?

We have 4 areas of focus to combat lead risk

1. Education to the public/prevention precautions
2. Workforce Development
3. Outreach to the community
4. Abatement of lead in homes

WOCAP Lead Abatement

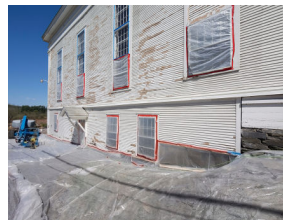
Through our Lead Safe Lima Program, we are hosting Lead Abatement Contractor Classes to connect contractors with mentors who can help navigate them in becoming Lead Certified. From these classes, we aim to hire local contractors to complete the lead abatement work to remove lead hazards from homes in our community.

Lead Abatement Contractor Class

This training course uses both the EPA model Lead Abatement Contractor curriculum, HUD Guidelines, and includes OSHA and EPA compliance requirements. The class focuses on identification of safe work practices and job specifications for controlling hazards of lead paint, dust, and soil.

Next class will be held March 3-7, 2025

Interested attendees of future classes, please contact our Housing Department at 419-227-2586 x 105



Where Can Lead Be Found?

1. Paints prior to 1978
2. Industrial paints & painting equipment
3. Batteries
4. Plumbing
5. Soil & Water
6. Imported food, medicines and cosmetics



What To Look For In Your Home:

- Age of your home, built pre-1978
- Deteriorating paint
- Paint that is peeling, chipping, cracking or chalking could be a sign of lead paint
- Dust

How To Qualify For The Program?

- Home built before 1978
- Live in the City of Lima
- Owner occupied OR Rental properties
- Have a child under the age of 6 living or visiting at least 20 hours/week
- Income Eligible
 - For Homeowners - 80% Area Median Income
 - For Renters - 50% Area Median Income

Contact:

Vance Cuthrell,
Housing Program Manager

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 www.wocap.org

 **419-227-2586 x 156**

WEST OHIO CAP'S RECENT EVENTS



WINTER FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

What an amazing time we had at our Winter Family Engagement Event! Families came together to learn, create, and connect through fun activities, hands-on learning, and meaningful conversations. Events like these strengthen our school community and remind us how important family involvement is in a child's education.

A big THANK YOU to all the families who joined us, our dedicated staff, and everyone who helped make this event possible! Your participation and support make all the difference.

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS

Vance Cuthrell, our Housing Program Manager, offered a financial literacy class to The National Center for Urban Solutions Advanced Manufacturing program.

Through this community collaboration, the class received valuable information to take control of their finances and secure economic stability through education about family budgeting, savings, and behaviors that affect financial stability.



A Night to Remember



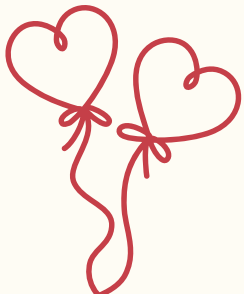
What an incredible evening at our Father-Daughter Dance! Seeing so many fathers, father figures, and daughters come together to share laughter, love, and unforgettable moments was truly heartwarming. From the dance floor to the photo booth, every smile and twirl made the night magical!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make this event so special. Your support and participation create lasting memories for our students and their families.



SAVE THE DATE

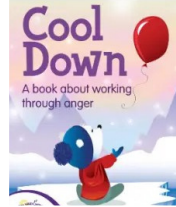
MOTHER/SON DANCE
MARCH 27th
5:00 - 6:30
Philippian Church



BOOKS



I Can Do Anything!
A book about self-confidence.
The book explores some of the everyday challenges faced by children. From learning to play soccer to making new friends, this meaningful children's book helps inspire self-confidence.



Cool Down
A book about working through anger.
The book explores helpful ways for kids to deal with anger. This meaningful children's book uses captivating illustrations and sound effects to share strategies such as deep breathing, listening to music, and more.

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



Allen - 540 S. Central Avenue, Lima

Auglaize - 38 E. Auglaize St., Wapak

Mercer - 420 N. Brandon Avenue, Celina

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Amy Wannemacher
- 9 - Christine Magoto
- 11 - Mr. Kim Upshaw
- 26 - Kim Bruns

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jasmine Petty - 10 years
- Alexsa Conidaris - 12 years
- Susan Haack - 5 years
- Jennifer Slife - 27 years
- Shelby Ashenfelter - 3 years

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 14th - Home Based Family Day
- 20th - Policy Council Meeting
- 21st - Agency CLOSED (Agency In-Service)
- 26th - WOCAP Board Meeting
- 27th - Mother/Son Dance
- 28th - Home Based Family Day
- 31st - Winter Crisis Ends

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 January, we had 69 children with Perfect Attendance.

EHS Home Based (GG)

Za'kius B.
Amerie F.
Ari'el G.
Willow T.
Robert W.
Azyla W.

EHS Home Based (JJ)

Daniel B.
Ace F.
Blossom F.
Asaiah F.
James K.

EHS Home Based (WW)

Carolyn M.
Kingdom Daycare
Aaryan N.

Little Rascals A

Jayce S.

Shawnee Munchkin

Kane H.

Shawnee Terrific 2's

Braylan B.
Malachi C.
Drue F.
Charlotte L.

Shawnee Tiny Toddlers

Madaline S.

Shawnee Transitional Toddlers

Kh'Air C.

Shawnee Wobblers

Asher L.

Allen East

Ruby R.
Bearret R.

Central D

Kellum I.
Raeana P.
La'Miyah T.

St. Matthew's

Theodore H.
Raionna K.
Justus P.
Everlynn W.

Central G

Jordyn B.
Kari B.
Titan M.
Alistair P.
Winchester S.
Kyion S.

ELC-Howard A

Jameson B.
Luella M.
London W.

ELC-Howard B

Sebastian A-R.
Zaki D.
A'Layah G.
A'Merie J.

Market St. II

Zaniyah H-B.
Destani J.

ELC-O'Neal A

Ky'rell D.
Zarian G. Jr.
Khari J.
Emmett L.
Ka'Marion R-M.
Nova Rose S.
Semaj S. Roger W.

ELC-O'Neal B

Ezekiell R.

HS Home Based (KC)

Christopher B.
Stephanie B.
Abel M.

Market St. I

Jeremiah J.
Eleicia M.
Essence M.
King M.
Keensley R.
Elena W.



EARLY HEAD START/ HEAD START

ENROLL NOW

AGES BIRTH - 5 YEARS



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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.

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

Board of Trustees - 2025

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