

July 2025

HELPING PEOPLE.
CHANGING LIVES.



Kimberly Bruns, CEO

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM

The Ohio Summer Crisis Program (SCP) for 2025 will provide a one-time benefit to eligible low-income households for cooling assistance during the summer months, specifically from July 1 to September 30. The program aims to help with utility bills, air conditioning repairs, or the purchase of air conditioning units or fans.

**PROGRAM RUNS FROM
JULY 1ST – SEPTEMBER 30TH**

Required Documentation for All Applicants

- Proof of income for all household members age 18+
- Social security numbers for all household members
- Copies of the most recent utility bills
- Proof of citizenship for primary applicant and all household members

How To Apply

- Call 419-495-0200 to schedule an appointment
- Visit one of our 3 sites for an application
- Visit our website to schedule an appointment, print an application, and/or print the 2025 SCP Medical Eligibility Form

Explore more information and resources on the Summer Crisis Program at our agency's website



www.wocap.org

Eligible Applicants

Medical Condition

Required Documentation

- Same Documentation as listed for *all applicants*
- Documentation of medical condition

Households with Disconnect

Required Documentation

- Same Documentation as required for *all applicants*
- Proof of disconnected service, disconnection notice or new electric account number

Age 60 or older

Required Documentation

- Same Documentation as required for *all applicants*

To Schedule An
Appointment Call
419-495-0200

INCOME GUIDELINES CAN
BE FOUND ON PAGE 4
OF THE NEWSLETTER





CLIENT NEEDS SURVEY

HELP WOCAP BETTER ALIGN ITS SERVICES

TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY BY

TAKING THIS QUICK 5-MINUTE SURVEY!

For more information contact:
West Ohio Community Action Partnership
at 419-227-2586



Survey Deadline:

July 11, 2025

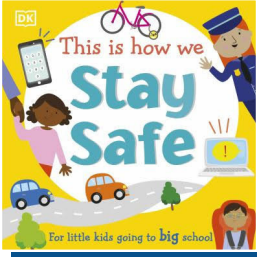
Male Role Model Engagement Event

Our Early Head Start and Child Care Partnership classrooms had an amazing sports-themed day filled with fun and connection! Male role models joined the kids for basketball, soccer, tricycle riding, and jumping across stepping stones. The creativity didn't stop there—our little artists painted with marbles too! To top it all off, we enjoyed some delicious sports-themed snacks: soft pretzels, puffcorn, and adorable baseball cupcakes.

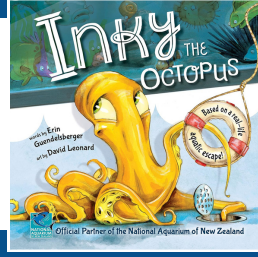
Thank you to all the amazing male role models who made the day so special!



BOOKS



This Is How We Stay Safe
Teaches children aged 3-5 essential personal, social, and emotional skills to stay safe. It features bright illustrations and encourages kids to practice new skills in real-world situations. The book covers topics like road safety, online safety, and interacting with strangers.



Inky The Octopus
Perfect for back to school, journey along with Inky the octopus as he makes a daring escape from his aquarium to the open sea—based on a real-life aquatic adventure!

2025-2026 Summer Crisis Program Income Guidelines

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit 175% FPG	30-Day Income Limit 175% FPG
1	\$27,387.50	\$2,251.03
2	\$37,012.50	\$3,042.12
3	\$46,637.50	\$3,833.22
4	\$56,262.50	\$4,624.32
5	\$65,887.50	\$5,415.41
6	\$75,512.50	\$6,206.51
7	\$85,137.50	\$6,977.60

Types of Benefits

Electric Utility Assistance:

- Up to \$500 for regulated utility customers
- Up to \$800 for unregulated utility customers

Indoor Air Quality & Comfort Assistance:

- Up to \$1,500 for central air conditioning repair
- Up to \$525 for air-conditioner units, \$550 for casement or portable air-conditioner units, or up to \$150 per fan (maximum 2 fans)

*Indoor Air Quality & Comfort Assistance Benefit (Additional Benefit) is a separate benefit

We Are Hiring

WOCAP is hiring for the following positions

- Teacher/FSW
- Health Coordinator/Certified Health Professional

Please visit our careers page

<https://wocap.bamboohr.com/careers> for job description and to apply

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Alexa Conidaris
- 11 - Jason Boyle
- 11 - Michele Spradlin
- 12 - Leora Donley
- 24 - Jeannie Taylor
- 30 - Bethany Hill
- 30 - Shelby Ashenfelter

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mikayla Robinson - 3 years
- Ashley Wagnild - 5 years
- Amber Strahm - 3 years
- Jennifer Freeman - 2 years

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1st - Summer Crisis Program Begins
- 4th - Agency CLOSED
- 11th- Home Based Family Day
- 23rd- WOCAP Board Meeting
- 24th - Summer Family Engagement Event
- 25th - 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 May, we had 57 children with Perfect Attendance.

Central A

Anastasia B

Home Based (GG)

Za'kius B.
Marc C.
Jesse P. Jr.
Ka'Mylah P.
Willow T.
A'King W.
Robert W.

Home Based (JJ)

Jahzara C.
James K.
Harley P.

Lima Sr. I

Ariel T.

Lima Sr. II

ZaKari L.

Shawnee Terrific 2's

Braylan B.
Malachi C.
Peyton H.
Charlotte L.
Madaline S.

Shawnee Tiny Toddlers

Kh'Air C.
Kane H.

Shawnee Transitional Toddlers

Asher L.

Trinity Creative Childcare

Leighton W.

Allen East

Bearrett R.

Central D

Kellum I.
Bentlee R.

Central G

Jordyn B.
Kari B.
Saskia D.
Teagan E.
Emma J-D.
Winchester S.
Kylon S.

Howard B

A'Layah G.
Zanyla G.
A'Merie J.

O'Neal A

Ruth VV.

O'Neal B

Lelen W.

Market St. I

Parker A.
Shaiyenne K.
King M.
Elena W.

Market St. II

Kah'Zylah P.
Palace T.

Philippian

Rubensley D.
Wooldensley D.

St. Matthew's

Theodore H.
Justus P.
Levi V.

Kingdom Daycare

Josiah A.
Aaryan N.
Arielle R.



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

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

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