

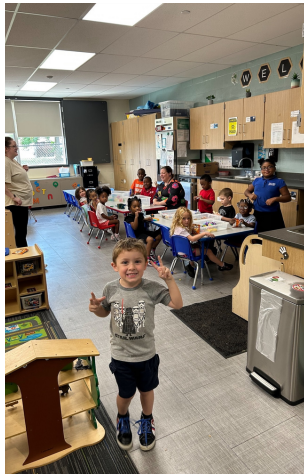


Kimberly Bruns, CEO

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

Parent Meetings in Head Start

Parent meetings are an important part of the Head Start program. They give families the chance to connect with teachers, staff, and other parents while learning more about their child's education and development. Meetings often include updates on classroom activities, community resources, and ways families can be involved in supporting their child's growth. They also give parents a voice in program planning and decision-making, ensuring that families and staff work together as true partners. Each Early Head Start classroom, Head Start classroom, and EHS-Childcare Partnership conducts monthly Parent Committee Meetings. The Home-Based Program conducts these at one of its two monthly Family Days.



PARENT MEETINGS ARE A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PARENTS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THEIR CHILD'S HEAD START JOURNEY!

Each month, parents and guardians come together to share ideas, learn about resources, and be a voice in shaping our program. Your participation helps strengthen our classrooms, supports your child's growth, and builds a strong community of families working together. We truly value your time and encourage you to join us each month—your voice makes a difference!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Any parent/guardian of a currently enrolled child in our Early Head Start, Head Start, and EHS-CC Partnership Program. Others attend as guests but may not participate in voting

WHAT IS A POLICY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/CO-REPRESENTATIVE?

Parents and guardians will elect a Policy Council Representative and Co-Representative to represent their classroom or site. Both are required to attend monthly Policy Council meetings. Representatives may serve up to five one-year terms over their lifetime.

WHO CONDUCTS THE MEETING?

At the first meeting in October, parents and guardians will elect a Policy Council Representative and Co-Representative during their Parent Committee meeting. The elected representatives will lead Parent Committee meetings throughout the program year, with support from staff as needed.

WHO IS INVITED TO ATTEND?

Each month, in addition to engaging parents and guardians of currently enrolled children, a Community Resource Partner will be invited to share information and training on the services their agency offers.

HEAP Winter Crisis Program

BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST

MORE INFORMATION TO COME THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER UPDATES

MAKE-IT TAKE-IT SESSION

Some of our teachers recently participated in a Make-It Take-It session with special guests from the Children's Resource Center and the Autism Life Center. The session focused on autism and behavioral challenges in young children, offering strategies, open discussion, and answers to staff questions. Together, participants created sensory and calming items designed to support self-regulation for both students and teachers, providing practical tools to bring back and use in their classrooms. We would like to extend our thanks to Tera Viola from The Autism Life Center and Connie Grose from Children's Resource Center for their time and expertise spent with our staff.



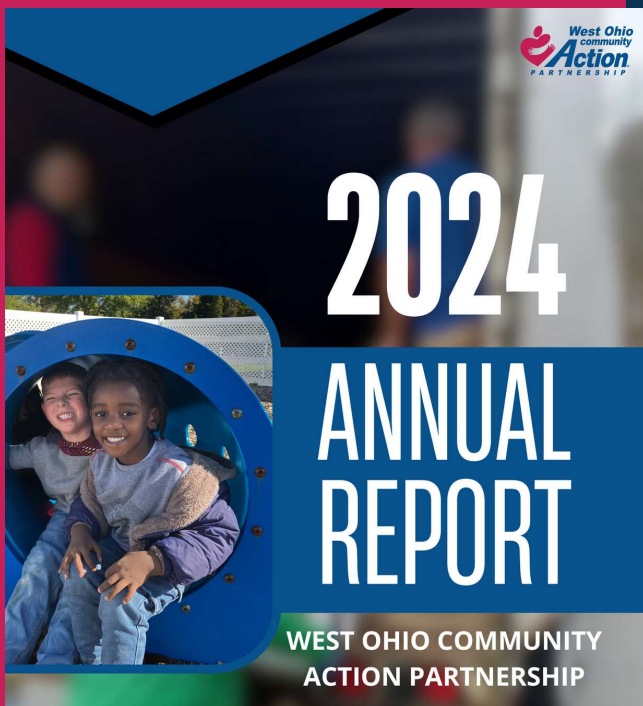
WEST OHIO CAP 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report is Here!

We're excited to share our 2024 Annual Report with you! This report highlights the impact of our programs, the partnerships that strengthen our work and mission, and the incredible accomplishments made possible through the dedication of our staff and the support of our community. We are grateful to every partner, volunteer, and supporter. Together, we are creating opportunities, empowering lives, and making lasting change. We invite you to take a look and see how West Ohio Community Action Partnership is making a difference.

The 2024 Annual Report can be found on the WOCAP website at www.wocap.org

1. Click on **Resources** on the Home Page
2. On the Resources page, click on the **Reports** tab
3. On the far left column, click on the selection titled **2024 Annual Report** to open the PDF



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Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World

Do you ever wonder why, no matter what you do, you are unable to get ahead? No matter how hard you work, do you still struggle to make ends meet? If so, Getting Ahead in a Just Getting'-By World can offer you the answers you are looking for!



Getting Ahead is comprised of 16 small group sessions lead by a facilitator, guided by the workbook *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World*, written by Philip E. DeVol. Participants will discuss how poverty impacts their daily lives and their community. They will investigate their own personal resources and the resources in the Lima area, while learning the rules of social classes.

Participant Supports:

- Meal at each session
- Childcare on-site
- \$25 Walmart Gift card for each session attended
- Free workbook
- Opportunity to share experiences and learn from one another
- Expanded knowledge of the community for future networking



Starting Fall 2025
Meetings will be held
2 days per week for 8 weeks



We are looking for
individuals to participate in
upcoming programs in both
Allen and Auglaize Counties

Interested Attendees please contact
Kris Keller, Community Services Director

419-227-2586 x 141



**BUS
STOP**



“Baby on Board” is a program started August 2025 through **Allen Co. RTA** and receives technical assistance from **Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission**. It is grant-funded through **Ohio Department of Transportation’s** OTP2 allocation.



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For more details and resources about “BABY ON BOARD,” please visit: www.lacrpc.com

BABY ON BOARD

FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR FAMILIES!

ALLEN COUNTY RTA IS OFFERING FREE FIXED ROUTE BUS SERVICE TO PREGNANT WOMEN OR PARENTS WHO HAVE A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 2 (EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE FOR FAMILIES WITH A CHILD UP TO AGE 5). GET YOUR FREE MONTHLY PASS BY CONTACTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PARTNER AGENCIES LISTED BELOW.

GET A FREE “BABY ON BOARD” BUS PASS HERE:



Heartbeat of Lima
421 S. Cable Rd.
Lima, Ohio 45805 419-222-7945



Lima Memorial Health System
1001 Bellefontaine Ave.
Lima, Ohio 45804 419-228-3335



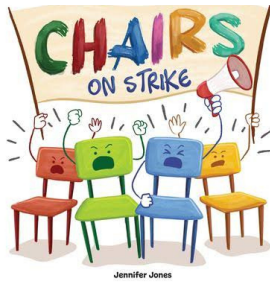
Mercy Health - St. Rita's Medical
Center 730 W. Market St.
Lima, Ohio 45801 419-227-3361



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540 S. Central Ave.
Lima, Ohio 45804 419-227-2586



BOOKS



Chairs on Strike

Teaches kindness to all people and things. A hilarious, rhyming, read loud book that's perfect for the first or any day of school.



We're Going On A Pumpkin Hunt

In this delightful twist on a popular folk song, three trick-or-treaters go on a spooky adventure to find a pumpkin! Three trick-or-treaters are looking for the perfect pumpkin on a beautiful, Halloween night.

Celebrations & Happenings

HIRING

West Ohio CAP is actively hiring!

To learn more about our current openings, read job descriptions, and apply online, please visit the link below or access via our WOCAP website at www.wocap.org

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 11 - Stephanie Dubuque
- 12 - Lynn Miller
- 18 - Nancy Benroth
- 21 - Whitney Macklin
- 21 - Sherry Rister

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sequoya Walker - 3 years
- Crystal Boroff - 3 years
- Stephanie Staley - 10 years
- Mary Hurley - 20 years
- Melina Robinson - 2 years
- Kimberly Schultheis - 26 years
- LaTina Rios - 3 years
- Lue Bradley - 18 years
- Michela Hinojosa - 11 years
- Kristen Jordan - 12 years
- Katrina Collar - 15 years
- Shareena Ingram - 10 years

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10th - Home-Based Family Day
- 13th - Agency CLOSED (Columbus Day)
- 16th - Policy Council Meeting
- 20th - WOCAP Executive/Finance Committee Meeting
- 22nd - WOCAP Board Meeting
- 24th - Home-Based Family Day
- 31st - No EHS/HS Classes (Staff Work 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 August, we had 116 children with Perfect Attendance.

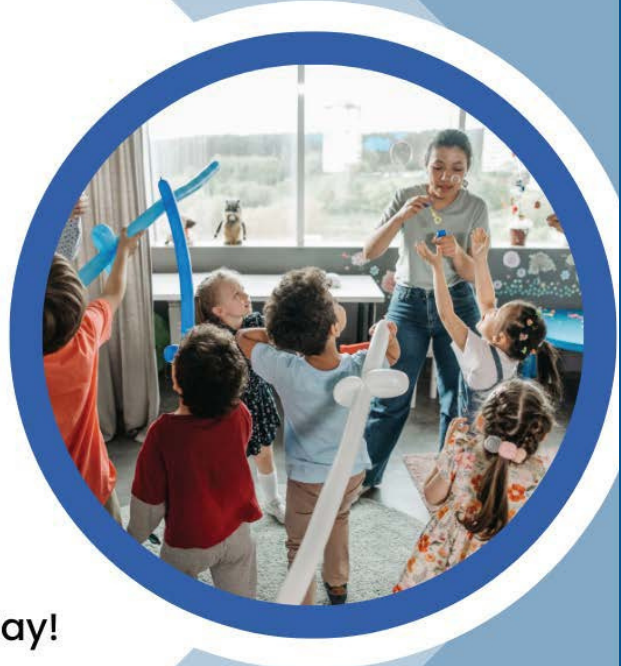
Central B Chazarae A.	Trintiy-Bear Khinyis C. Gianna M. Leighton W.	Shawnee Wobblers Taytum R.	Kahmora H. Miking L. Theodore L. Rilynn L. Da'Riyah M. Genesis O. Bryson T. Zoey T. Braden W.
EHS Home-Based (GG) Za'Kius B. Robert W.	Central C Jordyn B. Kari B. Karliah B. Chanze B. Teagan E. Harper H. Rudramadevi P. Matthew P. Sev'ynn P. Sa'Dya T. Quayvion W.	The Children's Pl. Darius F.	Central F Breylen A. Brysen A. Desiree B. Rubensley D. Kae'Lon F. Cassandra L. Ahmir S.
EHS Home-Based (JJ) Daniel B. James K. Harley P.	Central D Kairo B. Aria C. Mia C. Woodensley D. Jordan D. Cooper E. Kyasia H. Kellum I. Lariah J. Austin K. Amelia L. Bellamy N. Legend P. Alyanna R. Bentlee R. Za'Raeah S. Desire W.	Howard A Chazarae A. Ama'ria A. Jameson B. Ah'livlya C. Mi'Yonna D. Hendrix F. Treasure H. Justus P. Taylor A. Levi V. Kaine W.	O'Neal A Everley C. Zarian G. Jr. Khari J. Elliot L. Emmett L. Ka'Lani M-A. Patience O. Zahra R. Zariah S. Nova'Rose S. Ky'Leil T. Ruth VV.
Kingdom Daycare Elijah A. Josiah A. Chozyn D.		Central H Kamryn K.	O'Neal B Jenesis A-J. Delahni B. Dallas F. Javionte G. Brantley H. Gi'Zier K. Xavion M. Ezekiell R. Lelen W. Amiyah W. Sonnye W. True W.
Little Rascals A Elijah N. Ezran S-J.		Howard B Rylee C. Zora D. Jae'mari F. A'Layah G.	
Little Rascals C Martel H. Jr.			
Shawnee Terrific 2's Braylan B. Charlotte L. Kalayah R. Madaline S.			
Shawnee Tiny Toddlers Kane H.			
Shawnee Transitional Todd Luxe F. Asher L.			



NOW ENROLLING!

OUR PROGRAMS

- **Early Head Start**
- Ages Birth to Three Years
- **Head Start**
- Ages Three - Five Years



Fill out our Pre-Application Today!



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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 consists of a home-based teacher, child, and family working 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
- Services are available to families/children that live or work in Allen County



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