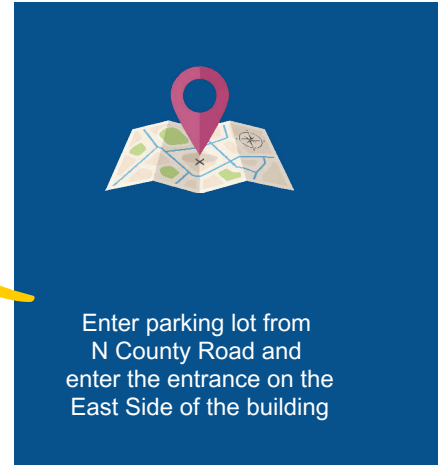




Kimberly Bruns, CEO

West Ohio Community Action Partnership

Growing With Our Community: New Location, New Hours



Our Mercer County Site Location has Moved

Location:

441 E. Market Street
Celina, OH 45882

Days:

Monday - Friday

Hours:

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Updated Hours for our Auglaize County Site Location

Our Auglaize County Site will now be open:

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 4:30 PM

38 E. Auglaize Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

National Children's Dental Health Month



February is National Children's Dental Health Month

February is a great time to promote the benefits of good oral hygiene. Developing good dental health habits (including regular dental visits) helps children get a jump start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums

Healthy Smiles Start Here at WOCAP Head Start

provide comprehensive dental care, including screenings, preventative care, and treatment for children. The program ensures children have a "dental home," assists with Medicaid enrollment, facilitates referrals, and provides on-site services like cleanings

Who can schedule an appointment?

The clinic is open to interested community adults and children of at least 4 years of age or older. Appointments must be made in advance.

Open Spring Semester:

January 5th - April 23rd

Preventive Services Provided:

- Health Screenings
- Mouth Examinations
- Oral Health Instructions
- Dental X-Rays
- Teeth Cleanings
- Fluoride Treatments
- Oral Cancer Screenings
- Dentals/Partials Cleaning
- Dental Sealants
- Topical and/or local anesthetics as needed

DID YOU KNOW?

Rhodes State Dental Hygiene Clinic Offers Low-Cost Dental Services

Fee Summary:

- NO Fee
 - for patients on Medicaid when a valid card is presented at the initial appointment
 - for Veterans & Active Military
 - for Rhodes State College & OSU Campus Students & Employees
- \$20
 - children Ages 4-12; includes oral prophylaxis, bitewing radiographs, fluoride treatment, and dental health instructions
 - complete series of radiographs
 - panoramic radiographs
- \$25
 - ages 13+ (includes services listed above)
- \$5
 - Dental Sealant



Make Your Appointment Today! Call 416-995-8346

2025-2026 HEAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM

The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program helps income-eligible Ohioans who are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected, need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) supply of bulk fuel in their tank maintain their utility service.

NOW - MARCH 31, 2026

Eligible Applicants

Households where total income is not more than 175% of the poverty guideline and one or more of the following apply:

- The main heating source and/or related electric energy source is in disconnect status or has been terminated
- New services need to be established
- Service needs to be transferred
- Amount of remaining bulk fuel supply is at 25% or less
- Heating unit repair or replacement is needed

Required Documents

- Income for the primary applicant and all household members 18 years of age or older
- Social Security numbers for the primary applicant and all household members
- Most recent electric and gas bills
- Proof of citizenship for all household members
- For furnace repair applicants, a copy of the invoice and/or estimate from a qualified and insured heating unit technician

Type of Benefits

- **Electric/Natural Gas Utility Assistance:**
 - Up to \$175 for regulated utility customers
 - Up to \$750 for unregulated utility customers
- **Bulk Fuel, Propane, Fuel Oil, Kerosene Assistance:**
 - Up to \$1,200
- **Coal or Wood Assistance:**
 - Up to \$650
- **Heating Unit Repair:**
 - Up to \$1,500 for heating unit repair, replacement assistance



**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



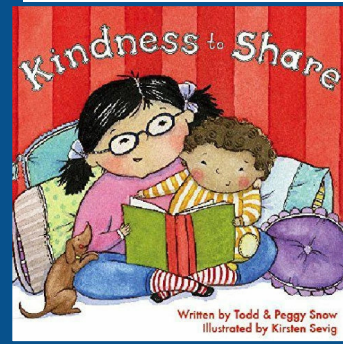
Mercy Health - St. Rita's Medical
Center 730 W. Market St.
Lima, Ohio 45801 419-227-3361



West Ohio Community Action Partnership
540 S. Central Ave.
Lima, Ohio 45804 419-227-2586



BOOKS



Kindness to Share from A-Z

Teaches kindness through an alphabetized list of simple, actionable examples, from "Ask someone to play with you" to "Zip a younger child's jacket"

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

We celebrated Mary Hurley's retirement, honoring her 20 years of dedicated service with WOCAP's Child



Development Services Department. Thank you, Mary, for your commitment to our agency and for the lasting impact you made on the children and families we serve



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Lauren Link
- 10 - Michael VanBrocklin
- 16 - Lora Elliott
- 21 - Crystal Boroff
- 26 - Angie Osagie



ANNIVERSARIES

- Abagael Winings - 8 years
- Michael VanBrocklin - 6 years
- Patricia Rodabaugh - 25 years
- Bethany Hill - 7 hours
- Monica Glenn - 25 years
- Sarah Shellhouse - 8 hours



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 13th - Home-Based Family Day
- 16th - Agency CLOSED (President's Day)
- 19th - Policy Council Meeting
- 25th - WOCAP Board Meeting
- 26th - Father/Daughter Dance
- 27th - 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 88 children with Perfect Attendance.

Central A Victoria S.	Shawnee Terrific 2's Wyatt F. Kane H.	Maxton N. Weston N. La'Nyiah S.
EHS Home-Based (GG) Za'kius B. Willow T. A'King W. Robert W.	Shawnee Wobblers Myla W.	Central H Kashton B. Aveonn D. William S. Howard A. Ah'liviya C. Hendrix F. Da'Nila M. A'myria S. Levi V.
EHS Home-Based (JJ) Josephvoni B. A'myra C. James K. Harley P.	Central C Jordyn B. Kari B. Karlah B. Chanze B. Cyrus D. Malayah S. Sa'mirah W.	Howard B Konnor C-A. Zora D. A'Layah G. James W.
Smart Start Da'miri S. Ja'sai S.	Central D Aria C. Wooldensley D. Kellum I. Amelia L. Aiyanna R. Bentlee R. Za'Raeah S.	O'Neal A Elliot L. Emmett L. Nova'Rose S. Jaylen W.
Kingdom Daycare Aaryan N. Koa S.	Central F Breylen A. Brysen A. Desiree B. Rubensley D. Kae'Lon F. Jordyn G. Ahmir S.	O'Neal B Melanie B. Xavion M.
Little Rascals A Elijah N. Ezran S-J.	Central G Zoey C. Kignstyn S.	HS Home-Based (KC) Abel M. Scarlet U.
Little Rascals B Phoenix S. Jayce S. Sylo W.	Market St. II Adriana A-E. Aria M.	Market St. I Lyric H. Shaiyenne K. Essynce M. King M. Amiyah M.
Shawnee Munchkin Luxe F.		

HELP NEW LIMA - HOUSING FOR THE FUTURE SHAPE THE FUTURE OF AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING!

WE'RE INVITING SENIORS, FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO TAKE OUR QUICK SENIOR HOUSING INPUT SURVEY! YOUR FEEDBACK WILL HELP GUIDE WHAT WE BUILD, IMPROVE, AND PRIORITIZE - THINGS LIKE AFFORDABILITY, LOCATION, FEATURES, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES!



✓ Take the survey by scanning the provided QR code

TO STAY UP TO DATE ON NEW LIMA - HOUSING FOR THE FUTURE, PLEASE LIKE AND FOLLOW THEM ON FACEBOOK



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9TVF7VN>



READY FOR CHANGE?



COME JOIN OUR Head Start TEAM!

Are you looking for a fresh start, rewarding job,
or a chance to make a lasting impact in the
community?



Join our Head Start team and become a
champion for children and families.

WE HAVE MULTIPLE OPENINGS



Why Head Start?

- ✓ Choose the schedule & hours that work for you
- ✓ Grow Professionally with paid training & credential support
- ✓ Enjoy Great Benefits and build a career with purpose



Whether you're changing careers, returning to
the workforce, or just ready to do something that
matters -this is your moment



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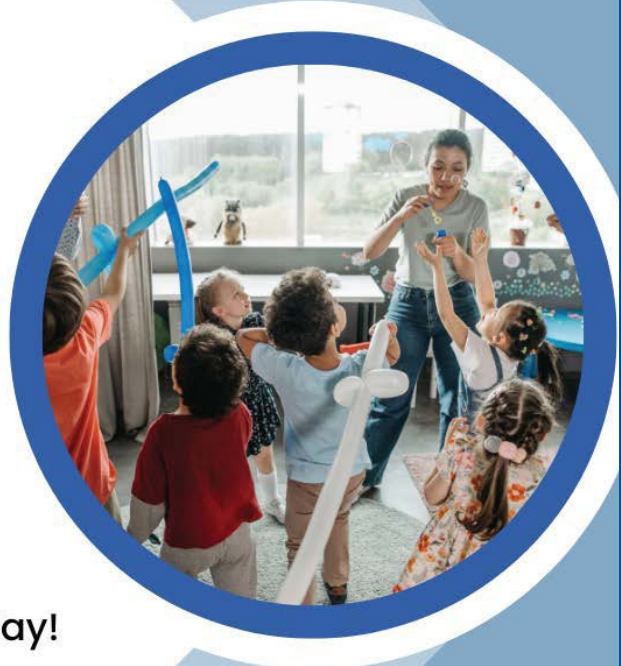
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OUR PROGRAMS

- **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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