



***Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana
Quarterly Newsletter, March 2010***

MAC Van and Homemaker News

CHILI for MAC-The Williamsport-Attica Area Senior Center hosted a fund-raiser chili dinner for MAC Van in early November. The event was well attended; all the Williamsport MAC drivers' bused tables and \$420 went into the MAC Van fund. MAC Training-All seven MAC Van drivers attended a full day training session in October. Rural Transportation Advisory Program (RTAP) provided the sessions on "Dealing With Difficult People", "Emergency Evacuation" and "Defensive Driving". All drivers received certificates.

Homemaker Training-The 12 employees of the CAP Homemaker Program gathered for their quarterly training session and holiday celebration in December at the Community Room of Attica Housing. Jean Akers of Purdue Extension and a CAP Board member presented a program on "Consumer Fraud".

Early Head Start Receives Expansion Grant & Head Start News

Early Head Start received an expansion grant in the amount of \$156,409 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start. In addition to their current services they will be adding a caseload of 12 children to expand services in Fountain and Vermillion counties plus allow Early Head Start to offer full-day/full-year childcare services for children 18 to 36 months of age at the Montgomery county location. The Montgomery toddler classroom will provide services for 8 children. Early Head Start provides a variety of services to low income families including; weekly home visits, parenting tips, connection to community services, services for children with disabilities, fun family activities, children's play groups, health information, and information about pregnancy. If you know any families that could benefit from these services, please have them contact Amy Wharton at 765-793-4881.

Head Start is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011-program year. Family incomes must be at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. Children must be three prior to August 1 to be eligible for Head Start. The program accepts children with disabilities. Families will need to provide income verification for the prior 12 months or calendar year (W2, pay stubs, etc.), copies of the child's official birth certificate, child's immunization records, child's social security number, child's Hoosier Healthwise number (if applicable) and guardianship or name change documentation (if applicable). Applications are done by a staff person by appointment. Contact Amy Wharton for more information.

JJ Payton, Teacher Aide in the Fountain County Head Start classroom, received her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education in December. JJ has been taking courses toward her degree through the TEACH Early Childhood Education scholarship, which allows her to attend college while also working in our center. Sherry Max made the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester. She is working on a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education through St. Mary of the Woods. We are very excited about their accomplishments! Congratulations JJ and Sherry!

Fourth Annual Community Baby Shower Scheduled

Community Action Program will be hosting our fourth annual Community Baby Shower. The shower is open to all expectant parents living in Fountain and Warren counties and to parents of children one year of age. The shower will be held on March 13th at the First Church of Christ in Covington from 10 am until 2 pm. Many community organizations and several programs from Community Action Program will provide educational presentations and displays on a variety of topics. Door prizes will be given away. The event is free of charge and includes lunch. Childcare will also be available. Registration is required. Please contact Kathy Walker at 793-4881 with any questions and/or to register. This event is limited to the first 40 participants so register early.

Central Office New Phone System

Central Office has a new phone system. Each staff person at Central Office has a new extension number. The extension numbers have been added to the Staff Directory on the Secure Area of our website. Contact Kathy Walker if you need the username and password for the Secure Area at kwalker@capwi.org or by phone at 765-793-4881 Ext. 1220.

WIC News

WIC has given out all of our reusable grocery bags, cookbooks, and Elmo DVD's that we received from the State WIC Office. Now participants are receiving nice hard plastic chopping mats with the WIC logo accompanied by a color handout of fruit and vegetable suggestions. Each participant is also receiving a very nice WIC wall calendar that includes recipes and fun facts.

Spotlight on Sue: Sue Nagy is the WIC clerk in Crawfordsville. She has worked with the WIC Program for about 10 years. Clients love Sue and often call and ask for her by name. She makes sure that every client gets a handmade quilt from Binky Patrol and always has color pages to hand out to each child. Sue is very good at referring clients to whatever they need whether it is learning English as a second language at Even Start to helping clients get money for heat from the Energy Assistance Program. Sue lives in Crawfordsville with her husband John and granddaughter Suzie.

Joan Cline Scholarship

CAPWI is once again offering the Joan Cline Scholarship to graduating high school students. The scholarship is rotated annually through our six county service area. This year we are focusing our efforts on students in **Parke** and **Vermillion** counties. Preference will be given to low/moderate income families. Low/moderate is defined as 80% of the Area Median Income. Scholarships will be provided for 4 year, 2 yr, or Trade Association degrees to graduating seniors. Scholarships will be \$1,000 for each year they attend higher education up to a maximum of 4 years. They must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours or full time equivalency. They must carry a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible to receive the award for the next year. Applicants that have a relationship to a CAPWI employee or Board Member are eligible to apply. Completed applications must be received by CAPWI by the close of business on March 31. The recipient will be announced on May 1. The scholarship application is available through our website at www.capwi.org or by contacting Kathy Walker.

Welcome!! New Staff at CAPWI

Zella "Fay" Hughes and **Kelly Snodgrass** both joined our Early Head Start staff as Home Visitor's. Fay lives in Oakwood, IL and Kelly lives in Covington. **Ruth Taylor** joined our Head Start staff as a Teacher's Aide at the Boone Co. Center. Ruth lives in Lebanon. **Wendy Whetstone** and **Robin Harris** both joined our Early Head Start staff as Teacher's Aide's. They both live in Crawfordsville. **Cathy Williams** joined our Early Head Start staff as a Teacher. Cathy lives in Crawfordsville. **Marisa Lutton** joined as CAP Kids preschool teacher. She lives in Crawfordsville. **LeAnna Veach** will be the CAP Kids preschool teacher aide. She lives in Crawfordsville. **Sondra Gleason** joined the Montgomery Co. Head Start staff as a part-time cook aide. She lives in Crawfordsville. We also have **Brittani Snavely** who is joining us to serve as the project coordinator for our CSBG ARRA home child care provider program (it doesn't have a name yet). She lives in Covington. **Crystal Reiniche** and **Carla Cole** both joined our Fountain/Warren In-home Caregiver program. They both live in Covington. **Valerie Consoer** joined our Montgomery Co. WorkOne Express Team. Valerie lives in Crawfordsville. **Mandy Larson** joined our staff at the Montgomery Co. office as the Custodian. Mandy lives in Crawfordsville.

Employment & Training

Young Hoosier Conservation Corps (YHCC) online application portal opens March 1st. The age range has been changed to 18-24 year olds only. YHCC is supported with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding. In our service area are Prophetstown State Park in Lafayette and Shades State Park in Waveland. Visit the YHCC web page at: <http://www.in.gov/yhcc/> Applications will not be accepted until March 1st but interested youth can contact Laura Moorehead at the Lafayette Work One office before then at 765-474-5411.

Experience Works is an employment and training program for folks over the age of 55. They are placed in not-for profit work sites to learn new and different skills. Alice Carey was laid off from the Friction Holdings factory. She is a whiz on computers and would like to pursue a new career in an office setting. She is currently working at the Montgomery WorkOne office to learn some new skills on-the-job. Experience Works pays her salary, and WorkOne helps with the training. Visit www.experienceworks.org for more information.

Susan Peyton has returned to the Montgomery Co. WorkOne office after a four-month illness. Welcome back Susan!

Help! We Need your Input!

Distributed with this newsletter is a survey to assist in evaluating the website and quarterly newsletter. We would encourage each of you to complete the survey at your earliest convenience and return it to Central Office. The survey has also been added to the Secure Area of the website. The website and newsletter are intended to assist you in your efforts and inasmuch your feedback is welcome. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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