

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana

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Helping People.
Changing Lives.

Our Mission is
that simple!

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Employment & Training Division Assists with Manufacturing Day

On Friday, October 3, 2014, students from 28 area high schools and career centers learned about careers in manufacturing as they toured industries, saw production in process and participated in team-building and career-readiness workshops. Local participation in Manufacturing Day was held across the United States and Canada and named "MFG Day." Fourteen area industries opened their doors to students.



Area Manufacturing Day participants included:

- **Benton County:** Benton Central High School
- **Carroll County:** Delphi High School
- **Cass County:** Carter Fuel Systems; Century Career Center & Logansport High School
- **Clinton County:** Custom Building Products; & Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Frankfort & Rossville high schools
- **Fountain County:** Attica, Covington & Fountain Central high schools
- **Howard County:** Chrysler Indiana Transmission Plant 1; Kokomo Career Center & Eastern & Taylor high schools
- **Miami County:** Dean Baldwin Aircraft Painting; Heartland Career Center & Peru High School
- **Montgomery County:** Crawfordsville & North Montgomery high schools
- **Tippecanoe County:** Caterpillar Inc., Dayton-Phoenix Group, Kirby Risk Service Center, Nanshan America, voestalpine Rotec and Wabash National Corp.; & Harrison, Jefferson, McCutcheon & West Lafayette high schools
- **Tipton County:** Chrysler Corp. Tipton Plant.; John Hinds Career Center & Tipton High School
- **Warren County:** Tru-Flex Metal Hose Corp.; & Seeger High School
- **White County:** Ball Corp. & Adkev Inc.; & Tri-County, North White & Twin Lakes high schools.

The following CAPWI staff were involved in the event and provided Dress for Success, Interviewing and Resume and Teambuilding workshops: Chris Cohee, Ken Dieruf, Marsha Byers, Brent Wick, Heidi Myers, Jeremy Bolinger, Cindy Hicks, Dawn Achor, Gloria Munson, Melanie Dorsey, Ryan Hartman and Christine Schaffer.



Head Start Centers Earn Recertification

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) recently praised several child care facilities for extraordinary environmental stewardship by awarding them with “Five Star” status. Our Head Start Division has three centers that re-qualified for five star status; Fountain/Warren, Parke/South Vermillion, and Montgomery. Child care facilities receive recognition for extraordinary steps to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for the children in their care. Young children are more vulnerable than adults to the ill effects of environmental contaminants. Five Star participants go above and beyond requirements of law to reduce and eliminate hazards that can cause permanent, long-term developmental problems. Examples include testing drinking water for lead, preventing cars from idling near sidewalks and entrances, and pledging not to store harmful chemicals near children. “The Five Star program helps give parents and child care facilities peace of mind that children are attending an environmentally healthy facility year around,” said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly. More than 5,500 Hoosier children attend Five Star child care facilities that offer the extra measures of protection provided by the program. Participants in the IDEM Five Star program earn one, three or five stars based on the measures they implement to manage environmental health issues and reduce children’s exposure to mercury, lead hazards, mold, asbestos, radon, pesticides, carbon monoxide, and PCBs. Applicants to the Five Star program receive a free lead risk-assessment, radon test, on-site confidential assistance, and no-idling signs. Many Five Star members have started recycling programs, developed formal written plans for chemical management, reduced energy usage, and implemented no-idling zones. Membership in the program is re-evaluated every three years. Congratulations to our Head Start division for continuing to hold themselves to this standard!!

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be utilizing our location at 418 Washington Street Covington, to provide free federal and state income tax preparation. Only filers with W-2 income 1099’s will be eligible. Businesses or self-employed will not qualify. **WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEER PREPARERS & GREETERS!** Training will be required on preparation and ethics at the Community Action Program office located in Covington.

VOLUNTEERS CAN CHOOSE THE DAY & TIME TO HELP.

Covington site—Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Every other Saturday morning from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Clinton site— Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Every other Saturday morning 8:00 am to 12:00 noon



Please contact Alice Young at 765-793-4881 OR via email at ayoung@capwi.org with any questions and/or to volunteer.

Joan Cline Memorial Scholarship

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana is again offering the Joan Cline Scholarship to graduating high school students. These scholarships are being offered in Memory of Joan E. Cline. Joan was the Executive Director of Community Action Program Inc. of Western Indiana until her death in December 2004. Joan was Executive Director for 35 years, offering outstanding service and dedication to the agency, staff, and most importantly to those individuals and families that were served everyday through the agencies services. The scholarship is rotated annually through our six county service area. This year we are focusing on graduating seniors in Fountain and Montgomery counties. Preference will be given to low-to-moderate income families. Scholarships will be provided for 4 year, 2 yr, or Trade Association degrees. 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 and 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 1. Recipients will be announced by April 1st. The application is available on our website at www.capwi.org or by contacting Kathy Walker at 793-4881 or kwalker@capwi.org.

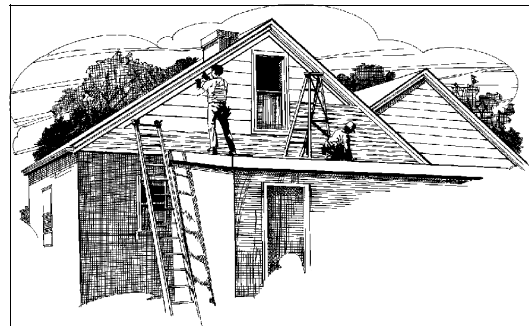


Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

Do you have physical accessibility issues in your home? Do you have home repairs that need to be addressed? Do you know someone that does? If so, Community Action Program Inc., of Western Indiana may be able to help with no cost to the homeowner. We are seeking qualified homeowners to participate in an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation & Aging in Place Program. The program can complete repairs to the home and address physical accessibility issues. Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must own or are purchasing their home through a traditional lending institution (land sale contracts and life estates are not eligible)
- Applicants must reside in Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, or Vermillion Counties.
- Applicants must be 55 years of age or older AND/OR have a disabled household member.
- Applicants must have homeowners insurance.

Homeowners who meet the above criteria can contact Randy Burnette at 765-793-4881 or email rburnette@capwi.org



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CAPWI Mission Statement

To help eliminate the causes of poverty in our community by the planning, development, and administration of programs that will intervene at critical points in the causes of poverty and that will enable families and individuals to become more self-sufficient. We also resolve to provide decent, safe, sanitary housing that is affordable to low and moderate income people.

FREE Tax Preparation

CAPWI is once again serving as an official VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site in Covington and has added a new site in Clinton. Families or individuals may be eligible for the Earned Income Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit and/or education credits. Free e-filing through our VITA site. Get your entire state and federal tax refund in as little as 10-14 days (no hidden fees) when you e-file & have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account. Tax preparation will be done by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information please call (765) 793-4881 and ask for Alice Young. We will not be able to process tax returns for businesses and/or self-employed individuals.



Parke Place Apartments Available

Parke Place Apartments are one bedroom, one bathroom units in Rockville. These units are located right on the square in Rockville and provide easy access to stores, banks, and post office. The complex includes an elevator and stairs to 2nd and 3rd floor units. Social room and mail boxes are located on the first floor. Stove and refrigerator are furnished. All utilities paid by CAPWI. These units are for seniors 55 years of age or old, and/or disabled. CAPWI is offering a cash bonus for tenants that sign a 12-month lease and demonstrate timely payment over the course of the lease. Cash bonus will be paid at the end of the lease period. For more information contact our office in Covington at (765)793-4881. Our rental application is also available on our website at www.capwi.org.

