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Helping People.
Changing Lives.

Our Mission is
that simple!

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My Life Changing Story

By: Nallely Garcia-Nava

WORKONE helped me gain independence, become more confident, it gave me more strength, and most important it helped me get in the right direction to meet my GOALS. I was a stay at home mom for many years. I was not quite ready for a life changing event such as, sudden separation and divorce and that is when I realized I had to do something for myself and three kids. All these new responsibilities upon me became overwhelming and put me in a “dark place”. I went through a black hole, and it seemed I would never get out. But I made a CHOICE, that changed my life; and this was to CHANGE MY LIFE AND TAKE CHARGE OF MY LIFE AND CURRENT SITUATION, by becoming part of the healthcare team. I enrolled myself in school to become a Medical Assistant and got a job at a local store and helped a family clean their house yet money was still short. This gave me more courage and realized that I should do something greater. I quickly looked into becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). After researching many ways to obtain my CNA, I found that WORKONE could help me accomplish this important and necessary milestone. I quickly set an appointment and soon I met a wonderful caseworker Cindy, that not only helped me get me into the CNA program, but also gave me the support, love, and encouragement I needed to juggle my life changing event. Getting my CNA through WORKONE not only helped me reach one of my goals, but gave me the tools necessary to be successful. I am currently a CNA at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, in Delphi and I have been working for almost a year. I got hired right after completing my clinical. Throughout this time I have had perfect attendance on the job and was even featured in the overall company’s newsletter for providing excellent customer service. I am still in school and also have perfect attendance and a GPA of 3.95. WORKONE is not just a tool for job placement it’s also a source of support for the individuals who WANT to succeed. I learned in life that anything can be accomplished but ONE must take time and dedication to surpass all obstacles and challenges life throws at you. My goal is to become a Physician Assistant and get my PhD. While doing this I hope to inspire people around me to better themselves and to push above and beyond. Thank you WORKONE for changing my life, thank you CINDY for believing in me and allowing me to be part of a dynamic field that changes someone’s life every day. Being a CNA is one of the most rewarding fields anyone can be. Not only do you touch a person’s life but you also build personal relationships that can last a lifetime. Nallely is on track to be the Valedictorian of her class!



Pictured are Nallely and her caseworker Cindy Hicks.

WorkOne contracts with Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

Approximately 80 students participated in the Region 4 JAG Leadership Development Conference on November 6th . Neal Morehead from Camp Tecumseh led the students in a spirited leadership activity and helped them form new bonds. Purdue Civic Engagement and Leadership Group Assistant Dean Mel Gruver and Community Outreach Coordinator Jesus Romero did break-out sessions to help Re-Imagine Leadership and develop their own brand of leadership. Specialist were awarded plaques from their students based on the strengths the students see in them. Those awards included Outstanding Counselor-Peru HS Erin Brindle, Outstanding Leadership-Oakland HS Ebony Barrett-Kennedy, Outstanding Leadership-Twin Lakes HS Christine Shaffer, Outstanding Relatability-Logansport HS Tyler Ness, Outstanding Motivational Influence-Kokomo HS Tammy Herschberger, Outstanding Patience-Jeff HS Katie Schaffer, and Outstanding Motivator-McCutcheon HS Kelsey Rummel.

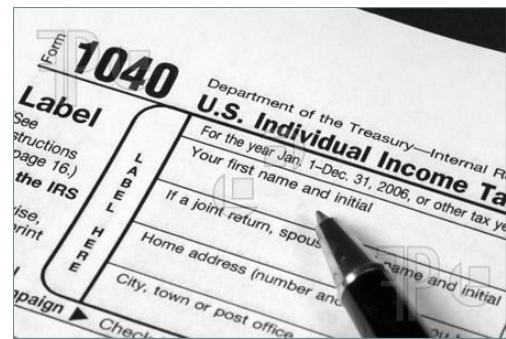
JAG Inducts 40 New Members

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) us a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to helping our young people . IN more than three decades of operation . JAG has delivered consistent, compelling results by helping nearly three quarters of a million young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. Recently JAG welcomed 40 new members at it's 3rd annual Initiation and Installation ceremony at Twin Lakes High School. JAG has five main goals for it's members; Leadership Development, Career Development, Social Activities, Community Service and Civic Awareness. As members the students are expected to support the activities of the chapter, fulfill membership obligations, attend meetings, and to set a positive example in the work place. Members are assisted with career development and becoming prepared for their careers by being exposed to career possibilities through tours, guest speakers, career counseling, and career information activities. Students also develop the motivation, attitude and pre-employment skills needed in pursuing a career. The JAG class officially called Career Information and Exploration meets during regular instructional time and also has plenty of opportunity outside of school to get involved in the community while researching job opportunities and career possibilities.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) - FREE Income Tax Preparation

CAPWI is once again serving as an official VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site in Covington and has 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 call Alice Young at (765) 793-4881, Ext. 105.



Joan Cline Memorial Scholarship Available

CAPWI is 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 on students in Parke and Vermillion 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

Crawfordsville Stellar Community, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

Recently the City of Crawfordsville was designated a "Stellar Community" by the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA). This designation opens the door to funding for a number of projects within the City. One of those projects will partner the Community Action Program, Inc. of Western IN. with the City of Crawfordsville to conduct an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation/ Aging in Place program (OOR). This program will benefit homeowners in the area immediately surrounding the old Culver Hospital, known as the Historic Whitlock Neighborhood. In order to qualify, participants must own or be buying the home through a traditional lender, be income eligible, and carry homeowners insurance. The OOR program will make improvements to homes in the areas of health & safety, structural repairs, and accessibility upgrades. **There is no cost to the homeowners for these improvements.** If your home is in need of (but not limited to) a new roof, HVAC/ electrical upgrades or replacement, ramps and/or more accessible bathrooms, and structural repairs, contact Randy Burnette 765-793-4881 or 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.

Connect 2 Help 211

Connect 2 Help 211's mission is to facilitate connections between people who need human services and those who provide them. Connect 2 Help 211 serves solely to promote self-sufficiency, change lives and, as a result, improve the quality of life in our communities. Speak with a live Specialist every time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The directory helps people find resources in the following counties; Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Daviess, Delaware, Fayette, Fountain, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Union, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren, Wayne, and White. Simply dial 211 or visit their website at <http://www.connect2help211.org/> Available in Spanish.

We also have a link to Connect 2 Help 211 on our website. You can find it at: <http://www.capwi.org/services/family-life/community-resource-directories/>



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