

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana

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Helping People.
Changing Lives.

Our Mission is
that simple!

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Head Start Director Earns Distinguished Fellowship

We are extremely proud of our Head Start Director, Robin Curry for graduating from the prestigious UCLA Head Start Management Fellows Program in June. Robin was nominated for the program by other Head Start management staff. What an honor and a lot of hard work.

The program is designed from a strategic planning perspective, the UCLA Head Start Management Fellows Program provides a unique opportunity for Head Start executives to participate in a 12-day, intensive leadership and management development training session at UCLA Anderson School of Management. Since 1991, the program has trained over 1,400 Head Start directors and managers who provide comprehensive services to nearly 1 million economically disadvantaged children and their families each day. The competency-based curriculum focuses on the leadership and management skills, knowledge and abilities most relevant to Head Start/Early Head Start programs. Some special program features include the following:



The Management Improvement Project (MIP)

The MIP is the practical application or experiential component of the program, allowing participants to immediately translate the UCLA program curriculum to improve performance at their own organizations. It identifies and addresses an organizational weakness or external opportunity through the development of a strategic plan for tackling an issue.

Individual Consultation by MBA Students

The program employs MBA students as Teaching Associates (TA) who lead small study groups to clarify and discuss session content with participants and act as consultants as participants develop their strategic projects.

Technology-Enabled Online Learning Community

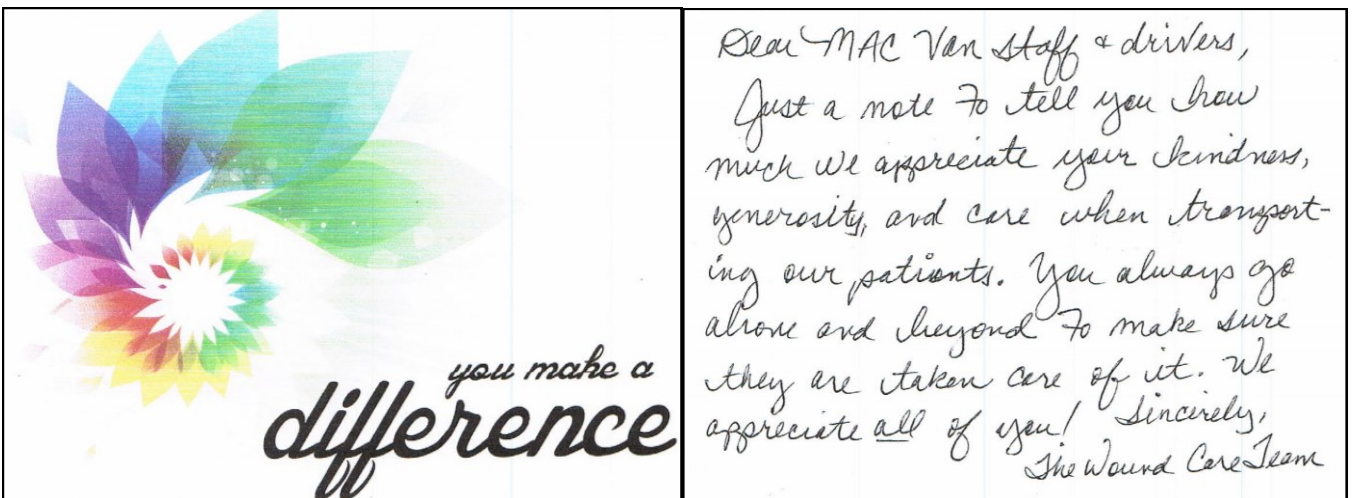
A Web-based "learning management system" coordinates the education process and delivers some of the program content. An easily accessible information source for online presentations, reading and useful links, the system is available to Fellows as a resource upon completing the program.

Congratulations Robin!



MAC Van Appreciated by Service Providers

MAC Van received a Thank you note from the Franciscan Health Advanced Wound Healing Center in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The Covington MAC Van drivers transport a lot of clients from the Waters of Covington to the Wound Care Center in Crawfordsville on a weekly basis. These people depend on our drivers to get them to their sessions in Crawfordsville. They are put in a hyperbaric chamber to heal their wounds. This is such an important appointment for our clients.



Another "Thank You" was sent to the Williamsport drivers from Diane Repp, who is a Caseworker with Community Ventures & Living in Lafayette and coordinates services for many of the clients that utilize MAC Van. We often see MAC Van vehicles in the community as they go to and from various destinations. It's very nice to see them recognized for their efforts. We truly appreciate the acknowledgement of our service and our drivers. Nice work MAC Van crew!



Weatherization Program Offers Help to Reduce High Energy Costs

If you are looking for a permanent solution to end high energy bills The Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana has the program for you. The Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana provides weatherization services in Fountain, Warren, Benton, Parke, Montgomery, and Vermillion counties. Eligibility for the program is based on annual household income and the condition of the home. Family incomes must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Weatherization Assistance Program provides the following services:

- Furnace replacement because of energy efficiency or health and safety issues
- Water heater replacement because of health and safety issues
- Addressing indoor air quality
- Addressing some moisture issues
- Addressing some moisture issues
- Thermostat upgrades
- Addressing combustion appliance issues (furnace repair, cook stove repair, etc.)
- Smoke and CO detector installation
- Major air sealing (duct work, attic/basement bypasses, foundation, etc.)
- Water heating system treatment (low flow shower heads, low flow faucet aerators, pipe insulation, water heater insulation jackets, etc.)
- Attic insulation
- High density wall insulation
- Foundation insulation



Each home is different and may not require all of the mentioned services listed above. An energy audit will be performed to determine which measures are necessary. The auditor will explain these measures before the work begins. Please contact your local Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana office to sign up:

Fountain/Warren Co.—765-793-4881
 Benton Co.— 765-385-0623
 Montgomery Co.—765-362-4096
 Parke/Vermillion Co.—765-832-7771

Office Space for Rent

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana has premium office space available for rent at our central office location in downtown Covington. Office space will include furnishings, utilities, high speed internet, WIFI, and access to copy machines.

Contact Muff Rennick, Executive Director at 765-793-4881 or via email at mrennick@capwi.org if interested.

Rent will vary based on space size.

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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.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance—Help Needed

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana (CAPWI) will be offering a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program starting in mid-January 2018. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help individuals and families, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. CAPWI is currently recruiting volunteer preparers and greeters. Training will be required on preparation, ethics, and confidentiality at the CAPWI office in Covington. Volunteers can choose the day and time to help. The program starts mid-January and runs through mid-April 2018. This is an excellent service being offered to help families to save more money at tax time by not having to pay preparation fees and rapid refund expenses. This savings could be used to help offset household expenses that are higher at this time of year. Please contact Alice Young at 765-793-4881 or via email at ayoung@capwi.org with any questions and/or to volunteer.

Energy Assistance Program

Our Energy Assistance Program helps in lowering utility bills with a one-time benefit during the winter heating season. We will start scheduling appointments for November 2017 starting October 16th.

For more information, requirements and household eligibility, contact the Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana office nearest you.

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