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Helping People.

Changing Lives.

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CAPWI served 7,615 individuals & 4,144 households last year!

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Hello March!

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Community Action Celebrates 60 Years in 2024

We are very proud to be a Community Action Agency (CAA). This year, Community Action celebrates 60 years of promoting self-sufficiency, improving communities, and changing lives through a variety of programs and services for low-income families and individuals. As part of this important milestone, the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) sponsored a poster contest, which was open to Community Action staff, board members, volunteers, and their family members to demonstrate the importance of Community Action fighting the conditions of poverty. There were two categories that could be focused on-historic accomplishments or our future challenges and opportunities.

We at Community Action Partnerships strive to always continue building on our mission by creating opportunities for our communities, empowering clients through education, and providing valuable resources to our demographics.



Let's build a brighter future together!

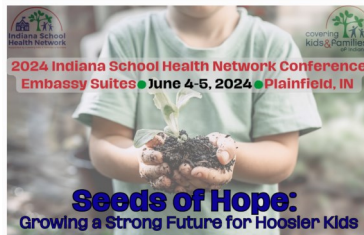
Community Action Agencies work with individuals and families within communities to provide support and assistance so that we are able to build towards happier, healthier, and stronger communities.



Rayne Abernathy, our Central Office Receptionist, took on the challenge and submitted a poster. It showcased her visual interpretation of how CAAs have dedicated 60 years to fighting poverty and assisting clients in becoming more self-sufficient.

Although her entry was not chosen, we are so proud of her for her design! It looks amazing and will be something our agency can use as part of our celebration for 60 years of Community Action! Huge shout-out to Rayne!!

Indiana School Health Network Conference



2024 is also the year to celebrate the 16th annual Indiana School Health Network Conference. This year's theme, "Seeds of Hope: Growing a Strong Future for Hoosier Kids," symbolizes the nurturing of positive change and growth in the health and well-being of Indiana's children. There will be dynamic speakers, exhibitors, networking opportunities, valuable information and resources, and 23 breakout sessions organized by five learning tracks: administration, physical and mental health, outreach and enrollment, policy and advocacy, and Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC). There is no cost to attend this year. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2024ISHN>. We hope to see you there on June 4-5!

RAMP UP Grant Received

We are excited to announce that the agency received formal approval notification for the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) RAMP UP grant! RAMP UP provides grants to not-for-profits for the installation of exterior ramps to homes occupied by individuals who need to improve accessibility of their homes. These ramps can accommodate a broad range of physical needs, increase safety, reduce falling risks, and help individuals maintain their independence.



Terri Poynter, Weatherization Program Manager, and Ralph Blankenship, Weatherization Building Technician, have been working on the grant application, securing donations, and finding eligible clients for several months. They will be partnering with Servants At Work (SAWs), a non-profit volunteer organization whose main mission is the construction of ramps, to complete the work on the initial 10 homes. The agency hopes to continue writing for the grant for as long as funds are available. There is currently a lengthy waitlist; however, continued referrals are encouraged. If you have clients that could benefit from this service, please refer them to tpoynter@capwi.org.

Bi-Annual Inspections Completed



February 29th was an unusually busy day for the Housing Division staff. All worked together, under the direction of Angela Golia, Property Manager, to conduct the bi-annual inspections on all agency-owned rental properties. Staff were divided into teams to cover properties throughout the six-county service area. Each unit/home was inspected for damage and general maintenance. Furnace filters and smoke detector batteries were replaced by the visiting staff, and a sticker of emergency contact numbers was placed on the refrigerators. These inspections help to assure that tenants are maintaining healthy and safe living environments, provide staff a chance to check on general maintenance issues, and assist to prevent property damage or misuse. These have been a great step in assuring that our rental properties are in good condition.

WIC's Little Library

Our Vermillion County WIC office and United Way partnered to have a Little Library installed in the WIC waiting room. On top of ensuring health and proper nutrition for their clients, WIC is promoting early literacy while they wait for their appointment!



"We are beyond grateful for the donation and the sprucing up of our waiting room."

-Kristy Frier, WIC Coordinator

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Our Mission
To empower communities, families, and individuals toward self-sufficiency by removing the causes and conditions of poverty through services, support, and education

Visit our website at www.capwi.org for information about all services offered by Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana.



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Head Start's Little Library

Our Head Start program is a huge advocate for Too Small To Fail, a campaign that focuses on increasing awareness and sparking positive change in parents and communities to boost early brain and language development in children ages 0-5. Our Fountain/Warren Head Start Center now has a Little Library in their garden, which will be filled with all kinds of books about gardening. They're very excited that the children will have an outdoor reading area and grateful to the Too Small To Fail campaign. More info coming soon!!



Employment Opportunities

We currently have the following job openings:

- Teacher: Fountain/Warren Head Start Center in Covington
- Teacher Aides: South Vermillion Head Start Center in Clinton
- Bus Driver: Boone County Head Start Center in Lebanon
- Competent Authority Professional (CPA): Montgomery (Crawfordsville), Fountain (Covington), and Warren (Williamsport) County WIC Clinics

Full job descriptions for openings and our online application can be found at: <https://www.capwi.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>.



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