



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

OF WESTERN INDIANA

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Helping People.

Changing Lives.

Since 1966

Celebrating our
55th Anniversary
in 2021!

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Office Operations & COVID-19 Relief Assistance

Office Operations

CAPWI offices are operating at normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

CAPWI offices are open to the public, preferably by appointment. Please call to schedule an appointment:

- **Benton:** 765-385-0623
- **Fountain/Warren:** 765-793-4881
- **Montgomery:** 765-362-3790
- **Parke:** 765-569-4008
- **Vermillion:** 765-832-7771

COVID-19 Relief Assistance Available

CAPWI has funding available to help those affected by COVID-19. Services include assistance with mental health co-pays. Applicants must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. An application can be completed on our website at www.capwi.org.



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We are committed to helping you overcome the challenges created by this health crisis.

Do you need assistance with mental health co-pays?

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19,
CALL (765) 793-4881 TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE TODAY!**

www.capwi.org

All services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.



Marketplace Health Insurance & Energy Assistance Program

Helping Hoosiers Sign Up for Marketplace Health Insurance

The [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) Health Insurance Marketplace is now open and will be open until January 15th, 2022. This is great news for anyone in need of high quality, comprehensive health insurance. In fact, recent changes made the Marketplace an even better value for uninsured Hoosiers and the majority will qualify for a low cost or free plan. For those who have not shopped the Marketplace recently or who have never looked before, now is the best time ever to check it out. Covering Kids & Families (CKF) of CAPWI is the local resource for getting the health insurance coverage that fits the need of each individual or family. Our Navigator, expert in health insurance, shares options and assists with enrollment. At no cost, our Navigator works with Hoosiers every step of the way to coverage.

Although the best option for some is a Marketplace plan, others may be eligible for programs like Medicaid, the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CKF Navigators provide guidance and support on all these options, including help with signing up. Despite our name, all Hoosiers including families, children, and single adults can use our service.

Anyone interested in our services or learning more can visit us at www.ckfindiana.org or call 1-888-975-4CKF to get started on their path to coverage. For those not needing coverage but who are interested in learning more about Covering Kids & Families and supporting our efforts, please contact Elaina Smith, Healthcare Navigator, at esmith@capwi.org or 765-793-4881.



Energy Assistance Program (EAP) Began November 1st

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) assists eligible families by providing a one-time benefit to their heating and electric companies to offset the high cost of utility bills during the winter months. To qualify for these benefits, households must make 60% or less of the state median income. For example, a household size of one can make no more than \$27,012, and a household size of four can make no more than \$51,947 annually. See the table for a full breakdown of the annual income guidelines per household size.

To apply for assistance, applications may be completed online at <https://ihcda.rhsconnect.com/> or by visiting our webpage at www.capwi.org to download the application and its attachments.

| Household Size | Annual Income Guidelines |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | \$27,012 |
| 2 | \$35,324 |
| 3 | \$43,635 |
| 4 | \$51,947 |
| 5 | \$60,259 |
| 6 | \$68,570 |
| 7 | \$70,128 |
| 8 | \$71,686 |

For each additional person add \$1,560

For households who have received a disconnect notice, we encourage them to contact their local office immediately. For additional information about the Energy Assistance Program, contact Diana DeSutter at 765-793-4881.

WIC Updates & Benefit Increase & Head Start Openings

WIC Updates & Temporary Increase in Fruit and Vegetable Benefits

The WIC Program continues to provide WIC services remotely over the telephone to serve client needs. WIC staff are in the office as needed to meet clients for breastfeeding consultations and breast pumps. We have seen growth in our caseload during this time. Our assigned budget caseload is 1,887 clients a month, and in October we have served 1,928 clients. Remote services will continue until the middle of February.

Congress has passed a temporary increase in fruits and vegetables that WIC families receive each month (see graphic). We await to see if Congress will extend this increased dollar amount. If you or someone you know could benefit from WIC services have them call us at 765-762-2427 or 765-793-3676.

INDIANA WIC FAMILIES

More WIC benefits to spend on fruit & vegetables for three months (October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)

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| <p>Pregnant and Postpartum Women Receive:</p> <p>\$43</p> <p>Fully Breastfeeding Two or More Babies Receive:</p> <p>\$70.⁵⁰</p> |  | <p>Children Receive:</p> <p>\$24</p> <p>Fully and Partially Breastfeeding Women Receive:</p> <p>\$47</p> |
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EXAMPLE: A WIC family with a pregnant woman and 2 children will receive \$91 in Cash Value Benefit (CVB) each month. Only fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables may be purchased.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider. wic.in.gov

Head Start Has Openings

Head Start is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 program year for income eligible preschoolers (ages 3-5) and their families. Children receive a high quality early education opportunity through participation in either our center-based preschool or our home-based option. All children receive a physical, dental, and numerous other health and developmental screenings to assure that the child is healthy and ready to learn. All families are assisted in setting goals and referrals to needed social services to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient.

Family incomes must be at or below 100% of the federal poverty level, and children must be age eligible to be considered for enrollment. The program accepts children with disabilities.

Online referrals and applications are available on our website at: <http://www.capwi.org/services/family-life/head-start/>.

APPLY FOR HEAD START TODAY!



Who is eligible?
 Family incomes must be at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. Children must be three prior to August 1.

How do families apply?
 Apply online at www.capwi.org or call 765-793-4881.

What is Head Start?

Head Start is a child and family development program for income eligible preschoolers (ages 3-5) and their families.

What are the benefits?

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| • Developmental Screenings | • Health Screenings |
| • Nutritious Meals | • Positive Educational Gains |
| • Family Support | • Family Engagement |
| • Services for Children with Disabilities | • Connections to Community Services |

Community Involvement & Employment Opportunities

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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.

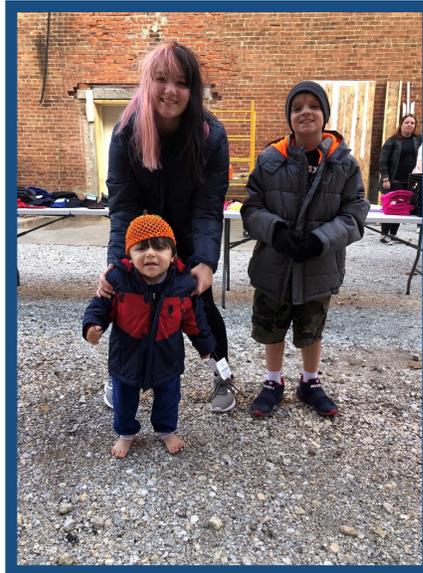


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Community Involvement

CAPWI and the Benton Community Food and Services Co-Op collaborated with Salvation Army, Indiana Department of Child Services, Fowler State Bank, and Geminus to host a coat drive on October 12th. A total of 250 winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves were distributed.



Join Our Team

CAPWI has the following employment opportunities available:

- Competent Professional Authority (CPA) for our Fountain and Vermillion County WIC Clinics
- Teachers for our Fountain/Warren County Head Start Center in Covington and our Montgomery County Head Start Center in Crawfordsville
- Teacher Aides for our Montgomery County Head Start Center in Crawfordsville and our Boone County Head Start Center in Lebanon
- Home Visitors for the Fountain County area and Boone County area for our Head Start program and North Vermillion area for our Early Head Start program
- Family Advocate for our Benton County Head Start Center in Oxford
- Cook for our Benton County Head Start Center in Oxford
- Cook Aides for our Fountain/Warren Head Start Center in Covington and our Montgomery County Center in Crawfordsville

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for one of our openings, visit www.capwi.org for full job descriptions and our online application. EOE

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