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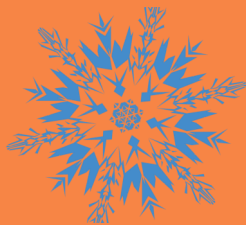
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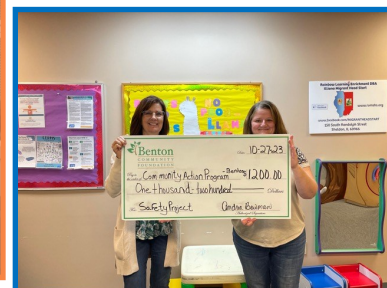


Head Start Received Grants for Home Safety

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana's (CAPWI) Head Start program received over \$10,000 across seven counties to improve home safety for enrolled families. Young children have the highest risk of being injured at home because that's where they spend the majority of their time. Most childhood injuries can be predicted and therefore prevented. Through these funds, Head Start's ultimate goal is to create safe and secure living environments for families, ensuring their well-being and promoting self-sufficiency and empowerment in the face of poverty.

The program involves conducting a home safety checklist covering various aspects of safety, identifying needs, and assisting families in rectifying those needs to create a safe home environment. Families will receive support and education in childproofing their homes, addressing potential hazards, and enhancing emergency preparedness. Funds have and will continue to be used to purchase much needed home safety items to include: fire ladders, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, gun and cabinet locks, baby gates, heavy duty extension cords, and more.

CAPWI is thankful for the generous support in all of the counties we serve. Funds were received through Benton County Community Foundation, Boone County Community Foundation, Parke County Community Foundation, Western Indiana Community Foundation (Vermillion and Fountain), and Warren County Community Foundation. Montgomery County United Way has approved an allocation for home safety checklists that will begin after the first of the year.



Head Start/Early Head Start Accepting Applications

Head Start and Early Head Start are accepting applications for the current program year as well as 2024-2025. Head Start is a child and family development program 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.

Early Head Start offers a home-based option for infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families. Families are visited each week for 1 1/2 hours. These visits focus on working with the parent to help the child to explore, learn, and grow. Home visitors work with the parents to assure that all well-baby checks and immunizations are on track. In Montgomery County, Early Head Start has a toddler classroom as part of their CAP Kids Child Care. This program offers full-day/full-year child care services for toddlers from 18-36 months. All families are assisted in setting goals and referrals to needed social services to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs are offered through CAPWI in the following Indiana counties: Benton, Boone, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion, and Warren. 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.

For more information, you may contact Nikki Anderson at 765-793-4881, ext. 137 or visit www.capwi.org. Online referrals are also available on our website!



Covering Kids & Families Became a CDO

In addition to being an Authorized Organization (AO) with the Indiana Department of Insurance, our Covering Kids and Families (CKF) program recently became a Certified Designated Organization (CDO) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As a CDO, we will oversee certified application counselors (CACs) who provide clients with Marketplace application and enrollment assistance. Elaina Dillon, Healthcare Navigator, will become a CAC in January of 2024.

If you or anybody you know needs assistance with Marketplace, HIP, Hoosier Healthwise, or Medicaid, appointments may be scheduled online at www.ckfindiana.org or by calling our toll-free phone line at 888-975-4CKF. Residents of Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion, and Warren counties may contact Elaina directly at 765-793-4881, ext. 135, 765-761-0727 (call or text), or via email at esmith@capwi.org.

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To empower
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families, and
individuals toward
self-sufficiency by
removing the causes
and conditions of
poverty through
services, support,
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Joan E. Cline Memorial Scholarship

Our agency is again offering a scholarship in memory of Joan E. Cline, former Executive Director and long-time supporter of community intervention services, to graduating seniors in the amount of \$1,000 for each year they attend higher education up to a maximum of 4 years. The scholarship will be provided for four-year, two-year, or Trade Association degrees through an accredited institution. The applicant must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours, or full-time equivalency, and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Preference will be given to low-moderate income families. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant within our six-county service area, which includes Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion, and Warren.

Completed applications must be received by CAPWI by the close of business on March 1, 2024. The Joan E. Memorial Scholarship Application is available on our website at <https://www.capwi.org/about-us/joan-cline-memorial-scholarship/>. You may contact Julie Pettit at 765-793-4881, ext. 123 or via email at jpettit@capwi.org for additional information.

Housing Acquired Hillsboro Property

Our Housing program recently acquired 310 Park Avenue in Hillsboro. The plan is to remodel the building into two units of a four bed, one and a half bath and a three bed, one bath. We anticipate the completion date to be late spring/early summer.

For currently available properties, visit <https://www.capwi.org/properties/>



Employment Opportunities



We currently have job openings for Head Start, MAC Van, and WIC. 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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