



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

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Helping People.

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

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Strategic Planning

Several members of the CAPWI staff and Board of Directors met at the Veedersburg Cloverleaf Depot on May 3 for a day of strategic planning. This process was facilitated by Dr. Erin Macy and Ashley Phillips from the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute. After a full day of discussion, prioritizing, and group work, the group was able to define the agency's mission, vision, and goals. Four main goals were developed:

1. Staff are supported from onboarding to succession
2. Expand and deepen partnerships to meet community needs
3. Improve visibility and presence in the community
4. Take advantage of opportunities to expand services



These broad goals will be used to proactively set key strategic objectives that will guide the work of the agency, make improvements, and ensure desired outcomes are achieved over the next five years.



A huge thanks to the board members and staff who participated!

Grants Received from Local Community Foundations

TALKS Mentoring Program

Each year, our Transferring A Little Knowledge Systematically (TALKS) Mentoring Program seeks funding to be able to send participating Covington and Southeast Fountain Elementary School students to summer camp at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center. While school is out, it's a way for them to continue their leadership work throughout the summer months. Elaina Dillon, Youth Service Coordinator, was awarded a \$4,500 grant from the Western Indiana Community Foundation on May 16, which will allow students to attend camp at no cost to them.

We're very grateful that the students have the opportunity to continue to learn and grow their skills while school is out. Thank you, Western Indiana Community Foundation for making this possible!



If you want to make a positive impact on a child's life, mentoring for this program is the opportunity for you! Consider volunteering once a week, during the school day to share your wisdom gained through life experiences. If interested, contact Elaina at (765) 793-4881, email esmith@capwi.org, or visit <https://www.capwi.org/wp-content/themes/cap/img/Mentor-Application-4.pdf> for the printable Mentor Application.

thank you!

MAC Van Program

Our Mobility for Area Citizens (MAC) Van program is funded by donations: Attica United Fund, INDOT, Title III, and, most recently, the Warren Community Foundation. MAC Van was awarded two grants from the Warren County Community Foundation through two different funds. In May, the program received



an annual payout of \$436 from the Ray and Hazel Barwick Fund. Over a 10 year period, it has provided MAC Van a total of \$3,597 to help support their match. In June, the program received funding in the amount of \$1,546.75 from the Alfred and Dorothy Ringer Fund. Over a 5 year period, it has awarded MAC Van a total of \$7,046.59.

Do you want to learn more about our MAC Van program? Their purpose is to provide transportation for elderly and disabled individuals in Fountain and Warren counties for: medical appointments, legal/court appointments, shopping, errands, groceries, and more. For additional information, visit <https://www.capwi.org/services/elder-adults/> or call (765) 793-3000.

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Too Small To Fail

CAPWI would like to give a huge SHOUT OUT to Seeger High School teacher Mallory Potter and her Graphics Design class! The students developed 7 signs for our Too Small To Fail Campaign. These posters have been added to the statewide resource bank for Too Small To Fail and could possibly be used throughout the state within the next year! Until then, these metal signs will soon be at the following locations throughout Warren County



- Agriculture sign in Judyville
- Nature sign at Flemming Woods Trails in West Lebanon
- Farming sign at Pine Village
- Feelings sign at Warren County Health Department
- Rivers sign at boat dock in Williamsport
- Heroes sign at Pine Village
- Indiana sign at State Line



A thanks to Accuburn in Williamsport for making the metal signs!

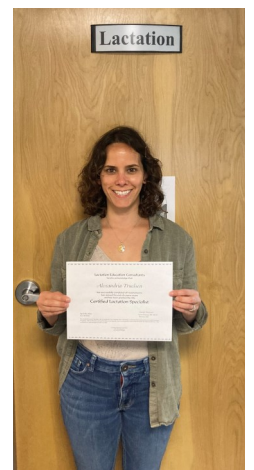
Too Small to Fail has brought its "Talking is Teaching" campaign to six rural counties in Indiana with tools, resources, and strategies that support early brain and language development, with plans to expand to all of Indiana's 92 counties in 2025..



Staff Training & Conference Opportunities

WIC Training

Alexandria Truelsen, WIC Registered Dietitian, attended a five day training to maintain her status as a Certified Lactation Specialist. We are lucky to have her experience and expertise on our WIC team to help our parents and children.



Indiana School Health Conference



Amanda Coffing, Elaina Dillon, and Julie Pettit attended a two day Indiana School Health Conference in June. The focus was on children's health and the resources needed to help them flourish. The knowledge gained will be carried into their work with Covering Kids and Families.



Save the date for next year!!
ISHN Conference 2025: June 10 & 11

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EAP Celebrates Successes

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) has many reasons to celebrate their 2024 program year. There were 2,564 applications completed, \$1,815,468 in benefits provided to clients, and five furnaces installed through the Emergency Repair or Replace (ERR) portion of the program. Also, they received an overall performance score of 95.45% on their monitoring. Congratulations on your excellent standing. We're very proud of our EAP staff!



Community Involvement

Our agency has enjoyed getting more involved in the community by participating in local events, joining parades, and attending coalition meetings. You may have seen us out and about at the Community Baby Showers, Parke County Expo, Montgomery County Family Fun Day, Strawberry Festival, Covington Fourth of July Celebration, and Covington Community Garden. Our goal is to build new partnerships, ensure individuals and families know about the services we offer, and get a better gauge on the needs of the community. If you'd like us to attend or partner an event, please reach out to Julie Pettit at jpettit@capwi.org.



Employment Opportunities

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

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