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Office Operations, COVID-19 Relief Assistance, and Community Needs Assessment

Office Operations

Summer hours: CAPWI offices will be closed on Fridays during the months of June and July. Office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Our WIC and MAC Van programs will continue with their normal business hours Monday through Friday.



CAPWI offices are open by appointment only. 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

Our Vermillion County Office moved! Effective Monday, May 24th our Vermillion County CAP Office is located at 312 Blackman Street, Suite B, Clinton, IN 47842.

COVID-19 Relief Assistance Available

CAPWI has funding available to help those affected by COVID-19. Services include assistance with food, mortgage or rent, utilities, mental health co-pays, emergency medical prescriptions or medical attention, transportation issues, weatherization friendly health and safety repairs, healthcare coverage, and child care payments. If an individual has been affected by COVID-19 and has had a loss of income during the public health emergency, they should contact their local CAP office.

Applicants must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Required documentation and counties served vary for each of the relief programs. An application can be completed on our website at <https://www.capwi.org/services/family-life/uwda-covid-19-relief-assistance/>. You may email covid19@capwi.org for additional information.

Community Needs Assessment

Our 2020 Community Needs Assessment is available on our website: www.capwi.org. The results of this assessment will help guide our work to improve our services and identify needs in the communities we serve.

Head Start and Early Head Start

Online Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC) Scale

Head Start/Early Head Start serves more than 368 age and income eligible children and their families. Fifty-six staff members are participating in a two-year trauma-informed care (TIC) initiative, which includes whole-system consultation, professional training, coaching, and research. The Online ARTIC Scale is utilized to measure the impact of their intervention. Head Start/Early Head Start began the Online ARTIC Scale prior to training to collect baseline data. Following training, the program completed a second data collection. The scores are being used to evaluate the impact of training and target needed resources. The Online ARTIC Scale results dashboard and resources support the program's focus on reflective supervision, supports TIC staff strength, and promotes data-driven decision making.

"Our staff have found the Online ARTIC easy to use, and we have also been able to easily adjust data collection to account for staff turnover. Staff ARTIC scores have supported training efforts to strengthen the use of empathy (instead of control) as a means for supporting children and their families and to better understand and support staff who struggle with their own histories of adversity and trauma, including vicarious trauma."

-Kim Swinson, Child Development Services Specialist

Congratulations to Erika Ortiz!

Erika Ortiz received her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education on May 16th. Erika started as an Early Head Start Teacher Aide in August of 2015 and moved to the Teacher position in May of 2018. Along the way, Erika enrolled in the TEACH Early Childhood Education program where she earned both her Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and AA degree.

"We are incredibly proud of Erika and her commitment to our agency and to young children! Way to go, Erika!"

-Robin Curry-Shumaker,
Head Start Director



Indiana State Parks

Family Passes

CAPWI recognizes how exhausted and weary those we serve are after a year of COVID and COVID restrictions. Exercise and being outdoors has proven to alleviate the stress and the pressure we have experienced this past year. In order to help promote this and good health, CAPWI has provided 2,000 families with children receiving one of our services with a family pass for entrance into any State Park in Indiana. This is a wonderful way to keep our youth busy and active and is a great way for families to bond and enjoy each other.



Pictured is CAPWI staff preparing packets for clients.

Included in the packets:

- Greeting letter
- State Park Pass
- Recreation Guide
- COVID Vaccine Q&A
- Covering Kids and Families Healthcare Coverage Flyer

"I am contacting you to say THANK YOU so very much for the family pass for entrance into the Indiana State Parks. It's a huge blessing for our family!! I can't say thank you enough because you have given us the opportunity to stay active over the summer and also enjoy all the beautiful places Indiana has to offer. I hope you all have a blessed summer and again thank you so much for this gift!!!! We are super excited."

- Kelly McCurrey

Mobility for Area Citizens (MAC)

Attica United Fund

A grant application requesting \$3,000 for MAC Van is submitted each year to the Attica United Fund. On April 13th, MAC Van was awarded a check in the amount of \$3,300. Each group involved received \$300 more than requested and were asked to use the extra money creatively.

MAC Van has expended some of the extra funds by transporting individuals from Hope Springs in Attica to Anderson and from Williamsport to Lafayette at no cost. The individuals were unable to pay for their transportation. Tammy Nickle, MAC Van Coordinator, decided what better way than to use the grant money but to help out those who desperately need assistance.

Thank you, Attica United Fund, for your continued support of our program and the communities we serve. We appreciate you!

Covering Kids and Families

Indiana School Health Network Conference

Registration for the 2021 Indiana School Health Network Virtual Conference is open! This year's conference will be held virtually on June 22-23, 2021 and is free to attend! The theme is Building Resilience and is especially relevant as we look forward to our schools and communities opening in a post-COVID era.

Free continuing education units/contact hours or a certificate of attendance will also be available.

Visit <https://www.ckfindiana.org/2021-indiana-school-health-network-virtual-conference/> for more information and to register!



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Community Involvement

Benton Community Food and Services Co-Op



US Senator Mike Braun visited the Benton Community Food and Service Co-Op on May 7th. He chatted with Co-Op members and was given a tour of the facility.

Pictured are advisory board members as well as Chris Sheetz, CAPWI Benton County Community Services Representative, and Linda Klemme, CAPWI Board Member.



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Joan E. Cline Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana offers scholarships to graduating seniors in the amount of \$1,000 for each year they attend higher education up to a maximum of 4 years. Scholarships are awarded within the six-county service area which includes Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Vermillion and Warren. The scholarship is offered in memory of Joan E. Cline who was the Executive Director of CAPWI until her passing in December 2004. Joan dedicated her life to helping families and individuals become self-sufficient. Of the many tools utilized to achieve that goal, education is primary. Joan believed that assistance through higher education was necessary. Through this scholarship, CAPWI continues Joan's work in helping these outstanding young students attain their individual educational and career goals.

The 2021 recipient of the Joan E. Cline Memorial Scholarship is Kristan Ward. Kristan attends Parke Heritage High School and resides in Rockville with her father, Tristan Ward. Kristan plans to attend IU to study Pre-Med. Kristan participates in Varsity Track and Varsity Dance and is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Academic Team. In her spare time, she has volunteered at Mossy Oak Conservation Day, Rockville Elementary STEM Day, has assisted with planning Prom and Veterans Day Programs, and enjoys recycling. Kristan demonstrates integrity, courage, and productivity in the community.



**Congratulations,
Kristan Ward,
and best wishes in
pursuit of your
education!**

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