Quarterly Newsletter

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Section 8 & Emergency Rental Assistance Program Updates

Section 8 Waitlist Opened June 1st until Further Notice

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waitlists were open for Benton, Fountain, Warren, and Vermillion counties effective June 1st at 8:00 AM until further notice. The application links can be found on the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher page on our website or below. The application is completed online only; we do not have paper applications. All applicants will need access to a working email to create their login and complete the application. If any applicant is needing a reasonable accommodation to grant them equal access to complete the online application, please have them contact the Section 8 program at our corporate office at 765-793-4881, ext. 113 or email at Section8@capwi.org. This is not an emergency rental assistance program and can take up to 24 months to start receiving rental assistance.

Benton	https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2452
Fountain	https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2471
Vermillion	https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2531
Warren	https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2534

For more information about the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and waitlist, visit our website at: https://www.capwi.org/services/housing/rental-assistance/.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA2) is Accepting Applications until August 1, 2023

If you have anyone in need of emergency rental assistance, please send their name and number directly to our Family Development Caseworker, Ashley Ellingwood, at 765-793-4881, ext. 109 or email her at aellingwood@capwi.org. This program covers Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Warren, and Vermillion counties.



Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

TALKS Program Awarded Funds & Seeking Mentors

Awarded Funds for Summer Camp Scholarships

We are thrilled to announce that our Transferring A Little Knowledge Systematically (TALKS) Mentoring program was awarded grant funds from the Western Indiana Community Foundation for summer camp scholarships. Nikki Cheuvront presented Elaina Smith with a \$2,150 check so that students involved in the TALKS program have the opportunity to attend Twin Lakes Camp. This allows them to continue to grow their leadership and teambuilding skills throughout the summer months.



Thank you so much for your generosity, Western Indiana Community Foundation!

Seeking Mentors

If you have ever wanted to make a positive impact on a child's life, this is the opportunity for YOU!

We are kick-starting our 2023-2024 TALKS program soon! We are looking for individuals who are available to volunteer at one or more of our three Fountain County school corporations once a week and during the school day with 3 students (of the same gender). This program may be also be offered in our Warren County school corporations (more info coming soon).

The TALKS program is a youth leadership/mentoring program that uses a structured approach to sharing wisdom gained through life experiences from the adults to the children. TALKS uses a content-based, issue-orientated curriculum that discusses many topics, including but not limited to self-discipline, the power of positive attitudes, and peer pressure.

Please contact our TALKS Coordinator, Elaina Smith, at 765-793-4881, ext. 135 or email esmith@capwi.org.



Head Start Finishes 2022-2023 Strong & Accepts Applications for 2023-2024

End-of-Year Happenings

Head Start finished the program year with Field Days. Our centers in Boone, Benton, Fountain/ Warren, Montgomery, Parke, and Vermillion counties organized and hosted these special days at their centers and local parks. They were a celebration of a successful year and were filled with fun, educational activities, socialization, games, entertainment, and community volunteers. Students received their completion certificates.



The end-of-year comments speak volumes about the program. Below are just a few of their successes:

- ♥ My daughter is engaging more with other kids her age.
- ♥ It's helped with my son's interactions with others and his speech/developmental growth.
 - ♥ My children have learned so much, and it has helped socially and mentally.
- ♥ I feel our daughter is more prepared for kindergarten, and she has thrived with the social aspect.
- ♥ It has helped us come together more as a family and given us resources I didn't know were available.

We are beyond grateful to be part of the students' journey to school readiness and teach them and their families skills that will last a lifetime.

We're Accepting Applications for 2023-2024

Local centers can be contacted after August 1st to schedule appointments.

Benton	765-385-0712
Boone	765-482-4195
Fountain/Warren	765-793-0473
Montgomery	765-362-3575
North Vermillion	765-492-7319
Parke	765-569-3848
South Vermillion	765-205-4150

NOW ENROLLING 2023-2024 Parent Services Children's Services Vision, Dental, & Health Screenings Parent Activities Nutritious Food Served Daily Parent Education Community Resources Independence **Engaging Activities Engaging Activities** Structured Schedule Help Structuring Schedules Social and Emotional Support Kindergarten Readiness

If you know a family who would

benefit from Head Start, refer them online: https://www.capwi.org/services/family-life/head-start/.

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

Community Action

One of our goals this year has been to be more involved within the communities we serve and attend as many events and local happenings as possible, and we're doing just that! You may have seen us at the Hope Springs Block Party, Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival, Covington Fourth of July Celebration, 4-H Fairs, parades, libraries, and more!





Keep a look out for us! There's more to come, and we're sharing a lot of program information, resources, and community referrals. If you have any events you'd like us to attend, email Robin Curry at rcurry@capwi.org or Julie Pettit at jpettit@capwi.org.

Join Our Team!

CAPWI has the following employment opportunities available:

Visit our website at

www.capwi.org for information about all services offered by

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana.

- Breastfeeding Peer Counselor for our Benton and Warren WIC Clinics
- Competent Professional Authority (CPA) for our Montgomery, Fountain, and Warren WIC Clinics
- MAC Van Coordinator for Fountain and Warren counties
- Center Manager for our South Vermillion and Parke County Head Start Centers
- Teachers for our Fountain/Warren, Montgomery, and Parke Head Start Centers
- Teacher Aide for our Parke and Montgomery Head Start Centers
- Bus Driver for our Boone and Montgomery Head Start Centers





Full job descriptions for each opening and our online application can

be found at: https://www.capwi.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/.



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