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Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana



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Youth Mentoring Program Revamped



Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana (CAPWI) is excited to announce the launch of its new youth mentoring initiative, Next Level Youth Mentoring, a program designed to inspire, guide, and empower students with fresh energy and expanded opportunities.

Replacing the former TALKS program, Next Level Youth Mentoring builds upon CAPWI's long-standing commitment to student success while introducing new approaches to mentoring. The program's mission is to help the next generation dream bigger, aim higher, and achieve their goals through consistent encouragement and support.

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We are thrilled to begin Next Level Youth Mentoring and grateful to Covington Community School Corporation and Southeast Fountain School Corporation for partnering with us at the start of this journey. Their leadership and support will help ensure the program's success, and we look forward to expanding to additional school corporations across our six-county service area.

-Elaina Dillon, Youth Services Coordinator

School corporations interested in partnering with the program, as well as individuals who would like to volunteer as mentors, are encouraged to contact Elaina Dillon at 765-793-4881 or esmith@capwi.org

New Grants Strengthen Our Mission and Community Impact

CAPWI was recently awarded several grants to support and expand our programs. These funds will strengthen our ability to assist individuals and families across our communities, providing essential resources and creating new opportunities for growth and stability. Below is a list of the grants we have received.

MOBILITY FOR AREA CITIZENS (MAC) VAN

- Warren County Community Foundation's Al & Dorothy Ringer Fund in the amount of \$1,895.62
- Warren County Community Foundation's Ray and Hazel Barwick Fund in the amount of \$536.18
- Attica United Fund in the amount of \$3,500
- United Way of Danville Area in the amount of \$7,000
- Indiana Department of Transportation is providing the program with a new low floor minivan

Covering Kids and Families (CKF)

- Fransiscan Health's Social Impact Partnership Program in the amount of \$5,000

Summer Park Program

- Western Indiana Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 each to Covington and Veedersburg programs
- LLC in the amount of \$4,000 to the Covington program and \$2,750 to the Veedersburg program

Thank You!

We are grateful for our grant partners—your support makes it possible to expand opportunities and create lasting impact!

The Fountain Trust Bank Supports Our Local Head Start Families with Backpack Food Program

CAPWI is proud to highlight a meaningful partnership that is making a big difference for families in Fountain and Warren counties. Thanks to the generosity of The Fountain Trust Bank, every child enrolled in our Fountain/Warren Head Start and Early Head Start programs receives supplemental food each week through a backpack food program. With a generous donation of \$7,254, The Fountain Trust Bank has provided the funding necessary to serve 44 children and their families. This program ensures that once a week, children leave with bags filled with nutritious, supplemental food—helping to bridge the weekend hunger gap and support food security at home. The food is thoughtfully packed and delivered by Food Finders Food Bank, based in Lafayette. Adding a personal and community touch, high school interns from Fountain Central High School and Seeger High School label each bag with a sticker acknowledging the generous donation from The Fountain Trust Bank. The impact of this program extends far beyond nutrition—it's a testament to the power of community collaboration and care.

In the photo, taken in front of the Fountain/Warren Head Start Center, are some of the dedicated individuals who make this program possible (left to right): John Kiger, Teacher's Aide; Natasha Owen, Family Advocate; Kelsey Warren, The Fountain Trust Bank; JJ Payton, Center Manager; and Elly Benjamin, Early Head Start Home Visitor. The Fountain/Warren Head Start Center offers two center-based preschool classrooms serving children ages 3-5, with 16 children in each classroom. These classrooms provide a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate learning environment to prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond. Our Early Head Start program offers home-based weekly services for expectant families and children from birth to age 3. These visits focus on supporting parent-child interactions, developmental milestones, and access to community resources that promote healthy growth and strong family foundations. We extend our gratitude to The Fountain Trust Bank for recognizing the value of these services and helping ensure families in our program receive the support they need. Together, we are supporting the whole child while building a stronger community.



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Community Involvement

This year, CAPWI has already taken part in 20 community events—and we’re thankful for every opportunity to be present and engaged. These gatherings give us the chance to connect with individuals and families, share information about our programs, answer questions, and hear directly from those we serve. They also help us build new partnerships, strengthen existing relationships, and highlight the many ways CAPWI is working to support families and communities. Each interaction broadens awareness, extends our reach, and ensures that vital resources are accessible to those who need them most.

We look forward to being part of more community events in the months ahead—so if you see our table, be sure to stop by, say hello, and learn more about the services and support CAPWI provides! Here’s what we’re registered for so far:

10/4/25	Newport Hill Climb 1 pm to 4 pm
10/11/25	Warren County Health Fair 10 am to 2 pm
10/25/25	Vermillion County Community Baby Shower 10 am to 1 pm



Our Mission: CAP of Western Indiana empowers individuals and families toward self-sufficiency by addressing challenges through comprehensive services, support, and education.

Our Vision: CAP of Western Indiana believes in the value, dignity, and worth of all people, with the goal of helping people help themselves.

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