



Gateway Community Action Partnership

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Agency Mission and CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

CAP Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire

Greetings!

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about our successes and struggles as we serve a Gateway to Community Action in Partnership with others for everyone's benefit!

Gateway CAP Assumes Sponsorship Of WIC Program In Atlantic County

community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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Pleasantville WIC office.

Gateway Community Action Partnership assumed sponsorship of the Atlantic County's Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program in October with expanded hours and new facilities to better serve county residents.

Gateway, with more than two decades of experience administering the WIC program in South Jersey, was selected by the New Jersey Department of Health's Division of Family Health Services to replace the Atlantic City Health and Human Services Department.

Atlantic City officials relinquished operation of the countywide WIC program as part of an effort to increase efficiencies and balance the City's 2016 budget. City officials said the move will save city's taxpayers thousands of dollars, while continuing to provide this necessary and important program to all Atlantic County residents.

"First and foremost, my concern is that our residents receive the best possible care, especially our young mothers and children," said Atlantic City Mayor Donald A. Guardian. "I have the utmost confidence in Gateway's experience and passion for taking care of people who need it the most. I know Gateway will make a positive difference for our Atlantic City residents, and I look forward to partnering with them for many years to come."

Gateway Community Action Partnership currently serves approximately 22,000 WIC clients in Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties. As part of the move into Atlantic County, the number of WIC offices will increase from three to four, with a new office in Galloway Township. Gateway is also planning the opening of a fifth

county WIC office in 2016 as well as to institute evening hours in early 2016 to accommodate working parents.

"We are very proud of the services we provide and are excited by the opportunity to expand into Atlantic County and to provide services to a greater number of participants," said Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway Community Action Partnership. "Gateway looks forward to providing quality WIC services in Atlantic County because we fully understand the program's value to families."

Gateway is a Bridgeton-based non-profit organization and is the state-designated, federally-recognized Community Action Partnership for Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Dr. Jaya Velpuri, Ph.D., Gateway's Vice President/WIC Director, said the agency is pleased to extend services into Atlantic County and to assist mothers and children in a real and meaningful way.

"We are here to strengthen families' health with WIC services and Breastfeeding Support and are excited by this opportunity to expand. We are hoping to assist mothers and their children attain optimum health and reach their full potential," Velpuri said. "We will continue to support the program and collaborate with other community partners to ensure families' needs are met in a holistic manner. We will use our existing program infrastructure and commitment to quality program services and sensitivity to client satisfaction."

WIC serves moderate income pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women and infants and children up to five years old. Under the program, free supplemental foods, through monthly checks, are distributed to buy formula, low-fat milk or soy substitutes, juice, whole grain cereals and other healthy foods. It also provides nutritional counseling and gives referrals to other assistance programs.

Gateway WIC will have a staff of 17 in Atlantic County and expects to serve nearly 6,000 county participants. Employees of the Atlantic City WIC program were encouraged to apply for jobs with the new sponsor, and several have already been hired by Gateway Community Action Partnership during a transitional period.

Gateway WIC services will be available at the following Atlantic County locations:

Main Office: Atlantic City
1325 Baltic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-347-5656

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pleasantville Office
927 N. Main St.
Unit C-1
Heritage Square
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
609-272-0854

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Egg Harbor City Office
300 Philadelphia Ave., Suite B
Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215
609-965-0197

Hours: Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Galloway Office
333 Jimmie Leeds Rd., Unit 5
Galloway, NJ 08205
Hours: TBD



Pleasantville WIC staff member helping a family.



Pleasantville WIC staff.

Hamilton Head Start Children Benefit From Girl Scout's Kindness, Initiative



Morgan Raynor with Hamilton Head Start children.

Morgan Raynor, a Senior Girl Scout from Mansfield Township, chose Hamilton Head Start for her Silver Award project, addressing literacy and summer learning loss for Head Start children. She chose to work with the Head Start program in Mercer County after volunteering at the school on numerous occasions and witnessing the need for the students to have educationally stimulating activities for their time off from school.

Morgan provided summer enrichment activities for the students to take home and work on during summer break while they are not in school. Each student received a backpack packed with workbooks, coloring books, story books, crayons, pencils, puzzles, flashcards, crayons, sunscreen, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and bubbles, along with other items.

The second part of her project was to create age appropriate, sustainable educational games for the students to use in the classrooms to encourage a love of learning while having fun at the same time! Morgan had a wonderful experience working on her project and volunteering at the school and is grateful to the Head Start Staff and students for welcoming her into their family.

"I fell in love with the kids," Morgan said. "They are happy, and loving, and fun, and deserve every chance to succeed. Even though my project is finished, I definitely plan

on going back to the center to volunteer as much as I can."

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the second highest award a Girl Scout can earn, while developing leadership and organization skills and demonstrating a determination and dedication to improving your community.

"Earning your Girl Scout Silver Award is quite an accomplishment," said Gina Peter, Girl Scout Leader, Troop 23549 in Columbus, NJ. "Morgan knew she wanted to help her community and she came up with the idea to work with the Head Start program. She created a step-by-step plan on how to accomplish her goals and donated more than 50 hours of her time to these students, providing educational tools to aid in the enrichment of the students over the summer months. She also worked first hand with the students as they began their new school year.

"Morgan has demonstrated her leadership and organizational skills and is a person who is going to accomplish great things in life. I am sincerely proud to be her Girl Scout leader! Those who interact with teenagers can fully appreciate the dedication it takes for a teenager, full of a world of distractions, to accomplish their goals and make community a priority. Morgan is a very special person. She sees a need, fulfills it and put others first."

Morgan is currently a freshman at Northern Burlington County Regional High School. In addition to being a Girl Scout, she takes jazz and modern dance classes and plays for Northern Burlington's girls tennis team.



Holly City Family Success Center Conducting Clothing Drive, Seeking Volunteers

The Holly City Family Success Center, 21 E. Main St., (Rear Suite) Millville is conducting a clothing drive for new or gently worn clothing for a Dress for Success clothing drive.

The center is looking for clothes that can be worn for interviews, office work, or for employment in convenience stores or department stores, including polo shirts, khakis, dresses, slacks, cardigan sweaters, skirts, blouses, heels, dress shoes, dress shirts, loafers, etc.

To coordinate drop-off of donated clothing or for more information, contact the Holly City Family Success Center, which is operated by Gateway Community Action Partnership, at 856-327-1510.

The center is also seeking volunteers who can do the following job duties: facilitate groups (children, adults or seniors), tutor children and adults, stock supplies and other items, office duties (including, but not limited to, typing, computer, answer phones, faxing, phone call communications with local organizations and general office organization), community outreach, social media, arts and crafts, handy work, office organization and cleaning, organizing and conducting exercise classes and assist with

other center tasks, as needed.

To volunteer at the Holly City Family Success Center, or for additional information, call 856-327-1510.

Gateway Head Start Holds Home Based Socialization For Families



Head Start held a Home Based Socialization in September. The families were given tissue paper and cut out shapes and created seasons on the shapes. The families worked together to complete puzzles and played with legos and blocks.

Gateway To Success Breakfast Set For October 29


Gateway Community Action Partnership will host a Gateway To Success breakfast event at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 29 at Auletto's Caterers, 1849 Cooper St., Almonesson.

The 90-minute breakfast event is free, but pre-registration by October 22 is required. There will be a networking mix & mingle from 8 to 8:30 a.m. followed by a full buffet breakfast and an inspirational and informative program from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

While there is no charge for the event, attendees are expected to make a donation within their means to help provide organizational support for Gateway's core areas: child care services, housing and community development services, nutrition education

and food distribution services, literacy and educational services, health services and social services.

To pre-register for the event, call 856-497-6652 or e-mail ehilt@gatewaycap.org.



The invitation features a collage of photos at the top showing diverse children and a woman. A central red vertical bar contains a white logo of a stylized figure with arms raised. Below the photos, the text reads: "You're Invited! Gateway To Success Breakfast Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 Auletto's Caterers 1849 Cooper St., Almonesson Help us raise funds to support our mission! 8 to 8:30 a.m. Mix & Mingle 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free Breakfast & Program To reserve a seat, contact us by Oct. 22: ehilt@gatewaycap.org or (856) 497-6652".

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A Warm Welcome To Gateway Community Action Partnership's Newest Employees

Welcome to the Gateway CAP new hires!

Apryl Johnson, Head Start
Joseph Raines, Finance
Manuel Varela, Head Start
Experliss Melo, Head Start
Charmaine Hall, Head Start
Hannah Marshall, Early Head Start
Guyyolene Adam, Early Head Start
Andre Bickley, Early Head Start
Gloria Londono, Head Start
Sheree Williams, Gleaning
Briyith Trelles-Sotomayor, Head Start
Marta Rodriguez, Head Start
Shakeema Crippen, Head Start
Marsha Gresham, Head Start
April Harris, Head Start

Tara Kelly, Head Start
Brittini Clark, Head Start
Wendy Drew, Head Start
Maria Rodriguez, Head Start
Nicole Goldstein, Head Start
Patricia Macken, Head Start
Marcella Gatti, Head Start
Jennifer Rivera, LIHEAP

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The Salem Family Success Center held a Grandparents & Caretakers Appreciation Tea in September. The event is designed to show appreciation to grandparents and caretakers for their dedication to keeping families together.

Internet Essentials, a program offered by Comcast, gives income-eligible families access to the Internet for \$9.95 a month with no activation fee, equipment fees or price increases. Having the Internet enables children to do homework, type reports or do research and enables the parents to e-mail teachers as well as look for jobs, pay bills or find doctors. Gateway Community Action Partnership is working with Comcast to inform families of the program. Internet Essentials is available to households that have children eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. They must reside in a Comcast service area and must not have subscribed to Comcast Internet in the last 90 days or have overdue Comcast bills. Also, low-cost computers are being offered for \$149.99 and free training is accessible if needed. To get more information or to sign up, visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376. ... Gateway operates the **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)** in Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties. The program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, lactation support, immunization education and health care referrals to income-eligible pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to age 5. Gateway WIC serves more than 23,000 clients annually through flexible hours through its eight (8) offices and a full-service, health screening mobile office. WIC is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap, write immediately to: USDA,

Director-Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20250 - 9410. For additional information on the Gateway WIC program or nearest office location and hours of operation, call the Gateway WIC program at 856-451-5600 or 856-225-5050. ... Gateway's Head Start program is once again sponsoring the **Child Care Food Program**. This program is designed to provide meals to children receiving services in Head Start centers located throughout Atlantic, Cape May, Mercer, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.



Firefighter Israel Mercado visited Hammonton Head Start to teach the children about Fire Safety and Prevention. The children learned about this topic throughout the month of September. Israel is the grandfather of one of the children, Gabriella Vasquez.



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