

# GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION

Quarterly Newsletter

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As a community action agency, our mission is to make a positive impact in the community by offering vital services, recognizing opportunities to address needs, and working in collaboration with community leaders in support of their efforts. It would be impossible for Gateway to provide the level and depth of services we offer without the support of so many exceptional partners.

We are proud to now offer transportation that covers all of Morgan County. We hope to expand our public transportation in the coming years. Our current program offers rides to the citizens of Morgan County. Our transportation allows passengers to go to the grocery, pharmacy, or any other stop they wish. Many of our passengers have told us that without our transportation program they would not have a ride to town for necessary business. Janice Nipper, a passenger with Gateway Transit, said:

*“Without Gateway’s Transportation program, I would not be able to go and get groceries or pick up my medications. Now I could always pay someone but it would cost a lot more than what Gateway charges.”*

Rates are \$4 with two stops if picked up within city limits, \$8 with two stops if picked up outside city limits. The Morehead trip is \$10 round trip with three scheduled stops.

Gateway Community Action has highly competent, well-trained staff that riders are sure to enjoy. A public transportation service is important and we encourage citizens to utilize and benefit from this opportunity. Since open house, we have been booked and are hopeful to see a continual increase in ridership.



*To schedule a ride potential passengers may call:*  
**606-743-7015**

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# From the Executive Director's Desk

July 1st marks a new fiscal for Gateway and I am pleased to provide an update on the many activities and projects we have been engaged in during the past fiscal year. Our strategic business plan continues to direct our work toward achieving established goals. Branding has been an ongoing topic, one that will be on the horizon for most of this fiscal year. Gateway oversees a large number of programs through which a variety of services are offered. While each program is highly valued and immensely important, it is a collective goal, that clients, staff, and community partners recognize us as an agency. This is a tall order and will require the involvement of all stakeholder.

It has been a year of arduous work that has yielded many triumphs. We continually adapt to maintain compliance and as such, hold annual reviews of our financial and personnel policies. To lend structure and promote efficiency, we have established standing and ad-hoc committees throughout the year that have taken the lead on reviewing regulations and recommending policies and protocols on such topics as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Limited English Proficiency (LEP), marketing, professional development, and customer service to mention only a few.

In the midst of all this, we submitted three grant proposals, two of which were successful, expanded our service of transportation throughout the county of Morgan, moved into the Transit Center located on Prestonsburg Street in West Liberty, and provided services to more than 7,500 clients. We have offered a full menu of services that ranged from crisis intervention to establishing long-term stability.

This fiscal year will see our continued focus on sustaining quality while capitalizing on opportunities for growth that will support our mission and speak to the diverse and unique needs of our communities. I wish to thank our board of directors for their continued guidance, support of Gateway's mission, and high level of dedication and professionalism in fulfilling their responsibilities. The blending of effective leadership, highly competent staff, client trust in our services, and community involvement places us in an excellent position for continued success.

*The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand*  
~Vince Lombardi

Most Sincere Wishes,  
**Charlene Engle**  
Executive Director



# Weatherization Achievements

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Gateway's Weatherization Assistance Program closed out another successful fiscal year with 41 job completions. The following is a breakdown of the units completed:

<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Percent of Poverty</u>	
Mobile Home Owner – 25	0-74	17
Mobile Home Renter – 2	75-100	14
House Owner – 14	101-125	6
	126-150	2
	150-200	2

<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Persons Served</u>
Electricity – 32	Total - 79
Propane – 5	Elderly - 23
Natural Gas – 2	Disabled - 20
Wood – 2	Children – 13

<u>Units Completed</u>
Bath – 6
Menifee – 13
Montgomery – 4
Morgan – 8
Rowan – 10

Funding is in place and jobs are now being completed for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Please help spread the word about the Weatherization Assistance Program. Each of the above mentioned weatherized homes can expect up to a \$500 annual savings on their heating and cooling bills.

**Bath County - 606-674-2502**

**Menifee County - 606-768-2369**

**Montgomery County - 859-498-5345**

**Morgan County - 606-743-3133**

**Rowan County - 606-784-7735**

# Kentucky Career Center JobSight



Kentucky Career Center JobSight staff have been very busy since the new fiscal year which began on July 1st. Career Advisors have enrolled three (3) participants in the Lineman training and one (1) in CDL training. We have assisted 50 job seekers and held a job fair at Lion Apparel, in Morgan County with 15 job

seekers attending. We also have seven (7) youth participants working with local businesses through our work experience program. A financial review by the state was conducted in March 2016 where we were deemed compliant and received an exemplary report.. Staff are planning for an upcoming Teleworks USA class and Job Fair to be held in Morgan County.



**“Cindy Hurt, Career Advisor with the Kentucky Career Center JobSight, talks with a student during the Meniffee County High School Registration Day on Wednesday, August 3, 2016.”**

## Programs

- **CSBG**
- **Head Start**
- **New Pathways to Fathers & Families**
- **LIHEAP**
- **kynect**
- **Transportation**
- **Unemployment Bridge Program**
- **KY Career Center**
- **Weatherization**
- **HUD**
- **Home Tenant Based Rental Assistance**

## Outreach Offices

Bath County  
108 Guggell St.  
Owingsville, KY  
(606) 674-2502

Meniffee County  
28B Bible Camp Lane  
Frenchburg, KY  
606) 768-2369

Montgomery County  
103 Bruce Professional Plaza  
Suite A  
Mt. Sterling, KY  
( 859) 498-5345

Morgan County  
151 University Drive  
West Liberty, KY  
(606) 743-3133

Rowan County  
136 Lee Ave Suite E  
Morehead, KY  
(606) 784-7735

# Fathers and Families Together



We are celebrating! As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, our program has kicked off and classes are underway. Currently we have 16 classes in progress and 25 more scheduled. Our team has been doing an excellent job getting the word out in the community and finding new attendees.

We would like to welcome our newest team member, Kenneth Lane. Kenneth will be working as a job coach. We are excited to have him on board.

As a reminder, our program offers sessions on parenting & relationship skills, job coaching, and financial management. More importantly, it offers our team an opportunity to connect with people in our community and offer services to meet their needs. As we move forward we are focusing on:

- 1) program awareness and recruitment
- 2) collecting data for program improvement
- 4) setting up a computer resource center
- 4) working with other Gateway programs to better meet the needs of our clients as a whole.

We count it a privilege to work with these families. Fathers and Families are so important to our community, our nation, our world.





## HEAD START EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced the availability of approximately \$135 million to be awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services.

Comprehensive services in Early Head Start include mental health, medical exams and screenings, nutrition education, early diagnosis of disabilities, adult education and support for family stability.

Quality services to infants and toddlers is a great need in our communities. According to the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey report, there are nearly five thousand children in Gateway's five county service area birth to age four with only seventeen providers listed on the child care system registry that provides services to infants and toddlers.

Gateway Community Actions' Board of Directors and Head Start Policy Council have approved an application for this grant opportunity. We are excited by the opportunities this would offer families and very hopeful our application will be funded!

### Head Start Centers

**Bath: 606-674-2766**

**Botts: 606-768-4175**

**ELC: 859-497-2124**

**Camargo: 859-497-8776**

**Frenchburg: 606-768-3818**

**East Valley: 606-522-8178**

**Wrigley: 606-743-2419**

**Morgan Central: 606-743-2252**

**Rowan: 606-780-0118**

# Employee Anniversaries

## August

Tiffany Adkins	1 year
Denice Bradley	1 year
Valrey Easterling	2 years
Jackie Evans	2 years
Leann Gullett	2 years
Cindy Hurt	5 years
Katherine Jackson	4 years
Stacey Lewis	2 years
Katherine Martin	1 year
Ashley McVey	4 years
Betty Purvis	4 years
Sophia Sanders	1 year
Dewey Stone	2 years
Kathy Whitt	21 years

Christina Back	4 years
Amanda Brewer	2 years
Michelle Estep	4 years
Brandi Faulkner	4 years
Donna Hendrix	4 years
Teresa Ison	15 years
Brittany Keeton	4 years
Karen Lucas	2 years
Della McClain	12 years
Orina Peggs	1 year
Martina Roe	15 years
Conchita Stockton	5 years
Stacy Whitaker	17 years
Jennifer Willoughby	3 years

## September

Amanda Branham	4 years
Linda Elam	20 years
Virginia Goldie	21 years
Kay Hammonds	21 years
Kristy Jolly	1 year
Pam Lisle	4 years
Trisha Moon	2 years
Hester Peters	21 years
Sandra Robinson	30 years
Tiffany Taul	4 years

Ali Carty	2 years
Rebecca Gibbs	7 years
Sandra Gunder	3 years
Debbie Helton	33 years
Leah Kohn	1 year
Heather Montgomery	4 years
Lisa Ousley	13 years
Elizabeth Rawlins	3 years
Norman Rowe	20 years
Regina Yerian	25 years

## October

Lisa Doolin	7 years
Kristy Gamble	14 years
Martha Gras	1 year
Kimberly Plank	15 years

Charlene Engle	26 years
Marnie Gamble	7 years
Sandy Keeton	33 years
Lori Sorrell	3 years

## LIHEAP Season is Quickly Approaching

We are accepting vendors through August 22nd. All vendor agreements can be picked up at the local outreach office or Gateway's central office. Pre Applications for those households who are on a fixed income or seniors will begin in October. Once that date has been determined an announcement will be issued. Official LIHEAP vendors will begin the first of November.

## kynect

kynect is an unbiased online service that makes it easy to find health insurance for you, your family and your business by allowing you to compare and select health insurance as well as dental plans through kynect.

Insurance plans will soon be transferred from the state kynect to the Federal Exchange . If you currently have insurance through kynect you can call and speak with our Application Assister, Kim Plank at 606-207-2404.



**“Kim Plank, Application Assister helping a parent during Gateway’s Head Start Phase In on Thursday, August 4, 2016.”**

## Upcoming Events

**TeleworksUSA class – Monday, August 15th at 10:00 am, 2nd floor of the Morgan County Public Library/Gateway CAA offices. To register please call 606-768-3352 or 606-743-3133.**

**Job Fair – Saturday, August 27th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Morgan County Public Library/Gateway CAA offices. For more info please call 606-768-3352 or 606-743-3133.**