

# GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION

Quarterly Newsletter

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Gateway Community Action was awarded a 1.3 million dollar grant by the Administration for Children and Family, Office of Head Start for the operation of an Early Head Start (EHS) program. EHS will serve pregnant women and children birth to three in Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties. The funds will provide services for 72 families, create new jobs, and promote economic development throughout the Gateway Community Action five county service area.



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# From the Executive Director's Desk



## COMMUNITY ACTION

Greetings from central office! May is Community Action Month and as a program with staying power since the 1960's, we have a lot to be proud of! Since May 2016, we have provided services to more than 7,000 people. Many people do not realize what community action agencies bring to their community in both services and positive economic impact. National Community Action Month is a perfect time to highlight the 1,000+ agencies across the nation that join together to form a poverty fighting network. Be watching for Facebook, website, and local newspaper public awareness information throughout the month of May.

We are excited by the new endeavors we are embarking upon and the opportunities they offer the citizens of the Gateway jurisdiction. The Early Head Start grant award will expand our services to include pregnant women and children birth to three. Early Head Start will complement our Head Start program and provide another layer of continuity for children and families during the early formative years of a child's life.

Even though it is early spring, planning is well underway for our annual agency in-service to be held in August. We view professional development as an essential tool in cultivating and nurturing quality outcomes. Department directors recognize the importance of continued professional growth. They illustrate that commitment by setting the example, as well as promoting a spirit of "learning" throughout their department. Over the course of the last few months, three of the staff on my administrative team have participated in professional development that has led to additional certifications. Wallace Rose, Director of Weatherization, has obtained his Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certification in the area of construction; Kristy Lewis, Director of Human Resources, has obtained the Certified Professional (CP) through the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM); and Rebecca Gibbs, Director of CSBG, just recently became a Certified Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Trainer.

Each employee, regardless of their specific program, is a part of the larger fabric that makes up Gateway Community Action. Quality, commitment to excellence, and dedication to our mission must always remain in the forefront of our everyday activities. Thank you for being a part of our team. We look forward to gathering in fellowship of our mission in August!

*The meeting of preparation with opportunity generates the offspring we call luck*

*~ Anthony Robbins*

Most Sincere Wishes,

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# CSBG Happenings

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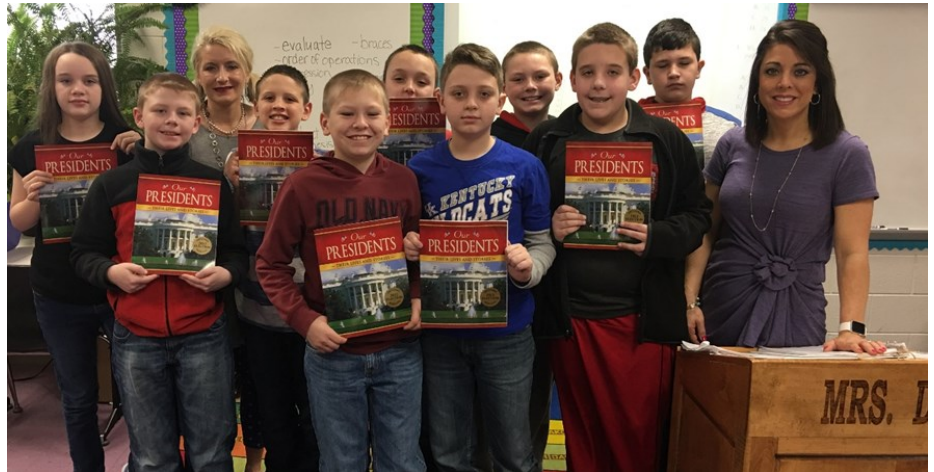
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Initiatives



CSBG donated “Our Presidents” book to Morgan Central fifth grade to assist them with their upcoming Presidential projects. Pictured above are some of the fifth grade students with their teachers Mrs. Amber Day and Mrs. Kim Sparkman.

## CSBG Scholarships:

CSBG was able to present three scholarship's, two in Morgan and one in Rowan. Those individuals will receive a \$500 scholarship to help with continuing their education.



## Fathers and Families News

Big things are happening with the Fatherhood Team! First of all, welcome aboard to our newest facilitator, Brian Peck. Brian holds a B.A. in Communications from Morehead State University and has a passion for working in men's' ministries.



The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families develops toolkits for Fatherhood Programs. Some approaches to Fatherhood work is universal, but others are more culturally grounded. For example, a toolkit was designed to help stakeholders -- including administrators, supervisors, and providers -- around the country better serve Latino families, couples, and individuals. Toolkits such as these help service providers acquire cultural competence and covers important topics in research literature with input from experts in the field. Our own Gateway Community Action

Fatherhood Team has been asked to participate in creating a toolkit for serving Appalachian families. Kudos to the Fatherhood Team for their hard work and dedication. They have a stellar reputation in the nationwide Fatherhood Program community.



In other news, our Fatherhood Team has also been asked to be on the ground floor in planning and implementing a state-wide "Kentucky Fatherhood Coalition". Throughout the last several months, members of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and several community and statewide organizations have met around the critical issue of father absence. Our own Fatherhood Team was one of eight organizations invited to be part of the planning and implementation of this group. The mission is to improve the well-being of our children, and improve the state of fatherhood in Kentucky. The first summit will be held on May 12, 2017 in Frankfort. All sectors of the community will be represented: state agencies, Governor's designee, legislators, program providers, and academia.

# The Night before St. Patrick's Day.....



Twass the night before St. Patrick's- the day to wear green. Not a creature was stirring, except Tim and Maureen.....

Legend has it that Leprechauns were shoemakers who kept their profits in pots of gold, which they carry around with them. Sometimes their pots are so full that they spill the gold pieces on the ground. If you are wise on St. Patrick's Day, you will find them!

Catching a leprechaun is a bit tricky. However, if you make a really good trap, you can catch a leprechaun.... and when you do ..... he has to tell you his secrets and share his pot of gold.

The children and families at the Early Learning Center in Montgomery County expressed their creativity by building Leprechaun traps and displaying them throughout the classroom on St. Patrick's Day!

## Oh Baby! It's A Baby Shower!

Gateway Head Start partnered with Northeast Kentucky AHEC and participated in an annual event for planning, pregnant, new and adopting families. The event offered information on topics important to the well-being of new babies. More than 70 expectant families in Rowan and surrounding counties attended this event. Participants were provided with information on varied topics such as growth and development, healthy foods and nutrition, pre-term labor, safety and play.



# Employee Anniversaries

## May

Wendy Crain-Lawson 12 yrs.  
Christy Jenkins 18 yrs.

## June

Darlene Cantrell 25 yrs.  
Tristan Daniel 4 yrs.  
Rachel Perkins 1 yr.  
Wallace Rose 9 yrs.

## July

Chrystal Back 10 yrs.  
Julia Brown 1 yr.  
Megan Conley 1 yr.  
Michelle Cornett 13 yrs.  
Lauren Cottingham 1 yr.  
Misty Irvin 1 yr.  
Kenneth Lane 1 yr.  
Kristy Lewis 11 yrs.  
Cynthia Montgomery 3 yrs.  
Heather Neal 1 yr.  
Claudia Reed 1 yr.  
Schelena Smith 3 yrs.  
Vickie Williams 7 yrs.

## Housing Updates



Congratulations to Housing Coordinator, Tiffany Taul-Scruggs, for receiving certificates for “Homebuyer Education Methods; Training the Trainer” and “Credit Counseling for Maximum Results”.

## Vita

Tax time is over and the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) has ended.

Thank you to the Fatherhood program staff who clocked 133 hours of volunteer time for this important program. The program served 37 families on-site with an additional 97 phone inquiries. All returns were accepted by the IRS with no rejects.

## Transportation Updates

Gateway has submitted two Area Transportation Program Grants with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for 2017-18. If funds are awarded we plan to purchase 2 new vehicles.

Ridership continues to increase. In February-March we had a total of 387 riders for 969 trips.

*Gateway Transit provides non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid, Department for the Blind and Vocational Rehabilitation clients.*

*Clients must call LKLP at 1-800-245-2826 for approval and to schedule a ride.*



# Kentucky Career Center JobSight



Staff hosted a multi-employer job fair on Friday, March 31st at the Menifee County High School for their Senior class. Attending were TeleworksUSA, Kroger, Family Dollar Distribution, Precision Resource, ARH, Edgewood Estates Nursing Home, Adecco and Winsdor Care.

## Outreach Offices

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

**Menifee 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

# KYNECT

Application Assister (kynector), Kim Plank and WIOA Business Services Representative/Career Advisor, Cindy Montgomery attended the Rowan County Middle School Career Fair on March 30, 2017.

Staff are still assisting with applications for Medicaid, call to schedule your appointment today, 606-207-2404.



## 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

## Q&A: The Weatherization Assistance Program

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In an effort to promote the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) the following Q&A is being provided. We hope all employees of Gateway Community Action will help promote and share with others the benefits of WAP.

**Q: WHAT ARE WEATHERIZATION SERVICES?**

**A:** Weatherization services are cost effective, energy efficiency measures for existing residential housing with income eligible residents. These services are derived by using a diagnostic energy audit and building assessment that determine the necessary energy efficiency measures for each unique home.

**Q: HOW DOES WAP WORK?**

**A:** Once a home is selected for weatherization, the following step-by-step process occurs:

1. Weatherization crews use home energy audits and diagnostic equipment such as blower doors and infrared cameras to determine the most cost effective measures for the home. Typical measures include installing insulation, reducing air infiltration, sealing and repairing ducts, repairing or replacing heating units.
2. Weatherization crews install energy-efficiency measures that meet a savings-to-investment ratio of 1:1 and higher.
3. During the installation, crews can address energy related health and safety problems or perform incidental repairs. This approach ensures the program's cost effectiveness.

**Q: WHAT ROLE DOES WAP PLAY IN PROMOTING RESIDENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY?**

**A:** The weatherization program will check major energy systems to ensure occupant safety, such as looking at the house as a system under the concept of "whole-house weatherization." Under the program, measures are taken to improve indoor air quality of the home being weatherized. These services may include:

- Testing heating systems and appliances for combustion safety
- Testing for carbon monoxide and gas leaks
- Checking electrical panels and wiring for safety
- Replacing and/or repairing unsafe heating systems
- Installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

**Q: WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR WAP?**

**A:** You are eligible for WAP if your household income is falls below the 200% poverty level.

**Q: WHERE DO I APPLY?**

**A:** Applications are taken in each of our county's Outreach Offices.

For more information, please call 606-743-3133.





### **Upcoming Kentucky Career Center JobSight events:**

Friday, May 25th – TeleworksUSA class at Gateway CAA Central Office (call 743-3133 to reserve your spot).

### **Upcoming Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (KHBE)/kynect events:**

May 15th – Morgan Co. Public Library – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

May 15th – Clark Energy Building Frenchburg – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

May 19th – Morehead Community Awareness Fair (Carl Perkins) – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

June 1st – Morgan Co. Public Library – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

June 8th – Gateway Mt. Sterling Office – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

June 8th – New Hope Clinic Bath Co. – 8:30 am – 11:30 am

June 22nd – New Hope Clinic Bath Co. – 8:30 am – 11:30 am

June 22nd – Clark Energy Building Frenchburg – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

June 29th – Morgan Co. Public Library – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm