

GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION

Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2017

Gateway Community Action is proud to announce the opening of our new Early Head Start Services in Bath and Menifee Counties. Morgan is expected to open in October. Montgomery and Rowan will open in the near future.

This is a momentous occasion for Gateway as it allows services to be extended to a younger group of children to help prepare them for later school success.

Opening ceremonies were held in Bath and Menifee on Friday, September 1st.

The Owingsville location will serve 16 pregnant mothers and children through age 3. Services began Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, and are available Monday-Thursday 7:45 AM - 3:15 PM.

The Frenchburg location will serve 8 pregnant mothers and children through age 3. Services began Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, and are available Monday-Thursday 7:45 AM—3:15 PM.



Pictured from left to right: Early Head Start Assistant Director Evan O'Neal, Executive Director Charlene Engle, Mayor Gary Hunt, Director of Early Childhood Martina Roe, Gateway Board Chairman Brad Lemaster, Emergency Management Director Jason York, and Bath County Judge Executive Bobby Rogers.



Pictured from left to right: Executive Director Charlene Engle, Gateway Board Chairman Brad Lemaster, Director of Early Childhood Martina Roe, Early Head Start Assistant Director Evan O'Neal, Mayor Edward Bryant, and Menifee County Judge Executive Rick Stiltner.



From the Executive Director's Desk

In-service is always one of my favorite activities of the year. Gathering together to learn, to fellowship, and to celebrate the services and resources Gateway brings to the community is a special time. It gives me a sense of camaraderie with everyone in the room, a sense of pride in our accomplishments, and a deep sense of humility for the opportunity to serve in a leadership role.

The solar eclipse made this year especially momentous. Someday in the future, we'll look back on August 2017 and recall exactly where we were and the people we were with when witnessing the eclipse!

As of the writing of this article, autumn is only days away. Summer has been in many ways a blur as we stayed so busy preparing for the opening of our new Early Head Start program. I am truly thankful we were awarded the grant. It brought an important service to families and promoted economic development by offering 30+ new jobs.

The agency has Relay for Life teams in each county so anyone that would like to join us in this worthy cause, please let us know. We would love to have as many people per team as possible.

In closing, I encourage all of us to first and foremost, keep safety at the forefront of our activities, to recognize and rejoice in the awesome opportunity of helping others we've been given, to support and lift up our colleagues, and to go about our daily work engaging both our rider and our elephant! Thank you all for being people that make a difference.

***Pleasure in the job puts perfection
in the work ~ Aristotle***

Most Sincere Wishes,
Charlene Engle
Executive Director

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CSBG Happenings

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Initiatives



The Bath County Outreach office has moved! We are now located at 23 Cedar Creek Drive, off of Owingsville exit 121.

Our phone number remains the same. You can reach us at 606-674-2502.



CSBG Staff met the new Early Head Start and Head Start families during an event at Cave Run Lake.



It was an excellent opportunity to network as a team within our agency and to provide information to the many Early Head Start and Head Start families in attendance.



Fathers and Families News

It hard to believe that we will soon be entering into Year 3 of our 5 year grant. Currently we are exceeding our enrollment numbers. Kudos to the Fatherhood Team for great work!

One of our favorite events has been Fishing with Fathers. This Morgan County event was held at Sexton's pay lake on June 29th. There were 101 participants and another 22 volunteers in attendance. We would like to thank the Fishing with Fathers committee, the Morgan County Family Resource Centers, the Morgan County Extension Office, and the AmeriCorps volunteers.

This event would not be possible without our sponsors for the lake, equipment, food and prizes. Appreciation to Gerald Sexton and the Sexton family for once again donating the use of the pay lake.

All of our fathers and children had a great time fishing, eating, playing games and spending time together. We are excited to start working on our next event!



***“His heritage to his children wasn’t words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father.”
-Will Rogers Jr.***

Outreach Offices

Bath County
23 Cedar Creek Dr
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

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

Christina Back	5 yrs.
Denice Bradley	2 yrs.
Amanda Brewer	3 yrs.
Valrey Easterling	3 yrs.
Michelle Estep	5 yrs.
Leslie Gross	1 yr.
Leann Gullett	3 yrs.
Kristin Hale	1 yr.
Donna Hendrix	5 yrs.
Cindy Hurt	6 yrs.
Teresa Ison	16 yrs.
Katherine Jackson	5 yrs.
Brittany Keeton	5 yrs.
Tonya Lambert	1 yr.
Stacey Lewis	3 yrs.
Karen Lucas	3 yrs.
Della McClain	13 yrs.
Orina Peggs	2 yrs.
Betty Purvis	5 yrs.
Martina Roe	16 yrs.
Sophia Sanders	2 yrs.
Rosie Smith	1 yr.
Conchita Stockton	6 yrs.
Amanda Strange	1 yr.
Stacy Whitaker	18 yrs.
Kathy Whitt	22 yrs.
Jennifer Williamson	1 yr.
Jennifer Willoughby	4 yrs.
Anthony Wilson	36 yrs.

September

Amanda Branham	5 yrs.
Linda Burton	21 yrs.
Rebecca Gibbs	8 yrs.
Virginia Goldie	22 yrs.
Kay Hammonds	22 yrs.
Debbie Helton	34 yrs.
Kristy Jolly	2 yrs.
Leah Kohr	2 yrs.
Pam Lisle	5 yrs.
Trisha Moon	3 yrs.
Lisa Ousley	14 yrs.
Hester Peters	22 yrs.
Elizabeth Rawlins	4 yrs.
Sandra Roberson	31 yrs.
Norman Rowe	21 yrs.
Tiffany Taul	5 yrs.
Regina Yerian	26 yrs.

October

Charlene Engle	27 yrs.
Kristy Gamble	15 yrs.
Marnie Gamble	8 yrs.
Sandy Keeton	34 yrs.
Kim Plank	16 yrs.
Melissa Smith	1 yr.
Tim Spencer	8 yrs.

Housing Updates



Gateway has successfully secured Homeownership Assistance Funds (HAF) and Housing Urban Development (HUD) funding for another year of Housing Counselling.

Thank you to Kristy Gamble and Tiffany Taul-Scruggs for all their hard work.

Transportation Updates

Gateway has received the 5311 grant award from the Kentucky Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2017. This funding will allow us to continue providing public transportation in Morgan County.

Our long term goal is to expand demand-response transportation to other counties as the need is identified.

Gateway Transit provides non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid, Department for the Blind and Vocational Rehabilitation clients. Clients should call the broker at 1-800-245-2826 to schedule a ride.



Kentucky Career Center JobSight



On August 31st the Kentucky Career Center JobSight/WIOA Staff hosted a multi-employer Job Fair at the Morgan County Youth and Wellness Center. Approximately 15 employers and 50 job seekers were in attendance. Of the Job Fair attendees, 3 have gained employment with 5 having interviews and hoping for a call back.

KCC JobSight/WIOA staff toured the Teleworks USA Hub in Beattyville, KY on



September 7th. The Beattyville Teleworks Hub opened in April 2016 with support from the City of Beattyville, Lee County Fiscal Court and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Hub features 19 workstations and six additional terminals for our customizable online digital literacy, tech support, and customer service workshops featuring 72 hours of coursework designed to prepare prospective teleworkers for jobs with a variety of employers



Staff hosted an Open Interview Day with Lion Apparel on September 20th at Gateway Community Action Central Office. Interviews were from 10:00 am

– 2:00 pm.

Health Benefit Assister Program

Open Enrollment Period - The yearly period when people can enroll in a health insurance plan for 2018 coverage begins on November 1, 2017 through December 15, 2017.



Enrolling in or changing coverage outside the Open Enrollment Period, may require a qualifying event such as but not limited to:

- getting married
- having a baby
- losing other health coverage.

You can apply and/or enroll in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) any time of year.

To make an appointment you may contact Gateway's local Health Benefit Assister at 606-207-2404.

Weatherization Assistance Program



Winter is quickly approaching so now is the time to do an assessment of your home to be prepared for winter. The following tips from Gateway's Weatherization Assistance Program will not only save you money but will also help keep you and your family safer this winter.

1. Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Smoke alarms should be replaced at least every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 5-7 years.
2. Clean out the gutters. Clogged gutters and drains can form ice dams. When the ice melts it can seep into your home and cause all sorts of issues such as mold and mildew.
3. Disconnect and drain all outside hoses. Leaving a hose connected to the outside spigot can cause water in the hose to freeze and transfer to the water line.
4. Wrap water pipes in your basement or crawl space with insulation sleeves to slow heat transfer. Be especially mindful of pipes that may have frozen in the past.
5. Consider an insulated blanket for your hot water heater and lower the hot water temperature.
6. If you have a fireplace, keep the flue closed when you're not using it. Also remember to keep the area around the opening of the fireplace clear of any combustible material.
7. Keep the outside air out and the inside air in. Warm air will escape out of any cracks and openings and can make your heating system work harder costing you more money. Use caulk to seal cracks and openings around doors and windows and consider using weatherstripping to seal all outside doors. If you can see daylight when the door is closed you can be assured it is leaking air.
8. Turn down your thermostat. As a rule of thumb, you can save about 3% on your heating bill for every degree you set back your thermostat. If you are going to be gone for long periods, turn it way down. There is no need to keep the house a toasty 72 if no one is home during the day.
9. Have your furnace checked and serviced on a regular basis and get into a habit of changing your furnace filter monthly.
10. Check your attic insulation. For the climate zone we live in, the Department of Energy recommends a minimum of R-38 in our attics and up to an R-60. Although the initial cost of adding insulation can be high, the payback begins immediately and will continue for many years to come.

The internet is full of low-cost ways for the Do-It-Yourselfer to prepare for winter and save on the monthly heating bill. However, if you are interested in Gateway's Weatherization Assistance program please contact us at 606-743-3133. It is estimated that homeowners can save as much as \$500 annually after receiving weatherization services through Gateway Community Action.

What's Happening

Upcoming LIHEAP events:

We will begin pre application in October for the LIHEAP program. We will begin scheduling appointments in the first week of October. Pre applications are for those households who are on a fixed income. The household cannot have anyone over 18 with no income, to be eligible for pre applications.

Upcoming Kentucky Career Center JobSight events:

Menifee County Job Club: Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm at the Menifee County Public Library from October 3rd – November 21st

Morgan County Job Club: Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the Morgan County Public Library from October 4th – November 22nd

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

Morehead Office - Gateway Community Action Outreach Event - 10/4/2017 9:00 am – 11:30 am

West Liberty Office - Morgan County Public Library Outreach Event - 10/4/2017 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Frenchburg Office - Menifee County Inter Agency meeting - 10/17/2017 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Frenchburg Office - Clark Energy Community Center Outreach event - 10/18/2017 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Owingsville Office - New Hope Clinic Outreach Event 10/19/2017 - 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Mt Sterling Goodwill Outreach Event 10/19/2017 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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