

Gateway: Making The News



July 2014

Anniversary Dates

April

Tina Clemons	2 yrs
Eric Collins	1 yr
Sharon Howard	21 yrs
Tammy Ray	2 yrs

May

Wendy Crain-Lawson	9 yrs
Christy Jenkins	15 yrs

June

Tristan Daniel	1 yr
Wallace Rose	6 yrs

A Note from the Executive Director's Office

I'm pleased to present our second quarterly newsletter. The addition of an agency newsletter came out of our strategic plan and is designed to promote communication among staff regarding news and happenings throughout the agency as well as inform our board and community of the wonderful things that are occurring at Gateway. It's an extraordinary venue for sharing program highlights and staff accomplishments. We encourage you to offer suggestions to the director of your department of articles and highlights we could share in our next edition. July is the beginning of the first full month of summer and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer season!

Charlene Engle

Upcoming Events

August

Back To School Bash all counties

September

Farm & Field Day Menifee

Sorghum Festival Morgan

October

Second Sunday Bath

Second Saturday Menifee

Boo Around Town Menifee

Boo Around Town Rowan

Boo Around the Park Mont. Co

RAM Event Rowan

- ◆ Check local newspapers for specific dates of upcoming events.

Mr. Gulley Honored at Community Action Kentucky Annual Banquet

Mr. Dennis Gulley accepted the Jesse Amburgey Excellence in Community Action Award during the Community Action Kentucky banquet held on Thursday June 12 at the Downtown Marriott in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Jesse Amburgey Excellence in Community Action honors those whose efforts and achievements has served to reduce or eliminate conditions of poverty. It is named in the memory of Jesse Amburgey, an Executive Director and a champion for advancing the work of Community Action for twenty-six years.



April: Child Abuse Awareness Month

Gateway participated in an awareness event sponsored by the Morgan County Board of Education Family Resource and Referral. Pictured left to right: Charlene Engle, Shelena Smith and Kristy Gamble.



Gateway Express: New Transportation Van

Our program has completed another successful year. First and foremost, we have continued to be able to provide safe and reliable public transportation at a low cost to the citizens of the West Liberty area three days each week. Secondly, we are proud and feel fortunate to receive an Appalachian transportation grant that allowed us to purchase a new vehicle for our program. This grant was 100% federal dollars and did not require matching funds. We were able to purchase a 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan.

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, Gateway Express has provided 1,267 total trips to 398 riders. On average, we are providing about 105 trips to 33 riders and logging over 400 miles each month.

For many of our citizens in the West Liberty area, Gateway Express is the only viable means of transportation available to them. We have a diverse group of riders and the reasons for their trips are diverse as well. Riders use our transportation services to get to and from employment, attend school, grocery shopping, visit with friends and relatives at the nursing home or hospital, doctor appointments, and to pay their utility bills. Without the services of Gateway Express many of our riders would be spending more of their already tight budgets on transportation expenses creating more of a hardship in these tough economic times.



New Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)

Gateway has received another round of funding for the TBRA program. TBRA funds may be used to provide rental assistance to help pay the cost of monthly rent and utility costs. This program will cover Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties. We have a current waiting list, if interested please contact Rebecca Allen or Kristy Gamble at 606-743-3133.

5K Walk for a Cure



Gateway staff participated in the 5K Walk for a Cure sponsored by ARH on Saturday May 17. Gateway staff, “Team Sid”, were honored to be a part of this event and to walk in memory of Sidney Castle, a colleague and friend, who recently lost her battle with cancer. Pictured left to right front row: Wendy Crain-Lawson, Brittany Keeton, Kristy Gamble, Linda Elam, Lisa Holbrook, Christina Back, and Kristy Lewis. Left to right back row: Cindy Hurt, Lori Sorrell, Martina Roe, Heather Keeton, Sandy Keeton, Susan Hager, Charlene Engle, and Christy Jenkins.

Gateway Head Start Parents Attended KHSA Conference



Each year, the Kentucky Head Start Association gathers professionals from across the early childhood field to present new research and best practices during our annual conference. This event imparts developmentally appropriate practices, teaches critical new skills, broadens awareness and disseminates valuable educational resources.

The conference not only provides innovative training but allows for opportunities to meet staff and families across the state. With additional funding approved through the KY SEED program, Gateway Head Start had nine staff and five parents to attend the conference.

Participating parents pictured above from left: Brenda Tolson, Sabrina Messer, Paul Finley, Angie Keeton and Amanda Harper

3 Mile Roadside Cleanup



Kentucky Career Center Jobsight staff participated in a 3 mile roadside clean-up in Bath County in May. Pictured left to right: Cindy Hurt, Brittany Keeton and Wendy Crain-Lawson (Not pictured Lori Sorrell)



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CSBG/LIHEAP

Even with warmer weather, families continue to struggle due to the harsh winter. Many families got behind on monthly bills due to so many months of high heating costs and find themselves trying to play catch up. We utilize small pots of funding we receive to assist clients as well as referrals to other agencies and community partners. The outreach staff follows up to determine if the service was sufficient and their needs were met. Our goal is to assist anyone in need. You may reach your local Outreach Office at the numbers listed below:

- Bath – 606-674-2502
- Menifee – 606-768-2369
- Montgomery – 859-498-5345
- Morgan – 606-743-3133
- Rowan – 606-784-7735

Services for April & May 2014:

- Weatherization applications – 23
- Referrals – 104; Follow Up – 83
- Applications completed off-site – 1 (Home Visits for Elderly)
- Monetary applications – 43
- CFN (Certificate of Financial Need) & Hardship Reconnect – No new applications until November 2014
- LIHEAP Applications – 0 - No new applications until October 2014



Kentucky Career Center JobSight

The 2014-2015 contract received an increase of approximately \$60,000. Staff met performance goals for both job placements and enrollments in the 2013-2014 year.



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The 2014-2015 contract received an increase of approximately \$38,000. Staff exceeded enrollment goals in the 2013-2014 year.



Weatherization Assistance Program

Gateway's Weatherization Assistance Program ended the 2013-2014 fiscal year with 50 homes receiving weatherization assistance services. The following is a breakdown of the units completed:

<u>Housing Type</u>	<u>Total People Assisted</u>	
Houses – 14	Total in Household - 111	
Mobile Homes – 36	Elderly - 27	
	Disabled – 32	
	Children-3	
<u>Primary Fuel Type</u>	<u>Income/Percent of Poverty</u>	
Electricity – 42	0-74	23
Propane – 6	75-100	13
Nat. Gas – 1	101-125	8
Wood – 1	126-150	1
	150-200	5

It is common for a family to save as much as \$500 in utility bill costs in the year after receiving weatherization services depending on the household's usage habits, the climate in the area, and unit prices for the region. As you can see from the above breakdown, the majority of the homes receiving services had household incomes of 100% or less of the Federal Poverty Level. For households who are struggling, the savings and added comfort are an enormous benefit.

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