

Employee Newsletter

September, 1st 2023

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

Our mission: To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient

Hello Team:

I can't believe it's September. What happened to summer? The Stone Soup Showdown was a ton of fun! Please see our photos. It seemed that everyone was excited about the idea of making this an annual event. Recently, our Stone Soup program was submitted for a Mutual of America Community Partnership award so please keep your fingers crossed. This would be a great honor for our agency.

Fall is almost here and soon we will hear the sounds of the Head Start kiddos having fun on our playgrounds. Head Start is a great program so if you know families with children aged 0 – 4, please spread the word that we have open slots for eligible children. A few fun facts about Head Start...

Early Head Start children show significantly better social-emotional, language, and cognitive development. Children who attend Early Head Start and transition to Head Start are more ready for kindergarten than children who do not attend Head Start. ([Love et al., 2002](#))

Obese, overweight, or underweight children who participate in Head Start have a significantly healthier BMI by kindergarten. ([Lumeng et al., 2015](#))

Children in Early Head Start are more likely to be immunized and have access to services for children with disabilities ([Love et al., 2002](#)).

Throughout K-12, mortality rates for 5- to 9-year-old children who had attended Head Start are 33% to 50% lower than the rates for comparable children who were not enrolled in Head Start. ([Ludwig and Miller, 2007](#))

As adults, Head Start children have a higher likelihood of graduating high school, attending college, and receiving a post-secondary degree, license, or certification. ([Bauer and Schanzenbach, 2016](#))

As adults, Head Start graduates are 19% less likely to smoke than their siblings who did not attend. The savings from these reduced health costs are equal to 36%-141% of the program costs. ([Anderson et al., 2010](#))

Pretty amazing, right? Visit <https://nhsa.org/resource/facts-and-impacts/> for more information on the benefits of Head Start.

In other news, on September 9th, the Main Street Corner Thrifts, Gifts, and More is having a Grand Re-Opening celebration.

Please consider stopping by to see all of the new and exciting changes taking place at our store!

Thank you for your commitment to our agency and customers and for everything you do for our communities!

Be Part of the Solution

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September 1, 2023

Stone Soup Showdown





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Nicole Struble

This summer, Nicole has put in countless hours including evenings and weekends to create a beautiful work home for the Medina staff and welcoming environment for children and families. With the help of staff, contractors and her husband, Nicole has brought the staff and her vision to reality. Staff bathrooms and breakrooms, entryways and hallways, closets and storage rooms are all fresh, clean and organized. While the site is Nicole's responsibility, the extra work she has put into making a very old building look new is to be commended. As stated above, staff, children and families alike will benefit from Nicole's efforts to create a beautifully updated environment at the Medina site. Afterall, a building that looks cared for sends the message to staff and customers that they are cared for. By creating a beautiful environment at the Medina site, staff will be able to relax comfortably when they take a break, use fresh and clean restrooms, and feel comfortable (rather than embarrassed) when introducing children and families to the center for the first time. The updates at the Medina site that Nicole picked up from Co-Creating Well-Being work and reflect on the agency's mission to provide services with dignity and respect.



ARE YOU READY? A Helpful Routine Checklist for Back to School !

 **EAT**

Eating habits during summer can be widely different than when school is in session.

Reduce daily grazing gradually & start providing meals in sync with your student's projected meal, and or snack schedules at school.

 **SLEEP**

More so than eating habits, sleeping habits during summer can be very different!

If your child is a napper, gradually reduce them. Use these days to adjust wake and sleep times for older kids who have been staying up later or sleeping in.

 **RINSE**

Personal hygiene is important, especially when school is in session!

Keep regular shower or bath schedules in mind, especially in a multi family household!

 **REPEAT**

Practice these things gradually throughout these upcoming days!

Come school start, you'll feel like pros!



Albion Emergency Services

Check this out!

Between July 15 - August 15, the Albion staff helped:

- 187 People in 87 Households received Emergency Food
- 212 People in 54 Households received Summer Lunch Bags
- 234 Households served at the Pop-Up Pantry
- 96 Students registered for School Supplies.
- 12 requests for Rental Assistance
- 9 Referrals to Outside Agencies
- 3 People were provided Temporary Shelter


Pop-Up Food Pantry Schedule

September 18
October 16
November 13
December 11

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

The Salvation Army
for donating 100 backpacks
The Emma Reed Webster Foundation
for donating \$500 for school supplies

Batavia Emergency Services



Helping People. Changing Lives.


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PERSONAL
CARE ITEM
COLLECTION
FOR THE
COMMUNITY

July 2023


Helping Others in a Time of Need

For the month of July, our agency is collecting personal care items to assist those who have experienced emergencies such as fire, Domestic Violence, loss of employment, and more...







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**ITEMS WE
ARE IN
NEED OF:**

- deodorant
- shaving cream
- can openers
- shampoo
- laundry detergent
- feminine hygiene
- toiletries
- other similar items

For more information please visit our website at WWW.CAOGINC.ORG

A very special thank you to these great organizations who donated to our personal care item drive!

- ♦ Ascension Parish in Batavia
- ♦ Genesee County Career Center
- ♦ Genesee County Mental Health
- ♦ Genesee County Office for the Aging
- ♦ M&T Bank – Batavia Branch

Eastern Orleans Community Center

- ♦ We served 529 meals
- ♦ We gave 29 families emergency food
- ♦ We served 22 families clothing, furniture, dishes
- ♦ 7/14 The Fire Dept checked the blood pressure of 29 people
- ♦ 7/26 SNAP ED class and 33 people attended
- ♦ Please see the menu for our September events.

Eastern Orleans Community Center– September 2023 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Center Closed	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Roast Beef Sand-	6 Meatloaf	7 Ham Sandwich	8 Fish Sand-	9
10	11 Hot Turkey	12 Egg Salad	13 Spanish Rice	14 Chicken Salad	15 Mac-N-	16
17	18 Spaghetti & Broccoli	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup	20 Chef Salad Garlic Bread	21 Tomato Sand. Salad	22 BBQ Chicken Mashed Pota-	23
24	Cheese Burg- er	26 Hot Dog /Bun	27 Spaghetti/ Meat	28 Tacos	29 Center Picnic	30
9/8 Blood Pressure Check @ 10 am 9/12 Bonnie & Clyde Entertain			9/18 POP UP PANTRY @ Albion 9/29 Center Picnic @ Holley Park			