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## September 2021 Newsletter

Hello Gene,

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about Gateway Community Action Partnership and our impact in our communities.

### Agency Mission And CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

**CAP Promise:** Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

## Twin Rivers Gets A 'Head Start' In Safety This Back-To-School Season



The Twin Rivers Head Start program welcomed the children back in early September for a new year of learning, playing, and making new friends. Everyone is doing their part to make sure the program remains safe and in-person by wearing masks, social distancing, and plenty of hand-washing and hand-sanitizing to ensure the best learning environment for the children.

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## Gateway Head Start Takes Part In National Initiative "Dad Take Your Child to School Day"

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**“Dad Take Your Child to School Day”** is a national initiative to encourage fathers and father figures to be an active participant in their child’s education. Fathers are encouraged to bring their children to school or Head Start programs, which has been shown to contribute to positive academic, behavioral, and social outcomes for the child and foster future success.

Thousands of schools, Head Start programs, and other educational programs across the United States and the Virgin Islands participate to “shine the spotlight” on fathers and encourage educational success. Gateway welcomed many fathers and father figures and their children to programs this Back to School season.

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## **"Fresh Start" Expungement Event In Atlantic City A Success**

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Gateway's Head Start and Early Head Start programs held a "Fresh Start" Expungement event in Atlantic City on September 21. During the free and public event, resources were provided and about 100 people were helped.

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## Volunteers Work To Improve Bridgeton In Semi-Annual Citywide Cleanup

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Bridgeton’s Semi-Annual Citywide Cleanup on Saturday, September 25 was a success. A total of 64 volunteers participated in the effort, and signs were placed around the city encouraging residents to do their part to prevent littering. For their participation, each volunteer received a meal voucher of their choice for one of the four food trucks available after the event.

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## Gateway Thanked For Back to School Event Contribution

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With Gateway’s support, Healing Wings Pentecostal Temple held its first ever Community Back to School Event in Glassboro at the newly developed town square. Healing Wings provided students in the community with more than 400 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in kindergarten through college. Snacks, pizza, and drinks were available at the event for families in attendance.

In addition to Gateway, multiple community organizations, businesses, and individuals came together to donate and support this Community Back to School Event. The event was a phenomenal success, Healing Wings affirmed in a letter thanking Gateway for its contribution and, along with the other contributors, making this Back to School Event possible.

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