



November 2025 Newsletter



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Hello,

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.

Gateway's 38th Anniversary Gala!



The 38th Anniversary Gala of the Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) took place this year at Eastlyn, The Greenview Inn in Vineland, NJ. Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway, expressed his appreciation for the collaborations and sponsorships that support the agency's programs. Ed Bethea, Vice President and COO, welcomed attendees and thanked the agency's program sponsors, while also recognizing the hard work and dedication of the agency's employees. Everyone had a great time!

City Councilwoman Cindy Bass Visits Philly Head Start



City Councilwoman Cindy Bass of the 8th District of Philadelphia (left), recently visited Gateway's Head Start/Early Head Start to learn about the program and to explore partnership opportunities as Gateway is now working with the Philadelphia school district.

River's Edge Hesd Start Attended Job Fair



Damita White-Morris and Kimberly Clark from River's Edge Early learning Center recently represented Gateway at the Customer Service Career Pathway Job Fair held at the Rowan College of South Jersey Gloucester campus.

Penns Grove II Head Start Celebrates Career Day



The children in the Penns Grove II Head Start classroom recently celebrated Career Day with a special Dress-Up and Parade! This fun and engaging event provided the children with opportunities to explore different jobs and embrace the role of community helpers while using their imagination. By dressing up, they learned about the various individuals who contribute to our community, built confidence, and strengthened their communication skills through play.

Families were invited to join in the fun by helping their children choose simple outfits that represented different jobs or careers. Many families even selected items directly from the classroom's dramatic play center. Together, they celebrated learning, creativity, and the exciting possibilities of the future!

Head Start Staff Volunteers



Gateway's Head Start staff have been assisting at the Gateway Food Pantry during the busy period leading up to the holidays. Pictured are Heather Miletta (left) and Yanira Baez, who packed many boxes of fresh produce. Other Head Start staff have also volunteered their time to help the pantry staff.

Gift Boxes For Thanksgiving



Esaul Martin, the Southeast Gateway Revitalization Coordinator, in collaboration with South Jersey Motor Trends, Betty Jo Cossaboon, Property Manager, and Ivy Melendez, Executive Director, both of the Bridgeton Housing Authority, gifted Thanksgiving Day baskets to four families at Maplewood Gardens.

Partner Of The Month Spotlight



**Our Partner of the Month for November 2025 is Horizon Foundation.
We thank Horizon Foundation for all its generous contributions to
Gateway CAP.**

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates the generous support of Horizon Foundation. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example for other organizations to follow. Philanthropic efforts like these are crucial for enhancing society, and their support will significantly strengthen our initiatives.

We sincerely thank the Horizon Foundation for its exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

The Monarch FSC Is Under New Management

Under New Management

As of November 1, the Monarch Family Success Center at 1038 E Chestnut Ave, Ste 235, Vineland, NJ will be administered by Gateway CAP. Gateway will be expanding mobile locations soon.



HOURS OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS:
8:30 A.M.- 2:30 P.M. MON-FRI.
MONARCH FSC WILL ALSO BE OPEN ONE
EVENING A WEEK AND ONE SATURDAY
EACH MONTH TO BE ANNOUNCED.
CALL US AT 856-462-5810

The Monarch Family Success Center, located at 1038 E. Chestnut Ave, Suite 235, Vineland, New Jersey, is now under new management, effective November 1, 2025. Gateway Action Partnership is currently providing services and will soon be expanding its mobile locations. The facility is open one evening a week and one Saturday each month; the days and times are to be announced.

For more information, please call 856-462-5810.

Gateway's Weatherization Program

Weatherization Improves Utility Costs & Health Outcomes!



The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) efficiently retrofits below standard low-income homes, greatly improving residents' utility costs and health outcomes.



Winter is coming! Are you concerned about your home's energy efficiency? For more information on Gateway's Weatherization Program, please visit <https://www.gatewaycap.org/weatherization> or call (856) 455-5900.

Father Engagement In Early Head Start And Head Start: Research-Based Insight



Michael Cupeles, CAPFE, Male Initiative Coordinator at Gateway CAP Head Start/Early Head Start, spoke at the Galloway Center parent committee where he emphasized the Importance of the Male role in Early Childhood Education.

The article highlights the essential role of [fathers in Early Head Start and Head Start programs](#), emphasizing that the quality of a father's engagement—more than residential status—significantly boosts children's cognitive, language, social-emotional, and academic development. It outlines simple, intentional ways dads can stay involved, such as daily active play, reading together, turning everyday routines into learning moments, and practicing emotional coaching. The article also acknowledges common barriers like work schedules and past experiences, reassuring fathers that even brief, meaningful interactions make a powerful difference and that Head Start programs can offer support. Ultimately, it reinforces that children thrive when multiple caring adults are involved, and that fathers' consistent presence and intentional actions create lasting positive impact.

Click on the link to read the entire article.

Paulsboro Gateway CAP Offices Participate In Community Outreach Event



Gateway Community Action Partnership attended the Title 1 Family Night at Billingsport Early Childhood Center on November 20, 2025. We are proud to offer services to the residents of Paulsboro and the greater Gloucester County community through our Head Start/Early Head Start, Energy Assistance, Housing, and Neighborhood Revitalization programs. Gateway thanks the team for its participation. If residents require assistance, they can call us at 856-423-0040 or visit our Gloucester County office located at 545 W Broad St, Suite 3, in the Plaza.

Salem FSC Hosts Thanksgiving Dinner



Gateway would like to thank The Huddle and Ladies Chat & Chew for joining us at this year's Salem FSC Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Due to limited funding, the event looked a little different this year, but we were grateful to come together and provide meals for our groups and their families. We sincerely appreciate your continued participation and support. Lastly, a big thank you to Uncle Frank's Catering for the amazing meal!

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Alesia Velez - FSC Site Coordinator
Alize Reyes - Child/Family Site Director

Brenda Clemente Jimenez - Sub Teacher Assistant

Daniel Simms - EHS Teacher

Deborah Cianchetta - EHS Teacher
Khadija Saikouki - Sub Teacher Assistant
Madeleine Tullume - Sub Teacher Assistant
María Crespo - Floating Teacher Assistant

Natasha Hall - EHS Teacher
Noel Cossaboon - HS Teacher Assistant

Did you know?



Did you know that it's impossible to sneeze in your sleep? Although individuals occasionally wake up and sneeze, it's impossible to do so while sleeping. According to [MedicalNewsToday](#), "sleep causes paralysis of the reflex muscle contraction, meaning the relevant muscles [required for sneezing] become inactive." The brain is also far less responsive to outside stimuli. To learn more, click the link above.

Happy Thanksgiving

The true Thanksgiving Comes from the heart.

~ J.A. Shedd

Happy Thanksgiving.

**May your Thanksgiving be
full of peace, love, and joy.**



**Frozen Deep-fried Turkey Explosion Demonstration Drives
Home Holiday Warning**



In a dramatic display, the Orange County Fire Rescue Department conducted a controlled demonstration to showcase [the explosive dangers of deep-frying a frozen turkey](#)—a popular yet notoriously hazardous cooking method for Thanksgiving. Firefighters organized this event to raise public awareness about the significant risks associated with improper turkey frying techniques, especially during the busy holiday season, when home cooking fires increase nationwide.

Click the link above to visit the site and learn more.

Fall Recipes To Enjoy

Thanksgiving is here, and in many households, the aroma of baked goods fills the atmosphere, serenading the advent of the holidays. Here are a couple of recipes you can try to impress your family and guests this holiday season.

Buttery Brioche Rolls



Try these delicious [buttery brioche rolls](#) from the Stay At Home Chef with your Thanksgiving dinner. Your family and guests will be sure to love them.

Marshmallow Fruit Dip



You can whip up this sweet and creamy [marshmallow fruit dip](#) from the Taste of Home website in just 10 minutes, for your fruit loving guests this holiday season.



Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library

December 2025

FREE Computer Classes
Available to County & Non County Residents

Cumberland County Library
800 E. Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 453-2210 x26100

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Learn to Type 2:00pm-3:00pm	4 Outreach	5 One on One training Please call to schedule an appointment	6
7	8 One on One training Please call to schedule an appointment	9 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	10 Zoom Basics 2:00pm-3:00pm	11 Outreach	12 One on One training Please call to schedule an appointment	13
14	15 Computer Basics 10:00am-11:30am Digital Skills Mtg 2:30pm-3:30pm	16 File Management 10:00am-11:30am	17 Excel Basics Data Entry and Formatting 2:00pm-3:30pm	18 Excel Basics Basic Formulas 2:00pm-3:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Library Closed</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Date	Class	Description
Dec 3 2:00pm—3:30pm	Learn to Type	Learn how to type or just improve your skills.
Dec 5	One-on-one Training	Please call to schedule an appointment
Dec 8	One-on-one Training	Please call to schedule an appointment
Dec 10 2:00pm—3:30pm	Zoom Basics	Learn how to use Zoom for meetings. This class covers how to join a meeting, turn your camera and microphone on or off, and use basic features like chat and screen sharing. Perfect for beginners who want to connect with others online easily and confidently.
Dec 12	One-on-one Training	Please call to schedule an appointment
Dec 15 10:00am-11:30am	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with user account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways to find them.
Dec 16 10:00am-11:30am	File Management	Learn how to organize and save files in the documents folder and on a flash drive, create folders and subfolders.
Dec 17 2:00pm-3:30pm	Excel Basics Data Entry and Formatting	Learn how to enter, edit, and organize data in Excel 2019, then apply simple formatting tools to create clear, professional spreadsheets.
Dec 18 2:00pm-3:30pm	Excel Basics Basic formulas	Learn to create a spreadsheet with basic formulas using, sum, average, min, max, how to use the flash fill, how to create a spreadsheet and pull data from your worksheet to a summary page.

Are you looking to enhance your computer skills or learn new ones? Cumberland County Library offers free computer classes every month. Attached is the December schedule.

These classes are available to residents of the county and non-residents alike.

To register, please call (856) 453-2210, extension 26100.

OR

Email: www.cclnj.org

Upcoming Notable Dates In December

Cyber Monday: Monday After Thanksgiving - December 1

National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance - December 7

Hanukkah - December 22

Christmas Eve - December 24 (Agency Closed)

Christmas Day - December 25 (Agency Closed)

New Year's Eve - December 31

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