



July 2025 Newsletter

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July 2025 Newsletter

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.

**Congratulations To One Of Gateway's
Directors of Operations**



Gateway extends heartfelt congratulations to **Dr. Jinnea Terrell** on her recent completion of a doctorate. Jinnea is an inspiration to us all. She began her journey with the Gateway community as a parent, becoming actively involved in the Parent Committee, the Policy Council, and the Gateway board. She later transitioned to our staff, serving as a Family Partnership Coordinator and Director of the CCYC program. Currently, she holds a leadership position as the Director of Operations for our Philadelphia Early Head Start programs.

Devereux New Jersey Visits Gateway's Mill Creek Urban Farm And Food Bank





Danielle Schappert and Nidaa Cocchi from Devereux New Jersey visited Gateway's Program Feeding Initiative at the Mill Creek Urban Farm and the Bridgeton Food Pantry, where they met with Marcus Weaver (right), the Director of Agriculture & Food Initiatives at Gateway. The purpose of their visit was to explore exciting opportunities for collaboration and to find ways to support each other's missions for a greater impact.

First Day Of Summer Camp In Atlantic City



The first day of summer camp at Gateway Head Start Early Education Center (GHSEEC), Atlantic City, in Room 200.

Summer Fun in AC



Summer fun happens every day at our Atlantic City Summer Enrichment Program! Children dive into new projects and make exciting discoveries while exploring fresh possibilities in STEM, Art, and Dance. Our campers had a fantastic time during our first “Wet and Wild Wednesday.” We’re excited to share this journey with you. Stay tuned for our end-of-summer yearbook and celebration!

Partner Of The Month Spotlight

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Our Partner of the Month for July 2025 is Local 322
We thank Local 322 for all its generous contributions to
Gateway CAP.

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates the generous support of Local 322. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example for other organizations. Philanthropic efforts like these are essential for improving society, and their support will significantly enhance our initiatives. We sincerely thank them for their exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

Student Loan Forgiveness



In today's uncertain environment, many borrowers are exploring options to make their student loan payments more manageable or to seek student loan forgiveness. There are ways the Government can help you in [repaying your student loans](#). The Federal Student Aid has outlined ways you can get help repaying your loans, including full loan forgiveness, through other federal student loan programs. There are the Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans, School-Related Discharge Options, Military Service, and several more. Click on the link above to see what is available.

You can check out what student [loan servicers are saying](#) as well.

Having difficulty meeting your payments? See what options the next link offers

[7 options if you can't pay your student loans](#)

OR

If you are looking for available options to pay it off sooner,

Go to: [4 ways to pay down student loan debt faster](#)

Farewell Marlene Urban



Gateway honors the memory of our friend and colleague Marlene J. Urban, who passed away peacefully at the age of 84, with her family by her side on Monday, July 7, 2025. Marlene dedicated many years to the banking industry and concluded her long career at Gateway. She was actively involved in various community organizations and was known for her strong faith, her love for the vibrant city of Bridgeton, and her passion for Penn State football. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Marlene's family and friends.

"To part is the lot of all mankind. The world is a scene of constant leave-taking, and the hands that grasp in cordial greeting today, are doomed ere long to unite for the last time, when the quivering lips pronounce the word – Farewell" – R.M. Ballantyne

The Gateway Wellness Center Can Help



We Can Help



It's summer, and school is out, so you're probably spending more time with the kids. Whether your child expresses themselves loudly and physically or tends to be quieter about sharing their feelings, the Gateway Wellness Center can help.

Our Art Therapy Program is available for children aged 3 to 13 from all backgrounds, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Additionally, we offer a play therapy group for children aged 4 to 10. We support clients facing behavioral and social challenges related to mental health issues.

Call Gateway Wellness Center at (856) 497-6650 to sign up and learn more about our individual and group art and play therapy services.

A Gateway WIC Program Success Story

At Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP), we proudly share inspiring stories of our clients and dedicated staff who have greatly benefited from our programs and services. At Gateway CAP, our commitment is to provide resources that not only meet immediate needs

but also empower vulnerable populations, fight poverty, and strengthen community resilience.

This is the story of a client who joined our WIC staff. It exemplifies our mission: "To provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency." Together, we are building a brighter future for our community.



The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is one of Gateway's largest outreach programs, serving thousands of clients in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties. WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for eligible women, infants and children and provides eWIC benefits for nutritious foods and baby formula. In addition, participants receive education on proper nutrition, health screenings and referrals for additional services.

Rosanny started at WIC in 2017 as a WIC participant when she was having her first child and joined Gateway WIC as a staff member in Fall 2017. She struggled with breastfeeding for several months and stopped before she had planned. While working at WIC as a clerk, Rosanny was exposed to many breastfeeding mothers, including many who had difficulty breastfeeding. However, she saw how the WIC breastfeeding staff helped these mothers achieve their breastfeeding goals. When Rosanny became pregnant with her second child in 2023, she was determined to exclusively breastfeed her baby. She became aware of the benefits of breastfeeding for her and the baby so she set a goal of trying to breastfeed at least a year. Rosanny set an even more ambitious goal of becoming a Peer Counselor. After many months of training and oversight, Rosanny has achieved that goal and is now one of Camden's best Peer Counselors. Rosanny is well on her way to breastfeeding her baby girl for a year, and she is thrilled that she can help many new Moms along their breastfeeding journeys making a significant difference in their lives.

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Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Arneet Bhatti - Summer Teacher Assistant

Corinneb Vicente - Prevention Specialist

Courtney Brobst - Summer Camp Mentor

Elijah Acevedo - EHS Floating Teacher

ElliottLumpkin - Summer Camp Mentor

Lovely Fils-Aimé - Sub Teacher Assistant

Magnolia Rodriguez Mogollon - Sub Teacher Assistant

Nancy Dixon - Summer Camp Mentor

Nataly Suriano Davila - Sub Teacher Assistant

Nery Olmos Vazquez - WIC Clerk

Samantha Jones - Summer Camp Mentor

Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library

August 2025						
Cumberland County Library 800 E. Commerce Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 (856) 453- 2210 x 26100						
Free computer classes available for County & Non County residents						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lab & Class hours are subject to change without notice Registration required due to limited Seating Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred					1 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am G-mail 2:00pm-3:30pm	2
3	4 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am Computer Basics 2:00pm-3:30pm	5 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	6 G-mail 2:00pm-3:30pm	7 Outreach— Vineland	8 Using a flash drive 10:00am-11:30am	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Learn to Type 10:00am-11:30am	19 DOL Students Only 2:00pm-3:30pm	20 One-on-one Training Please call to schedule an appointment.	21 Outreach –Vineland	22 Computer Basics 10:00am-11:30am	23
24	25 One-on-one training Please call to schedule an appointment	26 File Management 2:00pm-3:30pm	27	28 Outreach—Vineland	29 Internet Basics 10:00am-11:30am	30
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Date	Class	Description
8/1/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to Type with our Mavis Beacon program or just improve your skills.
8/1/25 2:00pm-3:30pm	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. You must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appointment to create one before
8/4/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to Type with our Mavis Beacon program or just improve your skills.
8/4/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	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.
8/6/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. You must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appointment to create one before
8/8/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Using a Flash Drive	Learn how to save your files from your computer to your flash drive and from your flash drive to your computer, we will create folders on the flash drive and move files vs copying files.
8/18/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to Type with our Mavis Beacon program or just improve your skills.
8/22/2025 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.
8/26/2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	File Management	Learn how to organize and save files in the documents folder and on a flash drive, create folders and subfolders.
8/29/2025 10:00am-11:30am	Internet Basics	Learn basics of Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, how to use the main screen, learn the difference between the address bar and searching, how to change your home page, how to open and separate tabs, what are hyperlinks and how to navigate websites.

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

PLEASE NOTE: August 11 - 15, there will be no computer classes.

Summer Treat For Those Hot Days

Homemade Ice-Cream



The kids are home, and the temperature is hot. Whether you're looking for a way to cool down this summer or you're just craving a late-night treat. Who doesn't like ice cream on those hot days? Moms, dads, you can make ice cream without an ice cream machine that the whole family can enjoy. And the kids can help too!

Click the link below for recipes from "The Cooking Foodie."

[12 Easy Ice Cream Recipes \(No Machine Needed!\)](#)

OR

This is an even simpler recipe that uses Jell-O.

[Turn A Tub Of Cool Whip Into Ice Cream With One Ingredient](#)

Enjoy Cool Cucumber Sandwiches



Corinne Griffith shared a [refreshing cucumber sandwich recipe](#) by Jason Griffith from "Chef Maniac!" on MSN. Admittedly, these sandwiches are incredibly light and perfect for warmer days or whenever you want something that won't weigh you down.

Follow the link above for this delightful, inexpensive recipe that the kids will enjoy on those warmer days.

Some of the Best Fruits to Eat, According to Nutritionists



Fruits are some of the healthiest foods you can consume, whether eaten alone, in smoothies, or in salads. They are particularly delicious when in season, and some varieties offer exceptional nutritional benefits.

Nutrition experts state that various fruits provide a range of natural vitamins, minerals, fiber, and antioxidants, allowing you to enjoy both their nutritional benefits and delicious flavors.

So here's what Melissa Kravitz Hoeffner and Ria Bhagwat, writing for "Real Simple" magazine, offer according to the experts to stock up on for snack time this summer and beyond

[The 20 Healthiest Fruits to Eat, According to Nutrition Pros](#)

Did you know?

- We have been discarding perfectly good food simply because we believe it has passed its expiration date. While expiration dates can be helpful guidelines, they are not always definitive indicators of whether food is safe to eat. Caitlin McCormack shares insights on this topic on MSN.

["20 foods that are still safe to eat after their expiry date."](#)

Or if you prefer to listen to another reel

[10 Foods That Will Never Expire](#)

- Goosebumps occur when a muscle contracts. Harvard scientists discovered that the same types of cells responsible for goosebumps also control hair growth. Read Jessica Lau's article on the subject, ["The real reason behind goosebumps"](#)

Microsoft Authenticator Changes - August Is The Deadline



Microsoft Authenticator stores all your passwords and allows you to sign into your Microsoft accounts using a PIN, facial recognition with Windows Hello, or other biometric data such as fingerprints. Authenticator can also help you log in if you forget your password, or provide two-factor authentication for added security on your Microsoft accounts.

[Microsoft Authenticator won't support passwords after August](#)

Starting this month, Microsoft will implement changes to the Authenticator app:

June 2025: Users will no longer be able to add passwords to the Authenticator app

July 2025: The autofill password function will be disabled.

August 2025: Saved passwords will no longer be accessible.

Follow the link above to learn more.

Fun Summer Happenings

School is out! What do we do with the kids the rest of the summer?

Come And Join The Party!

**GREATER BRIDGETON FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER
& BRIDGETON HOUSING AUTHORITY**



**PRESENTS A
MAPLEWOOD GARDENS
BLOCK
Party
FREE EVENT FREE FOOD**

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WHILE THEY LAST

AUGUST 29, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**@ MAPLEWOOD
GARDENS
COURTYARD**



Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center

Gateway's Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center is collaborating with the Bridgeton Housing Authority to host a BLOCK PARTY at Maplewood Gardens Courtyard on

August 29, 2025.

TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Make it your business to be there!

Community Appreciation Day 2025



The poster features a purple background with a central graphic of a sun rising over a city skyline. The sun is composed of many colorful hands reaching upwards. The city skyline is made of various building shapes. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'NJ FAMILY SUCCESS CENTERS' with a star. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for 'AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY Coastal Conservation' featuring a lighthouse and fish. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'UNITED ADVOCACY GROUP' with a stylized tree. At the bottom center, there is a logo for 'SOUTHEAST GATEWAY' with a silhouette of a family. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Gateway community Action PARTNERSHIP' with a heart shape.

Community Day

"Saturday August 23, 2025"
(Rain date Sat. Aug 30, 2025)

12-5pm

GBFSC
155 SPRUCE ST
BRIDGETON, NJ
NJ 08302

Live Music
"GOOD FOOD"

"Bouncy house attractions including a water slide"



Community Appreciation Day 2025 embodies our commitment to uniting diverse neighborhoods.

The event will take place on August 23, 2025, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., with an alternate rain date of August 30 in case of inclement weather.

Join us for a day filled with activities, including food trucks with ethnic cuisines, inflatable bouncy houses, games, and live entertainment featuring singers, bands, dancers, and guest speakers. We look forward to your participation in making this event a success!

Visit Lucy The Elephant



[Lucy the Elephant](#) is the world's largest elephant. She is older than the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge! Lucy has been a resident of Atlantic City since 1881 and is located at 9200 Atlantic Ave., Margate, NJ 08402. She's not just a landmark, she's a legend!

Lucy's staying up late for summer! Through August, enjoy **EXTENDED HOURS** to tour inside Lucy, snap some unforgettable photos, and explore the treasures in the Lucy Gift Shop.

Swing by, soak up the magic, and say hi!

Click the link above for the Visit Atlantic City website.

Here Are Some Other Links To Explore

Find events that might be more appealing to you by clicking the links below:

[Family Fun Shows 2025 | Gloucester County, NJ](#)

Take the kids to [Storybook Land](#) or find your inner child at the [Steel Pier](#).

[Summer Festivals and Events in New Jersey, 2025](#)

[Upcoming Cape May Events 2025](#)

Upcoming Notable Dates In August

August 4 - National Coast Guard Day

August 7 - Purple Heart Day

August 17- National Nonprofit Day

August 21- National Senior Citizens Day

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