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## April 2023 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.

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**Gateway President and CEO Meets With Inspira and M25  
To Discuss Shelter And Housing in Cumberland County**



Gateway Community Action Partnership President and CEO, Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, met with Inspira Health CEO Amy Mansue and M25 Past President Ray Garcia, to discuss Code Blue and the Housing First Collaborative in Cumberland County. The conversation took place at Gateway's Rivers Edge "Code Blue" Warming Center. These initiatives go hand-in-hand to assist County residents with short and long-term housing and shelter needs and connect them with additional services. Code Blue and Housing First have come together with the support of many community organizations, leaders, and volunteers who want to help the community. "I try to be present every night...I want people to realize that if the mayor can do it, they can do it too," Kelly stated.

To view the full interview and learn more about these initiatives, click on the button below.

[Learn More](#)

## Councilwomen Jennifer Turner Visits Paulsboro Head Start



Head Start students and staff were happy to welcome Councilwomen Jennifer Turner to the Paulsboro Head Start Center for a visit this month. Councilman Turner spent time reading stories and engaging with the children.

## Southeast Gateway Celebrates Earth Day With Neighborhood Cleanup





**This April, the Southeast Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization Program held their semi-annual Citywide Cleanup. Although the event was initially cancelled due to rain, there was no better time to reschedule than Earth Day. The team made their way through the Southeast Gateway neighborhood in downtown Bridgeton. There were more than 50 attendees, with participants from Head Start, Faith Outreach Deliverance Church, Unidos Para La Familias, and the Bridgeton Fire Department, along with other community members. Together, they collected 67 bags of trash.**

**Cassandra Avila, Southeast Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization Program Assistant, reflected on the engagement and enthusiasm of the community, and how families came together with their children to teach them about their social and environmental responsibility. “We just wanted to take a moment to give a big thanks to all the families who came out to lend a hand and make a difference in our**



community. Your hard work and dedication to keeping our city clean and beautiful is truly appreciated, and we couldn't have done it without you" Avila wrote.

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## Hamilton 1 HS Students Have Spring Fashion Show



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The children at Hamilton 1 Head Start celebrated the end of their clothes study with a fashion show. Parents were invited, and each child received a spring basket to take home for Spring Break.

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## Mercer County Head Start Centers Recruit New Applicants With Competition

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As Gateway's largest program, Head Start staff are always thinking of new ways to reach children and families in their communities. With this in mind, ERSEA (eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance) Associate, Jennie Negrón, and Community Resource

Manager, Carolyn Robinson, created an incentive program and friendly competition in Mercer County. The goal was to see which center could bring in the highest number of new program applicants.

The competition, which began in February and ran through March, brought in a total of 66 new applicants across Mercer County. The centers with the highest number of applications were Hamilton 1, with 26 applications, and Twin Rivers, with 17. The Head Start centers that brought in the highest number of new applications won a \$40 self-care bag, and lunch with Negrón and Robinson.

"Thank you for your continued drive and commitment to serving and providing quality care with grace and integrity across the Mercer County region," Robinson and Negrón wrote to the participating centers.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Donates Spring Bags To Twin Rivers Students



Children at Twin Rivers Head Start celebrated the beginning of Spring with a spring bag donated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



## Gateway Attends Job Fair In Mercer County



The Mercer County office attended a job fair in Hamilton Township this month. Jessica Medina, HR-Payroll Associate for Central North, and Stephanie Beckett, EHS CCC Family Resource Associate, represented Gateway at the event to recruit interested attendees, share information about job opportunities, and connect with the local community.

## East Windsor PD Visits Twin Rivers Head Start For Safety Discussion



Officers Batsides, Kopyto, and Pohl from the East Windsor Police Department visited the Twin Rivers Head Start center for a story-time and safety presentation. The officer's discussed calling 911 and other ways to stay safe in case of emergency.

## Cumberland Asks For Feedback In Survey On Transit Systems

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and the Cumberland Area Transit System**

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The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and the Cumberland Area Transit System, together with Rutgers University and the Cumberland County Office of Aging and Disability Services, are looking for information about resident experiences with county transit systems. They are conducting a short survey, and each participant is entered for a chance to receive a \$100 gift card. Scan the QR code in the flyer or click the button below to take the survey.

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**Southeast Gateway Hosting Job Fair In June**

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# JOB & RESOURCE FAIR

**ALMS CENTER** | **11:00AM-2:00PM**  
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**9TH**  
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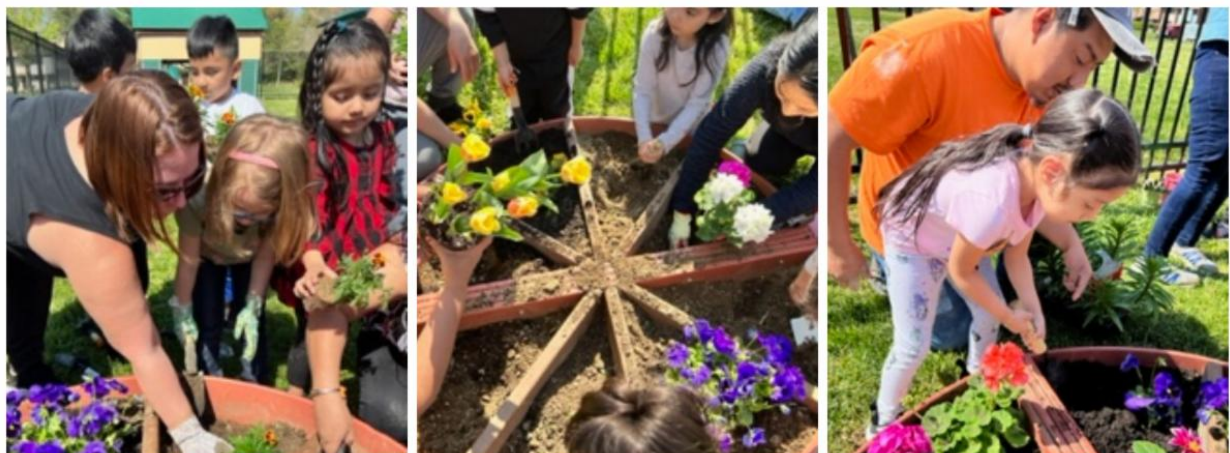


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The Southeast Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization Program is hosting a job and resource fair at the Alms Center in Bridgeton on June 9th, 2023. Vendors interested in setting up a table can contact Southeast Gateway at the phone numbers on the flyer to register.

## Twin Rivers Head Start Plants Garden With Families For Earth Day





Twin Rivers Head Start celebrated an early Earth Day by having the parents and children plant a variety of flowers and seeds around the center's playground.

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## Gateway's HS/EHS Philadelphia Attends Job Fair At Drexel University



The Philadelphia HS/EHS center attended a job fair held by Drexel University. They held two on-the-spot interviews, collected applications, and connected with potential community partners. "Thank you, team, for your hard work and dedication you all did great representing our agency and what we do," wrote Jinnea Terrell, Assistant Director of Program Services-Phila.

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## AllRisk Featured As Gateway's Partner Of The Month For April



AllRisk is Gateway's April Partner of the Month. Thank you to AllRisk for supporting Gateway's mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency." We look forward to a continued relationship with AllRisk in the future.

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## Walmart Stores Support Gateway's Shop With A Cop Program



Thank you to two of our local Walmart stores, Pennsville and Bridgeton, for providing grants to support our Shop with a Cop program. This contribution will increase our capacity to provide children with gift cards for gifts and necessities during the holiday season in December. We appreciate Walmart's early commitment to this program.

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## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Sharon Trombetta - Atlantic City WIC  
Daishawn Bell - Salem WIC  
Shaquitta Davis - Paulsboro Neighborhood Services  
Zikea Wise Hughes - R.E. Campus  
Alondra Quinones Rivera - Vineland III HS  
Maureen Tyris - Little Cherubs HS  
Gyna Nazario Roman - Villas HS  
Joan Fountain - Villas HS  
Angelica Hernandez-Ponce - Salem WIC  
Kashima Bell - Salem WIC

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