



May 2026 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.

Register For The 12th Annual Gateway Golf Classic



12TH ANNUAL

Gateway

GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 15, 2026

Little Mill Country Club,
Marlton, NJ



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Gateway's 12th Annual Golf Classic is less than a month away on June 15, 2026, at

the

Little Mill Country Club,
Marlton, NJ 08053

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call (856) 497 -6660

WinnDevelopment Partners With Gateway Community Action Partnership To Launch \$33 Million Rehabilitation Project



WinnDevelopment and Gateway Community Action Partnership shared exciting news last month: a \$33 million renovation project is officially underway at Garden Court Apartments in Atlantic City. The community, long recognized as an essential source of affordable housing for local hospitality workers, is now poised for a transformative upgrade. In February, WinnCompanies purchased the 177-unit, 20-building property, eliminating more than \$10 million in existing debt. The acquisition also secured Low Income Housing Tax Credit financing, ensuring that Garden Court will transition from rent-controlled status to

deed-restricted affordable housing for the next 45 years. This long-term commitment helps protect affordability while delivering much-needed improvements for residents.

Honoring a Legacy of Leadership and Service



Gateway Community Action Partnership is proud to celebrate our Founder, Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, who was honored with The CompleteCare Foundation Legend's Award at the Cumberland County Legends Banquet held at Merighi's Savoy Inn on Friday, May 26, 2026.

Mr. Kelly, our CEO, was recognized as one of three distinguished leaders "whose service has strengthened the community" and who are "Paving the Way Forward." This honor reflects his decades of dedication to expanding opportunity, uplifting vulnerable families, and championing community-centered solutions across South Jersey.

The CompleteCare Foundation supports initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents by increasing access to medical, dental, and behavioral health services throughout Cumberland, Gloucester, and Cape May counties. Their recognition of Mr. Kelly underscores the profound and lasting impact of his leadership.

Gateway CAP extends heartfelt congratulations to Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, on this well-deserved honor. His vision continues to guide our mission and inspire our work every day.

NJMVC Mobile Unit At The Community Day



YOUR MVC IS COMING TO YOU!

Questions? Please contact your local hosting group.

Host: Gateway Community Action Partnership

Location: 110 Cohansey Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Date: May 29, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Notes: MVC will be a part of Gateway's Albert B. Kelly Community Action Day! Questions? Email ehilt@gatewaycap.org

* Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions or at the discretion of the MVC over unforeseen circumstances.

Make your appointment today!

Go to <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvcmobileunit> to sign up for:

- REALID
- Registration Renewal
- Initial Permit **Tests are NOT given at Mobile Unit
- Non-Driver ID
- Duplicate/Replacement Title or Registration

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR THESE SERVICES. JUST WALK UP AND SEE US:

- Surrendering license plates
- Handicapped, Veterans, or Purple Heart placards
- Purchase red GDL decals



NJMVC
New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

Please be aware that the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will have its mobile unit on site at Gateway Community Action Day on Friday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 110 Coahsney Street, Bridgeton

Anyone wanting services must make an appointment using this link: [Home - TeleGov](#)

There are appointments available for the following services:

- **New Title or Registration**
- **Registration Renewal**

- Replacement Title/Registration

All REAL ID appointments are already booked.

No Appointment Necessary For These Services:

- Surrendering license plates
- Handicapped, Veterans, or Purple Heart placards
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Region Leaders Meet At The NHSA Professional Development Conference



Office of Head Start (OHS) Director and Region II Leaders met at the NHSA Professional Development Conference in Minneapolis, MN. From left to right: Dr. Joselyn Estevez- Vargas, Vice President, HOPES, Inc; Bonnie Eggenburg, Vice President, Gateway Community Action Partnership; Dr. Lizbeth Casco White, Director, Office of Head Start; Dr. Reva Gershen Lowy, Executive Director, Cardinal McCloskey Community Services

Partner Of The Month Spotlight



Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates the Regional Foundation's generous support, made possible by Wells Fargo. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example. Philanthropic efforts like these are essential for creating a positive impact in our society. Supporting them strengthens our community and helps us advance our initiatives toward a brighter future. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for other organizations to follow.

Gateway CAP sincerely thanks the Regional Foundation for its exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

Kyana Evans Receives UW Volunteer Leadership Award

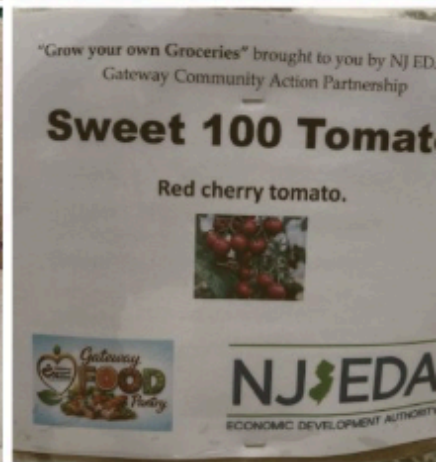
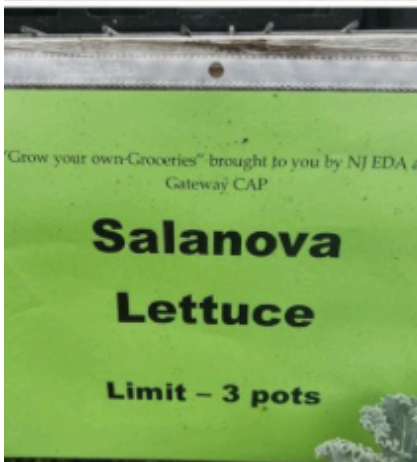


Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is proud to recognize our Operations Manager, Kyana Evans, for receiving the 2026 Women United Volunteer Leadership Award on May 6, 2026.

Kyana currently serves as Chair of Women United and plays an active role on numerous community boards and committees. Through her leadership and dedication, she tirelessly advocates for essential services and resources that support families throughout Paulsboro and Gloucester County.

Her commitment to strengthening our community truly makes a difference, and this recognition is so well deserved.

Gateway's Mill Creek Farm Introduces "Grow Your Own"



Gateway CAP launched its new "Grow Your Own Groceries" initiative during April's Food Pantry distribution week, and the community loved it. Thanks to a collaboration between Gateway's Mill Creek Urban Farm and the Food Pantry, residents were able to take home fresh, locally grown vegetables. Participants picked from a variety of starter plants to grow in their own gardens, giving families a hands-on way to enjoy healthy, home-grown produce. Funding was provided through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) FEEDNJ grant.



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.



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.

Gateway Weatherization And Lead Remediation Programs In Action

Weatherization Day took place on May 13. The photos highlight our auditors and LCM team working in clients' homes to improve safety, comfort, and energy efficiency.



Senior Energy Auditor Eric Hasko conducts a series of home-safety and efficiency checks, including testing a water heater, evaluating a bathroom exhaust fan for proper airflow and performance, and inspecting the heating system to ensure there are no gas leaks.



Energy Auditor John Smythe conducts key home-safety and efficiency checks, including combustion testing a heating system and documenting system information to ensure accurate assessments and safe operation.



Lead Remediation

Lead Construction Monitor Henry Pettit conducts lead testing in the home to ensure a safe living environment. In this case, the home tested positive for lead, prompting the need for follow-up safety measures and remediation.

East Windsor Police Department Visits Twin Rivers Head Start



Sergeant David Oleksy, Traffic Safety Unit Supervisor, of the East Windsor Township Police, identified in his email to Gabriela Porcayo, Site Director, of the River's Edge HS, that "During the event, we inspected 11 child safety seats. We were also able to provide and install 1 new seat for a family in need. Additionally, we identified misuse in approximately 55% of the seats inspected, all of which were corrected on-site. This highlights just how valuable these events are in improving child passenger safety and preventing potential injuries.

We truly appreciate your commitment to the safety and well-being of the children and families you serve. We look forward to the opportunity to work together again next year."

Gateway CAP Scholars Program

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- ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS
- BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING STUDENTS. BUILDING FUTURES.

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Our support.*
A STRONGER TOMORROW.

Parents Invest in Your Child's Future with Gateway CAP's Scholars Program!

Gateway CAP is proud to support students on their journey toward success through the Gateway Scholars Program, a pathway designed to help individuals pursue and expand access to education and achieve their goals. Whether your child is preparing for college or other continuing studies, this program helps open doors to new opportunities and build a stronger future for you and your community. Allow your child to take the next step towards his/her dreams.

To learn more and apply today: <https://www.gatewaycap.org/gatewayscholars>

Twin Rivers Head Start Is Awarded A 4-Star Rating From Grow NJ Kids



Great news for Gateway East Windsor, Twin Rivers Head Start this month: the Head Start earned a 4-star rating from Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's statewide program that helps families identify high-quality childcare and early learning options. Ratings are based on curriculum documentation, staff professional development, and in-person classroom observations.

According to Andrea Breitwieser of the NJ Division of Family Development, Grow NJ Kids offers families an objective way to understand program quality while helping centers strengthen their practices through coaching and formal assessments. She noted that Twin Rivers Head Start should be proud, as rated programs meet standards well above basic state licensing requirements.

Grow NJ Kids ratings last for three years, but programs continue receiving support to maintain or improve quality through ongoing coaching, training, and classroom assistance. Gateway Community Action Partnership congratulates the Twin Rivers Head Start and its dedicated staff on their achievement!

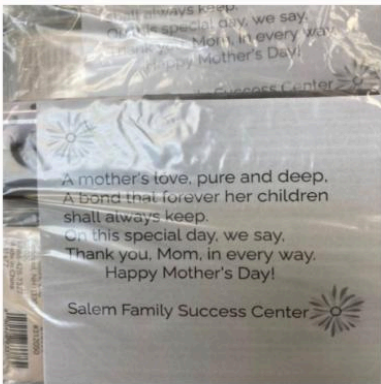
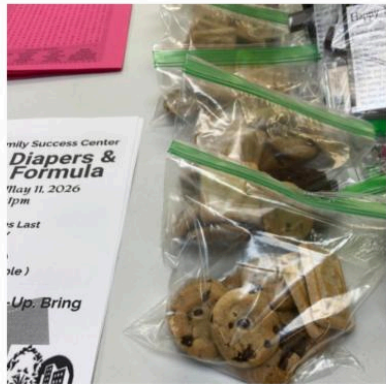
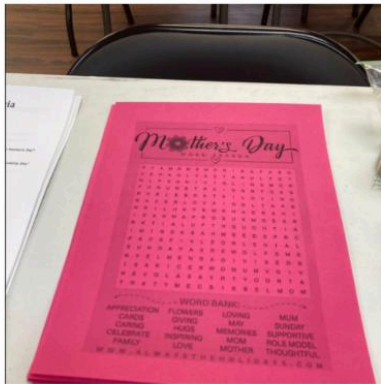
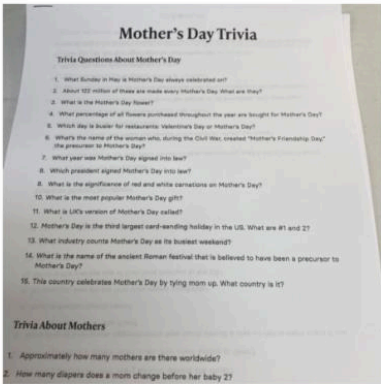
The Gleaning Program Receives Clothing



Gateway's Family Success Centers recently delivered over 500 bags of gently used clothing to the Gleaning Program for community distribution. The clothing comes through their ongoing partnership with Cradles to Crayons in Philadelphia—a collaboration that also supplies most of the diapers for Cumberland County's only diaper bank, Happy Cheeks, located at the Pantry Distribution Warehouse.

The effort was coordinated by the Gateway Family Success Center's Resource Coordinator, Sabrina T. Simpkins, whose work and dedication help ensure families have access to essential items.

Salem FSC Hosts Mother's Day Appreciation Presentation and Gift Giveaway



The Salem Family Success Center (FSC) hosted a heartfelt Mother's Day Appreciation Presentation and gift giveaway to celebrate all the incredible mothers in our community. The event welcomed mothers, grandmothers, moms-to-be, and mother figures, including foster mothers, to enjoy an afternoon of connection and recognition. Participants enjoyed a meaningful presentation on The Stages of Motherhood, along with fun Mother's Day trivia and a Mother's Day word search activity. Every mom in attendance received a special gift as a token of appreciation for all they do.

Salem FSC Is Hosting Free Lead Screening Events



Salem County
NEW JERSEY

Department of
Health & Human Services



Free Lead Screening

for children ages 1-6



*Salem Family Success Center
14 New Market
Salem, NJ 08079*

**DIAPER
GIVEAWAY**



Salem Family Success Center

14 New Market Street

Salem, NJ 08079

3/17/2026 11am-1pm

6/16/2026 11am-1pm

9/15/2026 11am-1pm

12/15/2026 11am-1pm

ALL CHILDREN MAY BE AT RISK FOR LEAD POISONING



Department of
Health & Human Services



Detección de plomo gratuito

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TODOS LOS NIÑOS PUEDEN TENER RIESGO DE ENVENENAMIENTO POR PLOMO

The Salem Family Success Center, in collaboration with the Salem County Health Department, is offering free quarterly lead screenings for children aged 1 to 6 years. The next event will take place on June 16. If you miss this session, there are two more available. Additionally, parents will receive free diapers.

Please note the dates.

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Akeba Cunegin - Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan Assistant

Christie Mayers - Home Energy Assistance Adjudicator

Clara Hernandez De La Cruz - Sub Teacher Assistant

Cruz Aponte - Kristina Home Energy Assistance Adjudicator

David Simmerman - Lead Program Intake Specialist

Deijah Moore - Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Plan Coordinator

Jasline Noel - Sub Teacher Assistant

Jasmin Escobar Rivera - Home Energy Assistance Adjudicator

Keyamonie Fentress - DOE Teacher

Reginald Teemer - Wellness Mental Health Advocate

Summer Is Almost Here



Memorial Day marked the unofficial start of summer, and gardening is still in the air. Flower shops and garden outlets are loaded with plants and flowers for the season. We've left these tips for the season's planting if you haven't tackled it yet:

[16 Spring Gardening Tasks to Do Right Now Before the Start of the Season](#)

Head Start Commemorated Community Month With Selfies



Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) Head Start commemorated Community Action Month by taking selfies of staff and students. These participating Head Starts are from the Courtyard, DB Baby Steps, DB Preschool, Kinderworld, and LittleLamb Centers.
Way to go Head Start!

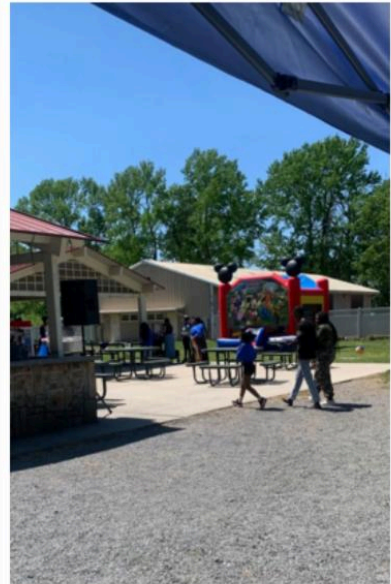
Recipe To Enjoy

Blueberry Pancake Bread



This delicious blueberry pancake bread recipe can be found by clicking on [Table Tasting](#).
The recipe can be substituted with chopped strawberries, blackberries, or raspberries.

SFSC Families Enjoy Day Of Fun And Connection At Parents Inc. Picnic



On Saturday, May 16, 2026, families from the Salem Family Success Center's Parents Chat & Chew group came together to attend the Parents Inc. Family Fun Day Picnic at the Princeton Country Club Picnic Grounds in Princeton, New Jersey.

The event brought families together for a memorable day filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful connections. Participants enjoyed a variety of engaging activities designed to promote family bonding and community involvement, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all who attended.

The picnic offered a valuable opportunity for families to relax, build relationships, and strengthen their connections with one another outside of their regular group setting. Events like these continue to highlight the importance of community support and provide families with enriching experiences that foster togetherness and well-being.

Gateway Food Pantry Supports Community With BBQ Essentials And Resources



The Gateway Food Pantry, located on Manheim Avenue, Bridgeton, continued its commitment to supporting local families by distributing bags of BBQ condiments during its regularly scheduled emergency food distribution, highlighting the month of May as Community Action Month.

Marcus Weaver, the Director of Agriculture & Food Initiatives at Gateway CAP, welcomed recipients and distributed an informational flyer. This flyer highlights the important role that Community Action Agencies play in tackling food insecurity and enhancing community resources. This initiative not only addressed immediate needs but also raised awareness of the services available to support individuals and families throughout the community.

SEG Steering Committee Meeting



The Southeast Gateway (SEG) steering committee held its meeting on Thursday, May 21, and took a group photo to mark Community Action Month. The committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of every other month at the John Wesley Church, 90 Matthew Brown Way, Bridgeton.



Open Position At The Gateway Wellness Center



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Gateway CAP Wellness Center is dedicated to empowering individuals and families by providing trauma-informed, culturally responsive services that promote healing, safety and wellness. Come be a part of a passionate team making a difference every day.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Exceptional group facilitation and individual clinical skills.
- Knowledge of DV dynamics, Power and Control, mental health competencies and substance use/abuse competencies.
- Knowledge of victimization.
- Experience working with diverse, underserved or culturally specific populations (i.e. immigrant, female, LGBTQ+).
- Awareness of survivor and public safety issues and considerations.
- Knowledge of resources and/or services in the community for the target population.



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Gateway Community Action Partnership is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

The Gateway Wellness Center has an open position in Passaic County for a Licensed Clinician (LAC/LPC/LSW/LCSW). For details and to apply, please see the Gateway website at: <https://www.paycomonline.net/.../70CE85EB3AB4.../jobs/206028>

Upcoming Notable Dates In June

June 11 – National Children’s Day

June 14 – Flag Day

June 15– Gateway Golf Classic

June 19 – Juneteenth (Juneteenth Observed)

June 21 – Father’s Day

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