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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 selfsufficiency.

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 Nina Young Recognized For Community Service



Nina Young, Gateway's Special **Projects Coordinator, received** the Liberty Bell Award on May 1 at the Law Day Breakfast of the **Cumberland County Bar** Association. Young was recognized for her service to the community, particularly her work with the Code Blue program in **Cumberland County. Code Blue** provides shelter and meals to the homeless when the night time temperature drops below freezing. NJ State Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. was the keynote speaker at the breakfast. The theme for Law Day 2023 was "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration."

Twin Rivers Celebrates Head Start Moms for Mother's Day



The children at Twin Rivers Head Start were joined by their moms for Mother's Day activities, which included planting flowers, making cards, and singing and dancing.

Hamilton 1 Head Start Hosts Brunch For Head Start Moms



Hamilton 1 Head Start served brunch to the children and their moms in honor of Mother's Day.

Hgb And Lead Screenings Conducted At Gateway's Head Start Early Education Center In Atlantic City



Gateway's Head Start and Early Head Start program includes more than educational resources. The program provides comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social, and other services determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services. Recently, Shelly Mihalecz, Head Start/Early Head Start Health Services Manager & WOW Program Director, conducted Hgb and Lead screenings at Gateway's Head Start Early **Education Center in Atlantic City.** These screenings help support children and families and contribute to promoting overall cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Hamilton 1 Head Start Celebrates Cinco De Mayo With A Special Guest



A special guest joined Hamilton II Head Start to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. Mr. Moro Gurrola, the father of a Head Start Student, taught the children about Cinco De Mayo through song and dance.

Head Start Celebrates Cultural Diversity



Students at Hamilton 1 and Pleasantville Head Start centers celebrated Culture Day, where they learned about one another's cultures by dressing up, making crafts, listening to music, and enjoying other fun activities to spread cultural awareness.



Gateway Wellness Center Hosts Wellness Fair For The Community



The Gateway Wellness Fair held on May 24 and spearheaded by Ashlee Todd, Mental Health Director was a delightful experience for all the participants. The Wellness Center offered a wide range of activities suitable for all age groups, such as arts and crafts, rest and tranquility in the Relaxation Lounge, self-care workshops, yoga sessions, live music, and much more. Food trucks were also available to tantalize the taste buds. The fair had approximately eighteen vendors from different fields like addiction and recovery, behavioral and mental health, counseling and consulting, domestic violence, literacy, and youth programs.

Principal Dr. Valarie James, who accompanied the students of the Bridgeton Public Charter School, was present to participate in the activities.



Gateway Participates In Deptford Community Resource Fair



Staff from Gateway participated in the Community Resource Fair hosted by the Deptford Township Schools Early Advisory Council and the Special Education Parent Advisory Group on April 26. The purpose of the event was to introduce families in Deptford Township to state and local organizations and the activities and services they provide. Gateway staff members in attendance included Zoraida Vargas, Site Director for Deptford DOE, Swedesboro, and Woodbury, Danelle Ransome, Family Advocate for Swedesboro, Omodele Oshodi, Family Advocate for Deptford DOE and Woodbury, Antionette Shwartz, Deptford DOE Teacher, Matilda Bedu, Deptford DOE Teacher, Jennifer Roman, ERSEA Coordinator, and Morgan Smith, Family Partnership Coordinator.

GHSEEC Visits The Cape May Zoo



GHSEEC students took a trip to the Cape May County Park and Zoo.

Gateway Staff Joined By Their Children For "Bring Your Child To Work Day"



April 27 was Bring Your Child to Work Day. Children visited sites in multiple counties. Staff from various departments, including Head Start, Cheryl Chadwick ELC, the Gloucester Lead Program, Social Services, and the Gateway Wellness Center, brought their children and grandchildren into work to show them all of the day-to-day ways that they contribute to Gateway's mission "to provide services that improve the quality of life and self-sufficiency."

Twin Rivers Head Start Thanks Committed Volunteers And Donors

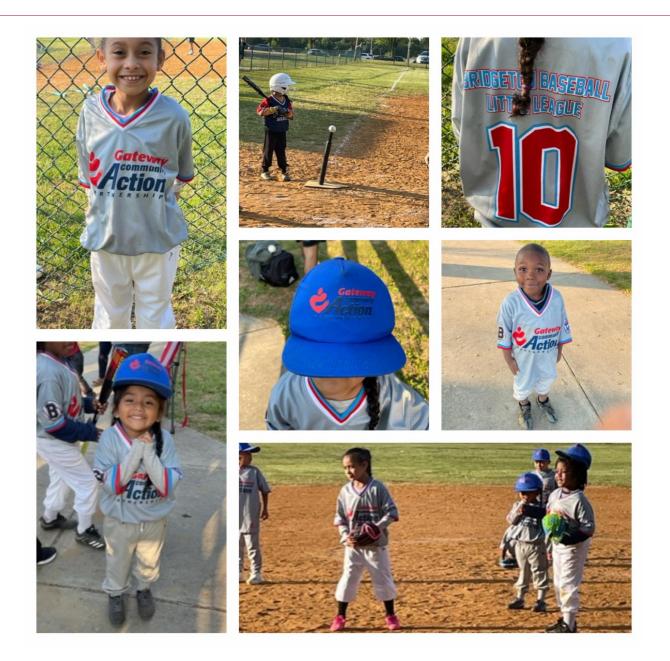


Twin Rivers Head Start thanks the dedicated volunteers and donors that help make a difference in the lives of Head Start children. Two of our volunteers, Mr. Emerie Carter (above left) from the Foster Grandparent program, and Ms. Mary Ellen Allocca (above right) help out in the classroom twice a week by reading stories, playing games, passing out meals, joining the children on trips to the library, and more. The Wise family (pictured below) has been donating items to Head Start children and their

families throughout the years.



Little League Team Sponsored By Gateway Sports New Uniforms



Gateway is the sponsor for a local Little League baseball team in Bridgeton. The players were excited to show off their Gateway hats and uniforms at a recent game.

Gateway Participates In Philadelphia Job And Resourced Fair



Gateway staff joined You're Beautifully Made, Inc. for their annual Youth and Adult Job and Resource Fair on April 21 to share information on Gateway's services and employment opportunities within the community of Philadelphia.

Join Us For Our Family Day Of Service On Saturday, June 3



Souteast Gateway is hosting a Family Day of Service on Saturday, June 3 from 10am through 1pm. Please see the above flyers for details.

Job And Resource Fair To Be Held At ALMS Center In Bridgeton On June 9



Looking for new job opportunities or resources to advance your career? Join us for our Job and Resource Fair on Friday, June 9th! With many organizations ready to connect with you, this is the perfect chance to take the next step in your career and get informed about what's going on in your community. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity - mark your calendars now!

Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Aglee Burke, Program Planner Maricruz Nieto Villalpando, Lead Program Intake Specialist Devon Green, Office Aid FSC Sasha Martinez Quinones, Floating Teachers Assistant Nancy Gonzalez Gonzalez, Sub Teachers Assistant Samah George, Sub Teachers Assistant Nicole Benitez Oleas, Floating Teachers Assistant Awha Meite, EHS Group Teacher Marielis Varela, EHS Group Teacher in Training Sherine Shokry, Sub Teachers Assistant

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