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September 2025 Newsletter

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## October 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.

### Gateway's 38th Anniversary Gala!



*You are invited to attend*

GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP'S  
38<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# GALA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025  
6 PM TO 10 PM

*Eastlyn Golf Course & Greenview Inn*

4049 ITALIA AVE., VINELAND, NJ 08361

RSVP FOR TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIPS BY OCT. 23, 2025 TO  
KYANA EVANS AT [KEVANS@GATEWAYCAP.ORG](mailto:KEVANS@GATEWAYCAP.ORG)



## AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS

- SPOTLIGHT SPONSOR - \$10,000 - INCLUDES EIGHT (8) EVENT TICKETS AND RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- GOLD SPONSOR - \$7,500 - INCLUDES SIX (6) EVENT TICKETS AND RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- SILVER SPONSOR - \$5,000 - INCLUDES FOUR (4) TICKETS AND RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- BRONZE SPONSOR - \$2,500 - INCLUDES TWO (2) TICKETS AND RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- COMMUNITY SPONSOR - \$1,000 - INCLUDES RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- FRIEND SPONSOR - \$500 - INCLUDES RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT
- TICKETS - \$100 EACH

SPONSORSHIPS AND TICKET SALES ARE  
AVAILABLE AT [GATEWAYCAP.ORG/GALA](https://www.gatewaycap.org/gala) UNTIL  
OCT. 23, 2025

**Gateway's 38th Anniversary Gala is being held at a new location for 2025!**  
**HURRY! We've extended the deadline so you can get in on the fun!**

You're invited to help celebrate a significant milestone with us—the 38th Anniversary Gala for Gateway Community Action Partnership at Eastlyn Golf Course and Greenview Inn on November 6, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please visit our website at <https://www.gatewaycap.org/gala> for details. For reservations and additional information, contact: Kyana Evans at (856) 497-6655 or [kevans@gatewaycap.org](mailto:kevans@gatewaycap.org)





### Penns Grove Head Start Expansion And Ribbon Cutting-Ceremony



More children in and around Penns Grove will receive a valuable “Head Start” thanks to Gateway Community Action Partnership’s latest expansion project.

A September 25 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the opening of the newly expanded Penns Grove Head Start Center at 11-13 N. Broad Street. The event featured a bevy of local elected officials and other dignitaries. The expansion includes two new classrooms, each equipped with private restrooms and sinks. Other improvements to the center include an office/lobby area, as well as paved parking spaces. The newly expanded center will allow Gateway to maintain increased enrollment and provide enriched services to children and families in the Penns Grove community.

Gateway has operated the Penns Grove Head Start Center since 2009. The new addition represents Gateway’s continued investment in high-quality early education and family support. The project was made possible through collaborative efforts among community partners and reflects Gateway’s mission to strengthen opportunities for children to learn, grow, and succeed.

Following the ceremony, guests joined a guided tour of the center to see firsthand how the new spaces will enhance learning experiences and strengthen the program’s ability to serve the community’s growing needs.

Featured remarks from Gateway President and CEO Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, and Executive Vice President and COO Edward Bethea, CCAP, spoke of the vital role early childhood education plays in building stronger futures for children and families. They emphasized Gateway’s dedication to expanding access and creating lasting community impact.

Penns Grove Mayor La’Daena Londo attended the event and said she was a proud product of Head Start. She thanked Gateway for what they do for the community, and also pledged her support for the Penns Grove Head Start Center.

"We had a dream to do something better here for the community of Penns Grove," said Bonnie Eggenburg, CCAP, Gateway's Vice President of Head Start and Early Head Start. "Thanks to funding from the Office of Head Start and the Penns Grove-Carney's Point School District, we were able to realize the dream. The children of Penns Grove deserve the best, and we believe we have done that for them with this new center," Eggenburg said.



## A Kayaking Adventure



With a river flowing through the heart of the city of Bridgeton, Southeast Gateway, United Advocacy Group, Stronger Families Initiative, and the American Littoral Society worked together to celebrate this vital resource. This event aimed to unite communities in a fun and engaging way. The kayaking event took place at Sunset Lake on September 26, 2025.

## Penns Grove Food Distribution



Gateway's Emergency Assistance Food Pantry provided support to 62 households in Penns Grove last week. Gateway deeply cares about our clients in Salem County.

### Salem FSC Parents Chat & Chew Dinner



Gateway Salem Family Success Center hosts a Parents Chat & Chew dinner meeting for parents, grandparents, and community members each month. This event serves as the Parent Advisory Council, known as People in Action. In September, the theme was "Back to School," where participants discussed ways to enhance children's safety. Topics included carpooling, monitoring children who walk to school, observing school zone speed limits, and avoiding distractions while driving. They emphasized using designated drop-off and pick-up areas, not passing stopped vehicles at crosswalks, and complying with school bus safety rules. Additionally, parents recognized the importance of discussing school safety with their children to set a positive tone for the day—special thanks to UNK Frank's Catering for providing the meal.

### River's Edge Early Learning Center Welcomes Gateway Founder



Gateway's River's Edge Early Learning Center staff welcomed Gateway CAP Founder Mr. Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO, CCAP, after their professional development activities on Monday September 29, 2025.

## Hamilton Fire Department's Engine 2 Visits The Hamilton 1 Center



The Hamilton Fire Department's Engine 2 visited the Gateway Hamilton 1 Head Start/Early Head Start Center to teach our young children about fire safety in a fun and interactive way. The visit included a tour of the fire truck, where the children learned about equipment such as hoses and ladders. Firefighters also demonstrated how they put on their gear and explained how they serve as helpful friends to the community. As a memorable keepsake from the experience, each child received a fire helmet.

The Gateway Hamilton 1 Center extends our heartfelt thanks to all firefighters. We truly appreciate your bravery, commitment to helping others, protection of homes and pets, and dedicated service to the community!

## Partner Of The Month Spotlight



**Our Partner of the Month for October 2025 is Gallagher Insurance Company.**  
**We thank Gallagher for all its generous contributions to Gateway CAP.**

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates the generous support of Gallagher Insurance Company. 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 Gallagher for their exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

### October Chat & Chew Parents Night At Salem FSC



The Salem Family Success Center hosted a Chat & Chew Parents Night in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone had a great time and left with gifts. Congratulations to Ms. Cynthia Pritchett, the winner of the Breast Cancer Awareness Trick or Treat Trivia, for answering the most questions correctly and winning a gift basket. Gateway would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event. A special thanks goes to Pats Pizza & Bistro in Salem for providing the food, and to community member Ms. Ella Berger for donating a gift basket and providing dessert, which everyone enjoyed. We also express our gratitude to Parents Inc. for their donations received by the parents attending the event.

### 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.

## "HOPE OUT LOUD" Open Mic



Gateway CAP Wellness Center's Recovering Hope & Wellness hosted the HOPE OUT LOUD Open Mic night tonight. They came together as a community to use their voices and talents to inspire change, healing, and hope.

## Happy Cheeks Diaper Giveaway



The Salem Family Success Center distributed knitted caps, scarves, and blankets to children during the Happy Cheeks Diaper Giveaway on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

These knitted items were generously donated by the Volunteer Center of South Jersey, a program of Jersey Cares. They were crafted by volunteers from Crocheting for a Cause and delivered to the Success Center by Taylor Madgey, the Program Manager. The Salem Family Success Center and the Salem community greatly appreciate their contributions.

### Paulsboro Pride Neighborhood Sustainability Project



Gateway's Paulsboro Pride Sustainability Initiative proudly supported Paulsboro High School's new community garden this past summer. Grant funding from Attentive Energy 2 enabled us to provide supplies, garden tools, and stipends for the youth participating in this summer project. We are committed to supporting clean and green initiatives across our

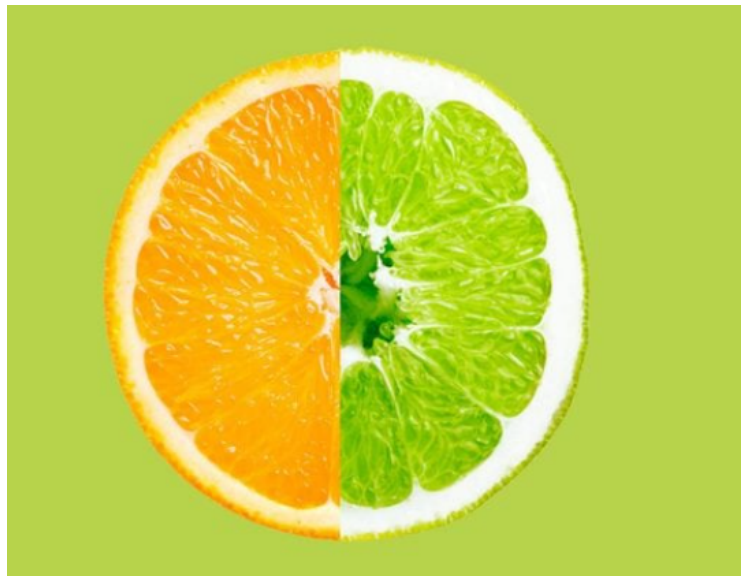
community that tackle important issues like food insecurity. We especially thank Dr. Backus and Mrs. Mary Porter for their leadership and dedication to Paulsboro students' families.

## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Aimee Lewis - Sub Teacher Assistant  
Ana Martinez Ruiz - Sub Teacher Assistant  
Anibel Pichardo Almonte - **Sub Teacher Assistant**  
Breony Dunn - Sub Teacher Assistant  
Brittney Austin - Sub Teacher Assistant

Deborah Cianchetta - EHS Teacher  
Elisha Wright - Sub Teacher Assistant  
Joanne McCrae - EHS Family Resource Associate  
Kathryn Hennigan - DOE Teacher  
Kyle Bowles - Temp EHS Teacher  
Michaela Costantino - Program Nutritionist  
Michelle Munoz - Violence Prevention Advocate  
Mikayla Andrews - Sub Teacher Assistant  
Rasheta Daniels - DOE Teacher Assistant  
Yenlis Bailey Guilarte - DOE Teacher Assistant  
Zuleika Acevedo Hernandez - DOE Teacher Assistant

## Did you know?



- The first oranges were not orange: Oranges have an interesting origin story; they were quite different from the ones we know today. Historical records indicate that the first oranges originated in Southeast Asia and were actually green. As cultivation spread to different parts of the world—ranging from East Asia to the Middle East and eventually Europe—the fruit changed both taste and appearance. These changes were a result of natural crossbreeding and selective cultivation by ancient farmers. In fact, oranges in tropical regions like Vietnam and Thailand remain green even when fully mature. For more detailed information about oranges, refer to [the Fact Base](#).
- Cats have fewer toes on their back paws. Many of us have cats as pets, but have you ever noticed that your feline friend only has four toes on their hind paws? Having four toes on their back paws provides cats with better balance and agility, allowing them to navigate through various terrains and environments with ease. Having four toes on their back paws provides cats with better balance and agility, allowing them to navigate through various terrains and environments with ease. To learn more about your feline friend go to the [Vet Explains Pets](#) or click the link.

## October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) is an international health campaign held every October. It aims to promote awareness about breast cancer, encourage regular screenings, and support research for better treatments.

Dr. Megan Miller, UH Seidman Cancer Center Breast Surgeon, encourages everyone to get screened for breast cancer, whether you have a family history or not. If you are 40 or older, get your mammogram once a year. You can read the entire article on MSN "[Breast cancer misconceptions persist despite treatment advances, expert says.](#)"

  
**AWARENESS FACEBOOK POST**
  
**Date: October 28, 2025**
  
**LET'S CELEBRATE THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES**
  
**WHO WON OR LOST THE BATTLE AGAINST**
  
**CANCER.**
  
**POST A PICTURE OR NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE!**
  
  

**21 East Main Street (Rear Suite)**  
**Millville, New Jersey 08332**



Join Glasstown Family Success Center on October 28, 2025 in celebrating the women in our lives who won or lost the battle against cancer, by posting a photo or name of your love one [here](#).





## Fall Recipes To Enjoy

### Cookie Indulgencies For The Holidays



As the holiday season approaches, homes will be filled with the delightful aroma of sweet baked goods. Discover a website that features [130 delightful cookie recipes](#) to satisfy your sweet tooth and share with family and friends during the festive season.

Click on the link above Or go to

[130 Best Cookie Recipes - Easy Cookie Recipes To Bake Year-Round](#)

## Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library



# November 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                                                                                 |
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| 2                                                                                       | 3<br>One-on-one Training<br>Please call to schedule an appointment                                                                                        | 4<br>Election Day<br>Library Closed                                          | 5<br>Learn to Type<br>2:00pm-3:30pm                                               | 6<br>Outreach                            | 7                                                                                        | 8<br>Computer Basics<br>10:00am-11:30am                                             |
| 9                                                                                       | 10<br>G-mail<br>2:00pm-3:30pm                                                                                                                             | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>Library Closed                                         | 12<br>DOL Students Only<br>2:00pm-3:30pm                                          | 13<br>Outreach                           | 14<br>One-on-one Training<br>Please call to schedule an appointment                      | 15                                                                                  |
| 16                                                                                      | 17<br>Learn To Type<br>10:00am-11:30am                                                                                                                    | 18<br>Computer Basics<br>10:00am-11:30am                                     | 19<br>File Management<br>2:00pm-3:30pm                                            | 20<br>Outreach                           | 21<br>G-mail Basics<br>10:00am-11:30am                                                   | 22                                                                                  |
| 23<br> | 24<br>Using a Flash drive 101<br>10:00am-11:30am                                                                                                          | 25<br>Learn to Type<br>10:00am-11:30am<br>DOL Students Only<br>2:00pm-3:30pm | 26<br>One-on-one Training<br>Please call to schedule an appointment               | 27<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>Library Closed | 28<br> | 29<br>Click with Confidence<br>10:00am-11:30am                                      |
| 30                                                                                      | Lab & Class hours are subject to change without notice<br>Registration required due to limited seating<br>Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred |                                                                              |                                                                                   |                                          |        |  |

| Date                      | Class                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Nov 3                     | One-on-one Training   | Please call to schedule an appointment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 5<br>2:00pm-3:30pm    | Learn to Type         | Learn to type or sharpen your skills—perfect for beginners and beyond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 8<br>10:00am-11:30am  | Computer Basics       | This class is for beginners or anyone looking to build more confidence using a computer. Explore essential hardware and software features, including how to use a mouse and keyboard, navigate the Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, and Start menu. Learn how to sign in and out of your user account, use search tools, and manage files with File Explorer. You'll also discover how to open programs, save files, and find them again with ease. |
| Nov 10<br>2:00pm-3:30pm   | G-mail                | Learn how to send emails, attach files, save and delete items from the cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule messages, format emails, and block unwanted messages.<br><b>Note:</b> A Gmail account and password are required. Need help setting one up? Call to schedule an appointment before class.                                                                                                                                   |
| Nov 14                    | One-on-one Training   | Please call to schedule an appointment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 17<br>10:00am-11:30am | Learn to Type         | Learn to type or sharpen your skills—perfect for beginners and beyond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 18<br>10:00am-11:30am | Computer Basics       | This class is for beginners or anyone looking to build more confidence using a computer. Explore essential hardware and software features, including how to use a mouse and keyboard, navigate the Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, and Start menu. Learn how to sign in and out of your user account, use search tools, and manage files with File Explorer. You'll also discover how to open programs, save files, and find them again with ease. |
| Nov 19<br>2:00pm-3:30pm   | File Management       | Learn how to organize, save, and find your files with ease. This beginner-friendly class covers creating folders, naming and moving files, using File Explorer, and tips for keeping your computer clutter-free.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Nov 21<br>10:00am-11:30am | G-mail                | Learn how to send emails, attach files, save and delete items from the cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule messages, format emails, and block unwanted messages.<br><b>Note:</b> A Gmail account and password are required. Need help setting one up? Call to schedule an appointment before class.                                                                                                                                   |
| Nov 24<br>10:00am-11:30am | Using a Flash Drive   | Learn the basics of using a USB flash drive to store, transfer, and organize digital files. This hands-on class covers how to plug in and safely eject a flash drive, copy and move files between devices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nov 25<br>10:00am-11:30am | Learn to Type         | Learn to type or sharpen your skills—perfect for beginners and beyond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 26                    | One-on-one Training   | Call to schedule an appointment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Nov 29<br>10:00am-11:30am | Click with Confidence | A friendly class for beginners to learn how to keep computers updated, browse safely, protect social media accounts, and avoid online scams, and know what to do if identity theft happens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Are you looking to enhance your computer skills or learn new ones? Cumberland County Library offers free computer classes every month. Attached is the October 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](http://www.cclnj.org)

## Upcoming Notable Dates In November

National Family Literacy Day - November 1

Election Day - November 4 (Agency Closed In Observance)

National Cancer Awareness Day - November 7

Veterans Day - November 11 (Agency Closed In Observance)

Thanksgiving Day - November 27 (Agency Closed In Observance)

Black Friday - November 28 (Agency Closed In Observance)

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