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April 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

REGISTER TODAY

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

 **Gateway**  
community  
**Action.**

Helping People. Changing Lives. Gateway to Success.



## Register Today!

Gateway's 12th Annual Golf Classic is less than 2 months away on June 15, 2026, at the Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ 08053  
For more information, contact [jcasey@gatewaycap.org](mailto:jcasey@gatewaycap.org) OR call (856) 497 -6660

## Gateway CAP Leadership Transition

GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

# RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

**ALBERT B. KELLY, CCAP**  
Founder / President and CEO



After more than 40 years of dedicated service, Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) announces the planned retirement of President and CEO Albert B. Kelly, CCAP, effective November 1, 2026.

As part of a thoughtful transition plan, Edward Bethea, CCAP, has been appointed Interim President and Chief Operating Officer, effective March 27, 2026, while Mr. Kelly continues to serve as CEO until his retirement.

Mr. Kelly's visionary leadership has transformed Gateway CAP into a multi-county organization that serves thousands of individuals and families each year. His impact on our communities is significant and deeply appreciated.

Gateway CAP remains strong, mission-focused, and committed to building brighter futures as we enter this next chapter.

## Attention: Millville WIC Location Is Closing!

**ATTENTION WIC PARTICIPANTS:** 

**OUR MILLVILLE WIC  
OFFICE IS CLOSING**

Millville WIC office will be permanently  
Closing on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Join us at either  
**Vineland WIC – 856-691-4191**  
Or  
**Bridgeton WIC – 856-451-5600**  
Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Bridgeton WIC Office</b> 10 Washington Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 FAX: 856-453-9478	<b>Vineland WIC Office</b> 610 E. Montrose Street Vineland, NJ 08332 FAX: 856-691-2410
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**ATENCIÓN PARTICIPANTES DE WIC:**

**NUESTRA OFICINA DE WIC EN  
MILLVILLE**

**CERRARÁ PERMANENTEMENTE**

La oficina de WIC de **MILLVILLE** cerrará  
permanentemente el 27 de abril.

Visítenos en:  
**WIC Vineland – 856-691-4191**  
O  
**WIC Bridgeton – 856-451-5600**  
A partir del 4 de mayo.

<b>Oficina de WIC Bridgeton</b> 10 Washington Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 FAX: 856-453-9478	<b>Oficina de WIC Vineland</b> 610 E. Montrose Street Vineland, NJ 08332 FAX: 856-691-2410
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# Community Action Day 2026

# COMMUNITY ACTION DAY 2026

*Celebrating a Legacy of Service*

Honoring  
**Albert B. Kelly**

Founder, President & CEO

*Celebrating Over 40 Years  
of Leadership & Impact*



**Friday, May 29 | 10 AM - 6 PM**

*Gateway CAP - River's Edge Campus • Bridgeton, NJ*



Food Trucks



Bounce Houses & Family Fun



Community Resources



Music & Entertainment

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY • ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Join us for a day of fun, information & celebration!*

**FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES!**

*For more info: [www.gatewaycap.org](http://www.gatewaycap.org)*



**Mark your calendars!**

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is “Celebrating a Legacy of Service” as we honor Albert B. Kelly, Founder, President, and CEO of Gateway CAP, for over 40 years of leadership, service, and impact.

Join us for Community Action Day!

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a day filled with fun, information, and celebration on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Gateway CAP River's Edge Campus, located at 110 Chansey St, Bridgeton, NJ 08302. The event runs from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Enjoy food trucks, music and entertainment, bouncy houses, and family activities, along with access to community resources.

**This is a free event for all ages!**

## Monarch Family Success Center Grand Reopening



On Wednesday, March 25, 2026, Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) celebrated the Grand Reopening of the Monarch Family Success Center.

Ed Bethea (photo bottom left), the President and COO of Gateway CAP, acknowledged both the staff and attendees. He thanked the representatives from state partner organizations for their support of Gateway and its programs, which provide opportunities to strengthen such programs as this one in the city of Vineland.

Albert Kelly (photo top left), the CEO of Gateway CAP, was pleased to see many of Gateway's administrative staff present to support the Monarch Family Success Center during this important event. He highlighted the pleasure of working with a dedicated team throughout the agency, which continues to produce excellent work. Kelly expressed pride in Gateway's ongoing commitment and determination to thrive and move forward, emphasizing the organization's effort to become the best community agency in New Jersey.

## Partner Of The Month Spotlight



**Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) appreciates CompleteCare Health Network's generous support. 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 enhances our community and significantly bolsters our initiatives for a brighter future. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for other organizations to follow.**

**We sincerely thank CompleteCare Health Network for its exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.**

## **Salem Family Success Center Giveaway Event**

Salem Family Success Center



# Happy Cheeks Diapers & Wipes

Free Giveaway Each Month



Every 3rd Tuesday  
11am-1pm



**14 New Market ST.  
Salem Nj 08079**

Are you in need of Diapers or  
baby formula?  
Come to our Center and find out  
how to receive them FREE  
monthly.

**Please Register  
@ 856-935-8768**

**Please Bring  
Bags.....**



Join the Gateway CAP Salem Family Success Center every third Tuesday of the month from 11 AM to 1 PM for the Happy Cheeks Diaper and Wipes Giveaway. This event is specifically for registered parents. If you would like to register, please visit the center at 14 New Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079, or call 856-935-8768.

## Glassboro Fatherhood Bowling Outing



Gateway CAP Glassboro Head Start recently held its annual "Bowling with Dads" event at 30 Strikes Lanes, bringing together fathers, father figures, and their children for a morning dedicated to strengthening parent-child relationships and fostering community. Ed Bethea, President and COO of Gateway CAP was among the attendees.

## Gateway's Weatherization Program

# Weatherization Improves Utility Costs & Health Outcomes!

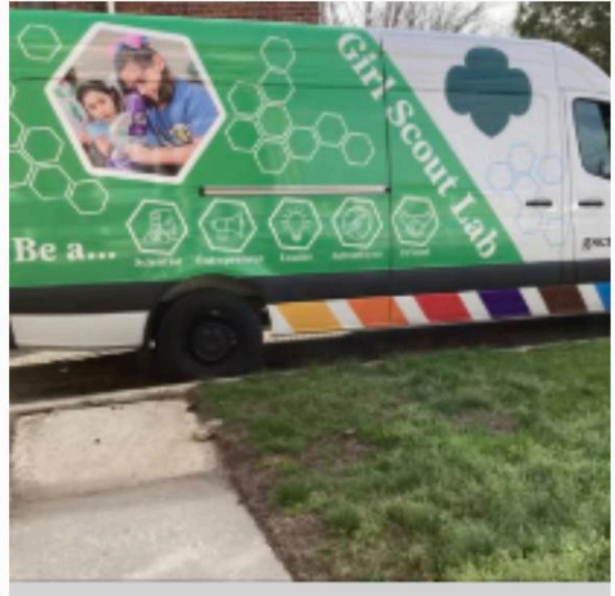


The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) efficiently retrofits below standard low-income homes, greatly improving residents' utility costs and health outcomes.



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.

## Slime Time With The Girl Scouts



**The Salem Family Success Center hosted an exciting Slime Event in collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey on Tuesday, March 31. A total of 20 girls participated, enjoying the opportunity to make glow-in-the-dark slime, learn about the Girl Scouts, and take pictures with the Girl Scout Van. It was a wonderful way to cap off the month of March. Additionally, the Salem Family Success Center hosts a Girl Scout troop every other Monday after school.**

## **Salem Family Success Center Calendar Of Activities**

**FREE FOR ALL  
PARENTS MUST ATTEND  
EVENTS WITH CHILDREN**

**Salen Family Success Center**  
14 New Market, Salen, NJ 08079  
Ph. 856-938-8768

**Hours of Operation**  
*Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm*  
*Tuesdays 1:00am-6:00pm*  
*Every 2nd & 4th Friday 9:00am-2:00pm*  
*Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:00am-2:00pm*



# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SFSC Closed	2 SFSC Open 9am-2pm
3 May is Women's Health Month	4 Community Outreach 11am-1pm Girl Scouts 3:15pm-4:30pm	5 Cub Scouts 3:30pm-4:30pm 	6 St. John's Food Bank 1pm-3pm Work Wednesday 11am-1pm Senior Brunch 11:30am-12:30pm	7 May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month	8 Mother's Day Appreciation Presentation & Gift Giveaway 3pm-4pm	9
10 Mother's Day 	11 Community Outreach 11am-1pm Reading Buddies 3:30pm-4:30pm	12 Cub Scouts 3:30pm-4:30pm	13 St. John's Food Bank 1pm-3pm Work Wednesday 11am-1pm Senior Brunch 11:30am-12:30pm	14 May is High Blood Pressure Awareness Month	15 SFSC Closed	16 SFSC Work Off-Site @ Mt. Hope Church Food Bank 9am-2pm Armed Forces Day
17	18 Girl Scouts 3:15pm-4:30pm Flag Making Craft Activity 3pm-4pm	19 Diaper Giveaway 11am-1pm Cub Scouts 3:30pm-4:30pm Parent Chat & Chew 4pm-6pm	20 St. John's Food Bank 1pm-3pm Work Wednesday 11am-1pm Senior Brunch 11:30am-12:30pm	21 May is Stroke Awareness Month	22 Community Outreach 1:30pm-2:30pm	23
24/31 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 	25	26 Cub Scouts 3:30pm-4:30pm	27 St. John's Food Bank 1pm-3pm Work Wednesday 11am-1pm Senior Brunch 11:30am-12:30pm	28 May is Allergy Awareness Month	29 May is Asthma Awareness Month	30 

If you're looking for something to do this spring, come join the Salem FSC in May for fun activities and informative programs. It's a great chance to meet new people. Take a look at the program descriptions and activities above—you're sure to find something that fits your interests.

Also, be sure to visit the Salem FSC Facebook page to get updates on their Pop-Up Shop.

#### **Program Descriptions and Activities-May 2026**

**Community Copies, Faxes & Computer** - The Salem Family Success Center is available for FREE copying and faxing services. We also offer computer use.

**Community Outreach Giveaway**- The Salem Family Success Center provides resource and giveaways to families in the community **On Mondays from 11am-1pm**. (When items are available). Check out the SFSC [Facebook page](#) for Pop up Shops!

**Reading Buddies**-SFSC provides fun reading time, SFSC Staff & Community Volunteers read to children ages 4 to 10 years old. Every child will receive a book for Read Across America every other **Monday from 3pm-4pm**.The kid will pick out book they will like us to read.

**St. John's Food Bank**- The Salem Family Success Center staff help give out food to the community at St. John's Outreach Food Pantry. **Every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm (22 New Market Street, Salem Nj, Please Bring Bags....**

**Working Wednesdays**- SFSC invites the community to stop by for Resume Writing, Job leads, Employment Skills, Networking, Interviews, Workshops, Employment Agency for jobs and helping apply for jobs **every Wednesday from 11am-1pm**

**Senior Connections Brunch** - SFSC will partner with Salem Community Ambassador. We will play games, card games, chit- chat, etc. something different every week. All Seniors Ages 55 and up are welcome to attend event. **Every Wednesday from 11:30am-12:30pm at 17 New Market Street (across from SFSC center)**

**Mother's Day Appreciation Presentation & Gift Giveaway**- SFSC will have a presentation and will be giving out gifts to all mothers. Grandmothers, godmother to celebrate Mother's Day on **Friday, May 8, 2026 from 3pm-4:00pm, Please Stop By!!**

**Girl Scouts**- SFSC will host the Salem Girl Troops with girls from the community. **Every other Monday in May from 3:15pm-4:30pm**, Always looking for new faces.

**Cub Scouts**-SFSC will host the Boy Scouts with boys from the community every **Tuesday from 3:15pm-4:30pm**, Always looking for new faces

**Happy Cheeks Diaper Giveaway** - The Salem Family Success Center invites parents of children (ages from newborn to 2 years old to attend Happy Cheeks Presentation & pick up FREE diapers, formula, wipes and clothing. **Everyone Must Register!! May 19,2026 from 11am-1pm, Please Bring Bags**

**Parents Chat -n- Chew** - SFSC will host the Parent Advisory Committee at Chat & Chew with women and men in the community, **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 4pm-6pm**.See you there!! **Be sure to call to register 856-935-8768**

**Flag Making Craft Activity**-SFSC invites families and friends from the community to come in to make flags for Memorial Day. (A snack will be provided) Please Call to register, **Monday, May 18,2026 from 3pm-4pm**

**Mt. Hope Food Bank**-SFSC will help set up and give out food to the community at Mt. Hope church on Broadway from 9am-2pm. **Please Bring Bags. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month**

**SFSC Tips** - Check out the Salem Family Success Center's [Facebook page](#) for Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Blood Pressure info, Stroke info and Allergy Tips and Resources for you and your family.

## **Gateway CAP Scholars Program**



**Gateway**  
Community  
**Action**  
PARTNERSHIP  
AMERICA'S POVERTY FIGHTING NETWORK  
*Helping People. Changing Lives. Gateway to Success.*

UPDATED FOR  
**2026!**

*Invest in Your*  
**FUTURE**

WITH THE  
**GATEWAY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Gateway CAP is here to help you achieve your educational goals and build a brighter future.

**WE HELP YOU:**

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

 SUPPORTING STUDENTS. BUILDING FUTURES.

 **APPLY TODAY!**  
Learn more and apply at [gatewaycap.org/gatewayscholars](https://gatewaycap.org/gatewayscholars)

*Your dreams.  
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>

**City Of Bridgeton Semi-Annual Cleanup**



**Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) proudly joined the City of Bridgeton for its semi-annual community cleanup on April 18, 2026. A total of 61 neighborhood volunteers came together to help clean the city they call home, collecting 100 bags of trash in the process. Thank you to all the volunteers for showing such care and commitment to their community.**



**Fun With Monarch FSC Music & Movement**



**Recently, some of the Vineland kids had an amazing time dancing, stretching, and playing fun movement games at the Gateway CAP Monarch Family Success Center. Everyone enjoyed the experience as they smiled, laughed, and stayed active together!**

## **Happy Cheeks At The Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center**

Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center

Happy Cheeks/Mejillas felices

May 13, 2026

12:00pm-2:00pm



Debe asistir a la presentación para obtener pañales. Llame para obtener más información. Se proporcionarán refrigerios y meriendas.

What to do for the  
Change of Weather for  
your child ?

GBFSC Please Bring a Bag  
155 Spruce St  
Bridgeton NJ, 08302  
(856)451-1133



**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

para niños de 1 a 6 años



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

TODOS LOS NIÑOS PUEDEN TENER RIESGO DE ENVENAMAMIENTO 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 first event took place on March 17. If you missed this session, there are three more available. Additionally, parents will receive free diapers.

\*\*\*Please note the dates.\*\*\*

## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Aida Serrano - School-Based Counselor  
Christjaylie Milian Mercado - Floating Teacher

James Porter - Advocate

Latriese Athill - DOE Teacher Assistant

Marliy Ramos - Sub Teacher Assistant

Mary Angela Kane - Child/Family Site Director

Patricia Carvajal - EHS Teacher

Rosa Maria Ramos - Home Energy Assistance Adjudicator

Stephanie Bultes - WIC Administrative Clerk

Tashika Shockley - Family Advocate

### Did you know?



Aspirin works fastest when you chew it: The fact that aspirin can help in the case of a heart attack could be life-saving information. Even more helpful is knowing that it's more effective

when chewed, not swallowed, in this particular situation. Breaking the pill down in your mouth helps it work faster in your body.

When symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath, or arm discomfort occur, chewing aspirin can help prevent blood clot formation or enlargement in heart arteries. This action inhibits platelet aggregation, reducing damage during a heart attack.

For more information, click on [What Is Chewable Aspirin Used For, and When?](#)

**“Goodbye April.  
Hello May.**

**Please be a good month  
and bring smiles and happiness  
to my family and friends.”**





Spring is here, and gardening is in the air. Flower shops and garden outlets are loaded with plants and flowers for the season.

Here are some 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](#)



## Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo, Spanish for “the fifth of May”, marks the Mexican army’s victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, during the Franco-Mexican War. Also known as Battle of Puebla Day, the holiday falls on Tuesday, May 5, in 2026. While it is considered a relatively minor observance in Mexico, Cinco de Mayo has grown in significance in the United States, where it is widely celebrated as a tribute to Mexican culture and heritage, especially in communities with large Mexican American populations. To learn more, go to [History.com/articles/cinco-de-mayo](https://www.history.com/articles/cinco-de-mayo).

## Recipes To Enjoy



**Sangria Mocktail**

Bursting with a blend of fresh fruit and refreshing citrus, this mocktail is a celebration in a glass.

**Ingredients**

- ½ apple, cored and chopped
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 lime, sliced
- 1 orange, sliced
- 3 cups grape juice
- 1 cup cranberry juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2-3 cups sparkling water



**Sangria Mocktail**

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**Directions**

To a large pitcher, add sliced fruit and all juices. Mix well and chill in the refrigerator for 4-6 hours. Add sparkling water right before serving. Garnish with fresh fruit, if desired.

This recipe makes 1 pitcher of sangria that serves 6-8.

Can you see yourself relaxing with a cool drink on the warm May days? Cinco de Mayo is a great day to have a Sangria Mocktail in hand!

## Let's Talk Inclusion



**REGISTER HERE!**



# LET'S TALK INCLUSION

**HAVE LUNCH WITH US,  
ON US, AND LET'S DISCUSS A  
MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY  
FOR OUR YOUTH.**



**ADVISORY BOARD: MAY 1 AT 12 NOON  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

**110 COHANSEY ST, BUILDING C, LARGE TRAINING ROOM**

Engaging Youth with Cognitive & Behavioral Disabilities

**Join the Gateway CAP wellness Center as they open the forum for "Let's Talk Inclusion,  
on Friday, May 1, 2026 at 12 noon, 110 Chansey St, Bridgeton, Building C,  
Large Training Room.**

**The Topic: Engaging Youth with Cognitive and Behavioral Disabilities.**

# Wellness Center Is Hosting A Wellness Fair

in collaboration with  
**Gateway Wellness Center**  
Presents

# WELLNESS FAIR

Mental Health Expo 2026

Open to all ages!

- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Food

AND MORE!



Want to be a Vendor?  
Scan the QR code to sign up Today!

**June 17th 2026**  
3:00PM-6:00PM

**51 West Ave North**  
Bridgeton NJ, 08302

For More Information Call 856-497-6650



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en colaboracion con  
Centro Del Bienestar Gateway  
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# FERIA DEL BIENESTAR



Expo Salud Mental 2026

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todas las  
edades!

✓ Artes y Manualidades



✓ Musica

✓ Comida  
Y MAS!!



Quieres ser un  
Vendedor?  
Escanea el codigo QR  
para registrarte hoy!



17 de Junio 2026

3:00PM-6:00PM



51 West Ave North  
Bridgeton NJ,08302



Join the Gateway CAP Wellness Center for the Wellness Fair/ Mental Health Expo 2026 on  
Wednesday, June 17, 3 PM - 6 PM.  
Location: 51 West Ave North, Bridgeton, NJ 08302.  
For more information call: 856 497 6650.

Remember Mother's Day



**Remember that Sunday, May 10th Is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday of May, so the calendar date changes every year, while the weekday stays Sunday. Do something special for her, make her feel appreciated and loved.**

**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, and mother figures!**

**Remember Memorial Day**



**Monday, May 25, 2026, marks Memorial Day in the United States—a federal holiday dedicated to honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. The tradition began in the years following the Civil War, when communities decorated the graves of fallen soldiers, leading to the observance originally known as Decoration Day. Over time, the holiday evolved to honor service members who gave their lives in all American conflicts and was officially designated as Memorial Day in the 20th century. As we pause to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, Memorial Day weekend also signals the unofficial start of summer, a time when reflection and remembrance stand alongside gatherings and seasonal traditions.**

## **Upcoming Notable Dates In May**

**Cinco De Mayo - May 5**

**Mother's Day - May 10**

**Memorial Day Recognition - May 22 (Agency Early Closing at 3:00 p.m.)**

**Memorial Day - May 25 (Agency Closed in Recognition of Memorial Day)**

[Contact Us Today](#)

## Gateway Community Action Partnership

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