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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

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 our successes and struggles as we serve a Gateway to Community Action in Partnership with others for everyone's benefit!

2020 Is The Year Of The Census! Please Participate!

Together, we can ensure
that our community receives the
resources it needs.

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The United States Census 2020 affects every one of us, from the distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds to plans for future government services. We need you to complete the Census 2020

dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

questionnaire when it is available in late March. We are all in this together. Help us get a Complete Count.

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Message From Albert B. Kelly, President and CEO of Gateway

Twin Rivers Head Start Center Filled With Activities For Families



Twin Rivers invited a yoga instructor to its monthly parent meeting. The instructor showed parents and staff some yoga postures to promote a healthy lifestyle, good digestion and

healthy shoulders. The parents really loved it and had a good time!



The children at Twin Rivers learned about clothing and its various fabrics, textures, colors and more. The children took a field trip to the local laundromat to take turns washing baby doll clothes as a hands-on activity. Below are family projects related to the clothes study.



The Twin Rivers Fashion Show (see photos above and below) allowed our children to apply what they learned about clothes. They had the opportunity to wear their favorite outfit and show it off to the class as they walked down the "runway." The children were encouraged to discuss their outfit with their peers and describe what they enjoyed about it.



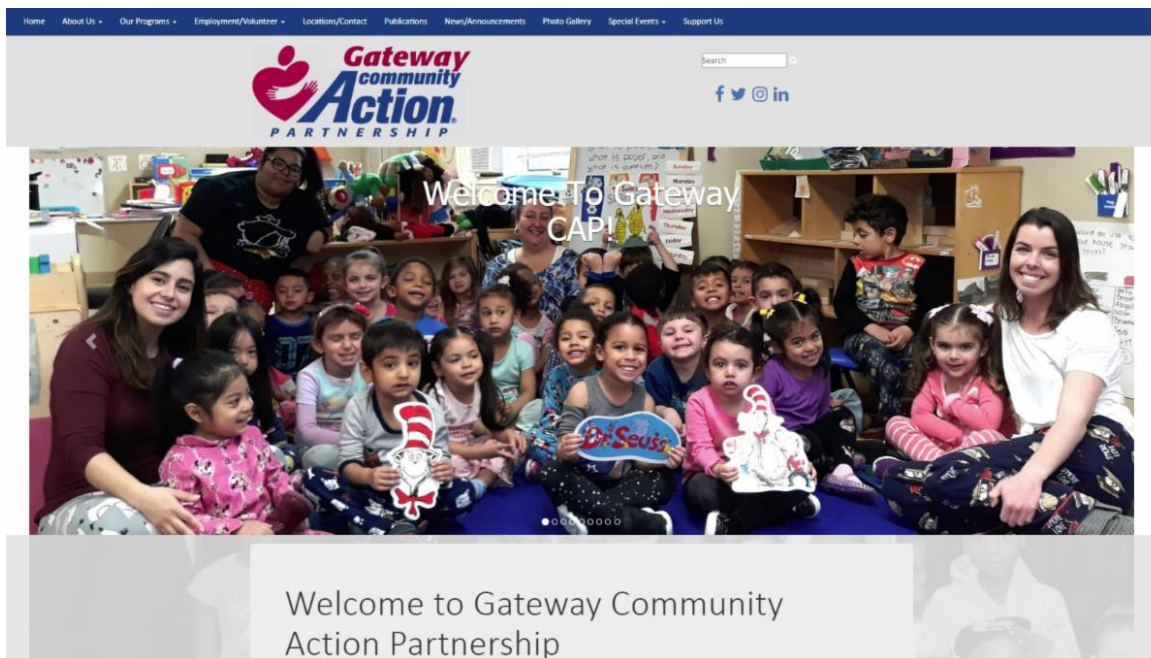
Parents from Twin Rivers Head Start center surprised staff with balloons and cake for Valentine's Day to show their appreciation.

Children At River's Edge Campus Dazzle Families And Staff With Fashion Show



Head Start children looking good with their Fashion Show in Bridgeton.

Gateway Launches New And Improved Website To Better Serve Community



Gateway Community Action Partnership's new and improved website is now accessible at www.gatewaycap.org. The new site has some new features, a new look and an improved mobile version that allows users a better experience when visiting the site from a smartphone or tablet.

Among the changes:

Home Page - features an agency-wide calendar, live social media and news feeds, and promos for the Census and Gateway Golf Classic.

About Us - Features a new Board of Directors page with photos of the board officers and a new Executive Leadership page with photos of agency staff.

Programs - Revised program-specific pages, many with new photos, videos, graphics, and embedded direct email forms where clients can request additional information right from the page. New pages are now available for the **County Councils for Young Children** and **Gateway's Male Initiative Program**. The **Family Success Centers** page now features three separate event calendars and direct email for to each center coordinator. The **Greater Bridgeton Area Transit** page features a new video and interactive route map.

[Click Here To Check Out Our New Website!](#)

Gateway's Young Recognized By National Congress of Black Women



Nina Young, the project coordinator for a variety of projects at Gateway Community Action Partnership, will be among the honorees at the 25th Annual Scholarship Luncheon of the National Congress of Black Women/Bridgeton Area Chapter on March 14 at The Grove at Centerton in Pittsgrove.

Young's contribution to our community include: Bridgeton's Code Blue Coordinator, Live Healthy Bridgeton, the Next Generation of Community Leaders, the Greater Bridgeton Area Transit bus in addition to designing artwork and marketing materials at Gateway.

Holly City FSC's Sabrina Simpkins Named Millville Outstanding Citizen

The Greater Millville Chamber of Commerce announced that Sabrina Simpkins will be honored as Outstanding Citizen at the GMCC's March 11 luncheon at the New Jersey Motorsports Park.

In addition to her impactful community service and volunteerism in helping at-risk children, families in need and the region's homeless, Simpkins serves as the Site Director of the Holly City Family Success Center of Millville.



Holly City Family Success Center Of Millville Connecting With The Community



Above, Tomeia Thornton and Liddian Street show their certificates recognizing them as the winners in the Holly City Family Success Center of Millville's Extreme Cook-Off Contest. The men's winners are in the photo below.



Men's winners in the Holly City Family Success Center of Millville's Extreme Cook-Off.



Congratulations to Lavar McCall and Brenda Orellano, the Holly City Family Success Center of Millville's Volunteers of the Month

for January!



The Holly City Family Success Center of Millville, in collaboration with the Holly City Development Corporation, held a 14-week Strengthening Families program. Families that participated and completed the program were eligible for prize packs, family fun nights and gift certificates worth \$100 per family.

New Season Is Well Underway At Mill Creek Urban Farm



Mill Creek Urban Farm opened a new greenhouse with 252 grow bags, 504 tomato plants of 3 varieties, and freshly planted English cucumbers. The cucumber plants, also called "burpless cucumbers," are fast-growing, seedless, gynoecious (meaning they produce only female flowers), parthenocarpic (do not need pollinating), thin-skinned, and tasty! Transplants will be four weeks from seed.



Students from the Salem Special Services School District filled pots for our spring tomato crops.

Green's Work In The Community Recognized By Alpha Kappa Sorority



Carole Green, Gateway's Director of Youth and Family Services, was the guest speaker for a Alpha Kappa Alpha Society/Theta Kappa Omega Chapter event. Green received a certificate in recognition of "The Many Faces of African American Women in Childcare."

Easy Access For Greater Bridgeton Area Transit Information

Bus service for the Greater Bridgeton Area Transit runs 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., M-F and from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday. This service is open for all residents over the age of 8 (8-17 must be accompanied by parent/guardian) for any transportation related need!
For more information, call (856) 696-5660 x3001

[Click Here For Greater Bridgeton Area Transit Information](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Gateway-Community-Action-Partnership--February-2020-News.html?soid=1104865191575&aid=KqvKXMrTL-o)



**Check Out Video For More
Information On GBAT!**

A Warm Welcome To Gateway Community Action Partnership's Newest Employees

Welcome To Gateway CAP's New Hires!

Heather Moran, Planning
Elias Flores, Head Start
Michelle Reeder, Head Start
Mikkel Jones, Head Start
Heidy Perez, Head Start
Ashanti Myricks, Head Start
Miranda Rivera, Head Start
Levi Beteta, Head Start
Dina George, Head Start
Marlene Urban, Administration

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A round Gateway Community Action Partnership ... News and Notes

Internet Essentials, a program offered by **Comcast**, gives income-eligible families **access to the Internet for \$9.95 a month** with no activation fee, equipment fees or price increases. Having the Internet enables children to do homework, type reports or do research and enables the parents to e-mail teachers as well as look for jobs, pay bills or find doctors. Gateway Community Action Partnership is working with Comcast to inform families of the program. To be eligible, low-income applicants need to show they are participating in one or more of a dozen different federal assistance programs, including Medicaid, SNAP, and SSI. They must reside in a Comcast service area and must not have subscribed to Comcast Internet in the last 90 days or have overdue Comcast bills. Also, low-cost computers are being offered for \$149.99 and free training is accessible if needed. To get more information or to sign up, visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376. ... Gateway operates the **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)** in Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic and Salem counties. The program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, lactation support, immunization education and health care referrals to income-eligible pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to age 5. Gateway WIC serves more than 23,000 clients annually through flexible hours through its eight (8) offices and a full-service, health screening mobile office. WIC is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap, write immediately to: USDA, Director-Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20250 - 9410. For additional information on the Gateway WIC program or nearest office location and hours of operation, call the Gateway WIC program at 856-451-5600 or 856-225-5050. ... Gateway's **Head Start** program is once again sponsoring the **Child Care Food Program**. This program is designed to provide meals to children receiving services in Head Start centers located throughout Atlantic, Cape May, Mercer, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.



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Sincerely,

Michael Cudemo
Gateway Community Action Partnership