

Hello friend,

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our children. Their schedules have been disrupted, and their ability to socialize at school and engage in other extra-curricular activities have all abruptly ended. Our Early Head Start and Head Start teachers have worked hard to make sure that our children continued to receive a quality education, by dropping off virtual learning packets at their homes and setting up virtual learning sessions to provide support to parents during this difficult time. Our teachers miss their students, and the students miss their teachers.

So this week, we are going to celebrate our Head Start graduates and their parents by having a drive-thru graduation ceremony for all of our Head Start children. These are challenging times, but we are so proud of our children, and we think it is important to celebrate their achievements and wish them well for the 2020-21 school year.

As always, thank you all for your support!

Best regards,

Mark B. Lawson, Esq.
CEO/ President



I am writing this letter because I want to Express my sincere appreciation to Totally Kids and the head start program for all the things that you have done for my child and myself during the pandemic. All the packages that we received during that time not only put a smile on Gracie's face, but also put a smile on mine. From day one, Gracie enjoyed each day more and more when she would return home from your center. She has thrived in so many different areas. She knows her letters, shapes, can count to 20, and so much more.

My Gratitude is overwhelming for what you have done for me and Gracie. I could never Thank you enough. Not only were you there for me during one of the toughest times, but you showed that you care about my child as much as I do and that will never be forgotten! Thank You!

All The Best,
Carrie Doyle

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CAA in the News: Eviction Crisis

President and CEO of Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency Mark Lawson joined Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval on WVXU's Cincinnati Edition in a conversation about the Eviction Crisis in Cincinnati and services available to residents in Hamilton County.

You can listen to the discussion here: <https://www.wvxu.org/post/aftab-pureval-expects-eviction-crisis-plans-help>

Mobile Food Pantry

Our next drive-thru Mobile Food Pantry will take place Wednesday, June 17, from 2-4 pm at Community Action Agency (1740 Landon Farm Rd.) [Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming pantry dates.



Head Start Graduation

This Friday, our Head Start Staff will be giving our students graduating from Head Start a final send-off before they head to kindergarten. Students will have a chance to wave goodbye to their teachers and receive goodies and learning materials. Parents and their children are encouraged to attend our drive-thru graduation Friday, June 19, and arrive at any time between 10am - 1pm.

Graduation celebrations will take place at three of our centers; please go to the location listed below:

- Camp Washington (1054 Heywood St): Camp Washington, Milvale, and Winton students
- Life Learning Center (1740 Langdon Farm Rd.): Life Learning Center and Discovery Minds students
- Theodore M. Berry Children & Family Learning Center (880 W Court St.)



Storytime with Head Start's Policy Council & Friends

Join Ebony Griggs-Griffin, Ed.D., and a panel of education leaders and Head Start Parents, as they discuss the developmental importance of having storytime with children. This live event will take place on Tuesday, June 16, at 2 pm. You can join the discussion [@CincinnatiHeadStart](#).



CAA TechWorks Information Session

Community Action Agency's Career Pathways team is hosting frequent information sessions to discuss our TechWorks program, how to enroll, and career opportunities for those who want to earn the CompTIA+ Certification. You can register for an upcoming information session [here](#).



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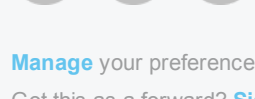
As we continue to practice social distancing, now would be a great time to go online to complete the #2020Census from the comfort of your home. The data gathered is critical to how communities are seen, heard, and funded. For every person not counted, Hamilton County loses \$1,814 in federal funding annually.

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