

Hello Friend,

The 2020/21 school year is off to a different, but a good start. CAA's Head Start program will start the year off virtually by offering support to parents by way of lesson plans and supplies needed to make the at-home learning experience for our families a successful one.

Last week, Renee Daniel, Vice President of Early Childhood Education, sent a letter to our parents outlining the plan to move forward this school year. You can read that letter below. Although the virtual learning experience for Pre-School is uncharted territory, we are doing everything to make sure we are providing our families with the tools needed to succeed, keeping in mind that this is temporary.

I want to encourage you to watch the recording of our Head Start Virtual Open House on our [Head Start Facebook](#) page, which shows details on our plans to move forward and how families can register their children for Head Start. We are eager to open our doors once again. As always, thank you for your support!

Best,
Mark B. Lawson, Esq.
President/CEO

Letter to Parents: Head Start Reopen

Dear Parents:

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a community and a nation, have responded to the sweeping impact of COVID-19 since March. Our collective strength and resolve continues to reveal itself in new, and sometimes surprising, ways. I am very proud of the way our CAA educators and parent leaders have handled the demands we were faced with to protect everyone as we continue to support the community during this most unconventional of circumstances.

As you know, concerns and questions are arising related to how the programs plan to reopen in August 2020; and while we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of our children, families and our employees.

What to expect in August and September: We recently conveyed to you that we would be open to serve children on August 24, 2020. In light of the recent incidence of cases in the Cincinnati area and in our region, we have made the decision to modify the in-person plan to align with Cincinnati Public Schools.

Be assured, we have been working diligently updating and revising our Smart Restart Plan. Given the extensive information needed to plan as COVID-19 as issues emerge, the comprehensive **Smart Restart Plan will be released to families and staff by August 24, 2020.**

From there, we will **reevaluate the in-person classes on September 15, 2020** and determine the process going forward for opening.

During this intervening time we will administer virtual operations and distance learning. Supporting your success: You can be confident that our virtual operations will deliver the same content that we would for in-person services, promoting the education and well-being of your child. More specifically:

- Our educators will make periodic, regular contact with you and your child individually and with the group of children and families.
- We will provide meal service and essential learning materials that you will need in the home. These will come to you in the form of enhanced learning boxes that you will receive bi-weekly.
- In addition, you will have access to your child's educator as well as our specialty staff, such as our Health and Wellness Coordinator to support your particular family needs, and a Family Service Worker, who can support you with supplemental resources and referrals.
- Our home visitors will continue to do modified home visits supporting families with "front porch learning."

Surely one of the enduring lessons we can take from this time of great challenge and change is that we all rallied to embody the very best of learning, life skills and resilience. Again, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement. Feel free to reach out to your sites at the numbers listed below.

LLC: 513- 569-4340
TMB: 513-569-0123
Winton: 513-482-3260
Millvale: 513-591-6944
Camp Washington: 513-853-8058
Discovering Minds: 513-482-2578
Home School: 513-787-8250

Respectfully,
Renee Y. Daniel,
Vice President Early Childhood Education

CARES Rental & Utility Relief Program

Hamilton County Commissioners are teaming up with the Freestore Foodbank, Talbert House, and CAA to help cover the rent and utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the COVID-10 pandemic to:

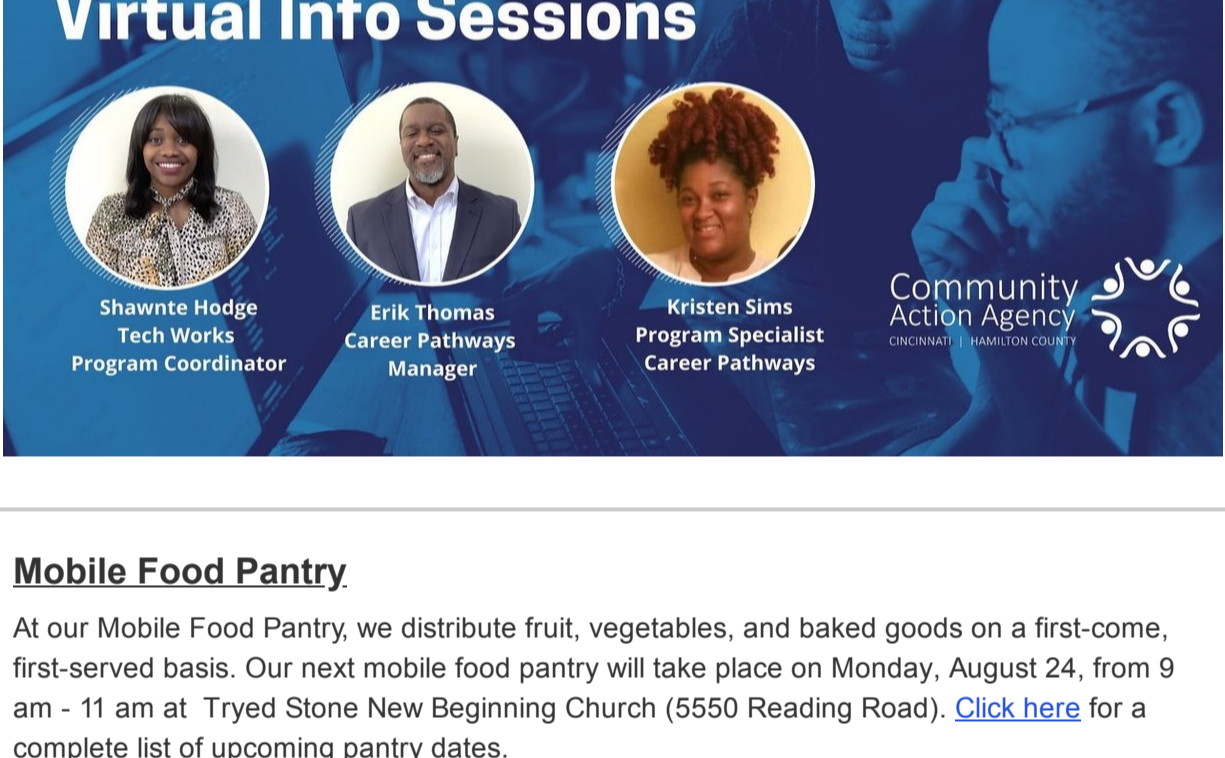
- Grants can cover up to \$2,500 or 3 months of rent/utilities
- Low and moderate-income families are eligible (80% of Area Median Income, e.g., a family of 4 with an annual income at or below \$69,050)

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Tech Works Program Live Info Session

Join Community Action Agency's Career Pathways team for a live information session on Thursday, August 20 at 2 pm, to discuss our TechWorks program, how to enroll, and career opportunities for those who want to earn the CompTIA+ Certification. You can view this live information session [@CincinnatiCAA](#).



Mobile Food Pantry

At our Mobile Food Pantry, we distribute fruit, vegetables, and baked goods on a first-come, first-served basis. Our next mobile food pantry will take place on Monday, August 24, from 9 am - 11 am at Tried Stone New Beginning Church (5550 Reading Road). [Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming pantry dates.



Head Start Enrollment

Head Start leaders are working to open our Head Start classrooms safely this Fall. Our decisions and plans will be based on guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and any state direction that is provided in the next several weeks. All parents will receive quick communication regarding our plans.

You can now enroll your child in our Head Start or Early Head Start programs by calling 513-569-4510 or visiting [www.cincinnatiheadstart.org](#).



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56th Annual Luncheon

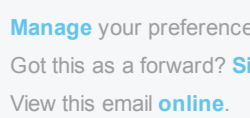
The 56th Annual Luncheon will be held virtually on Friday, October 30 at Noon. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage with our attendees and expand your reach digitally! Become a sponsor today!



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