



## Community Action Partnership offers the following programs in Montgomery County:

### **Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council works to have a measurable impact on public policy by influencing laws, regulations or policies that benefit low-income communities. CAP staff will work directly with the council to identify issues/topics of concern and develop a plan of action to address them.

### **Adult & Family Self-Sufficiency**

Case management and family support services are provided to eliminate barriers that prevent self-sufficiency. Goal-setting and follow-up are emphasized.

### **Computer Literacy Program**

Individuals who want to learn or enhance their computer skills are encouraged to participate in free courses. Classes are available on both the Beginner and Intermediate Levels and cover basic computer concepts, word processing, Internet and e-mail.

### **Emergency Services/Homelessness Prevention**

Eligible individuals and families in need of food, clothing, shelter, medical transportation and other emergency needs may receive assistance and/or referrals from the agency.

### **Homeowner Foreclosure Assistance Program**

HUD-approved certified housing counselors help eligible families prevent home foreclosure and eviction. Families learn the facts about mortgages and their options, and get help in negotiating with lenders.

### **Homeownership IDA Program**

Eligible individuals and families can work to build an account that may be used toward the purchase of a home in Montgomery County. Participants benefit from a 2:1 matched savings account, as well as financial education and planning assistance.

### **Home Weatherization Assistance Program**

Homeowners and renters may be eligible to receive free services including attic and sidewall insulation, weather stripping, safety inspections of furnaces and water heaters, furnace repairs, and consumer education to reduce the cost of their energy bills.

The agency also offers weatherization services through **Project TEEM (Teaching Energy Efficiency Measures)**. The program is funded by Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio and provides free services to make customers' homes more safe and energy efficient.

### **Micro-Enterprise Business Development & Training Program**

Individuals learn how to start and operate a home-based or second income business, while being instructed on how to complete a business plan. Persons completing the course may be eligible to apply for a low-interest loan.

### **Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)**

Households with an annual income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level may be placed on a payment plan with their regulated utility company at the Community Action Partnership. This plan, known as PIPP, allows income eligible households to pay a small percentage of their monthly income to maintain service.

### **Summer/Winter Crisis Program (HEAP)**

The Summer Crisis Program operates from July through August, and can provide assistance with electric bill payment under limited situations.

The Winter Crisis Program operates from November through March, and can pay up to \$175 to maintain, restore or initiate utility service. Assistance with bulk fuel may also be provided.

\*\*Appointments and program information are available on our automated appointment line. The number is 866-504-7379.

### **VITA Tax Assistance Program**

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), trained volunteers complete simple State and Federal income tax returns for low-to-moderate income individuals and families at no cost. The program begins in January and runs through April (tax season).

### **WorkPays**

WorkPays provides employment preparation and support assistance to eligible participants through free job search skills and job readiness training, interviewing techniques and resume building/writing. In addition, we are an approved provider for Ticket to Work services for disabled persons.

### **Youth Empowerment Center**

The Youth Empowerment Center targets youth, ages seven to 17, from low-to-moderate income areas. Programs and activities at the center focus on entrepreneurship, financial management and vital life-skills training.

# Community Action Partnership Montgomery County

## Our Mission

*to work in partnership with local communities to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty and to promote individual independence and self-sufficiency.*



## Our 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.*

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