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JUNE BGCAP NEWSLETTER

What is a newsletter?

The Agency decided to start an Employee Newsletter that will go out monthly! This will give everyone a better understanding about individual programs and how we all work together in unity to provide services to the people in our communities! Blue Grass Community Action Partnership helps people become more self-sufficient and provide a higher quality of life.

What is making our news?

**What is Blue Grass
Community Action
Partnership?**

Aging Programs

BUS Program

**Community Services
Program**

Head Start Program

Weatherization Program

June Birthdays

End

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AGING PROGRAMS:



(Pictured Above: Scott County Senior Center on an outing to Asian Buffet in Frankfort!)

The goal of the Aging programs of Blue Grass Community Action Partnership is to see that elderly clients receive the necessary services to help them remain independent in their homes.

The **Senior Citizens Centers** in Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Mercer, Scott and Woodford counties provide meals, transportation and an outlet for socialization.

The **Homecare Program** located in each center, provides in-home services to the frail elderly, sixty years or older and is designed to help at-risk clients remain in their homes.

The **Adult Day Program** in Anderson, Jessamine, Garrard, Mercer and Woodford counties provide relief for the caregiver. The program provides a stimulating and supportive environment, individual personal care and therapeutic activities. The participants are afforded an opportunity to continue to meet their social, emotional and physical needs while improving control of physical and mental functioning.

The **Senior Community Service Employment Program (Title V)** trains persons 55 and older at one of the host agencies to help them become more employable. This program provides training that assists with finding unsubsidized private employment. Each SCSEP participant works twenty hours per week performing various job duties at their host agency.

The **Senior Companion Program**, provides supportive person-to-person services to the homebound, frail elderly who are at risk of institutionalization without assistance. The program provides volunteer service opportunities for active low-income seniors. The volunteers are provided benefits which include a tax-free stipend, an annual physical exam and reimbursement for travel cost.

The **Nutrition Program** for the elderly provides management for congregate and home delivered meals for twenty nutrition sites.

SENIOR CENTER/ADULT DAY LOCATIONS



Anderson County Senior Citizens Center

Senior Center Director: Steve Carmichael

502-839-7520

Anderson County Adult Day Program

Adult Day Director: Jennett Coulter

502-839-3749

**160 Township Square
Lawrenceburg, KY. 40342**



<https://www.facebook.com/andersoncountyseniorcenter/>



Bourbon County Senior Citizens Center

Senior Center Director: Laurel Gambill

859-987-7453

**11 Legion Road
Paris, KY. 40361**



<https://www.facebook.com/bourboncountyseniorcenter/>



55 + Alive Boyle County Senior Activity Center

Senior Center Director: Rita Wash

859-987-7453

**975 Hustonville Road
Danville, KY. 40422**



<https://www.facebook.com/Boyle-County-55-Alive-Senior-Center-127712761089090/>

SENIOR CENTER/ADULT DAY LOCATIONS



Garrard County Senior Citizens Center

Senior Center Director: Brittany Wash
859-792-3147

Garrard County Adult Day Program

Contact: Brittany Wash
859-792-6603

**153 Farra Drive
Lancaster, KY. 40444**



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Garrad-Co-Senior-Citizens/163231823706583>



Jessamine County Senior Citizens Center

Senior Center Director: Courtney Baron
859-885-3658

Jessamine County Adult Day Program

Contact: Courtney Baron
859-885-3658

**111 Hoover Drive
Nicholasville, KY. 40356**



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jessamine-County-Senior-Center/511637595564169>



Ruby Dunn Senior Center in Mercer County

Senior Center Director: Angela Russell
859-734-5185

Mercer County Adult Day Program

Contact: Kim Travillian
859-734-5187

**1475 Louisville Road
Harrodsburg, KY. 40330**



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ruby-Dunn-Center/1475687189400117>

SENIOR CENTER/ADULT DAY LOCATIONS



Scott County Senior Center

Senior Center Director: Jason Smallwood

859-734-5185

**800 Cincinnati Road
Georgetown, KY. 40324**



<https://www.facebook.com/scottcountyseniorcenter/>



Woodford County Senior Center

Senior Center Director: Judy Beckley

859-873-8384

Woodford County Adult Day

Contact: Tammy Phelps

859-873-6871

**285 Beasley Drive
Versailles, KY. 40383**



<https://www.facebook.com/Woodford-County-Senior-Center-268009236686626/>

**Garrard County & Scott
County Won Senior Center
of the Year!**

GARRARD SENIOR CENTER & ADULT DAY PROM 2017

Beauty and the Beast "A Tale as Old as Time"



Above: Seniors from 55 + Alive are pictured before heading off to Prom over at the Garrard County Senior Center!



Above: The tables at the Garrard County Senior Center were decorated nicely for Seniors to socialize and rest with refreshments!



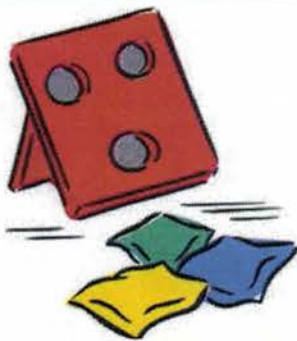
Above: "Tale as Old as Time" Garrard County Senior Citizen Prom 2017 Cake!



SCOTT COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FIELD TRIP



Pictured Above: Scott County Senior Center visited the Capital on May 25th for a tour and a picture in the Rotunda!



Bourbon County Senior Citizen Center will be hosting their first Senior Corn Hole Tournament on June 9th at 10:30 AM!



Anderson County Adult Day will be hosting their second annual Golf Scramble at Wild Turkey in Lawrenceburg KY. On June 9! Sign up @ 12:00 PM and tee-off will be at 1:00

BUS PROGRAM



What is the BUS Program?

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership provides transportation for the general public in 11 Counties!

What counties do you provide transportation in?

The BUS Program provides transportation in Anderson, Boyle, Casey, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Scott, Washington and Woodford Counties!

The person I care for is in a Wheelchair. Does this affect anything?

All of our buses are wheelchair accessible! If someone is in a wheelchair, they get a free escort!

How safe is the BUS?

All of our drivers are CPR and First Aid Trained! They are also trained on how to react in case of emergencies!

What hours does the BUS operate?

Public Transportation Services are available from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Saturday transportation is from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

How do I make an appointment?

Call 1800-456-6588 to reach a reservationist! They will gather all the needed information and schedule your appointment! All they need is a 3-day notice!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RIDE THE BUS?



Pictured Above: The BUS Express Pass! Self-Pay clients can purchase the BUS Express Pass for \$20.00 and save up to 43%!



All Veterans ride for FREE with proof of a military I.D.



Medicaid Clients (in most instances) can ride for FREE to go to doctor appointments and other Medicaid covered trips!

Blue Grass Ultra Transit
will host a Vehicle Auction
on August 4 at 10:00 AM

Central Office

111 Professional Court

Frankfort, KY. 40601



MEMORIAL DAY BUS SHUTTLE



Our Dan Tran BUS was the Memorial Day BUS Shuttle!

The **Central Kentucky Veterans Committee (CKVC)** hosts an annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. The Memorial Day BUS Shuttle Service at Camp Nelson was a huge success. They broke their record for attendees...1300 people is the biggest crowd they have had to date. The availability of parking on cemetery grounds is very limited, so patrons to this ceremony must park at Heritage Park. For the last few years BUS has provided 5 vehicles for a free shuttle service from Heritage Park, to the cemetery. The shuttle passengers include a mixture of age groups with some having physical impairments. Between 2015 and 2017 the shuttle service provided by BUS transported over 1,500 passengers without a single complaint. We are pleased to help the Central Kentucky Veterans Committee honor those who have died in active military service. All the drivers enjoyed the time they spent with the VETS. I believe this is one of the most important events in which we are involved. So proud of our company and drivers for honoring our heroes!

OTHER BUS NEWS!



Ken Downs and Robert Gotshall enjoyed themselves while working the Memorial Day Shuttle BUS!

- ✚ On 7/24/17, BUS will have its 3rd SDS driver training batch of the year. We also will have a CPR class for that batch on that Friday the 28th.
- ✚ Recently we had several (Linda Baker, Kevin Debabritis, and John Unger) who were able to attend the 3 Day Pass training in Lexington to become a certified Pass Trainer. The sessions also included hands-on training as well, which allowed for refresher training.
- ✚ The Kentucky Public Transit Association (KPTA) bi-annual conference will be in August. The classes are very informative; typically something different each time we attend. The state also holds a class during this time; we learn about new Medicaid rules in the works or if they will change or add to any of our monthly reporting and systems.
- ✚ BUS is at an all-time high with regards to our partnership with the State, public ridership, veteran ridership, and having a record number of buses on order. Twenty new buses should arrive before the end of July, 2017!
- ✚ BGCAP was recently awarded the Region 8 Medicaid Brokerage once again! BUS is also waiting to hear from the State on how successful we were in our Federal Transit Administration Grant Award Applications.

RED NOSE DAY IN BUS!

Red Nose Day aims to end child poverty by raising money and awareness for kids in the United States and around the world!



Janie Games, Tim Monroe, Debbie McKee, Melody Stuckwish, Savannah Lewis and Anita Beasley



Janie Games and Amanda Glass



Anita Beasley and Corey Bixler



Anita Beasley and Melody Stuckwish

COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS



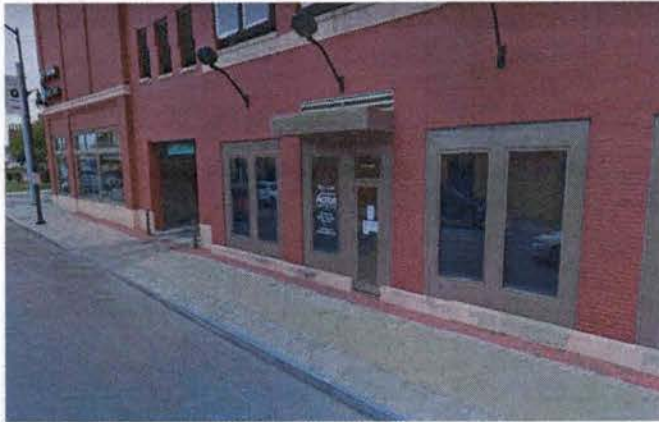
Anderson County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Nathan Carter
502-839-7102

**117 ½ Hilltop Drive
Lawrenceburg, KY. 40342**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Anderson county/Lawrenceburg KY.



Boyle County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Donna Linton
859-236-2955

**225 W Walnut Street
Danville, KY. 40422**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Boyle county/Danville KY.



Franklin County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Laura Steiner
502-695-5615

**73 C Michael Davenport Blvd, Suite 1
Frankfort, KY. 40601**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Franklin county/Frankfort KY.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS



Garrard County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Cathy Denham

859-792-3422

**107 S. Campbell Street
Lancaster, Ky. 40444**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Garrard county/Lancaster KY.



Jessamine County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Ryan Graham

859-885-3512

**213 S. Main Street Suite 103
Nicholasville, KY. 40356**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Jessamine county/Nicholasville KY.



Lincoln County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Jamie Greathouse

606-365-2312

**201 E. Main Street
Stanford, KY. 40484**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Lincoln county/Stanford KY.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS



Mercer County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Becky Stratton

859-734-9549

**1475 Louisville Road
Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Mercer county/Harrodsburg KY.



Scott County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Kelsey Burns

502-863-9403

**213 S. Main Street Suite 103
Nicholasville, KY. 40356**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Scott county/Georgetown KY.



Woodford County Community Developer Office

Community Developer: Susan Hughes

859-873-8182

**285 Beasley Drive
Versailles, KY. 40383**



Bluegrass Community action partnership Woodford county/Versailles KY.

SCHOLARSHIPS!



JD Noe received a \$750.00 scholarship from Lincoln County Community Developer, Jamie Greathouse. He will be attending Eastern Kentucky University in the Fall of 2017.



“Congratulations to Anna Sae Ngo, the Jessamine County Scholarship winner. Pictured with Ryan Graham, Community Developer.”

WHAT IS HEAD START?



Above: Children at Anderson County Head Start met the Easter Bunny!

Blue Grass Head Start (BGHS) is a free pre-school program for three (3) and four (4) year old children. BGHS serves the following counties:

- ✚ Anderson
- ✚ Franklin
- ✚ Jessamine
- ✚ Mercer/Boyle
- ✚ Woodford

BGHS provides comprehensive education, health services, parent involvement, disability services and transportation to eligible children. Throughout the year, BGHS provides:

- ✚ Immunization Tracking
- ✚ Well Care Checkups
- ✚ Dental Screenings
- ✚ Vision Screenings

Head Start will pay for needed exams at no expense to families of the enrolled children it serves and encourages children to volunteer in the program and be a part of their children's education. The staff at BGHS is certified in Early Childhood Education and the educational program includes experiences to meet the individual needs of the child. BGHS also provides nutritional breakfast, lunch and snacks!

For More information:
1800-456-6571 ext 228

HEAD START



Anderson County Head Start

Site Supervisor: Tammy Moore
502-839-7202

**1593 Harrodsburg Road
Lawrenceburg, Ky. 40342**



Franklin County Head Start

Site Supervisor: Kelley McMichael
502-227-1511

**955 Leestown Road
Frankfort, KY. 40601**



Jessamine County Head Start

Site Supervisor: Julianne Montgomery
859-858-2585

**1330 Drake Lane
Nicholasville, Ky. 40356**



Mercer County Head Start

Site Supervisor: Cheryl Preston
859-734-4788

**580 Perryville Street
Harrodsburg, KY. 40330**



Woodford County Head Start

Site Supervisor: Ophia Lewis
(859) 873-6579

**200 Park Street
Versailles, KY. 40383**



The old saying “What goes around comes around” is true in Anderson County Head Start, a child development program that provides education, health services, parental involvement, and social services to eligible preschool children in the community.

The current Head Start Program director, Tammy Moore, was a preschool student in Head Start 43 years ago. Tammy enjoyed the program immensely as a child

that she grew up to lead the program today with its 50 years of service to preschool children of Anderson County.

Tammy stated, “I truly believe Head Start makes a difference in the lives of children. We have had ‘School Readiness’ drilled into our minds, and that’s just a little of what we do here at Head Start. We work to prepare children for school, which gives them a ‘Head Start’ in their educational lives.”

Her compassion and dedication to leading the community program is evident when Tammy speaks about her work. “I love my job and love this program. Not only have I worked for Blue Grass Head Start for the last 20 years, I was a Head Start child in this same program in 1974! I guess you could say I have Head Start in my blood,” she said with a broad smile spreading across her face.

Getting a second “head start” in education always means success in life. That’s what another Anderson County citizen believes, who knows very well through experience that “what goes around comes around” in life. Kevin Gamble, 26 years old, also attended pre-school at Anderson County Head Start as a young child. His 4 year old daughter, Trinity Gamble, graduated from Head Start on May 15, 2017, during a special ceremony held at the Head Start and Daycare Center. Kevin, who volunteers at the Head Start preschool, says he does that to give back to the place that gave him a “head start” with his education.

At the Head Start Center, located at 1593 Harrodsburg Road, Lawrenceburg, parental involvement is encouraged for the benefit of students and parents. Parents are encouraged to become active in all phases of the Head Start Program—in the classroom, on field trips, parent meetings and workshops, bus monitoring, attending health screenings and program events. Parents are also part of the decision making process for their children’s Head Start experience by serving on the program’s Parent Committee and Policy Council.

Classroom leader Amanda Ritchey emphasized the quality of education provided within the Head Start Program by explaining, “To me Head Start is such a great jump start to get preschool children ready for school. Children are on a schedule from the first day they enter the Head Start Center. And attending the Center teaches them friendship and offers them the education needed to socialize from ages three years and up. We take time to interact with each child individually to help them gain a sense of self while building self esteem and confidence.”

Head Start provides children with a learning environment along with a variety of experiences that help students develop socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually in an age appropriate manner. Its program focuses on areas of development in pre-literacy (pre-reading), fine motor skills (pre-writing), gross motor skills, music and art appreciation, and speech and language development.

Other classroom leaders, Becky Hawkins and Jackie Trent, echo what Amanda Ritchey says about the benefits for students in the Head Start Program. Becky said, "Early childhood education is very important to children because they learn how to do many things before going to school, such as getting along with others, manners, following rules, and much more." And leader Jackie Trent added, "The children here get social interaction while at play along with learning and preparing for kindergarten."

The local Head Start Pre-School Program is for 3 and 4 year olds, while its daycare center serves children 2 to 12 years of age. Its hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

-Written by Donna Crain Drury



Above: Cara Edwards, Sue Harvey, Katelyn Stidham, Kayla White, Tracy Warren



Lisa Bean and Anna Wheatley



Becky Hawkins, Jackie Trent and Amanda Ritchie

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<http://www.downtownlawrenceburgky.com/2017/05/24/great-daycares-anderson-county-head-start/>

Sign up now for the

Weatherization Program

Weatherization reduces energy costs for low-income families by improving the efficiency of their homes.



Weatherization Works!



The Weatherization program provides home repairs to prevent heat loss, and repair or replace heating systems when necessary. The goal of the program is to assist clients in securing a safe and healthy energy efficient environment.

Weatherization agencies install cost effective measures to reduce home energy consumption in hot and cold climates.

Apply now at one of Blue Grass Community Action's local Community Developers office!

"This service is provided with no cost to eligible clients"

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WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Weatherization Goal:

The Weatherization Program provides necessary home repairs to prevent heat loss, and repair or replace heating systems when necessary. The goal of the program is to assist clients in securing a safe and healthy energy efficient environment.

Eligibility for the program is based on income, although priority is given to the elderly and disabled. Upon approval, an inspection is performed on the client's home by the Weatherization staff to determine the extent of repairs necessary to make the residence safe and healthy.

The service is provided with no cost to eligible clients.



For more information on Weatherization Services, please contact Jessica Aldridge at 502-695-4290 Ext 224.

Applications are taken at CD Offices!

Energy Saving Tips:

- ✚ Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable for the winter and as high as comfortable in the summer.
- ✚ Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- ✚ Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- ✚ During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south facing window open during the day to allow sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- ✚ During the cooling season, keep the window coverings closed during the day to prevent solar gain.
- ✚ Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees!
- ✚ Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor.
- ✚ Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently.

Happy BIRTHDAY! to you.

Brenda Florian → June 5

Paulette Schrieber → June 7

Kevin Defabritis → June 8

Linda Bryant → June 9

Katelyn Stidham → June 9

Dennis Sallee → June 9

Edward Ray Miller → June 10

Christopher Douthitt → June 11

Phillip Dixon → June 13

Carrie Eads → June 15

Phillip Bryant → June 15

Tammy Phelps → June 17

Floretta Combs → June 20

James Pennington → June 24

Mary Martin → June 25

Geraldine Currens → June 27

Beverly Webb → June 27

Ashley Lewis → June 27

Jean Nicole Wilson → June 30



THE END!

This is the end of our first newsletter! The plan is to do this monthly. Hopefully you all enjoyed this and learned more about your role in the Agency and the other programs. If you have anything informational/fun for next month's July Edition, please contact Jenna Cox at 502-695-4290 Ext 243 or jenna.cox@bgcap.org

