

THE BCAP BUZZ

BURLINGTON COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



A Message From the CEO

The Buzz is here for its second publication and as you read the action-packed articles, I am sure you will agree that our “impact” here at BCCAP is in action. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Administration, we would like to thank all staff for their tireless efforts within several Burlington County communities that continue to implement these services daily. We would like to thank each consumer who trusts our staff with your children, whether it be an infant/toddler at our Browns Mills location or a preschooler attending one of our Early Learning Centers (Delanco, Lumberton). We are also excited about the opening of a new Early Learning Center (Nesbit Center) that has obtained all licenses and will begin operations in late October 2019. On top of much of the exciting news and happenings that you read in this issue, we want to announce that after 54 years of tireless services to our community, BCCAP has made an official name change, “Burlington Community Action Partnership, Inc.” (BCAP); with this we have also changed our logo, which you will see printed in this issue. The BCAP organization belongs to the National Community Action Partnership, which has over 1000 Community Action (CA) organizations as members throughout the United States, collectively we serve millions of citizens each year, moving them one step closer to “self-sufficiency”. Again, we want to thank the community for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ruben A. Johnson
Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

We hope you’ve had a great summer. Autumn is now upon us and BCAP is “buzzing” with activity! Here are all of the wonderful things we’d like to share with you from the most recent quarter.

New This Quarter



Our New Logo!

Burlington County Community Action Program (BCCAP) is now Burlington Community Action Partnership, Inc. (BCAP). To go with the new name is a brand new logo.

Girl Scout Project at Browns Mills Early Head Start and Head Start

Lauren Boice and Julia Thomas of Girl Scout Troop #22219 in Marlton completed their Silver Award project by creating a Little Library box for the Head Start Center in Browns Mills. They decided to expand their project to include the Lumberton and Delanco Centers by hand painting 2 smaller boxes for each of these centers.

In addition to the boxes, the girls researched the importance of reading to young children and created a pamphlet that can serve as a resource for the parents of the children who attend Head Start. The girls built the larger box from scratch and hand-painted it. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the heightened award for Cadette Girl Scouts.



Family Child Care Grants

Registered Family Child Care providers in Burlington County had the chance to apply for



grants of up to \$2000 during the month of September. The grants, which are through the Division of Family Development, are for providers to increase their quality, and will cover items such as emergency preparedness kits, education materials/supplies, liability insurance, small repairs, professional development opportunities, and technology support.

New This Quarter

BCAP Home Visiting Programs Receive 3 Year United Way Grant



The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey has a goal of increasing the number of children aged 0-5 who are school ready when entering school. The home visiting programs at BCAP were awarded a School Ready grant to provide funding for programming that will help to close the readiness gap.

Babies are born learners and parents play a critical role from the beginning in determining their child's school readiness. All parents deserve to be supported in their role as their child's first teacher. The home visiting programs at BCAP provide information on child development, as well as modeling and engaging parents in age appropriate activities. The home visitors answer questions and concerns and link parents to community services. Early literacy activities have always been provided to families.

This grant from the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey will make it possible for home visitors to receive additional training about the importance of early literacy and teach them how to share this information with families. They will gain knowledge to help them better inform their families about behaviors that will encourage language development. The literacy/readiness gap widens when children are not in language rich homes that are filled with books and magazines. Books are provided to families, purchased with grant funds, to help build home libraries. To close the readiness gap, the United Way certainly realizes that we need to invest in helping parents be their child's best first teacher.



Welcome Back to a New School Year!



The 2019-2020 school year opened with two days of Professional Development workshops for the BCAP Head Start and Early Head Start staff and Daniel the Tiger from PBS visiting our Lumberton and Delanco Head Start Centers. The Professional Development staff workshops included several training opportunities for Supervisors and Managers.

BCAP Head Start and Early Head Start (BCAP HS/EHS) partners and participates in the Preschool Expansion with local public school districts.

During 2018-2019 BCAP HS/EHS successfully partnered with the Mt. Holly Township Public School District and Superintendent James DiDonato, offering 30 students comprehensive educational, health, nutrition, and social services at the W. Fredrick C. Knighten, III Head Start Center located at 100 Maple Grove Blvd in Lumberton, New Jersey. We are excited about our continued partnership with the Mt. Holly School District in 2019 – 2020 and beyond. This school year we welcome the Edgewater Park Township Public School District and Superintendent Dr. Roy Rakszawski. The Edgewater Park School District partnership will include 30 students attending the Carolyn E. Henderson Head Start Center located at 2431 Burlington Avenue in Delanco, New Jersey. With 50 years of expertise in Early Childhood education, BCAP looks forward to additional Early Learning Education partnerships in Burlington County for Head Start, Early Head Start and BCAP Early Learning programs. The re-opening of the Nesbit/Sunbury Head Start Program for 3 to 5-year-old students is moving forward and we will announce opening day soon! The Nesbit Center is located at 1 Anderson Road, Pemberton, New Jersey. Our Delanco and Lumberton centers serving 3 to 5 years old students, and our Browns Mills Center located at 405 Lakehurst Road, Browns Mills, NJ, serving 0 to 5 years old students is open.

All Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide high-quality educational services, a free healthy breakfast, lunch, PM Snack, limited transportation, social services, health screenings, family activities, fatherhood programs, speech therapy, assistance with Child Study teams and we serve students with disabilities. Our Home-Based Early Head Start program is a year-round program offering in-home educational services, social services, health screenings and nutritional activities for 0 to 5-year-old students, their parents and pregnant mothers. Welcome to an exciting new school year at BCAP Head Start and Early Head Start!





TO OUR NEW STAFF!

The following people have joined our ranks during the July-September quarter.

Please join us in welcoming them to BCAP:

Ruth Amankona

Teacher's Assistant, Head Start

Brittany Barnes

Teacher's Assistant, Head Start

Anna Barry

Teacher, Head Start

Melinda Bowman-Williams

Group Teacher, Head Start

Ashley Cummings

Bus Driver, Head Start

Mellasiah Dixon

Bus Monitor, Head Start

Samaka Empson

Bus Monitor, Head Start

Destiny Franklin

Teacher's Assistant, Head Start

Karlie Gore

Teacher, Head Start

Dylan Hall

Bus Monitor, Head Start

Stephanie Johnson

Bus Driver, Head Start

Laura McRae

Teacher, Early Head Start

Marwah Rabeeah

Teacher's Assistant, Head Start

Jasmine Reed

Teacher's Assistant, Head Start

Deanna Reid-Harden

Teacher, Head Start

Lillian St. Germaine

Teacher, Head Start

Francine Taylor

Accountant

Recent Events

Swap Till You Drop



July 10, 2019—The Women's Resource Center hosted an event in which guests were encouraged to reserve a table and donate 5-10 items to swap. This was a great way for community members to let go of unwanted things and "shop" for free!

Kids Cooking Class

July 22 & August 12, 2019— The Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships program at the Nesbit Center hosted two cooking classes for children over the summer. The kids had great fun getting their hands dirty while making pizza and muffins!



Youth Mentoring Program

July 25, 2019— The Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships program at the Nesbit Center held an open house to introduce a new program where community members could volunteer to mentor youth in the area. The mentoring program has continued every other Tuesday at 5pm through the month of September.



Milk & Cookies Event



August 5, 2019—The Women's Resource Center invited all women residing in Burlington County to attend this Free Networking Event that aimed to promote and support breastfeeding within Burlington County. A Lactation Specialist was on site to present the huge benefits that breastfeeding can bring to both the health and welfare of babies, as well as a wider push for maternal health and much more.

Recent Events

Basketball Camp

August 16 & 30, 2019— The Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships program held two free Basketball Camps over the summer. The children, ages 7-10, enjoyed some fun in the sun on the basketball court at the Nesbit Center.



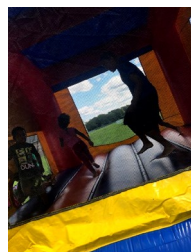
Hair Braiding Event

August 22, 2019— The Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships, in partnership with Willingboro nonprofit Skin I'm In, hosted its first free beginners class for hair styling at the Nesbit center. Women and girls of all ages attended this empowering and educational event.



BCAP's First Annual Back to School Family Fun Day

August 24, 2019— The Family Fun Day was attended by 53 families and we were able to give out school supplies to 117 children. The vendors on site were Burlington County Superior Court, Bright Smiles of Burlington County (Dental), and New Jersey Commission of The Blind And Visually Impaired.



The **new season** started October 1, 2019 and we will be accepting applications for **Home Energy Assistance (HEA)** to cover heating costs, including gas, electric, or deliverable fuels. The Universal Service Funds (USF) to manage energy burden for eligible and qualifying households, and Medical Cooling Benefits as per verified by a physician during this time.

Apply at:

1 Van Sciver Parkway
Willingboro, N.J 08046

Hours of Operation are
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Walk-in appointments
available from
9:30 am—4:00 pm.

Monday—Friday



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(609) 261-2323

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ACCEPTING STUDENT
ENROLLMENTS!**

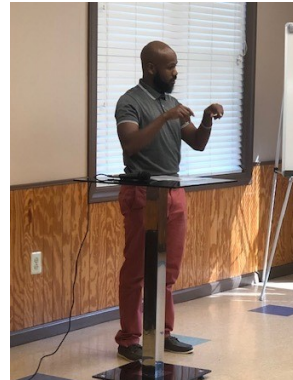
If you know a family who would benefit from enrolling their child(ren) into the Head Start program, please direct them to our website at:

www.bccap.org/headstart

Recent Events

Mental Wealth Seminar | We Are Not Alone

September 1, 2019— The *Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships* program at the Nesbit Center hosted a seminar to address mental health and break down stigmas with therapy, resources, and support for men and women in Millennial Age Group.



Purpose Party

September 8, 2019— The *Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships* program at the Nesbit Center hosted an inspirational event to help people find direction in their career and life through a skills and interactive workshop by discovering balance in their life.



PBS' Daniel the Tiger Visits Children at Head Start

September 12, 2019— PBS' Daniel the Tiger paid a visit to the children at the Delanco and Lumberton Head Start centers. The children enjoyed story time and selfie photo opportunities with Daniel the Tiger. It was a wonderful, fun-filled event.



In The Spotlight

Grow NJ Kids for Family Child Care (FCC) Providers



Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System, is New Jersey's program to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the State. It is designed to help parents find the right program that will lead to their child's future success in school and in life. Through coaching and professional development opportunities, child care professionals can raise the quality of their programs. There are also grants and scholarships available to participants on a first come, first served basis.

The Grow NJ Kids program is available to all Family Child Care providers and center owners/directors to enroll who have been registered for at least a year and have children under the age of 5 enrolled in their programs. If a program is interested in enrolling, they will find the option to enroll under the provider tab in their NJCCIS profile. Interested parties can reference the "How To" documents posted on NJCCIS or contact the help desk if they have any issues with enrollment. They may also contact the Quality Improvement Specialists in the Child Care Resource and Referral Department of BCAP. Family Child Care Providers should contact Kathryn Simone at kasimone@bccap.org or 609-261-6834 ext. *5140. Center owners or directors should contact Stacy Cooper at stcooper@bccap.org or 609-261-6834 ext. *4724.

There are quarterly Grow NJ Kids Overviews held at the Human Services Building in Westampton. The next overview will be held on October 2, 2019. Unenrolled Family Child Care Providers and center owners/directors/staff are welcome to attend. These overviews can also be used as staff orientation for staff from enrolled centers. The directors must do the online orientation on Rutgers Canvas.

The Professional Learning Community (PLC)



The Professional Learning Community (PLC) is a peer group of experienced and new family child care providers who share the same vision of focusing on children's learning and an ongoing commitment for improvement. The main goal of the PLC community is for providers to enhance their effectiveness as professionals, so the children can benefit in receiving quality care and education. The providers meet monthly to discuss business practices, professional development, concerns and issues they may be experiencing, as well as, share stories and enjoy good company. The main focus of the group is to present themselves as professional business owners and exemplary teachers who want to share their knowledge and expertise with others. **All** registered family child care providers are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and to be a part of this wonderful community!

The next two PLC meetings are Thursday, September 26th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Thursday, October 31st from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Human Services Building in Westampton.

BCAP Senior Housing to Host a Harvest Celebration and Gala



Residents at BCAP's Senior Housing complex in Burlington are looking forward to an exciting October. GHG Gardens will be holding a "Harvest Celebration—Free Meet & Greet Event" where guests can donate to their cause to support them in helping others to grow their own food and eat organically.

In addition, BCAP Senior Housing is holding their First Annual Gala, a formal event for all of its residents and partners, on October 19th.

Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Events	
Oct. 14th	BCAP offices are closed—Columbus Day
Nov. 19th	Senior Housing's First Annual Gala
Nov. 5th	BCAP offices are closed—Election Day
Nov. 11th	BCAP offices are closed—Veterans Day
Nov. 19th	BCAP Annual Meeting
Nov. 28th	BCAP offices are closed—Thanksgiving
Nov. 29th	BCAP offices are closed—Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 25th	BCAP offices are closed—Christmas Day

Visit the BCAP Facebook Page to find out about upcoming events.

CCR&R Early Childhood Training Opportunities

Oct 2nd	Child Care Directors' Meetings	Oct 21-22nd	Safe Medication Administration in Child Care Settings	Nov 13th	Build a Brain: Play the Renowned Brain Architecture Game
Oct 2nd	Grow NJ Kids Overview for Family Child Care Providers	Oct 24th	Footprints to Professionalism	Nov 21st	CPR/First Aid
Oct 3rd	Orientation for New Family Child Care In-Home Providers	Oct 26th	CPR/First Aid	Dec 4th	Child Care Directors' Meetings
Oct 10th	Footprints to Professionalism	Nov 6th	Child Care Community Gathering	Dec 5th	Orientation for New Family Child Care In-Home Providers
Oct 16th	What To Do When a Screening is Positive	Nov 6th	Child Care Directors' Meetings	Dec 11th	Accidents Do Not Have to Happen!
Oct 17th	Footprints to Professionalism	Nov 7th	Orientation for New Family Child Care In-Home Providers	Dec 14th	CPR/First Aid

For more details about the above training opportunities,
please see the full brochure at:
<http://www.bccap.org/early-childhood-training-opportunities>

OUR MISSION

The Burlington Community Action Partnership, Inc. exists to combat the causes and reduce the effects of poverty in Burlington County. It fulfills the purpose by:

- Facilitating a community-based capacity for the human needs planning process, which focuses program strategies on promoting self-sufficiency among low-income people.
- Removing barriers to self-sufficiency among low-income people in the organization and operation of institutions and programs.
- Maximizing participation of low-income people in the development and implementation of programs and projects and in the decision-making process of institutions affecting their lives.
- Testing new approaches to solving basic causes of poverty provided that they do not involve BCAP as a long-term, direct service provider.
- Supporting self-help groups and other cooperative efforts among low-income people.
- Working to better organize services related to the needs of the poor.
- Broadening resource base of programs directed to the elimination of poverty.
- Providing safe, decent, affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families.
- Providing housing counseling services.

Our Program Locations—Where to Apply

Administrative Office

718 Route 130 S
Burlington, NJ 08016
(609) 386-5800

Dickens Community Center

1 Van Sciver Parkway
Willingboro, NJ 08046
(609) 835-4329

Available Programs:

Housing Assistance | Home Energy Assistance | Child Care Assistance | Women’s Resource Center (WRC)

Human Services Facility

795 Woodlane Rd.
Westampton, NJ 08060

Available Programs (2nd floor):

Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) | Family Child Care
(609) 261-6834

Available Programs (3rd floor):

Healthy Families—TIP | Parents as Teachers (PAT)
(609) 239-4719

Head Start Administrative Office
(609) 261-2323

Nesbit Community Center

1 Anderson Rd.
Pemberton, NJ 08068
(609) 735-6280

Available Programs:

Housing Assistance | Home Energy Assistance | Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships

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