

SEPTEMBER 2009

CAC of Pike County

New Employees

Patricia Stabler
Brittany Schieser
Kim Yoakem
Marsha Mitchell



Without labor
nothing prospers
-Sophocles

CAC Events

September 1-4

Community Action Partnership Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA

September 7th

Agency closed for Labor Day

September 8th

Senior Staff

September 17th

Governing Board

September 22-25

Management Meetings

Congratulations Ohio Benefit Bank Counselors

Community Action Committee of Pike County has joined other non-profit and faith-based groups aimed at helping low-income Ohioans claim billions of dollars in government aid without all the red tape.

The program is called The Ohio Benefit Bank, a public-private partnership that provides clients with free, centralized assistance in applying for food stamps, Medicaid, golden buckeye card, child care, prescription assistance and other programs.

Since January 2009, the Social Services department has entered over 940 Ohio Benefit Bank Quick Checks (pre-determinations).

Social Services department was able to meet a 12-month challenge in only 7 months. The goal was to process at least 200 Ohio Benefit Bank applications during the 12 month period.

A new goal has been set for 200 additional customers by the end of December, 2009.

Social Services department Ohio Benefit Bank counselors will be attending that annual Ohio Benefit Bank Community Meeting & Training in Columbus on September 8 & 9, 2009.



A new countdown bulletin board has been created in Social Services Department for intake staff to keep track of their current challenge and to create customer interest in program. Each time a customer application is processed, intake staff remove one of their clip-art pictures which shows them how close they are to meeting their challenge.

THE *Ohio*
BENEFIT BANK
neighbors helping neighbors

Please drive carefully
and watch for children
when entering the
agency starting
September 8th.



Head Start and Early
Childhood Education will
begin classes on
Tuesday, September 8th.



**SMALL BUSINESS
CLASSES OFFERED
SELF-EMPLOYMENT: FROM DREAM
TO REALITY!**

The Business Development Department of the Community Action Committee of Pike County has scheduled classes for starting your own business.

“Self-Employment: From Dream to Reality!” will begin Wednesday, September 9, 2009 and will meet on Monday’s, Wednesday’s, & Friday’s from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm through September 21st. For more information and/or to obtain a registration form, call 740-289-2371 or toll free at 1-866-820-1185.

Discover how Self-Employment: From Dream to Reality! Will help you develop your plan to be a successful entrepreneur and give you the opportunity to learn a variety of skills needed to own and operate a small business!

FEE: \$90

**Microsoft Office Word 2003:
Level I Training Workshop**

The Business Development Department of the Community Action Committee of Pike County is offering a one-day Microsoft Word 2003: Level I Training Workshop on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 at the OSU Endeavor Center in Piketon, Ohio. This workshop teaches participants how to create and edit a basic document, format text and paragraphs, use Word tools to make your documents more accurate, add tables and graphic elements, and control a document’s page setup and overall appearance.

For more information on these classes and obtain a registration form, please call 740-289-2371 or toll free at 1-866-820-1185. Seats are limited.

When/Time: Wednesday, September 2, 2009
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
*Lunch provided

Where: Ohio State University Endeavor Center
1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, Ohio
Fee: \$75

September Birthdays

Gary Watts	9/3	Mary Hall	9/10	Becky Scott	9/26
Lori Salisbury	9/3	Lowell Hablitzel	9/12	Rhonda Taylor	9/26
Molly Throckmorton	9/3	Bonnie Mullins	9/15	Lisa Walker	9/28
Daniel Schlie	9/5	Eric Tackett	9/20	Naomi Blackburn	9/30
Angela Harmon	9/8	Tabitha Hawkins	9/21	Barb Short	9/30
Daniel Rowland	9/9	Ruth Barch	9/24	Linda Williams	9/30

The Social Services Department has approximately 10-15 banker boxes of tan, letter-size hanging folders w/tabs.

The hanging folders were purchased for E-HEAP files which are now being scanned and are no longer needed.

The hanging folders are in excellent condition.

If interested, please contact Pam Mustard 289-2371, ext 200 or Libby Fairchild, 289-2371, ext 187.

Submitted by: Libby Fairchild

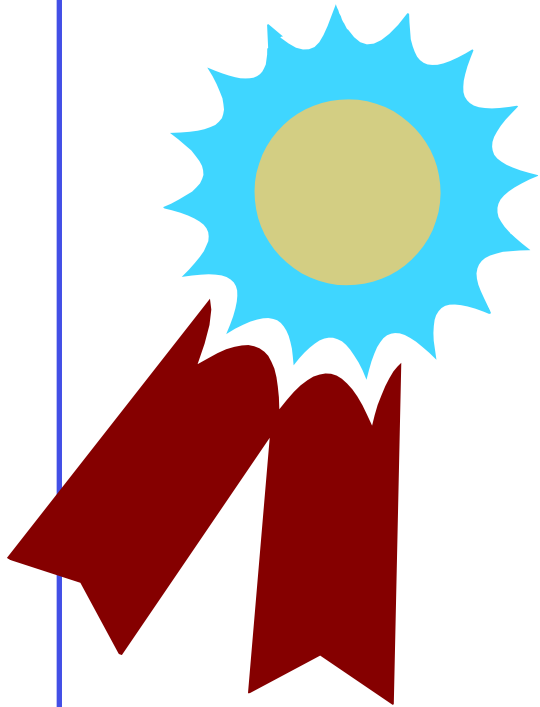


Wanted: Electric Stove and Refrigerator - family member moving into house without appliances.

Contact Pam Mustard at 708-0591



Pike County's Outstanding Achievement Awardees



Adult Programs Awardee:

Sondra (Ford) Dunham

Dislocated Workers Program Awardee:

Jessica Schackart

Youth Programs Awardee:

Kendra Mowery

Employers utilizing the Workforce Connections of Pike County:

Barch's Cycle

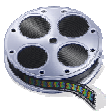
Top Football Movies

Remember the Titans

Brian's Song

Rudy

Jerry Maguire



The Longest Yard



Friday Night Lights

The Express

Invincible

Wildcats

We Are Marshall



55 Years of Swanson TV dinners

September 10, 1954 Swanson sold their first TV dinner to Americans and fifty-five years later they are still serving them up. Their first year production estimated 5,000 dinners for the first year but ended up selling more than 10 million dinners in the first year of production. Original dinners were packaged in an aluminum and were to be heated in the oven at 425 degrees for 25 minutes. Now just pop it in the microwave for a couple minutes and it is ready to eat.

So, why name them TV dinners? Some say the early packaging featured the image of a TV set on them. Another reason for the name would be that many families would eat them in front of a TV set.



CAC News Community Action Committee of Pike County

This newsletter is published once per month. If you have any items you would like included in the next newsletter, please submit them in writing by the 25th of the month to Pam Lawhorn, Front Office Coordinator or Lori Watson, Front Office Specialist. If you have any questions, please call the front office at 740-289-2371.

SOCIAL SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Percentage of Income Plan (PIPP)

PIPP is a payment plan for households at or below 150% of Poverty Guidelines that requires eligible customers to pay a portion of their household incomes each month to maintain regulated utility service. PIPP also protects customers from disconnection of service as long as they follow the program's rules about monthly payments. The customer does remain responsible for any unpaid balances on their bills. When no longer eligible for PIPP the customer may enter a payment program such as PIPP Graduate Program to pay off any unpaid balance owed to the utility.

PIPP customers must pay 10% of their monthly income to the regulated utility that provides their primary heating source (Pike Natural Gas) and 5% or 3% to their secondary heating source (AEP). If households are total electric they pay 15% or 13% of their monthly income to the regulated utility company (AEP).

Pike Natural Gas PIPP Customers pay their PIPP payments all year. AEP PIPP Customers pay their PIPP payments between November 1st and April 15th each year. PIPP customers must reverify when there is a change in household income or each year if there are no changes. Zero PIPP customers must reverify PIPP every 90 days. Failure to reverify PIPP will result in disconnection of service.

Natural Gas and Electric companies regulated by the Public Utilities Commission Ohio must offer PIPP to their customers. PIPP is available locally from AEP and Pike Natural Gas and is not available to customers served by rural electric co-ops, municipal utilities, or users of delivered fuel.

Submitted by Libby Fairchild

Heating and Cooling Assistance

Winter Crisis Program (Emergency HEAP) can prevent disconnection of heating utilities and restore heating services to households that have been disconnected. This program can also pay for an emergency delivery of bulk fuel when the supply is down to 10 days or less. Households can receive this assistance one time per year and this program runs from November through March.

Summer Crisis Program provides assistance to eligible families to offset high electricity costs associated with the summer cooling season. This program runs July through August.

Home Energy Assistance Program (State HEAP) is an energy program designed to assist low income families meet the high costs of home heating during the winter months. Summer Crisis and Winter Crisis Program applicants are automatically set up for State HEAP. Customers not applying for the Summer Crisis or Winter Crisis Program may pick up State HEAP applications at CAC of Pike County.

Submitted by: Libby Fairchild

Your family may not have to pay school fees this year!!

There is help for Ohio's families. Starting this year, families who are eligible for the Free Lunch Program no longer have to pay for school fees, instructional fees or class dues if those fees are for any materials needed to participate fully in a course of instruction. The Ohio General Assembly has recognized that school fees can be a burden for Ohio's families and determined in House Bill 1, as a part of education reform, that school fees cannot be charged to families (with consent) who meet the guidelines for the Federal Free Lunch Program. This provision will allow Ohio's families to send their children to school with less financial worry so they can better focus on learning. (Ohio Revised Code 3313.642) For more information contact the Social Services Department and ask about the Ohio Benefit Bank.

HUGE BENEFIT YARD SALE FOR KAREN BOYCE- DOHERTY



Some of the sale items include: baby clothes and furniture, clothing for the entire family, home furnishings and décor and much more!

Date: Saturday, September 12th

Time: 8:00 a.m.—?

Sale will be held at the Waverly Lion's Club located at the end of Victory Lane in Waverly. Rain or Shine.

Karen worked for CAC and is still very close with many of the employees. She underwent a double lung transplant on June 8th. There have been many complications and mounting expenses.

Please help us help Karen by donating items or money, tell your friends and family, and come to the sale ready to BUY!

For more information or to make donations, please contact Lynn Holland at 947-9087, Cheryl Tackett at 947-9126 or Janice Caughlan at 708-2864.

We are also planning a bake sale and a raffle for larger items.