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Action Fund

Ways Action Fund has helped:

- **Housing & Home repairs**
 - Repair and clean an old water cistern for a retired couple so they could stay in their home.
 - 74 families were helped in securing housing or completing essential repairs.
 - Support for families who are experiencing insect infestation so severe that it threatens housing security and child placement.
- **Support**
 - Families recovering from domestic violence.
 - Relocation of a family to Wayne County , paying outstanding storage expenses and furnish their new home.
- **Gas & Car Repairs**
 - Assisted over 180 families with fuel assistance.
 - Support 38 families who were just above income eligibility criteria for our formal car repair.

Housing Security for Elderly

After being abandoned by a family caregiver, an elderly woman was referred to the Action Fund by a local clinic as she had no housing, food, medication, or money. The Action Fund was able to secure emergency housing, securing ongoing benefits, food, household furnishings, and permanent housing!

THANK YOU to our incredible Foundation Partners

Donations such as household items, gas cards, grocery gift cards or reliable used vehicles are always welcomed and can be dropped off at any CAWM office or Head Start Center .

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Community Action Wayne/Medina

2023 Annual Report

A Year of Empowerment and Resilience

As we reflect on the past year at Community Action Wayne/Medina (CAWM), we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our staff, the resilience of our clients, and the continued support of our community. Despite challenging times, we remain steadfast in our mission to strengthen our communities through collaboration and service.

This annual report highlights the significant impact CAWM has made in the lives of thousands of individuals and families across Wayne and Medina counties. Our commitment to promoting self-sufficiency, household stability, and family and childhood education is strong!

Through innovative programs and compassionate services, we have empowered our clients to overcome obstacles, achieve their goals, and build brighter futures. From providing essential assistance with housing and utilities to offering quality early childhood educational opportunities, CAWM has been a catalyst for positive change.

As we look ahead, we are inspired and fueled by the potential of our communities. We are committed to continuing our work, adapting to emerging needs, and fostering partnerships that will strengthen our collective impact. We invite you to explore this report to learn more about our accomplishments, challenges, and vision for the future. Your support is essential to our mission, and we thank you for your continued partnership.

-- James Fox, President & CEO

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Programs offered:

Energy Economic Assistance

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Programs

Child & Family Development

- Head Start & Early Head Start
- Comprehensive Services
- Center Locations
- Car Seat Safety Program

Housing and Community Services

- Fair Housing Program
- Wayne County Land Bank
- Housing Weatherization & Repair
- Senior Outreach Services

Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank and HER project

Rittman Outreach & Food Pantry

West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry

Our Mission & Vision

Our mission is to strengthen the community through collaborations and services by promoting SELF-SUFFICIENCY, household stability, and family and childhood education. The vision of Community Action Wayne/Medina is to create opportunities for all to thrive in strong and resilient communities.

Transportation

In 2023, Community Action Wayne/Medina managed transportation services for the following grant funded programs:

1. The City of Wooster
2. Wayne County residents (two rides per month) Wayne County Commissioners
3. Wayne County Transit rides funded by FTA & ODOT and scheduled by the SARTA



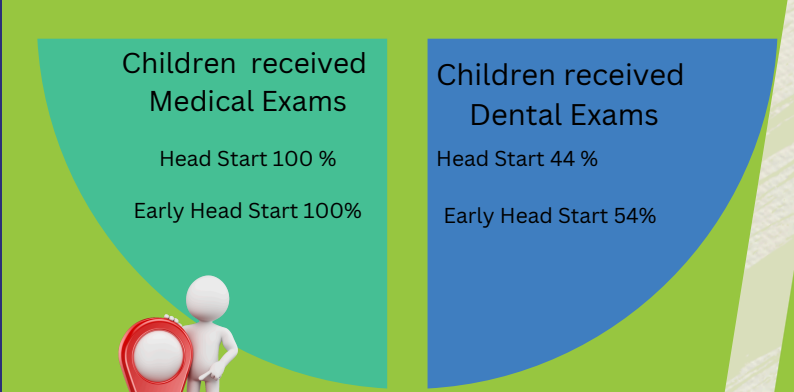
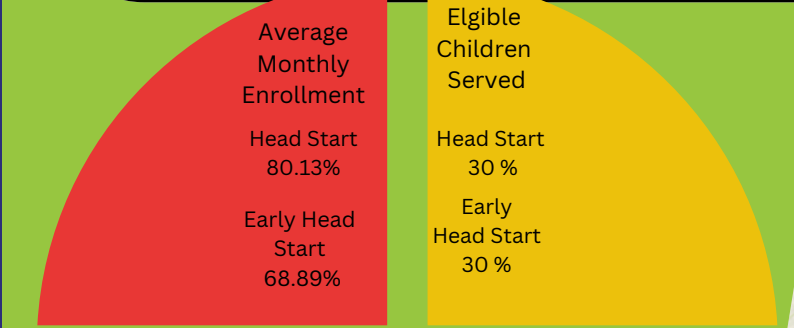
	Total Participants	Total Transports
City of Wooster	772	64,227
Wayne County residents	110	3,500
Wayne County Transit	236	19,788



Head Start/Early Head Start

The Head Start program offers parent engagement opportunities that center around the Conscious Discipline for Parents curriculum, which educates parents on effective parenting techniques that include: choices, assertiveness, composure, encouragement, and positive intent. CAW/M implemented the curriculum in 2017 and has seen a steady rise in participation over the following years. In the 2023-24 school year, participation declined, which we attribute to under-enrollment. This year, 242 parents actively participated and just over 1,700 opportunities were provided.

Parents also have the opportunity to be involved in the program's planning and decision-making processes through the Policy Council and center Parent Committee meetings. While these opportunities were still offered at the same frequency as years' past, adjustments were made after the start of the pandemic and all meetings were held via video-conferencing. Due to an increase in participation, we have continued to hold the Policy Council meetings virtually. In 2023-24, 246 volunteers provided 79,502 hours of time assisting the program.

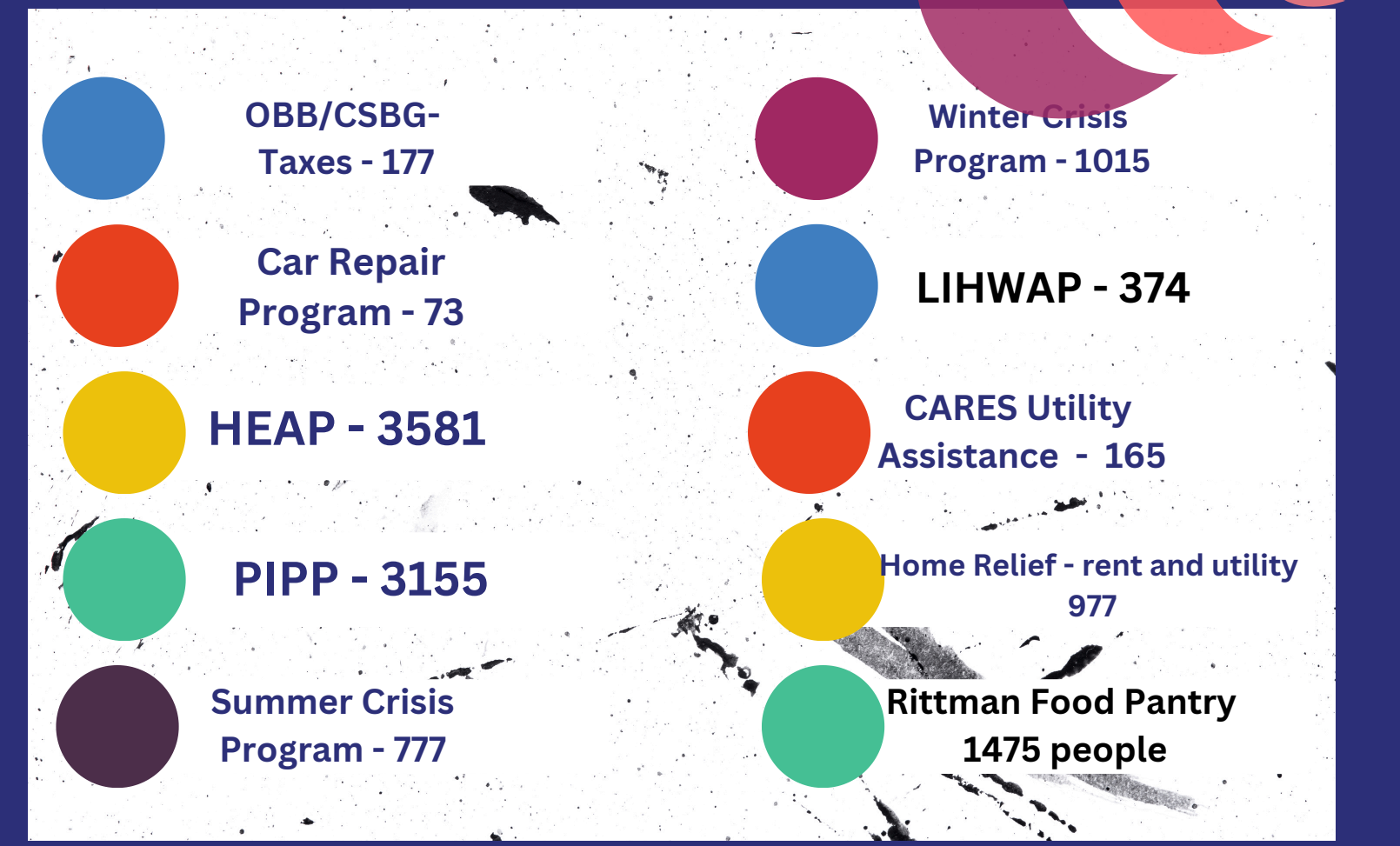


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Rittman	Medina
West Salem	Lodi
Wooster	Wadsworth



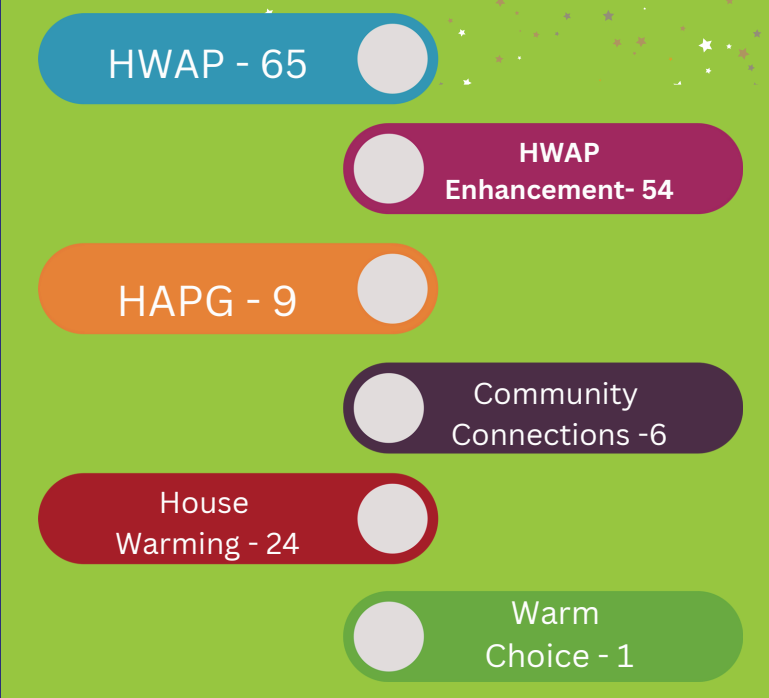
Total Children and family served
- EHS - 126, HS - 342
Program Options - Full year - 144, part year - 245; center based - 299, home based - 90

Economic Assistance



Housing

Annual Completions
2023
Wayne County
Completed Units



Medina County
Completed Units

