

Updates

August/September 2023

What's happening?!

Highlights:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thank You Note
- HCC and MCCA Announce Extended Partnership
- NEW: Housing Stability Navigator
- Events and Community Engagement
- Upcoming Workshops
- Open Positions at MCCA
- Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Closings

Friday, September 15 - Office will be closed until 1:00 PM for an All-Staff Meeting

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We want to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation to those of you who were able to make it to our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 25, 2023. We welcomed over 70 distinguished guests, and we are truly thankful for your support.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as we marked the culmination of months of hard work and dedication between Mid Central Community Action and Heartland Community College.

We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and continuing, together, to *Educate, Equip, and Empower.*

Once again, thank you for being an integral part of our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Your presence made a world of difference.

See Executive Director Tami Foley's speech [here](#), or visit our [Facebook Page](#) for more pictures and videos.

Newly Extended Partnership with HCC



MCCA is excited to share about its new partnership with Heartland Community College. Heartland will be hosting classes in the lower part of our corporate building located at 1301 W Washington Street in Bloomington. These classes will provide individuals with valuable vocational training and skills needed for home and property maintenance opportunities. The partnership with Heartland Community College signifies a shared commitment to empowering individuals and fostering long-term economic stability.

Not only did Heartland Community College formally announce this new class offering during the Ribbon Cutting in July, but they also allowed tours of the new space, that includes a classroom and hands-on modular buildouts to allow students to learn and gain tangible, real-world experience.

NEW: Housing Stability Navigator

Our Housing Stability Navigator will assist precariously housed customers, customers with no permanent residence, and homeless populations in preparing for, accessing, and maintaining affordable housing.

The new position will develop and document a rehousing plan as well as connect, document, and coordinate comprehensive case management between community entities and social service providers. This position will help agencies in our community work together, effectively.



The Housing Stability Navigator will help our customers by also fostering a connection between them and our [Next Steps™ Financial Opportunity Center®](#). The Navigator will promote coaching services and help clients overcome obstacles with current financial situations, credit scores, and financial budgeting to verify what re-housing options will be sustainable for the individual or

family unit.

Additionally, the Housing Stability Navigator will be the primary community contact for coordination with local housing entities, landlords, and rental property owners for coordinated re-housing options.

We are very excited about this new position and the additional support we will be providing for our community.

July and August Events

Did you see us at PRIDE? Our Countering Domestic Violence staff was there!

We were also at the Chestnut Health Fair, Cedar Ridge's Back To School Night, Heartland Community College's RISE event and West Fest!

Check out more pictures on our [Facebook Page](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Let the team at Mid Central Community Action help you gain confidence through our **workshops**! Whether you have an upcoming job interview, need to form good financial habits, or want to learn tips to best prepare yourself prior to purchasing a home, Mid Central Community Action has you covered! Join us for an upcoming workshop and feel confident in your next steps in life!

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- September 11** Money Matters 5:30pm - 7pm
Participants can expect to discuss the importance of a monthly budget, as well as, how to create a budget based on income, debt, and expenses. Participants will also learn what credit is, why credit is important, how credit is built and re-built, and what makes up a credit score.
- September 12** Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation 9:30am - 11am
Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity.
- September 13** Career Exploration 2pm - 3:30pm
Customers can expect to discover their professional interests and explore various career paths. They will complete an interest profiler, explore 2-3 career paths, and tap into personal and professional values through a values activity.
- September 19** Post-Purchase Workshop 5:30pm - 7pm
Want a practical hands-on experience to help you and your community in the homeownership process? Would you like to learn tips in preparation to face a range of emergencies with homeownership? This quick and informative post purchase workshop is for anyone interested in homeownership and wanting further information.
- September 20** Resumes and Cover Letters 2pm-3:30pm
Customers can expect to review and build their history to create a modern resume. Customers will also learn how to obtain the attention of hiring managers, as well as learn how to effectively market their skills.
- September 27** Interview Readiness 2pm - 3:30pm
Customers can expect our Employment Coach to walk them through a skills assessment to review where their strengths and skills are, practice common interview questions, assist with mock interviews, and discuss Dress for Success.
- September 26** Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity.

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- October 2** Money Matters 5:30pm - 7pm
Participants can expect to discuss the importance of a monthly budget, as well as, how to create a budget based on income, debt, and expenses. Participants will also learn what credit is, why credit is important, how credit is built and re-built, and what makes up a credit score.
- October 10** Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation 9:30am - 11am
Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity.
- October 11** Career Exploration 2pm - 3:30pm
Customers can expect to discover their professional interests and explore various career paths. They will complete an interest profiler, explore 2-3 career paths, and tap into personal and professional values through a values activity.
- October 18** Resumes and Cover Letters 2pm-3:30pm
Customers can expect to review and build their history to create a modern resume. Customers will also learn how to obtain the attention of hiring managers, as well as learn how to effectively market their skills.
- October 25** Interview Readiness 2pm - 3:30pm
Customers can expect our Employment Coach to walk them through a skills assessment to review where their strengths and skills are, practice common interview questions, assist with mock interviews, and discuss Dress for Success.
- October 24** Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation 5:30pm - 7pm
Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity.

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More Info and Signup

Now Hiring

Residential Advocate - CDV (2nd Shift)

Position Level: 3, Full-time, hourly, non-exempt

Supervision Received: Residential Services Coordinator

Supervision Given: None

Job Summary: Responsible for providing quality services to residential families and hotline callers

Please see full job description [here](#) or [apply online](#).

Mayors Manor Program Coordinator

Position Level: 5, full time, non-exempt

Supervision Received: Director of Affordable and Supportive Housing Initiatives

Supervision Exercised: Mayors Manor Residential Assistants & applicable interns/volunteers

Job Summary: Responsible for overseeing the daily operations and compliance of Mayors Manor; have knowledge of how to run a LIHTC property; responsible for case management, intake, lease compliance, and file maintenance. This position is also responsible for timely and accurate reporting to all funders.

Please see full job description [here](#) or [apply online](#).

Call for Volunteers

Do you have some extra time and want to give back? Mid Central Community Action would love your help:

- Basic Data Entry and Returning Calls
- Basic Cleaning Duties
- Basic Maintenance Duties

Please [email us](#) to see what would be a good fit!

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