



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD DAYTON

Choice Neighborhood Update

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CROCKPOT COOKING CLASSES

The Miami Valley Organizing Collaborative, Hall Hunger Initiative, and Homefull are hosting crockpot cooking classes for West Dayton residents. Held at churches and organizations throughout the community, these classes include training on how to use the crockpots as well as new recipes for families. 86 people have participated in the classes so far, and many participants get a free crockpot at the end of the class.

Part of a larger focus on bringing healthy food options to West Dayton residents, the crockpot cooking events also have included information on local farms and produce options and other nutrition programs available to residents.



Hilltop and Lakeview Estates Residents join Believers Church members for a crockpot cooking class.



DeSoto Bass residents learning about crockpot cooking at the 904 Building.

At the most recent class, held at Believers Christian Fellowship Church, ABLE talked about legal aid resources available to residents, and Homefull provided information on the Produce Perks program.

Produce Perks provides a \$1 for \$1 match for families and individuals receiving SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) when spent on healthy foods. The match can then be used to purchase fruits and vegetables, stretching the SNAP \$ for additional healthy foods. Currently Produce Perks is available at Wright Stop Plaza and 2nd Street Market.

The next crockpot training will be held on April 21 at 11 am at Revival Ministries (3011 Oakridge Dr.). To RSVP for the training, contact bill@ohorganizing.org or 263-5226. The first 35 people to register will receive a free crockpot.

Jobs Plus Hiring a Resident Specialist Position



Jobs Plus is hiring a Resident Specialist to work about 20 hours a week as an independent contractor, providing services to the Jobs Plus Dayton program via Greater Dayton Premier Management. The Resident Specialist works onsite at DeSoto Bass and Hilltop. Contact Terrance Woodruff at 937-8785-1749 for an application.

HUD is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Family Self-Sufficiency program!

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary program that helps participants increase their earnings and build financial capability and assets through case management and a financial incentive known as the FSS Escrow Account, which is an account created by GDPM for families participating in the FSS program. Throughout the program, deposits are made when and if a family's rent increases as a result of increased earned income. The account becomes available to the family when the successfully complete the program goals. To learn more please contact *FSS Coordinator Visa Lee at 937-910-5413*.

- 100% of FSS Graduates are employed
- On average, the Annual Incomes of FSS Graduates increased by 80%
- 100% of FSS graduates are Free from welfare cash assistance

The infographic is divided into four quadrants, each with a family icon and text describing the EITC amount and eligibility criteria:

- Top Left:** EITC up to \$6,318. If you lived with **three or more children** in 2017 and your family **earned less than \$48,340 (or less than \$53,930 for married workers)**, then you can get up to \$6,318.
- Top Right:** EITC up to \$5,616. If you lived with **two children** in 2017 and your family **earned less than \$45,007 (or less than \$50,597 for married workers)**, then you can get up to \$5,616.
- Bottom Left:** EITC up to \$3,400. If you lived with **one child** in 2017 and your family **earned less than \$39,617 (or less than \$45,207 for married workers)**, then you can get up to \$3,400.
- Bottom Right:** EITC up to \$510. If you had **no children** living with you in 2017 and you **earned less than \$15,010 (or less than \$20,600 for married workers)**, and you were between the ages 25 and 64, you can get up to \$510.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Assistance Available

The EITC is a refundable tax credit for low- to moderate-income working individuals and couples, particularly those with children. IRS-trained volunteers are available to help eligible workers fill out tax forms for free from Jan 16 - Apr 17. Call to make an appt.

The Job Center

1133 Edwin C. Moses Blvd.,
937-913-2000

The Wesley Community Center

3730 Delphos Avenue,
937-263-3556

PRIORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Southwest	Innerwest	Northwest
When: 3 rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	When: 1 st Monday 6:30 p.m.	When: 4th Wednesday 6:30 pm
Where: Call for location at 937-333-7381	Where: 1024 W. Third	Where: Northwest Rec Center 1600 Princeton

Choice Neighborhood Dayton's website is fully functional! Check out the process so far with links to maps, reports, and event articles or check out our community resources: <http://choiceneighborhooddayton.com/>

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If you have any questions about the grant or are looking for ways to become more involved please contact Amy Clanton at 853.2537 or aclanton@citywidedev.com