

Tompkins Community Action, Inc.

701 Spencer Road, Ithaca

Our Mission Statement





Tompkins Community Action (TCAction) collaborates with individuals and organizations to sustain and improve economic opportunity and social justice for families and individuals directly or indirectly impacted by poverty.

Who is TCAction?

We are a team of dedicated people working to move people out of poverty.

We are:

- Crisis Responders
- Helpers
- Educators
- Navigators
- People taking care of people



Our Focus:

- Community
- Food Security
- Housing Stability
- Early Education

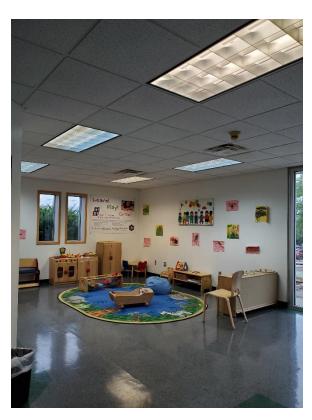


Main Office updates

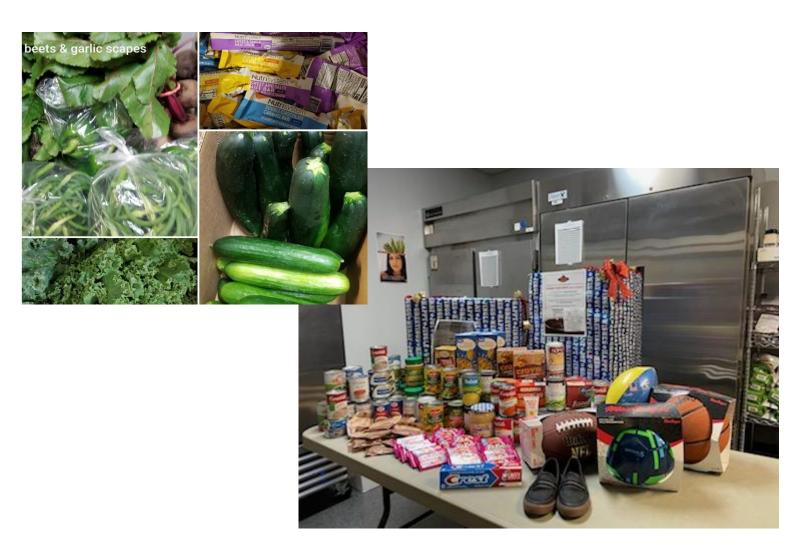
- 2022 Front Entry upgrades
- Play area updates
- Public Computer- Internet
 & Printing
- STIC Navigators on site







Emergency Food Pantry



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- Online or phone ordering available
- Customer selection of items
- Delivery available with referral





Pantry Form
13. Which of these frozen food items would you like?
Venison
Cheesy pull-apart queso
Assorted Meat - PC
Santa Fe Blend Veggies
☐ Broccoli Florets
Berry Blend
Cauliflower Florets
Chicken Breast
14. Which of these Produce Items
Cabbage
Apples
☐ Romaine Lettuce

Victory Garden Project- May 2023

2022 Plants Ready for pickup





2022 Cargill Volunteers

Housing Programs





Rental Assistance Programs

Solutions to End Homelessness Program- (STEHP) Prevention

at this time, all requests for assistance are directed to DSS to maximize other funding sources- think of STEHP prevention as a program of last resort

STEHP approved households are eligible for 3 months of arrears and 3 months of ongoing rental assistance to prevent a court eviction for non-payment of rent

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)
 - CoC Coordinated Entry
 - Goal is to secure housing with a security deposit and rental assistance that rolls into HCVP assistance

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

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# In Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Extremely Low (30%)	21,050	24,050	27,050	30,050	32,500	37,190	41,910	46,630

Preferences for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

- 1. Homeless- (See Homeless verification)
- 2. ELDERLY (62 or older)
- 3. DISABLED
- 4. Family (household or 2 or more)

Things to remember:
Current waiting time estimated at 24-36 months
Contacted through postal mail only
keep mailing address current

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PAYMENT STANDARDS

EFF/STUDIO -	\$ 1,306.00
1 BEDROOM -	\$ 1,404.00
2 BEDROOM -	\$ 1,638.00
3 BEDROOM -	\$ 2,091.00
4 BEDROOM -	\$ 2,221.00
5 BEDROOM -	\$ 2,554.00

Note: A Small Area Fair Market Rent has been established for Ithaca NY (zip code 14850) This means that rental units in this zip code may be eligible for a higher payment standard.

Supportive Housing Programs

TCAction Supportive Housing Programs offer families and individuals experiencing homelessness safe and affordable housing with supportive services.

The program supports housing stability and building life skills to avoid future episodes of homelessness.

Permanent Housing =12-month lease

Staff partner with residents to make connections in the community, provide support and encourage goal attainment.

TCAction SHP operates under a "teachable moment" philosophy and is not a consequence or compliance driven program.

CoC Coordinated Entry is utilized to fill all program vacancies

Supportive Housing Locations

Amici House- Spencer Road, Ithaca (23 units)

Magnolia House- Meadow Street, Ithaca (14 units)

Chartwell House- Meadow Street, Ithaca (12 units)

Corn Street Apartments- Corn Street, Ithaca (6 units)

Arthaus- Cherry Street, Ithaca (40 units)



Early Head Start & Head Start





What is Head Start?



Early Head Start serves infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families.

- enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development
- assist pregnant women to access comprehensive care
- support parents as their child's first teacher
- support families' goals moving toward selfsufficiency

Head Start promotes school readiness by enhancing the skills and social development of children through a comprehensive preschool curriculum meeting School Readiness goals.

- activities promote parents as a child's first teacher
- supports family educational, literacy and selfsufficiency goals
- program resources promote health, safety, and nutrition; as well as mental health and disability services which ensure full participation for each child

Locations

Harriet Center- Spencer Road, Ithaca

Sally Center- Hancock Street, Ithaca

Longview, An Ithacare Community, Ithaca

Donna Center- Sykes Street, Groton

Casey Center, Union Street, Dryden



Primary School Family Support Program

- Support for families with children transitioning into kindergarten through the second grade
- Staff provide support, resources, and referrals to build strong school relationships
- Staff work directly with families through home visits and resource referrals

• Family networking events further connect parents to the community and development and education goals for their child

Family Home Library Program

This *literacy initiative* creates opportunities for families to develop and enhance a lifelong love of reading.

Monthly each Head Start enrolled family receives a new book and project materials for the whole family to enjoy.

Family Literacy Events provide opportunities for group activities and social gatherings centered on book themes for children and families.

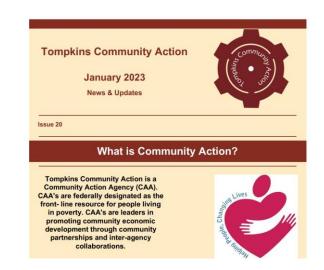


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Community Partner Spotlight



Family Reading Partnership (FPR) connects families with young children to the joy of books and read-aloud experiences to expand their horizons. For 25 years, FRP has been giving away books to children throughout Tompkins County!

They have just opened a free family play area, The Nook, at The Shops at thaca Mall. This space is designed for caregivers with infants and children under 6 years old to talk, sing, read, and play together to build



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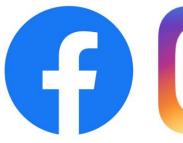


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Because an active community can produce powerful change

