

SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER (CSC)

Isabel Melendez, Program Director

978-681-4905

Provides information and referral services, notary public, translation, immigration assistance, community organization, advocacy, as well as other direct services to Hispanic and Non-Hispanic residents. Services also include the Roberto Clemente Baseball/Softball League & Youth * Program, Citizenship classes, the Funeral Assistance Program, and La VOZ del PUEBLO – radio show.

CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Marie Finelli, Program Director

978-681-4990

Works with the Mass. Attorney General's Office to mediate and resolve a wide variety of consumer-related complaints as well as provide consumers with information, referrals and small claims court assistance.

Michael B. Christensen FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Susan Mitchell, Program Director

978-681-4985

A partnership with the Exchange Clubs of the Merrimack Valley to prevent child abuse and neglect by increasing families' ability to nurture their children and fostering a sense of family self-sufficiency and empowerment. Services include: the Parent Aide Program, Parent Education Program, and the Family Preservation & Support Program.

LAWRENCE/METHUEN COMMUNITY COALITION (LMCC)

Harold Magoon, Program Director

978-975-8793

Community-based 'grass roots effort' to identify the specific needs of neighborhood residents and mobilize activities to address those needs. LMCC is part of the statewide Community Connections Network brought together to enhance family support initiatives throughout Massachusetts. LMCC offers family advocacy services and also assists residents in the development of neighborhood associations. LMCC also coordinates several community based projects including National Night Out, Neighbors in Action, Families & Youth Initiative, and Families & Youth In Action Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

METHUEN ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD, INC. (MAN, Inc.)

Joan Mejia, Program Director

978-691-5645

Provides programs focused on public safety, youth, housing, social services, transportation, employment and child care in order to increase and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities, neighborhood investment & revitalization, and the self-sufficiency of low and moderate-income residents of the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood.

GLCAC, Inc. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (IDA)/ ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE (AFI) SAVINGS PROGRAM. *

Pamela Marchand, Coordinator

978-620-4738

Helps low-income individuals/families to break the cycle of poverty through dedicated, matching savings accounts that are used to purchase a first home, small business or to complete post secondary education/training.

GLCAC, Inc. TECH CENTER'S ViTA Project *

Ivette Ortega, Coordinator

978-681-4900

Provides low-income residents assistance with preparing and filing federal/state income tax returns, including the earned-income tax credit.

The *mission* of GLCAC, Inc. is to encourage and promote the improvement of community life for low-income residents within its service area.....to help those in need as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency for themselves and for their families. The GLCAC, Inc. administers an agency with an annual budget in excess of \$30 million through the services listed in this brochure.



*many programs...
one mission*

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ADMINISTRATION

THE GREATER LAWRENCE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC. is a private non-profit agency incorporated under the Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Since its inception in 1965, the GLCAC, Inc. has provided a wide variety of comprehensive services to the residents of Greater Lawrence.

NOTE: * denotes a program funded or partially-funded through the federal American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

EARLY LEARNING SERVICES

GLCAC, Inc. CHILD CARE CENTER
Robin Lynch, Program Director 978-681-4910

NAEYC-accredited Early Childhood Education Program offering a full-time/full-year comprehensive educational program for toddler, preschool, kindergarten, and school-age children. Nutritious meals, support services and transportation (Lawrence addresses) provided.

HEAD START—EARLY HEAD START *
Anne D'Errico, Program Director 978-681-4920

Comprehensive full-day and part-day child/family development services for pre-school children and their families as well as for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers through the Early Head Start Option.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN
Gayle Williams, CPC Administrator 978-681-4996

Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships for Children (GLCPC) is an early education and care program funded by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education & Care. The GLCPC Council is composed of early education & care providers, parents, and representatives from Early Intervention, Family Services, Higher Education, Local Businesses, other Social Service agencies, i.e. WIC. Comprehensive services offered through the GLCPC include play groups, parent home visiting through the PCHP, early childhood training/higher education coursework for staff, mental health consultation services as well as support for NAEYC/NAFCC/COA accreditation.

ESIRELLA - Early Reading First
Dianne Russell & Mary Ann Fleming Coordinators 978-681-4996
Project focused on helping preschool-age children to be ready to learn upon entering kindergarten, via scientifically based reading research programs, Success for ALL and Breakthrough to Literacy.

LAWRENCE PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM
LAWRENCE/METHUEN JOINT FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM:
Susan Mitchell, Coordinator 978-681-4985

PCHP is a home visiting program focused on stimulating parent/child verbal interaction and developing critical language/literacy skills in children age 18 months to three years.

JFSP is a partnership project between PCHP and the Lawrence/Methuen Family Network which provides a family-based program for homeless families focused on stimulating parent/child interaction and developing critical language/literacy skills in children age 18 months to 3 years.

EDUCATION & TRAINING SERVICES

PATHWAYS TO FAMILY SUCCESS
Emily Hoffman, Coordinator 978-681-4996 x 448

A family literacy initiative sponsored by the Mass Dept of Elementary & Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium which has a twofold mission: 1) to establish a community Partnership to address the literacy and support needs of Lawrence immigrant families with the purpose of improving the quality of their lives and 2) to develop a family literacy model that is sustained through integrated community resources.

TOPS (Teaching Our Professional Staff)
Maureen Pasek, Coordinator 978-681-4996

Partnership between the Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships for Children Program and Northern Essex Community College that provides a college degree program focused on upgrading the education and training of local Early Education & Care providers.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM *
Pamela Marchand, Coordinator/Methuen Site 978-691-5645
Richard Vazquez, Supervisor/Lawrence Site 978-975-8793
Provides employment experience accompanied by training in life skills and employment readiness skills for youth ages 14 to 24.

ENERGY SERVICES

Al Mickee, Energy Director 978-681-4955
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PRGM (WAP) * 978-681-4955

Provides caulking and weather-stripping; attic, wall, and perimeter insulation; and limited installation of windows to eligible clients on a year round basis. Additional Weatherization Programs include Gas and Electric Utility-funded services.

HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE RETROFIT TASK WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PRGM. (HEARTWAP) 978-681-4955

Provides emergency burner repairs and replacement, system tune-ups or repairs, and heating system repairs or replacement if needed to low-income households with emergency, no-heat situations, or households simply burdened with excessively high heating bills due to inefficient or malfunctioning heating systems.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLIANCE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (MECOAMP) 978-681-4955

Provides clients with new refrigerators and freezers if deemed eligible by Mass Electric. Waterbeds are also either insulated or replaced with conventional bedding, and new energy efficient lighting is installed free of charge.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PRGM (LIHEAP)
Linda Soucy, LIHEAP Program Director 978-681-4950

Provides "Fuel Assistance" for eligible households to help pay a portion of their winter heating bills. The program pays benefits in fixed amounts based on household income and household size.

HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

MERRIMACK VALLEY LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PRGM
Carmen Torres, Program Director 978-681-4940

Provides lead poison screening and follow-up for children under age 6, and provides technical assistance for deleading throughout the Merrimack Valley. Also provides clients with a centralized source of information, referrals and education on all aspects of the Massachusetts Lead Law.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)
Rebecca Sarver, Program Director 978-681-4960

Serves pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 through nutrition education, breastfeeding support, appropriate referrals, Farmers' Market Coupons, and food checks for supplemental foods.

MASS HEALTH/COMMONWEALTH CARES/COMMONWEALTH CHOICE ENROLLMENT OUTREACH PROJECT *
Evelyn Figueroa, Program Coordinator 978-681-4978

Conducts outreach to target populations and provides information and application assistance regarding MassHealth/Commonwealth Cares/Commonwealth Choice to adults without health insurance

HOUSING SERVICES

PROJECT SENIOR (Serving Elders' Needs In Our Region)
Anthony Bruno, Coordinator 978-681-4900

Provides assistance to low-income elders with minor maintenance, accessibility and repair services for their homes.

CITY OF LAWRENCE LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM
Stephen Vega, Program Director 978-620-3510/978-620-3523

Provides lead safe housing to the residents of Lawrence through community outreach, education, training / technical assistance and financial assistance for lead abatement renovations to income-eligible owner-occupants and to investor-owners whose tenants meet the income guidelines. The City has contracted with GLCAC, Inc. to provide community outreach services and to fulfill stringent management objectives.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES *
Jocelyn Martinez, Housing Services Specialist 978-681-4905

Provides information, advocacy, referrals, case management, and limited financial assistance to stabilize housing for individuals/families that are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.