

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.

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 preschool children and their families as well as for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers through the Early Head Start Option.

LAWRENCE PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM
LAWRENCE/METHUEN JOINT FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM:
Susan Mitchell, Program Director 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.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN
Maureen Pasek, Program Director 978-681-4996

GLCPC and its member organizations develop, deliver and provide access to high quality care programs, education, resources and services to families with children in the communities they serve to ensure that all children—prenatal through school-age—are well-adjusted and succeed in school. The GLCPC equips early education and care programs and providers with the information, education, technical assistance and training needed for them to develop, deliver and provide access to high quality education and care; and informs and educates local leaders and the community on the benefits of comprehensive services to young children and their caregivers.

Project FOCUS (Families in Our Community United for Success)
Pamela Marchand, Program Coordinator 978-975-5993 ext. 21308

A Full Service Community Schools Program designed to increase student academic achievement at the South Lawrence East Middle School through the provision of empirically-based wrap around support services offered to students and their families. Eight local organizations/programs are partnering with the Lawrence School Dept on this program. GLCAC, Inc. is the administrative/fiscal lead.

EARLY LEARNING SERVICES (continued)

ESStRELLA - Early Reading First Program
Dianne Russell & Mary Ann Fleming, Prgm 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.

EDUCATION & TRAINING SERVICES

PATHWAYS TO FAMILY SUCCESS
Emily Hoffman, Program Coordinator 978-681-4996 x 4729

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 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, TOPS Liaison 978-681-4996 x 4724

TOPS Liaison serves as the HUB Coordinator for Lawrence for the Region 3 Professional Development Grant.

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 PROGRAM (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.

NATIONAL GRID APPLIANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
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 PROGRAM (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 individuals without health insurance

HOUSING SERVICES

PROJECT SENIOR (Serving Elders’ Needs In Our Region)
Anthony Bruno, Program Coordinator 978-681-4955 x 4792

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
Isabel Melendez, Program Director 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.

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, Immigration Services and La VOZ del PUEBLO radio show.

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.

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

Pamela Marchand, Coordinator

978-975-5993 ext. 21308

Assists 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

978-620-4669 (Dec. to April only)

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 \$29 million through the services listed in this brochure.

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