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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tax Season is Here—Get Free Help Through VITA

Filing your taxes can be stressful, but you don't have to do it alone! If you earn $60,000 or less, have a disability, or need language assistance, you may qualify for free tax support through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Certified IRS volunteers provide eligible individuals with free basic tax return preparation and electronic filing.
In Greater Cincinnati, United Way's Free Tax Prep program—funded by the IRS—offers no-cost tax preparation services.

Know Your Rights

The Southwest Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children (SWOAEYC) is hosting a crucial webinar. This is a unique opportunity for educators and caregivers to gain valuable insights into ways to protect and advocate for families. Legal Aid of Southwest Ohio will enlighten us about our rights and how to respond in an encounter with immigration enforcement.
This webinar will equip you with knowledge and strategies to better serve your community.
** You will not receive any legal advice during this webinar.*

Date: March 20th, 2025
Time: 6:30-8:30 PM
Location: Zoom
Presenters: Legal Aid of Southwest Ohio

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PROVIDER NEWS

Preschool of the Month
The Gingerbread House Learning Center, LLC, and Vicky's Tender Heart Childcare Daycare

Victoria Alexander, an early childhood education trailblazer, is celebrated for her 30-year commitment to young learners. Her achievements have not gone unnoticed, as Ohio policymakers, business leadership, and nonprofits have all acknowledged her impact. Her influence on the Cincinnati community is a testament to the power of dedication and innovation in early childhood education, and it is a source of pride and connection for all involved.

Victoria's two Westwood-based childcare centers —The Gingerbread House Learning Center, LLC, and Vicky's Tender Heart Childcare Daycare— offer high-quality early education, with full-time, part-time, and summer programs, health department-approved food service, and transportation.

Victoria's highly trained team uses creative, play-based activities to guide children through key developmental milestones. "We strive to work with families in creating a personalized learning experience for their

child," she says, crediting Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) for enhancing her program. "CPP has been instrumental in providing professional development, educational tools, materials, and coaching to strengthen my team and what we offer preschoolers and their families." This personal touch in her approach reassures parents and instills confidence in the quality of education provided. Her impact has earned her four prestigious awards in 2025:

- Program of the Year Childcare Center – Children's Hunger Alliance
- Outstanding Achievement – Ohio Senate
- Childcare Center of the Year – Ohio House of Representatives
- General Service Best Childcare/Preschool – Cincinnati Herald Cincy Power Awards

Victoria's journey is a road map for other Providers, demonstrating how passion and a sense of community supports and shapes the future of early childhood learning. As a leader in the CPP network, she is enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge and inspiring others.

IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND THE MARCH 13TH MEETING, IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU ATTEND THE MARCH 20TH MEETING. PLEASE REGISTER BELOW.

MandatoryAnnual Provider Meeting

Please Read

The Mandatory Annual Provider Meeting is a crucial event for all participants in the CPP program. Attending one of the scheduled sessions is necessary to maintain your involvement in the program. This year, you have the option to attend on either Thursday March 13, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., orThursday March 20, 2025, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Both sessions are designed to accommodate different schedules and ensure that all providers can participate. These meetings will cover essential updates, program changes, and provide an opportunity for networking and collaboration among providers. Mark your calendar and choose the date that best fits your schedule to ensure you remain an active participant in the CPP.

REGISTER FOR MARCH 20TH AT 6:15 PM HERE

Teacher Promise Grant

TPG Cohort Update for Cohort 19 and Cohort 20

- Cohort 19: February 1st, 2024-January 31, 2025
  - Special One-Time Extension Period: Feb 1, 2025-June 30, 2025
- Cohort 20: May 1, 2024-April 30, 2025
  - Special One-Time Extension Period: May 1, 2025-June 30, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Cohort 19 and 20 Participants will not be withdrawn from the program at the original grant termination date. Instead, you will enter a one-time extension period lasting until **June 30, 2025**.Participants must re-apply to be reconsidered for Teacher Promise Grants after that date. The next TPG application window runs from **August 1, 2025, to August 25, 2025**.

TPG Eligibility Criteria: For Lead Teachers at CPP Tuition Assistance Sites

Eligibility Criteria:
- Be employed full-time (35 hrs) as a Lead Preschool Teacher
- TA site must have a minimum of 10% CPP Student Preschool Enrollment
- Must be employed for six weeks at the time of application
- Minimum Level 3 Career Pathways

To maintain eligibility for the Teacher Promise Grant, sites must actively maintain preschool enrollment through Cincinnati Preschool Promise's Tuition Assistance program. Specifically, at least 10% of the site's preschool enrollment must consist of CPP students.

If a site has no CPP-enrolled students, it will have 60 days to reestablish enrollment through the
TA program. If enrollment is not restored within this timeframe, the Lead Preschool Teacher(s) at the site will no longer be able to participate in TPG.

For questions or further clarification, please contact Kenetra Mathis, Deputy Director, at Kmathis@cincy-promise.org.

Save The Dates

April 5 - CPP Volunteer Day -Drop in to help us prepare materials & supplies for the Week of the Young Child
10am-4pm

April 10 - Open House at IDEA Public Schools

April 12- Coffee & Conversations for the CPP Provider Network
10am-12pm

April 15 - Calm Caterpillar Professional Development Session
5:30pm

April 26 - Children's Savings Account Kickoff Event for Families
1pm-3pm

Invite Your Families to Stay Connected!

Help the families you serve stay informed and engaged by inviting them to join the Cincinnati Preschool Promise Parent and Guardian Facebook Group! This exclusive group is a valuable resource for parents and guardians, providing:

- Up-to-date information on Cincinnati Preschool Promise programs and initiatives
- Fun activities to support learning at home
- Helpful resources for preschool readiness and beyond
- A supportive community of fellow families navigating the preschool journey

Encourage your families to join today so they never miss out on important updates and opportunities!

They can join here: Facebook Parent and Guardian Group

HELP US CELEBRATE A DEDICATED & DESERVING PROVIDER!

Submit your Provider of the Month nominations to: **tdelvalle@cincy-promise.org**

Provider Connection is an informative publication of news you can use. To submit accolades, **Provider spotlight nominations**, or interest in becoming an ambassador for CPP, contact CPP at marketing@cincy-promise.org

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