

WE ARE CAC. THIS IS WHAT WE DO.

Washington County Community Action Council (CAC) is a non profit human service agency founded in 1965. CAC serves over 10,000 Washington County residents every year. The agency provides fundamental services to assist and promote self-sufficiency to our friends and neighbors as they struggle to provide life's most basic needs.



FOOD PANTRY

315 households are provided with food every month from CAC's pantry.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Kelly and Jack lived in an apartment with their three children, ages 2, 6, and 14. Kelly had recently started working as a server at a privately owned restaurant and Jack was a custodian at the local theater. Even though both parents were employed, the family still struggled to get by. When the pandemic hit, the restaurant where Kelly worked went out of business and she was not eligible for unemployment. Jack was laid off when the theater temporarily closed but was able to receive unemployment benefits. Kelly and Jack both looked for other employment, but one of them had to stay home to be with the 2-year-old and to help the older children with their school work when the daycare and schools closed.

As the months progressed the family got more and more behind in their rent and utility expenses. Even though they knew they could not be evicted or have their utilities shut off due to the moratoriums, they knew they needed to not only pay their current bills but at some point they would need to pay their past due bills. Eventually Jack got a job at a local distribution center and was able to use the Hopewell Express to travel back and forth to work for free. And when the family received their stimulus check they used it to pay some of their past due bills. However, even with Jack working the family was not able to catch up with only one income and came to CAC for assistance.

CAC was able to assist the family with all of their past due rent and utility expenses, and enroll them in the Energy Assistance Program which will assist them moving forward with their electric and heating bills. They signed up for the Wash. Co. Food Bank Card and now receive monthly food assistance from CAC or other local food pantries. The agency also connected them with community partner organizations who assisted them in applying for SNAP benefits, which they now receive, and also for Kelly to receive training and obtain employment working from home in the evenings, when Jack is home to help with the children.

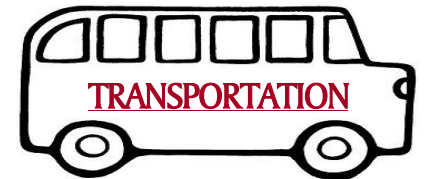
HOUSING COUNSELING

CAC offers the following counseling services:

- ⇒ Landlord/Tenant
- ⇒ Mortgage Default
- ⇒ Pre-Purchase
- ⇒ Reverse Mortgage

CAC owns 19 PROPERTIES, housing 32 UNITS, which we rent to LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

CAC has adopted the **Whole Family Approach** which focuses on creating opportunities for and addressing the needs of both the children and their families together with the goal of creating economic stability for the "whole" family.



Hopewell Express provided employees of Hopewell Rd. businesses with over 59,000 FREE trips back and forth to work during 2020.

For more information about CAC's services go to www.wccac.org
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ENERGY ASSISTANCE

During 2020, approximately 3,400 households in Washington Co. received assistance with their heating and/or electric bills... for a total of \$3.3M dollars in assistance.

CAC continually provided services & assistance to the Washington County community during the pandemic.

From April 2020—February 2021 CAC's food pantry distributed 90,000 lbs. of food to Washington County residents.

As of February 29, 2021 CAC secured and distributed \$1.1M COVID -19 relief funding to assist residents of Washington County with past due housing and utility bills.

