

Dear MVCDC Families,

We have 2 new COVID-19 cases to report this week:

LOCATION	POSITIVE	
	Students	Staff
Kings Highway	0	1
Miami View	0	1

Go to <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> for information about the COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots, and other great resources. Click [HERE](#) for a list of updated vaccination sites. Click [HERE](#) for information about **Dayton Children’s COVID-19 vaccination clinics**.

Father engagement is a vital and integrated aspect of parent, family, and community engagement work. Head Start and Early Start staff engage fathers as advocates, lifelong educators, and first teachers of their children. Male family members and father figures serve key roles in the healthy development of their children and families, and have much to add to the Head Start community.

There are five ways fathers already support their child's learning each day:

- **PLAY**-Fathers play with their child to help them learn social skills.
- **FOLLOW**-Fathers follow their child’s interests and encourage exploration and discovery.
- **TALK**-Fathers talk with their child about what they are doing and learning.
- **LISTEN**-Fathers listen to their child when they talk about their feelings and ideas.
- **LOVE**-Fathers love their child as a unique and special person.

February will be the last month of emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) allotments. [The USDA says](#) the temporary boost to SNAP benefits, put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, will end nationwide in 2023. Households that receive SNAP and Social Security benefits will see a decrease in their SNAP benefits because of the [significant cost of living increase to Social Security benefits that went into effect Jan 1](#). SNAP benefit amounts will return to normal in Ohio in March 2023. Click [HERE](#) to read a sample of the letter that will be mailed out to SNAP recipients.

Below is information for food pantries in Clark, Madison, and Montgomery counties for families in need.

Clark County		
Second Harvest Food Bank 20 N. Murray Street Springfield 45503 <i>M-F 8 am-4 pm</i>	Good Samaritan Outreach 427 W. Washington Street Springfield 45506 937-323-2323	Open Hands Free Store ohfreestore@att.net Southern Village Shopping Ctr 1131 Sunset Avenue Springfield 45505 937-323-5815

Madison County		
Madison County Food Pantry 137 Maple Street London 43140 740-852-5822 <i>Wed and Sat 9-12</i>	The Plain City Food Pantry www.plaincityfoodpantry.org 156 W. Main Street Plain City 43064 614-733-0909 <i>Sat 10-12 pm</i>	Bridges Community Action www.bridgescap.org 306 Lafayette Street London 43140 740-852-3511

Montgomery County			
The Foodbank, Inc. 56 Armor Place Dayton 45417 937-461-0265 <i>Thurs 9-11 am; Wed 9-11 am</i>	Catholic Social Services Choice Food Pantry 922 W. Riverview Avenue Dayton 45402 <i>Mon-Fri 9:30-11:30 am</i>	Good Neighbor House 627 E. First Street Dayton 45402 937-224-3003 <i>Mon-Thurs 9 am-5 pm Fri 9 am-1 pm</i>	House of Bread www.houseofbread.org 9 Orth Avenue Dayton 45402 937-226-1520 <i>M-F, Sat, Sun 11 am-1pm</i>

A FREE Expungement/Record Sealing Clinic is scheduled for Friday, Feb 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 1001 Harvard Boulevard, Dayton. Participants will learn if prior arrests and/or old misdemeanor convictions can be removed from their record. Volunteer lawyers provide these services free of charge. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kings Highway – 2Gen Family Engagement Financial Literacy MORE INFO	Feb 16	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Kings Highway Gym 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton
Kings Highway – 2Gen Family Engagement Financial Literacy MORE INFO	Mar 23	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Kings Highway Gym 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton

As winter weather approaches, we want to ensure everyone is aware of MVCDC's plan. Please see the [Parent Handbook online \(pg. 10\)](#). If you are not receiving calls or messages from One Call Now, please contact your child's center to verify your phone number in Child Plus.

- All MVCDC centers will CLOSE OR DELAY based on the school district the building resides in. (list is in the handbook)
- MVCDC will send out a closing announcement via call/text message through MVCDC's One Call Now system, in addition parents should follow the announcements on their local television and radio stations (WHIO, WDTN, WBNS, WSYX & WCMH) for their related school district.
- For 2- hour delays the following will apply:
 - * Part-day centers – there will be no AM session.
 - * Full-Day/6-hour centers- will open at 10 am.
 - * Sites located in a SCHOOL Building will follow the buildings arrival times.

If you have a friend or neighbor looking for quality preschool, please let them know about our Head Start or Early Head Start programs. Applicants can call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org. Click [HERE](#) for enrollment information.

MVCDC is still looking for DIFFERENCE MAKERS! If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with children and families, consider joining our team. A complete listing of open positions is available on our website www.mvcdc.org.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,



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