

# Agency Newsletter

February 1st 2024

## Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

*Our mission:: To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient*

Hello Team:

Since I have joined the agency, I have spoken quite a bit about the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). This is the work that community based organizations (CBOs), like us, do to promote health and wellness. This focus on health and wellness, in programs like our Axis of Care program, helped to position us for something called the Medicaid 1115 waiver that has been talked about for quite some time. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, I was surprised to learn that this waiver was finally passed! So, what does this mean for us?

First, the term SDOH has been updated to HRSN or Health Related Social Needs. This was done to better define the services that are specific to health outcomes. Examples are the availability of healthy food, having shelter, and having access to hygiene items. Services that provide these things are an important part of overall health care but traditionally, insurance payers do not reimburse for these services. The idea behind the waiver is that for Medicaid customers, CBOs get to claim a share of these payments. It is still very early in the program so there are many unknowns. Fortunately, I sit on the board of the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System which has been heavily involved in this waiver. This will be very helpful in us keeping our finger on the pulse of this program.

For now, here is a summary of what the New York Medicaid 1115 waiver means for CBOs:

Waiver period: April 2024 – March 31, 2027 Amount approved: \$6.7 Billion.

NYS will use this Waiver to: \* Advance health equity \* Reduce health disparities \* Support the delivery of health-related social needs \* Promote workforce development

- Investments in HRSNs via greater integration between primary care providers and community-based organizations with a goal of improved quality and health outcomes.
- Improve quality and outcomes of enrollees in geographic areas that have a longstanding history of health disparities and disengagement from the health system, including through an incentive program for safety net providers with exceptional exposure to enrollees with historically worse health outcomes and HRSN challenges.
- Focus on integrated primary care, behavioral health, and HRSN with a goal to improve population health and health equity outcomes for high-risk enrollees including kids/youth, pregnant and postpartum individuals, the chronically homeless, and individuals with substance use disorder.
- Workforce investments with a goal of equitable and sustainable access to care in Medicaid; and
- Developing regionally focused approaches, including new value-based payment programs, with a goal of statewide accountability for improving health, outcomes, and equity. [www.fingerlakes1115waiver.org](http://www.fingerlakes1115waiver.org)

I will keep you posted with developments and how this will impact our agency and the communities that we assist.

*Be Part of the Solution!*

*Renée*

# Employee News

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## Welcome

### *New Hire*

Daniel Healy Weatherization Tech 12/29/2023

## Outstanding

### *December - Perfect Attendance*

## Celebrate

### *February - Birthdays*

Julie Bailey	10-Feb
Lisa Church	15-Feb
Melinda Daniels	12-Feb
Evelyn Warren	11-Feb
Colleen Young	27-Feb

Jan Albanese	Ronald Lasal
Theresa Annecharico	Sunny Lin
Julie Bailey	Bonnie Malakie
Christine Blosenhauer	Linda Malaniak
Katrina Chaffee	Marc Malaniak
Gabrianna Christopher	Tabitha Miller
Lisa Church	Autumn Moore
Kate Cudzilo	Jessica Niles
Melinda Daniels	David Reis
Christina DeBoard	Xochitl Rosario
David Dodge	Deborah Rothmund
Nevada Dressel	Tina Schleede
Willie Drisdorn	Edna Schramm
Jackie Dunham	Tami Slingerland
Janet Foppes	Aspen Slack
Stacie Graton	Marty Taber
Ernie Gursslin	Nichole Targa
Renee Hungerford	Melody Vanacore
Dana Jessmer	Cara Wachob
Susan Jessmer	Holly Wasnock
Brenda Johnson	Randi Watts

## Congratulations

### *February - Anniversaries*

Robinson, Mary E.	2/16/2006
Cassie Healy	2/5/2021
Jessica Niles	2/11/2022
Danielle Riches	2/1/2023
Debbie Schiavone	2/1/2023
Aspen Moyer	2/2/2023
Christine Blosenhauer	2/27/2023



**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Monday, March 25th**

**SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: [jalbanese@caoginc.org](mailto:jalbanese@caoginc.org)**

Community Action  
of  
Orleans & Genesee

# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Tami Slingerland

Tami has been in the classroom, overall, for over nine years. She is very dedicated to the program and the families.

Tami returned to Head Start last year in the absence of a lead Teacher, she not only stepped up into that role, but also took on the responsibility of the site (part of Lead Teacher in single-site classrooms). She has spent a good amount of time carefully going through everything in the classroom and organizing it. She cleaned things out, made it all "make sense".

She goes above and beyond in her role as a teacher, helping out where ever is needed, often reaching out to see how she can help. Tami is never seen sitting around, she is always looking for something to help out with. She often gives words of encouragement to other staff (including leadership) and tells them she appreciates them.

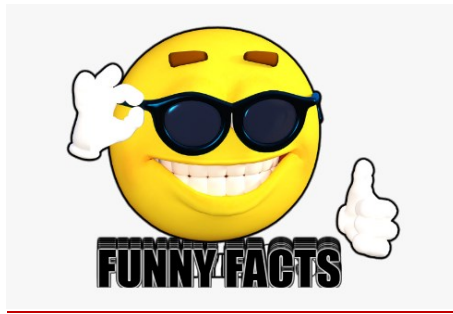
She is always looking to learn new things and always completes tasks if/when asked in a timely manner (many times, without even being asked). Tami is very dedicated, she has never called in. When she has had to make appointments during her work day, it is always after the children leave and she generally will make the time up she missed. She is very thorough in ALL that she does. She is supportive to her team and is an overall asset to the program.

We were all sorry to see her leave previously and so Glad she has returned to our Team and Agency.



**February 2024**

# FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES



1. Orleans County was founded in 1824: Before Orleans County was established, the territory was part of Genesee County. In January 1824, the New York State Legislature created Orleans County, which was named after the French city of Orleans.
2. Genesee County was founded in 1802 and was named after the Genesee River, which flows through the county and into Lake Ontario. The river played a significant role in the county's development, facilitating transportation and providing power for mills and factories.
3. Orleans County played an important role in the War of 1812: The War of 1812 was a conflict between the United States and Great Britain that took place from 1812 to 1815. Orleans County was the site of several notable battles, including the Battle of the Twelve Mile Creek, which took place in June 1813.
4. Genesee County is home to the oldest county fair in New York State, the Genesee County Fair, which has been held annually since 1841. The fair features a variety of agricultural exhibits, musical performances, carnival rides, and food vendors.
5. Genesee County's agricultural heritage is still alive and well today, with dairy farming, apple orchards, and vineyards among the county's top agricultural products. Genesee County is known for its high-quality dairy products, including cheese made by the Yancey's Fancy cheese company, which has won numerous awards and accolades for its cheeses.
6. Orleans County is known for its apple orchards: Orleans County is famous for its apple orchards, which produce some of the best apples in the country. The region is home to over 10,000 acres of apple orchards and has been called the "Apple Capital of the World."

## WELCOME to our new Intern, Jake Lawlor!

Hello,

My name is Jake Lawlor and I will be the new Marketing and Social Media Intern! I am a senior studying Interaction Design at SUNY Oswego. I found out about Community Action of Orleans & Genesee, and Bonnie Malakie, through my mom who also works at a non-profit organization, DePaul. I will be working with the directors' team, developing our website to provide important information in a more clear and user-friendly way. I will also be helping with our social media and communication. I am excited to be apart of the team and I am looking forward to interning here.

Jake



From: Bonnie Malakie

Jake began with us on January 23rd and will be here through April. His Internship is 2 days per week ( generally Tuesday and Thursday). He is set-up in the Head Start Admin offices and will soon be visiting all the sites/programs. We are teaching him about non-profits, systems and marketing needs and he will help us let others know about the important services we provide! We look forward to a productive partnership with Jake as he finishes his 4 years of college. It's a privilege to have Jake be a part of our agency!

# CODE BLUE

## Genesee County Procedures

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order 151 in 2016 which enacted Code Blue policies. These policies provide guidance to ensure that all homeless individuals in NY have shelter when the temperature is **32 DEGREES OR BELOW** – including windchill.

Every county has an individual Code Blue Plan. Per Genesee County's plan, placements are done through DSS. Please note that this does not eliminate the screening process DSS uses to determine the availability of other resources to meet the individual's needs.

### During business hours

Department of Social Services  
5130 East Main St.  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(585)344-2580

### After hours

Sheriff's Office  
(585)343-5000

- During business hours, 9-4 Monday-Friday, individuals can go to the Salvation Army to get out of the cold. The office may occasionally close early on Thursdays.
- During Code Blue, law enforcement will approach individuals appearing to be homeless after hours and offer a referral for shelter. If the individual accepts, Sheriff's Office will contact the DSS on-call worker.
- If an individual refuses shelter assistance during Code Blue and MH concerns are present, call Care + Crisis Helpline at 585-283-5200 and ask to speak to Genesee County on-call MH worker.
- After business hours, Sheriff's office to transport client(s) to housing placement if needed.

Updated 1/2024

# ORLEANS COUNTY WARMING CENTER

## What to do when it's **CODE BLUE**

**BELOW**



**32°F**

*If you need a warm place to stay, Oak Orchard Community Health, Orleans County and their Community Partners have a warm place to stay for you.*

*When the temperature is **below 32 degrees** you can do the following during the day:*

Find us on  
Facebook



- > **Go to the Hoag Library, 134 S Main Street Albion**
- Monday through Thursday 8:30am-8pm
  - Friday 8:30am-5pm
  - Saturday 10am-2pm

*Overnight Warming Center is located at:*

**Christ Episcopal Church 26 S Main St Albion, NY** and is open upon request.

**For recorded information on the overnight warming center, please call 585-895-4090**



## Oak Orchard Community Health Center

Warming Center Info:  
(585) 895-4090

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## ALBION EMERGENCY SERVICES WALK - IN HOURS

409 East State Street, Albion, NY

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am - 4pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am - 4pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am - 12pm</b>

Alternate times are available  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**(585) 589-5605**





## NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES WALK-IN HOURS Batavia

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am - 4pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9am - 4pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am - 12pm</b>

Alternate times are available  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**585-343-7798**  
**ddodge@caoginc.org**

## Food Distribution

Municipal Parking Lot  
165 South Platt Street, Albion, NY 14411



**9:00 AM - until gone**

(Due to traffic issues, please do NOT line up prior to 7:30 AM!!)

**Family information is required.** In order to keep the distribution coming to our community we have to report on those served.

### 2024 Scheduled Dates:

All are Mondays

- \* January 22nd
- \* February 12th
- \* March 11th
- \* April 8th
- \* May 13th
- \* June 10th



Questions: Please call (585) 589-5605 x 117.







# Are you a Caregiver?

Please join us for a weekly respite Care Program!

Find us on Facebook at: Caregiver's Revitalize - Orleans County, NY

 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m.  
 Albion at Christ Church Episcopal  
 26 S. Main St. Albion, NY 14411

Please use PARK STREET ENTRANCE ONLY.

 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m.  
 Community Action's Eastern Orleans Community Center  
 75 Public Square. Holley, NY 14470

Email: [Caregiversrevitalize@gmail.com](mailto:Caregiversrevitalize@gmail.com)

Phone: 585-209-9151 or 585-209-3416

Please email or call for more information, to register your care recipient or for volunteer opportunities.

We're offering:  
 Organized activities,  
 support, and respite  
 for caregivers with  
 supervision for  
 those they care for.

This program is free  
 to all caregivers in  
 Orleans County



Department of  
 Taxation and Finance





The Agency will be CLOSED on  
 Monday, February 19th, 2024  
 in honor of Presidents Day.

## Get in-person tax help and **FILE FOR FREE!**

Tax Department employees will walk you through your income tax returns, step-by-step, as you complete your own tax return. It's quick and easy! We'll help you prepare and e-file your income tax return at a location near you.

In partnership with **Richmond Memorial Library**, sessions are available on Thursdays from 9:30am - 4:30pm. You must pre-register and schedule an appointment. For information, a list of necessary documents, or to schedule a session, contact Richmond Memorial Library at **585-343-9550 (ext 3)**.

- Use on-site computers, or your own laptop, tablet, or mobile device.
- You only need basic computer skills and an active email account.
- If you earned \$79,000 or less in 2023, you qualify.
- Safe and secure online tax software.

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131 S. Main Street, Albion, New York

**Store Hours:**  
 Thursday & Friday 11am-5pm  
 Saturday 10:30am - 3pm

**We are accepting donations of Prom items.  
 (specifically looking for suits/tux/ties)**

# February

2024

Sales Calendar

## Monthly Sales

### CD/DVD/Cassette/Records- .25 each

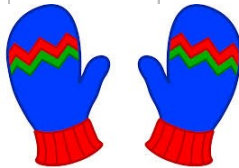
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Handbags \$1	2 BOGO Shoes	3 Winter Jackets 30% off
	5	6	7 Small Appliances 30% off	8 Electronics 15% off	9 Furniture 30% off	10 Candles, Candles Accessories 15% off
	12	13	14 .25 Games and Puzzles	15 Craft Section .25 each item	16 Bed Frames \$15 each	17 Dishes and Dish Sets 50% off
	19	20	21 Salt and Pepper Sets 15% off	22 All Shirts \$1 each	23 All Pants \$1 each	24 Lighting and Lamps 30% off
25	26	27	28 BOGO Shoes	29 Personal Care Items 15% off		



Do you know any  
 Young Entrepreneurs?

We have a Small Business 101 class  
 starting soon!

Keep an eye out for details!



**Our Mitten Box is on the Sharing Table in front of the store and we are working to keep it filled each day.  
 If you have any hats, gloves, scarves you would like to donate let us know!**

# February Dating Violence Awareness



## Know Potential Warning Signs:

**Possessiveness**

**Explosive Temper**

**Extreme Jealousy**

**Isolation**

**Neither Love nor Violence**

**Discriminate!**





## WINTER COAT DRIVE

5073 Clinton St Rd | Batavia, NY

Community Action in Batavia is in need of new and used winter coats in all sizes and genders.

We are in particular need of kids coats.

No broken zippers, broken buttons, rips, or stains.

We also accept clothing for kids and adults all year.



**Coats are still available for those in need!**

Tuesday/Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-12pm

To schedule a donation or to receive services:  
585-343-7798 x114 | [ddodge@caoginc.org](mailto:ddodge@caoginc.org)



### Attention Genesee County Residents:

Genesee County is updating its Housing Needs Assessment and Market Analysis to help housing providers, housing developers, municipalities, Genesee County agencies, and not-for-profit organizations to better understand the existing and future housing market and the needs of residents.

As part of the study process, we are seeking to gather widespread public input from county residents about their housing experience through a [Housing Survey](https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning/Housing_Needs_Assessment.php) ([https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning/Housing\\_Needs\\_Assessment.php](https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning/Housing_Needs_Assessment.php)). The survey collects information about residents' current housing situations and future plans to assist us with understanding the county's diverse and complex housing market. The more responses received, the more accurate the representation of the housing needs will be. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and feel free to share the link with friends, relatives, and colleagues via your mailing list and social media platforms. The survey is anonymous, and all responses are confidential.

On behalf of the Genesee County, thank you in advance for your support and participation!

Genesee County Department of Planning

3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020-9404

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(585) 815-7901

Visit our website: [www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning](http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning)



**Alishia Foss!**



Alishia Foss competed in a DNA/RIOT Championship softball tournament on January 20-21, 2024 in Largo, Florida. Alishia was invited to this tournament by winning a softball tournament in Niagara Falls, NY in the Fall.

Alishia's team went 7-0 all weekend while playing. This tournament was a co-ed tournament made of men and women. Alishia played right field both days. There was no hit ball that passed Alishia while she was playing. In the championship game, Alishia caught three balls hit hard way out in the outfield. While up to bat for her team, Alishia got multiple hits that contributed to the team winning.

Alishia was voted by her team and the tournament for all Female MVP from the whole tournament. Only one female received this award. Alishia won a championship ring, two new bats (1 for being MVP and 1 for winning the tournament), a championship shirt and lots of memories.



**Alishia Foss is**

**Child Care Resource and Referral 's**

**Child Care Specialist/Trainer**



# Game Day

POPCORN  
COTTON CANDY  
PUNCH



**February 14th**  
**12:00-2:00pm**



Card games  
Board Games  
Computer games  
Wii games

**EASTERN ORLEANS  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
75 PUBLIC SQ.  
HOLLEY, NY 14470**



# Eastern Orleans Community Center

## February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Meatball Sub Grilled Potatoes Carrots/Peas Peaches</i>	2 <i>Spaghetti &amp; Broccoli Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail</i>	3
4	5 <i>Cheesy Chicken &amp; Rice Bread Green Beans</i>	6 <i>Stuffed Pepper Soup Garlic Bread Jello</i>	7 <i>Pulled Pork Sandwiches Cole Slaw Baked Beans/ Cake</i>	8 <i>Chicken Salad Sandwich Chips Soup</i>	9 <i>Hot Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Salad Peaches</i>	10
11	12 <i>Baked Ziti Garden Salad Garlic Bread Pie</i>	13 <i>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Chips Cookies</i>	14 <i>BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mixed Fruit</i>	15 <i>Egg Salad Sandwich Chips Chicken &amp; Rice Soup</i>	16 <i>Cheese Omelet Sausage Patties Pears</i>	17
18	19 <i>Center Closed  Holiday</i>	20 <i>Ham Sandwich Soup Chips Peaches</i>	21 <i>Spanish Rice Green Beans Garden Salad Rolls / Pie</i>	22 <i>Hot Dogs Baked Beans French Fries Mixed Fruit</i>	23 <i>Chicken &amp; Biscuits Peas Tossed Salad Pears</i>	24
25	26 <i>Chef Salad Cottage Cheese Garlic Bread Cookies</i>	27 <i>Taco's Nacho Chips Ice Cream</i>	28 <i>Cheese Burger's French Fries Green Beans Pears</i>	29 <i>Turkey Sandwich Soup Chips Apples</i>		

2/8 Care Givers Here 1pm-4pm

2/28 SNAP ED 10am

2/9 Fire Dept. here Checking Blood Pressures 10am

2/14 Game Day 12-2pm

Food Giveaways : Mon. Wed. Fri. @ 10:30am-11:30am

2/22 Caregivers Here 1pm-4pm

2/26 Free Mammogram Unit 9am-4pm

Bingo : Mon. Wed. Fri. 12:00pm

75 Public Square PO Box 206  
Holley NY 14477  
585-638-6395

Milk, coffee or water provided with meals  
A \$2.00 donation is appreciated but not required  
Menu is subject to change due to availability of  
supplies





# Get in-person tax help and **FILE FOR FREE!**

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- Use on-site computers, or your own laptop, tablet, or mobile device.
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