

# Agency Newsletter

April 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:

Happy Spring!! Of course, it is cold and snowing as I write this but hey, how many places can a person live and wear shorts and sandals on Tuesday and a parka and boots on Thursday? Variety is the spice of life.



As usual, we have a lot going on with our agency. First, I would like to commend the staff and volunteers at our Holley Center. You may be aware that a section of a neighboring building had fallen off and everyone had to evacuate. Our team was amazing under pressure. Our customers received food and were well taken care of. Everything was back to normal the next day. The Directors' team visited the Holley Center on Taco Tuesday. It was fantastic. If you have not had the opportunity to visit Deb, Rachel, and the team, you must check it out!

Thanks to a generous donation from Harris Seeds, we will again offer free vegetable seeds and seedlings to the community. We are also planning to start our community garden behind the Head Start "Yellow House" in Albion. Planting will be in late May/early June.

Interviews for our new Head Start Director are underway. With the new Director in place, we will do some minor reorganization. HR will move under the leadership of Tina Schleede. We are fortunate that Tina is a certified HR professional. CCR&R and ACT will move under the leadership of Jackie Dunham. The new director will be the Director of Head Start, which includes Head Start, Early Head Start, and Head Start Child Care Partnership.

You often hear me talk about us addressing the social determinants of health. These are the non-medical factors that have a large influence on health outcomes and include the work we do like providing nutrition, housing, education, and other support. These factors are also called Health Related Social Needs (HRSN). Population Health is the interdisciplinary approach to achieving positive health outcomes within a community. This is the important work that we do. I am excited to have been invited to join Coral Health Advisors and Continual Care Solutions in a podcast on Population Health. I will share a link once it is released.

Finally, save the date....June 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual in-service. We are going to have speakers from all agency programs so we can all learn what each program offers so we can better work together as a team to provide wraparound support to our customers. I am looking forward to seeing all of you. Thank you for all that you do!

*Be Part of the Solution!*

*Renée*

Community Action  
of  
Orleans & Genesee

# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH DANIELLE WYDER

Danielle is the lead teacher in Classroom C for Batavia Head Start. She has a commitment of providing quality care to all her students. She is an incredible leader who is informative, independent and honest. While others may tend to take their own path of doing things, Danielle always steps up and goes above and beyond to assist her students and parents.

Danielle is always looking for resources to better assist her students and their families. She assists with parent groups, every month, by providing child care and creating a safe and fun learning environment for all students. She establishes relationships with the parents and students, addresses the areas that children may need more assistance on with their families, and does what she can to promote a better learning environment. She spends many hours in the center creating lesson plans and caters to each child's developmental needs. She often donates things to children and families that are in need, she will assist with the bus, or any classroom need, if she has the opportunity.

Danielle is a wife and mother, while also working full time and going to school full time. She is currently working on her Bachelors degree in Early Childhood education. She is always on time, volunteers for events, works on things independently to help her classroom grow, supports the families, and speaks highly of our program.

She truly deserves this recognition.

April 2024





# ACT - Helping Youth ACT Responsibly

ACT is funded through NYS Dept. of Health to provide evidence-based, comprehensive sexual health education to groups of youth, primarily in health classes. This year we are also piloting 3 after-school Clubs.

Contact us for more info:

[ACTprogram.org](http://ACTprogram.org)

(585) 589-5754



**ACT Staff:** Wendy Cruz, Lindsey Greene, Marty Taber, Jan Albanese

## Our newest Health Educators:



Lindsey



Wendy



## Some Fun with Jake





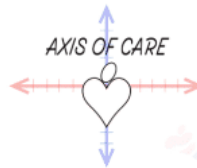
FREE online certification courses for Genesee County Residents

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024 Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training 9am - 3:30pm**

Teaches people how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, psychosis, addictions, how to offer help and guide a person toward appropriate care. This *blended* course requires 2 hours of self-paced pre-work before attending an instructor-led **virtual** class.

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Youth Mental Health First Aid (yMHFA) Training 9am - 2:30pm**

Course is for adults who interact with adolescents (age 12-18) experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders, disruptive behavior disorders and eating disorders. This *blended* course requires 2 hours of self-paced pre-work before attending an instructor-led **virtual** class.



SPACE IS LIMITED! PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

TO SIGN UP. CALL/TEXT JEANETTE @ (585) 866-5494

**Hope to have opportunities for Orleans County soon!**

# April

# 2024

## Sales Calendar

Store Hours:

Wednesday : 11 AM to 4 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Thursday : 11 AM to 5:30 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Friday : 11 AM to 5:30 PM (Donations 11 AM to 3 PM)

Saturday : 10:30 AM to 3 PM

**Main Street Corner**  
*— Thrifts, Gifts and More —*

131 South Main Street, Albion, NY 14411

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 ALL Holiday Items 50% off	4 Furniture 50% off	5 BOGO Shoes	6 Kids Toys 30% off
7	8	9	10 45% Electronics	11 BOGO Dishes	12 50% off Glass	13 Small Appliances 30% off
14	15	16	17 Baskets 30% off	18 BOGO ALL Shirts	19 BOGO ALL Pants	20 Games and Puzzles .25 each
21	22	23	24 Personal Care and Medical Supplies 30% off	25 Photo Frames 50% off	26 Flower Vases 50% off	27 Furniture 30% off
28	29	30				



GENESEE ORLEANS MINISTRY OF CONCERN AND COMMUNITY ACTION ARE PARTNERING UP  
TO COLLECT "PENNIES FOR PROM"! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR JARS AT LOCAL  
BUSINESSES!

EVERY PENNY COLLECTED WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING STUDENTS PAY FOR PROM!

# PENNIES

FOR

# PROM

**PENNIES FOR PROM  
WILL HELP STUDENTS COVER THE  
EXPENSE OF PROM TICKETS**



*In addition... students who attend  
**PROM PREP NIGHT on 04/16/24 from 6:00-8:00 at Main Street Corner Thrifts, Gifts and More, 131  
South Main Street, Albion, NY**  
will be entered into win **2 FREE Prom Tickets!***



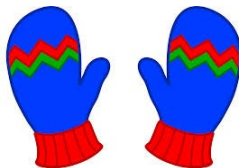
131 S. Main Street, Albion, New York  
(585) 589-1430

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Thursday : 11 AM – 5 :30 PM (DONATION DOOR 11 AM – 3 PM)  
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Saturday : 10 :30 AM – 3 PM

We are accepting  
donations of Prom items.

Specifically looking for  
suits, tux, ties.



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!





## 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**

## 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 15th (note new date!)
- \* May 13th
- \* June 10th

**Next Event, Save-the-Date**



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





## 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 **Hoag Library**, sessions are available on Mondays from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the **Curtis Room**. You must pre-register and schedule an appointment. For information, a list of necessary documents, or to schedule a session, contact us at **585-589-4246** or in person at the reference desk.

- 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.



**Hoag Library**  
Cortland • Cortland • Cortland

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## Tax Help

can be found at our local Libraries.

**Orleans County - Hoag Library**

**Genesee County - Richmond Memorial**

Be sure to schedule a session.

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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.



**Richmond Memorial Library**  
Batavia, New York

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# 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**

**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.**

**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.**







Deb, Tina Schleede, Bonnie Malakie, Melinda Daniels, Jackie Dunham, Renee Hungerford.

**Deb Rothmund hosts Taco Tuesday at the Eastern Orleans Community Center in Holley.**

**Tina Schleede, our new CFO, visited many of the Community Action sites to learn more about all the services we provides as an Agency.**



Bonnie is pleased to visit the Holley site.

## **Congratulations to our Executive Director, Renee Hungerford!**



Photo by Ginny Kropf: Renee Hungerford, left, and Karen Kinter have both been accepted into the prestigious Health Leadership Fellows program by the Health Foundation for WNY.

Renee Hungerford, CEO of Community Action of Orleans & Genesee, and Karen Kinter, CEO of Oak Orchard Health, recently learned they had been accepted into the Health Leadership Fellows program for Cohort 11. The program lasts 18 months.

The Fellows program's goal is to strengthen collaboration among hundreds of nonprofit professionals who serve young children and older adults in western and central New York.

More details can be found on the March 20, 2024 post on the Orleans Hub: <https://orleanshub.com/2-from-orleans-county-named-to-health-leadership-fellowship-program/>



# Eastern Orleans Community Center

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chuck's Bday Chili Biscuits Garden Salad Cake	2 Tuna Sand. Mac. Salad Chips Cookies	3 Hot Turkey Sand Mashed Potatoes Carrots/ Corn Fruit Salad	4 Egg Salad Sand. Soup/Crackers Chips Pears	5 Spaghetti with Broccoli Garden Salad Garlic Bread Peaches	6
7	8 Patty M Bday Chicken Stuffing Bake Biscuits/Butter Garden Salad	9 Homemade Pork & Bean Soup Biscuits Chips/Crackers	10 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Garden Salad Garlic Bread Pie	11 Center Closed Staff Conference	12 Mac-N-Cheese Peas Garden Salad Biscuits	13
14	15 Cheesey Chicken over Rice Garden Salad	16 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Bean Soup Chips / Peaches	17 Scalloped Potatoes With Ham Carrots/ Peas	18 Taco's Refried Beans Nacho Chips Ice Cream	19 Carol's Bday Tuna Noodle Casserole Tossed Salad	20
21	22 Spanish Rice Corn Garden Salad Biscuits/Butter Pears	23 Homemade Chicken Soup Salad Chips / Crackers Cookies	24 Judy's Bday Shepherd's Pie Tossed Salad Biscuits/ Butter B-Day Cake	25 Hot Dog/ Bun Baked Beans Tator Tots Carrots Apple Sauce	26 Rick's Bday Raquel's Bday BBQ Pork Sand. Mac Salad Green Beans	27
28	29 Cheese Burge French Fries Green Beans Peaches	30 Pasta Salad Green Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread Pie				
April 3 Katie's Promote Health Class 10:30am April 3 Holley Hustlers Info meeting 1pm April 8 Eclipse Party 1pm April 15th Mobile Pantry 9am in Albion & Mobile Mammogram						

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

Bingo: Mon. Wed. Fri at 12:00

Food Giveaway Mon. Wed. Fri at 10am



## Child Care Resource and Referral is here to help you!

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) supports parents and families, child care providers, businesses and community partners by providing the following services:

### Parents and Families:

- Provide listing of local child care programs based upon family need
- Inform about child development, early learning and quality child care
- Give information about state licensing requirements
- Share information about the Child Care Assistance program (Subsidy) administered by Department of Social Services

### Child Care Provider:

- Support through licensing process
- Assist with compliance issues and increase/ improve quality
- Provide convenient and flexible on site staff trainings
- Free assistance with Health Care Plans

### Businesses and Community Partners:

- Share information about child care needs and availability in area
- Work with employers to support employee child care needs
- Advocate for quality child care and early childhood workforce



**Thank you**

to the Zonta Club  
of Batavia-Genesee for the generous  
donation to help with our  
Batavia pantry re-structure!

**We appreciate you very much!**

A big **THANK YOU** also goes to

**Foodlink**

who will be paying  
for a new walk-in cooler/freezer.



Do You Know?



## What is the difference between 988 and 911?

**988** provides easy access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network and related crisis resources.

**911** dispatches Emergency Medical Services, fire, and police as needed.



The goal of 988 is to meet the growing suicide and mental health-related crisis care needs.



Office of  
Mental Health

