

Permanent Supportive Housing - The Permanent Supportive Housing Program serves ten homeless families in the community, in which an adult family member is suffering with a mental health and/or substance abuse issue. Through this program, homeless families are provided with stable, permanent housing, as well as supportive services, such as case management, crisis intervention, career counseling, instruction in parenting and life skills, advocacy, and a rental subsidy. Program staff work with families in their own homes to realize and achieve their goals. Program participants are able to maintain their housing while they work toward long-term goals, such as employment, continued education, and reunification of a family.

Community Service Programs

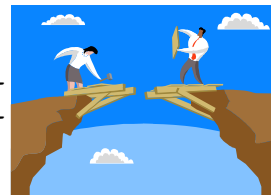
Community Advocacy - Public Assistance, Social Security, Medicaid, Unemployment Insurance, Food Stamps and other government programs were developed to assist those in need. For 40 years SCAP has been assisting individuals to work through the "red tape" to secure public assistance when they need it most. SCAP counselors have an outstanding reputation for achieving results and assisting low-income people in advocating for themselves.

Homelessness Intervention & Emergency Shelter - SCAP provides assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or facing eviction. Counselors negotiate landlord/tenant issues and appear in Eviction Court to assist in avoiding eviction or obtaining more appropriate housing. Long term case management is available to ensure families remain in housing. Open until 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Income Tax Preparation - Trained tax preparers provide assistance to low and moderate income families and individuals in preparing annual income tax forms. Families are assisted in claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit as well as other standard deductions.

Community Crisis Network - SCAP is in partnership with Schenectady Inner City Ministry, Catholic Charities of Schenectady County, City Mission of Schenectady, Bethesda House, the Jewish community and area congregations to provide emergency crisis intervention to those who are unable to meet their basic needs. SCAP's counselors assess the crisis and provide immediate assistance through utilization of community resources and when gaps exist, through an emergency fund supported by area congregations. Services are comprehensive and designed to address the crisis and then implement strategies to avoid future crises. CCN strives to meet identified gaps in emergency services and works to create a more collaborative and efficient system for people who are unable to meet their basic needs. Open until 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Home Energy Assistance Outreach Site - SCAP is an application site for Schenectady County Department of Social Services and assists families in applying for HEAP. Certain restrictions apply, please call 374-9181 for clarification.



SCAP works with many community based agencies to improve access to services.

SCAP is an active member of "Schenectady's Promise: the Alliance for Children and Families" and is a Site of Promise promoting wellness for all families of Schenectady County.

SCAP works in partnership with community action agencies across the country to empower low-income people to achieve self-sufficiency. Together, community action helps millions of low-income people obtain the tools they need to combat the affects of poverty. If you would like more information on community action agencies in other communities or States, please call SCAP at 518-374-9181.

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HOW SCAP CAN HELP YOU



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8:30 am—4:30 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am—6:30 pm

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**Head Start Program Offices
Bigelow Avenue Head Start**

100 Bigelow Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12304
518-377-8539, 518-377-8553 (fax)

Scotia/Glenville Head Start

Lincoln Elementary School
Albion Street
Scotia, NY 12302

Bellevue Head Start

Bellevue Reformed Church
2000 Broadway
Schenectady, NY 12306

Career Readiness Classrooms

Schenectady Community
Action Program, Inc.
913 Albany Street
Schenectady, NY 12307

Fulton/Montgomery Comm. College
2805 Highway 67
Johnstown, 12095
518-762-4651 ext. 7-3611 or -3613
518-762-4334 (fax)

**Sojourn House &
Independent Living Offices**

1567 Union Street
Schenectady, 12309
518-346-5097
(Phone calls only please).



Career Readiness Programs

For more than 30 years, SCAP has been assisting individuals with entering or re-entering the job market. The goal of Career Readiness is to help individuals develop and implement sound vocational plans leading to employment that provides economic self-reliance.

Participants learn to assess marketable skills, develop resumes and perfect interviewing techniques while obtaining important soft skills necessary for success in today's job market.

Computer skills are developed and enhanced through extensive hands-on training. Participants work with an Employment Specialist who assists them in their job search and provides ongoing job counseling and support enhancing their ability to retain employment. The ES also works closely with employers to assure success for all.

Schenectady Center - 913 Albany Street and Project LIFT - Fulton/Montgomery Center - Fulton/Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, New York.

Head Start Program

Head Start is a comprehensive pre-school program for children 3 - 4 years old that enriches a child's learning experiences and prepares them for kindergarten and continued success in school. Head Start's curriculum focuses on the child's educational, social and emotional needs and family support services embrace the philosophy that the parents are the most important and influential educator of their children. Services include; nutrition, health and mental health information, parent involvement opportunities and support services. Meals are provided on-site to children and limited transportation is available.

Bigelow Avenue Head Start Center - Eleven 11 classrooms and the programs Main Offices are located at Bigelow Avenue. There are three (3) classrooms for three year olds and eight (8) for four year olds , including one integrated classrooms with Clover Patch for children with special needs. Classes operate 36 weeks per year.



Bellevue Head Start Center - four (4) classrooms operate from the Bellevue Reformed Church. There are two (2) classrooms for 3 years olds and two (2) classrooms for 4 year olds. This center operates from 8 AM - 2 PM, 42 weeks per year.

Lincoln School Head Start Center - One classroom operates from the Lincoln Elementary School in Scotia/Glenville School District. This classroom operate from 9:00—1:30 pm.

Home-Base Option consists of weekly home visits and bi-weekly socialization. This program operates for 36 weeks per year and offers an individualized curriculum and teaching for your child in their home setting. Group socialization provides an opportunity for children and parents to interact with other Home Base families. SCAP Head Start can serve up to 24 children per year through this program.

Head Start families must meet federal income guidelines. Please call for specific information or to obtain an application.

Housing Services

SCAP's residential programs provide comprehensive services to homeless families in the community by assisting families in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing, as well as working toward the goals that the families have set for themselves. Using the Family Development Model, these programs allow homeless families to become self-reliant.

Sojourn House - is a transitional supportive housing program for homeless women with children, and homeless pregnant women. Sojourn House can accommodate seven families, with one to four children each. While at Sojourn, families are provided with all meals and personal care items, and benefit from supportive services such as case management, crisis intervention, instruction in parenting and life skills, advocacy, career counseling, staff mentoring, and Head Start for eligible children. During their stay at Sojourn House, families work with Sojourn staff to secure a permanent residence for themselves and their children.

Sojourn House is a safe and stable environment where homeless families can work toward achieving