

Tompkins Community Action

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News & Updates



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It is with profound sadness that we mark the passing of our former Executive Director, Lee Dillon on January 28, 2023. Lee began her career at the agency in 1985 as a Housing Inspector and became a fierce advocate for those hard to house and experiencing homelessness. She was a founding member of the Continuum of Care that established guidelines to ensure those with the greatest need were housed first in coordination with all county agencies. She was instrumental in bringing New York State Homeless Housing and Supportive Housing funds into the county, resulting in numerous buildings serving the homeless, providing supportive services and meeting the needs of those gripped by substance use dependence. In 2000, she became the agency's Executive Director, working in that capacity until her retirement in 2021. In addition, she served on NYS Community Action Association Board of Directors and was an active participant and presenter for NYS Supportive Housing Network. Under her leadership, Tompkins Community Action expanded and integrated services for individuals and families living in poverty in an effort to move those impacted toward self-sufficiency and she did so with respect and passion for all those served.

Family Home Library Program

Thanks to a grant from the Park Foundation, TCAAction's Family Home Library Program is available to Head Start Families.



As a literacy initiative, the Family Home Library Program creates opportunities for families to develop and enhance a lifelong love of reading!

Throughout the year, our Head Start families receive program packets that include new books, recipes and activities for the whole family to enjoy. These projects connect to activities also happening in the classroom.

Our Family Literacy Events are social gatherings with activities connected to

book themes. These activities are fun and help develop a love of reading and promote school readiness.

By the end of the program year, every household has the start of a home library.



A NEW PARTNERSHIP

**TCAction is pleased to host the Family Health Network's Mobile Medical Unit!
The Mobile Unit will be parked at our Main Office location once a month.
Dates will be announced on our social media.**



**FAMILY HEALTH NETWORK'S
MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IS HOSTING
A HEALTH CARE & COVID-19
VACCINE EVENT NEAR YOU!**

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

FHN's 40-foot, (2) exam room, Mobile Medical Unit will be coming to

Tompkins Community Action

at 701 Spencer Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850

to provide high quality, comprehensive health care services, including:

- COVID-19 vaccinations
- Routine check-ups and physicals
- Well child exams and sports physicals
- Blood work and immunizations
- Screenings, diagnosis, and treatment/management of pediatric and adult chronic diseases through various modes of testing
- Direct coordination of care and health education
- Insurance enrollment by referral

To schedule an appointment, please call 607-218-6704



Part of Your Community. Part of Your Life.

www.FamilyHealthNetwork.org

Call and make an appointment today!

TCAction Highlight

Our Main Office

Have you stopped in to see us lately? We are located at 701 Spencer Road, Ithaca. We are open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.

We have all of our program applications available.



Come play in our waiting area. We



set it up similar to one of our Childcare Center classrooms. There are lots of toys, books, puzzles and art supplies to keep little ones busy while their grown-ups conduct business.

This computer is available for visitors to place food pantry orders, print out documents or search for employment or housing opportunities.



Our community bulletin board offers resource information, program opportunities and community events.

We Are Hiring!

Do you have employment goals that include wanting to help others and make a difference in the community? TCAction partners with people experiencing the impacts of poverty to improve access to services and opportunities.

TCAction pays a living wage & offers benefits that include paid time off, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Flexible Spending Account (FSA), Retirement 403(b), Life Insurance, and Health & Dental Insurance.

Interested in learning more about these positions?

[Click Here](#)

Community Partner Spotlights



HETP

Hospitality Employment Training Program



IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Don't miss this opportunity!

Classes will begin February 27th, 2023

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Anyone over **18+** is encouraged to apply.
- Priority is given to City of Ithaca residents.
- *Please note* that there is an income guideline for acceptance, and acceptance is not guaranteed.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- H.E.T.P. is a program that offers wrap-around service. This means that though our focus is on employment, we understand that the obstacles you might face can significantly impact your ability to succeed in the workforce. We will do our best to help eliminate those obstacles.
- You will receive **six weeks** of *paid* career training and certifications specific to your employment path. Also, you will **spend up to 120 hours in a paid internship** to gain experience and learn the details of operating in your chosen profession.



**SCAN ME FOR
APPLICATION**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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"From hair cuts to hired, we will be with you every step of the way."

Important Dates

TCAction programs and offices will be closed on:

Monday, February 20

Friday, March 17

Our Mission:

Tompkins Community Action collaborates with individuals and organizations to sustain and improve economic opportunity and social justice for families and individuals impacted directly or indirectly by poverty.

Follow us on our socials!



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