

# Tompkins Community Action

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News & Updates



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## May is Community Action Month!

Tompkins Community Action, Inc., (TCAction), is a nonprofit, 501(c)3, charitable, community-based organization classified as a Community Action Agency. Incorporated in 1966 under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the agency has a broad mandate to design and implement programs addressing local needs and conditions which foster poverty in Tompkins County in the State of New York. The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 legislated “To mobilize the human and economic resources of the Nation to combat poverty in the United States”; this became known as “The War on Poverty.”



[Visit our website](#) to see what we have accomplished since 1966!

## Celebrating the Week Of The Young Child

In April our Head Start Program celebrated the *Week of the Young Child* with the following activities:

- Baking with families and children together
- Making music out of instruments and shakers
- Creating family trees

- Enjoying meals together with families
- Lessons from a dance teacher
- Building towers with different materials
- Rock painting
- Foam painting
- Art shows
- Musical parades
- Paint and Sip party with families
- Community clean up
- Guest musicians







# Welcome to



## Head Start & Early Head Start

### NOW ENROLLING

Children ages Birth—5 Years

Expecting Mothers

Promotes physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development.

Assists and supports expecting mothers throughout pregnancy

You and your child are eligible for Head Start programs if you receive SNAP or TANF, if your family is homeless, or if your child is a foster child.

You are also eligible for the program if you fall within the income guidelines listed below.

Persons in Family	Poverty Guideline	130%
1	\$14,580	\$18,954
2	\$19,720	\$25,636
3	\$24,860	\$32,318
4	\$30,000	\$39,000
5	\$35,140	\$45,682
6	\$40,280	\$52,364
7	\$45,420	\$59,046
8	\$50,560	\$65,728
For each additional person over 8 add	\$5,140	\$6,682

Apply Here!!  
or  
<https://tcaction.org/>



Classrooms located throughout Tompkins County including Dryden Groton, and Ithaca.

Home Base available for EHS throughout Tompkins County.

For enrollment questions please call (607) 227-3284



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## Community Partner Spotlight:

### FHN's Mobile Medical Unit



Need a Primary Care Provider?

Visit the Family Health Network's Mobile Medical Unit.

It's a medical office on wheels!

Check out their website: <https://www.familyhealthnetwork.org>

Call 607-218-6704 to schedule an appointment!

## Solutions to End Homelessness Program



The Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP) currently has funding available.

STEHP can assist households at risk of homelessness by preventing the loss of housing with short term rental subsidy & ongoing support services.

Eligibility is based on the following:

- The applicant is at risk of losing housing (facing eviction/given a pay or quit notice/ eviction paperwork)
- The rent is affordable & reasonable
- The applicant household income is at or below 30% AMI (see chart below)

Family Size	30% AMI
1	\$22,300
2	\$25,500
3	\$28,700
4	\$31,850
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560

*\*Applicants already assisted by a government rental subsidy (ex. Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program) are not eligible for STEHP prevention funds.*

*Note: The Landlord must be willing to accept payment for up to 3 months of arrears and three months of ongoing rental assistance and stop the eviction process*

Please contact Nicole Davis, Housing Enrollment Manager (607) 273-8816 ext. 170 or email [nicole.davis@tcaction.org](mailto:nicole.davis@tcaction.org) for more information.

*This edition is dedicated in memory of  
Richard S Thomas  
1971 - 2023*

**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.

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