

HOPES RISING

Our Community Newsletter

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HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s mission is to provide community services that respond to the social, educational and training needs of individuals in an effort to overcome barriers and fight the causes of poverty.



Ora's Farewell Celebration at the March Agency Planning Meeting

NEW LEADERSHIP

HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s Board of Directors announced that effective April 1st, 2018, Ms. Simona Ovanezian will be serving as the organization's new President/CEO. As President/CEO, Ms. Ovanezian will be responsible for overseeing all agency programs, operations, and activities. This follows the retirement of our long-standing President/CEO, Ms. Ora Welch, after 24 years of dedicated service.

ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Classes start the beginning of May, and will run weekly (unless otherwise stated) for 10-weeks at 301 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ. Classes are in the morning unless otherwise stated.

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| • Painting Class | Wednesday, May 2nd |
| • 3D Media Arts | Friday, May 4th |
| • Beginner Computer | Monday, May 7th |
| • Intermediate Computer | Tuesday, May 8th |
| • Evening Computer | Tuesday, May 8th |
| • Beginner ESL | Thursday, May 10th |
| • Evening ESL | Thursday, May 10th |
| • Family Creative Wellness | Saturday, May 19th |
- *Family Creative Wellness are every other Saturday*

Learn more and **register** at:

<https://www.hopes.org/adults-education-registration>

Registration for Family Creative Wellness will be through Eventbrite, and will open soon!

CAT IN THE HAT DAY



Dominique from HOPES Finance took time to read Dr. Seuss to the children.



The Cat in the Hat visited Hoboken Early Childhood Staff. (Left to Right) Nory Rojas, Community and Parent Involvement Specialist, Cat in the Hat, Joselyn Estevez-Vargas, Director of HOPES Early Childhood, Sandra Rodriguez, Principal and Early Childhood Education Director, Judy Barmak, Mile Square Executive Director



The Cat in the Hat visited Plainfield classrooms and staff.





HOME BASED EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Here at HOPES EHS (Early Head Start) Plainfield, we not only serve our children and families in the center, but we also serve them at home. We have two Home Visitors Ms. Abigail Roman and Ms. Flor Alvarenga who currently serve twelve families each. Our Home Based families receive a weekly 1½ hour visit; in which the home visitors teach the children different skills such as Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Communication and more. Not only do the children learn, but the parents learn as well.

The Home Visitors provide the families with different techniques that they could do at home using materials and items that are found in their home. Along with a curriculum based education, our Home Based families receive the same benefits as the center based families. They get help with filling out applications for WIC, insurance and receive referrals in areas where needed. These parents also attend center events such as picture day, end of year activities, workshops on health, safety, and nutrition, parent meetings, and much more. Lastly, twice a month all the Home Based families and children get together for "Socialization", which is where the parents, teachers, and Home Visitors do group activities/workshops together and get to know the other parents and children as well.

Article submitted by Mary Pinto, EHS Plainfield Education Site Supervisor

TAX SAVINGS!!!

HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc. is proud to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to the community for over 10 years. Each year there is an elevated influx of VITA certified tax preparers. They have assisted with 1010 returns and counting. Taxpayers have received over \$1,060,000 in refunds, with over \$350,000 of it being EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit). All tax preparation and filing is done free of charge. HOPES tax preparation **continues until June 30**. Call Mary Caldwell, Community Programs Specialist, for more information 1-855-OK-HOPES ext. 1108.

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN MAY

HOPES CAP, Inc. is a member of the national network of Community Action Partnership (CAP) organizations and national association. To celebrate Community Action Month, HOPES Community Programs is planning numerous events:

Diaper Drive

HOPES will be collecting diapers for the ECP Diaper Bank from **May 1st-May 18th**. Diaper collection boxes will be available at HOPES sites. On May 19th, 9:00 PM, there will be a celebration for the Diaper Drive at Maggie's Place in Hoboken.

Staff Appreciation Week

HOPES will celebrate staff appreciation week on **May 7th-May 11th**, with various treats and tokens of appreciation for HOPES staff's hard work! Parents and community members are invited to share a note of appreciation for a staff member, who has made an impact in your life.

Family Game Day

May 15 | 3:00-6:00 PM | Mama Johnson Field, Hoboken.
A free event with fun-filled games and activities. Parents/legal guardians must accompany their children.

Generations of HOPES Hoboken Art Auction

May 17 | 5:30-7:30 PM | Rue Auditorium
This Art Auction will include pieces from preschoolers, adults/seniors in HOPES Creative Wellness classes, and staff; as well as baskets to bid on. Finger foods will be provided.



HOPES IN THE NEWS

- Senators Bob Menendez, Cory Booker Announce \$4.5M to Support Head Start Programs, read more here: <https://goo.gl/5jepzB>
- Youth "Leaders in Training" to Empower Hoboken Teenagers, read more here: <https://goo.gl/mY25Gu>
- HOPES CAP, Inc. on Panel to Discuss Preschool Expansion in Somerset County, read more here: <https://www.hopes.org/resources-1>
- HOPES CAP, Inc. on Panel Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of New Jersey's Abbott Preschool Program, read more here: <https://goo.gl/J6SjLK>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Registration NOW OPEN** for Adult Education Classes, including Computer, ESL and Creative Wellness. Classes start May 2 and run for 10-weeks.
- **Online sign-ups NOW OPEN** for Youth Leaders in Training (L.I.T.) Club open. The Club starts in May. <https://www.hopes.org/youth-lit-club>
- **May 18 | Plainfield Bake Sale and Snack Shop**
- **May 19 | Hoboken Family Creative Wellness Class begins!**

See printed flyers or check out HOPES website for more information.