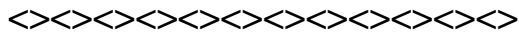


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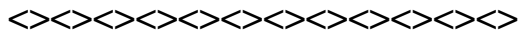
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**Welcome Fall** Don't forget to set your clocks back! Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. What will you do with that extra hour?

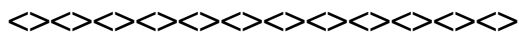


## **FEATURED FSS PARTICIPANTS**

**Rhonda** received her BS in May for Religion: Biblical & Theological Studies. She currently works in social services. Rhonda is a caring and compassionate person who enjoys helping others. Well done – Congratulations!

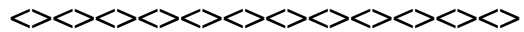


**Bobbie** earned her pharmacy technician certification in June and completed an eight week externship with an offer of employment upon her completion. You did it Bobbie!

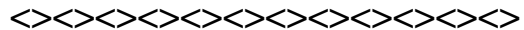


**Julissa** completed a 4tier certificate program at Costal Career Academy for Medical Assistant, EKG, CNA and Phlebotomy. She became employed before completing the program. You're inspiration for your family!

**Chrystal** started with FSS in May 2014 and completed in July 2016 – nearly 3 years early. She loves her job providing hands-on service to youth, age's infant to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and in addition, she looks forward to teaching part-time as an Early Learning Teacher. Though she left East Providence to pursue homeownership, Chrystal will remain an icon to the EPHA FSS Program. She's all about being her best self and living her best life. We're so very proud of you Chrystal.



**Nasha** completed training for her much desired and sought after position as a flight attendant and as of press time has been hired and is working her dream job. She is relocating to Illinois. Bye Nasha, we will truly miss you and wish all the best for you in your exciting journey.



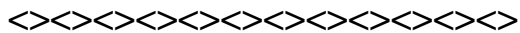
EPHA FSS extends kudos and congratulations to each of you. Your hard work and determination to keep moving forward to improve your lives and the lives of your families is admirable. Each of you exemplifies the spirit and intent of the FSS Program.

Keep doing great things!

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## **ATTENTION High School Seniors**

*Announcing: Public Housing Authorities  
Directors Association Scholarship Program.*

These scholarships are for **High School Seniors** living in Public or Assisted Housing at a PHADA Member Agency. EPHA is permitted to submit a maximum of **2** applications. Completed application must be received by EPHA no later than January 13, 2017. If you are a HS Senior and wish to submit an application, please contact Jennifer Brightman, 865-6429 for further information.



## **Heating and Energy Program**

East Bay Community Action Program  
**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LHEAP)**  
The Heating and Energy Office anticipates sending out applications to last year's applicants upon State of Rhode Island releasing the heating assistance funds which should be in the next few weeks.

Funding is limited. Don't delay returning your application.

Eligible clients also qualify for a reduced electric rate.

If you did not apply for LIHEAP last year and are in need of heating assistance, call EBCAP, for an appointment:

**(401) 437-5102**  
**100 Bullocks Point Avenue**  
**East Providence, RI 02915**

## **Other Heating Assistance Resources**

### **Arrearage Management Plan, aka Henry Shelton Plan**

Forgives up to \$1500.00/year in past due utility amounts. Rules apply. Contact **EBCAP** for details and to apply .  
**(401) 437-5102**

### **Citizens Energy Corporation**

1-877-JOE-4-OIL (1-877-563- 4645)  
[www.citizensenergy.com](http://www.citizensenergy.com)

### **Diocese of Providence: Keep the Heat On**

184 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907  
421-7833, Ext. 207..... [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com)

### **RI Office of Energy Resources**

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908  
574-9100..... [www.energy.ri.gov](http://www.energy.ri.gov)

### **Salvation Army**

201 Pitman Street, Providence, RI 02906  
(Assistance is available for those who do not qualify for LIHEAP).  
421-5270..... [www.salvationarmy-ri.org](http://www.salvationarmy-ri.org)

For those who are not income eligible for LIHEAP, the **RI Good Neighbor Energy Fund** is a grant that is given to one household, one time per every three campaign years. For more information contact:

### **Good Neighbor Energy Fund**

304 Pearl Street, Unit 100  
Providence, RI 02907  
(401) 490-0240

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## INTERESTED IN HOMEOWNERSHIP ?

The Homeownership Program is available to Section 8 Voucher Tenants.

Here's an overview of the basic requirements:

- **Employment** – you must be employed Full Time. (If you are working part time or are unemployed, it gives you something to work towards.)
- **Credit Score** - You must have a credit score of at least 640. (If you have a lower score and /or some issues on your credit report to clean up, now is the time!)
- **Size of Home** – The house or Condo must contain the same number of bedrooms as your Section 8 Voucher.
- **Lender**– The Mortgage Lending Bank takes into consideration the Section 8 Voucher in determining your eligibility.
- **Income Eligible**- Income must be below maximum income cutoff for Section 8 eligibility. Income at least 2 times the voucher payment standard and sufficient to pay expenses not covered by Section 8 is necessary.
- **Approval**– If you are approved for a mortgage, the Section 8 Voucher is in place for the first 15 years of a 30 year mortgage. (As long as you are income eligible and Section 8 compliant.)

For more information contact:

Jennifer Brightman, FSS Coordinator  
Direct line: 401-865-6429

### **New hours at EPHA business office**

Effective immediately:

EPHA Business office **closes daily** for lunch from:

**Monday – Friday 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm**

Please take note and plan accordingly.

### **ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS Looking for a CAREER?**

### **I AM Manufacturing Introduction to Advanced and Modern Manufacturing**

Learn high tech manufacturing skills and receive placement assistance.

Full tuition may be covered by a grant from the Governor's Workforce Board and RI Manufacturers Association. Find out if you are eligible!

To set up your interview, contact Workforce Performance Solutions:

WPS Training Center  
1845 Post Road, Warwick, RI  
Phone: 401-232-0077  
Email: [classes@wpstraining.com](mailto:classes@wpstraining.com)

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*EPHA's new website is complete!*

Look for us at: [www.ephousing.org](http://www.ephousing.org)

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FSS Newsletter is available online at:

[www.ephousing.org](http://www.ephousing.org)

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## ASSISTANCE

**The EBCAP Food Pantry** located in East Providence is at:  
**100 Bullock's Point Avenue  
Riverside, RI 02915**

Food Pantry Coordinator/Family Advocate:  
401-437-0006 ext. 127

The hours of operation are:

**Monday, Friday: 10 am -2 pm**  
**Tuesday, Thursday: Noon -4 pm**  
**Wednesday: 10 am - 2 pm & 4 pm-6 pm**

EBCAP's pantry is stocked with a variety of food items which are offered to clients based on availability. The pantry tries to have fresh produce and items for healthier food choices. Eggs, cheese and other protein products are also offered. All donations to the pantry are welcome.

**TAPIN** is located at: **281 County Road,  
Barrington RI, 02806**

To qualify for TAPIN's help; you must live in East Providence, Barrington, Bristol or Warren. Tapin requires proof of residency in the form of a photo ID, AND a document that shows your current address (like a driver's license, a pay stub, a lease, or a bill).

The hours of operation are:

**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
Phone: **401-247-1444**

Tapin also has children's clothing, furniture, household items and transportation to medical appointments (with 7 days' notice – dependent on volunteer's availability.)

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** is located at:  
Newman Congregational Church  
100 Newman Avenue –Rumford RI 02916.

Bread of Life Food Pantry is open to residents of East Providence and surrounding communities regardless of religious beliefs. The Pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5pm to 7pm. Clients may visit the Pantry only once per month and must present identification to register at the Pantry.

## **East Providence CAREER CLOSET**

Career Closet, is a program of EBCAP.

New Location for the Career Closet:

St. Brendan's School

55 Turner Avenue -- Riverside, RI 02915

*The entrance to Career Closet is just around the corner on Dorr Avenue.*

Weekdays: By Appointment: **401-228-6605**

“At Career Closet, income eligible job seekers may obtain no cost work appropriate clothing for their job interviews. After employment is secured, clients are able to add to their work wardrobe. As long as individuals remain employed, they are permitted to receive additional outfits during their first year of employment.”

## **Do you know someone in Section 8 Housing or Public Housing who wants to join the FSS Program?**

Here's how the FSS Program helps:

- Voluntary 5 year contracted program for Section 8 and Public Housing tenants.
- Linked to supportive services.
- Set and reach goals.
- Obtain free money.\*
- Achieve financial independence.

### **Contact:**

Jennifer Brightman, FSS Coordinator  
East Providence Housing Authority  
99 Goldsmith Avenue, E. Providence, RI 02914  
434-7645 x 6429 [jbrightman@ephousing.org](mailto:jbrightman@ephousing.org)

\*Escrow payout occurs at end of successful completion of contract and is dependent on earned income of participant. Payout is NOT taxable and use of money is NOT restricted.