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Wisconsin Help for Homeowners

Families that have experienced financial hardship as a result of the pandemic and are behind on their home bills can now apply for help from a new statewide program called Wisconsin Help for Homeowners (WHH) program. Residents can fill out an application at homeownerhelp.wi.gov. Call 1-855-2-HOME-WI (1-855-246-6394) for additional information in English, Spanish, or Hmong.

The pandemic has financially impacted thousands of Wisconsin families. WHH can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, heat and utilities, and internet and broadband. The program began accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis on March 7, 2022. CAP Services will help administer the program in Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, and Waushara counties.

The \$92 million federally funded program will provide a maximum of \$40,000 in assistance for eligible households. As noted in the state's press release, "The program will help Wisconsin homeowners who live in single-family homes, condominiums, duplexes, or factory-built homes as a primary residence, have experienced a qualified financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020, and earn a household income at or below 100 percent of the area median income."

Application portal: HomeownerHelp.WI.Gov

Dedicated call center: 1-855-2-HOME-WI



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2022 CAP Services' Events

CAP Services events are returning! The past two years have been a whirlwind of challenges, but we feel confident that we can provide safe events for our community again. CAP will be hosting five events this year, and we're excited to share them with you! More information will be available at <https://capservices.org/events/>.

May 9-15: Hmong Week

CAP Services' Hmong UPLIFT and Hmong Family Strengthening programs and other community partners present "Success Looks Like Me", a week-long celebration of our Hmong community. This week will be a mix of virtual and in-person events in Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. A full lineup will be available on our website soon!

May 14: Take a Ride

Take a Ride, CAP's cycling fundraiser is back! We will be back at Central Waters Brewing Company in Amherst as our host site and will feature Smokehound LLC as our featured food truck vendor. We invite you to join us as a participant or a volunteer! We need your help to make this event a success. To see our volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit this [link](#).

May 25: Community Celebration

Formerly known as the Annual Recognition Reception, CAP's Community Celebration will be a night of celebration to recognize the work of our clients, partners, volunteers, and staff with a special presentation by Hmong-American author of The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir and Song Poet, [Kao Kalia Yang](#).

October 8 & November 10: Trivia Unplugged

Teams of 10 players try to answer media trivia questions without the aid of any notes, books, or electronic devices. The October event will be held at the WW2 Memorial Building in Wautoma, and the November event will be held at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. Proceeds support CAP's Domestic Violence Outreach program in Waushara County and Skills Enhancement Program in Outagamie County.

Are You Interested in Supporting CAP Events?

CAP Services needs you to make our events possible! Are you interested in sponsoring CAP events? Visit our website to learn more about our events and to see the levels of sponsorship offered.

You can also contact Engagement & Communication Specialist, [Stacie Hazlett-Rothe](#) for more information.



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May 14	Take a Ride Central Waters Brewing Co., Amherst Love to cycle? Calling all cycling enthusiasts (and CAP enthusiasts!) at Central Waters Brewing Company for loops of 10, 30, and 50 miles.
May 25	Community Celebration Par 4, Waupaca A night of celebration to recognize the work of our clients, partners, volunteers, and staff with a special presentation by Hmong-American author of The Late Homecomer and Song Poet, Kao Kalia Yang.
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Become a sponsor today!

All sponsors will be recognized in event promotions. This will include emails, press releases, social media posts, event webpages, and more. Below are extras that will be added within sponsorship levels.

Friend - \$250+ Simple text listing on event promotions.
Supporter - \$500+ Logo listing on event promotions.
Presenter - \$1,000+ Supporter package plus individualized social media per event.
Advocate - \$2,500+ Presenter package plus verbal recognition during events.
Champion - \$5,000+ Advocate package plus premier logo placement on all promotional materials.

☒ Yes! We would like to become a 2022 Event Sponsor

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☐ Advocate \$2,500 - \$4,999
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Best contact is:

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Complete and return by mail or email by **Monday, March 28** to
 CAP Services | 2900 Hoover Rd., Ste. A | Stevens Point, WI 54481
 Questions? Contact Stacie Hazlett-Rothe | jrothe@capmail.org



Who is Kao Kalia Yang?

Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong-American writer. She is the author of the memoirs *The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*, *The Song Poet*, and *Somewhere in the Unknown World*. Yang is also the author of the children's books *A Map Into the World*, *The Shared Room*, *The Most Beautiful Thing*, and *Yang Warriors*. She co-edited the ground-breaking collection *What God is Honored Here?: Writings on Miscarriage and Infant Loss By and For Native Women and Women of Color*. Yang's work has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Chautauqua Prize, the PEN USA literary awards, the Dayton's Literary Peace Prize, as Notable Books by the American Library Association, Kirkus Best Books of the Year, the Heartland Bookseller's Award, and garnered four Minnesota Book Awards. Kao Kalia Yang lives in Minnesota with her family and teaches and speaks across the nation.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering for some of CAP Services' events? We have various opportunities for our upcoming events and we'd love to have you join us! Please visit [here](#) to find out more about how you can volunteer and the roles we need assistance with.

Interpreter Services

Did you know that CAP Services offers interpreter services? Our trained staff can provide face-to-face or telephone interpreter services, as well as a translation services, in a range of professional fields including health care, social services, schools, and businesses in Hmong and Spanish.

Hmong interpreting is \$48/hr and Spanish interpreting is \$45/hr along with \$.51 per mile to and from the interpreter's location.

To learn more about CAP's interpreter services, please visit our website, capservices.org/interpret, or contact Lindley Schenk at 715-343-7100 or lschenk@capmail.org.

Community Impact Fund Grant

CAP Services received a grant from the Community Impact Fund within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation that will provide technology improvements for CAP Services' CAPsell building in Wautoma. The nearly \$5,000 grant will support our efforts to assess and upgrade the network at CAPsell office so that approximately 35 staff, as well as program volunteers, will have more stable and reliable access to internet services. This will allow a better user experience and fewer interruptions in online meetings and activities with staff, partners, and clients.

CAP programs located in this space include Family Crisis Center outreach, Family Resource Center, Skills Enhancement, VITA, Jobs and Business Development, Lending, Rental Housing, Weatherization, and Early Learning Center.

Thank you so much to the Community Impact Fund within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for supporting CAP Services!



Volunteer Income Tax Appointments

CAP is offering free tax preparation appointments for those who qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This program offers free income tax assistance preparation and filing to low-to-moderate income tax filers, as well as persons with disabilities, the elderly, and clients with limited English-speaking abilities who qualify for our program.

Tax assistance will NOT be offered in person to protect the safety of our volunteers and clients. Returns will be processed by a no-contact method. VITA volunteers and staff will mail a packet that includes what documents clients must provide for their return to be processed.

Access to myfreetaxes.com is also available on our website where you can complete your tax preparation online for free from any location. MyFreeTaxes is provided through a partnership between United Way and H&R Block.

To find out if you are eligible for our program and to schedule a telephone interview appointment for your Federal and State filing, please call 1-800-660-5430 if you reside in Waupaca, Waushara, Green Lake, or Marquette County and United Way's 211 for appointments in Portage County.

Head Start Enrollment

CAP Services' Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, and Waushara counties are now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 program year. Head Start and Early Head Start are quality prenatal, early childhood, and family development programs for eligible families. The programs provide education, health, nutrition, and social/emotional services for each child and offer support and family development services to all family members.

Families must meet eligibility guidelines and are asked to bring income verification to their application appointment. Families whose children have documented disabilities are also encouraged to apply. Parents are encouraged to call for an appointment as soon as possible as enrollment is limited.

Contact information for each site:

- Clintonville: Parents should call 715-823-4310 to schedule an appointment. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.
- New London & Manawa: Parents should call 920-982-7677 to schedule an appointment. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.
- Family Development Center, Stevens Point: Parents should call 715-343-7152 to schedule Head Start application appointments, and 715-544-4991 Ext. 122 for Early Head Start. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.
- Stevens Point, Plover, Rosholt, Custer, Amherst Junction and Junction City areas: Parents should call 715-544-4991 Ext. 122 to schedule an appointment. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.
- Waupaca: Parents should call 715-258-9575, ext. 208 to schedule Head Start application appointments and 715-258-9575 ext. 207 for Early Head Start appointments. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.
- Wautoma, Redgranite, Wild Rose, Plainfield, Coloma, Hancock and Almond-Bancroft: Parents should call 920-787-7742 to schedule an appointment. For Spanish, call 715-498-6279.



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Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 343-7500

Program Office

1608 West River Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 343-7100

MARQUETTE COUNTY

Early Learning Center

222 South Franklin Street
Oxford, WI 53952
(608) 296-2141

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

Program Office

821 East 1st Avenue, Suite 3
Appleton, WI 54911
(920) 968-6365

WAUPACA COUNTY

Program Office

101 Tower Road
Waupaca, WI 54981
(715) 258-9575

WAUSHARA COUNTY

CAPsell Center

205 East Main Street
Wautoma, WI 54982
(920) 787-3949

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Otto Bremer Trust for Hmong UPLIFT

CAP Services is excited to announce that we have received a \$40,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust to support the Hmong UPLIFT Program. This grant will fund new and current services, build staff capacity, and support Hmong families in Portage County. Phong Vang, Assistant Director of Multicultural Engagement, stated "I am so excited that our program has received a grant from the Otto Bremer Trust fund to support our Hmong UPLIFT Program. In the past two years, a number of programs were piloted to enhance the Hmong UPLIFT program and have evolved into regular program services. This includes digital literacy programming for adults and Hmong enrichment classes for youth. This grant means a lot to me as it will help us build staff capacity and support our ongoing programs to help Hmong families in the area. Through this fund, the program wants to continue to focus on building strong community assets through its culturally-specific, two-generation family literacy services."

Hmong UPLIFT is a multi-generational family literacy program that helps bridge gaps within families looking to improve their lives. Hmong UPLIFT assists Hmong parents in setting goals and gaining the skills and knowledge to advance while modeling the importance of education to their children. The program embraces parenting education, adult education, and early childhood education, as well as parent and child time together.

The program is open free of charge to all Hmong families who reside in the Stevens Point School District, with a child ages 4-8 and at least one parent looking to advance their lives through school or work.



CAP Services is hiring!

Join a team that continues to make a difference

Are you or someone you know looking for a career change? CAP Services is headquartered in Stevens Point, Wisconsin with offices in each of the five counties we serve - Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, and Waushara. With positions available in each of our counties at some time, there may be an opportunity perfect for you or someone you know.

You can find a listing of our job opportunities and how to apply at capservices.org/jobs.

CAP Services is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. Our goal is to be the employer of choice for mission-driven persons seeking employment in central Wisconsin.