

HISTORY OF TCAP

1965— Warren-Trumbull Council for Economic Opportunity (WTCEO) is incorporated. Thomas Dowdell is named as the first Executive Director. Agency headquarters are located on Pine Street.

1969— James Shelton is named as Executive Director.

1970— Robert Strother, followed by Lester Petermen named Executive Director.

1973— Agency reopens after being closed for a year. Frances Koontz named as Executive Director followed by Robert Stroud. On the national level, Office of Economic Opportunity is replaced by Community Services Administration.

1974— Transportation Program begins with a donation of a bus from the Trumbull County Commissioners. Stephanie J. Scruggs is named as Executive Director.

1975— Agency's name changes to Warren-Trumbull Community Service Agency (WTCSA). Agency relocates to Porter Street.

1976— Initial Weatherization program begins. John N. Daniels is named Executive Director.

1978— First Crisis Intervention program begins. Pre-natal/W.I.C. Clinic opens. Agency relocates to 143 South Park Avenue.

1979— Emergency Utilities Assistance Program begins. Roberta Keeney is named as Interim Executive Director. Delores J. Smith is named as Executive Director.

1980— First school bus is purchased.

1981— Food Buying Club and Recycling Programs are initiated.

1982— Agency receives the first of five vans for the Transportation Department. USDA Commodity Food Distribution program begins, as does the Tutorial Project.

1983— Project Facelift (house painting) Program begins.

1984— Agency is relocated to newly refurbished offices at 418 South Main Ave.

1985— James W. Abicht is named Executive Director. Community Art Gallery is initiated.

1986— Community Gardens and Project Home (house rehab and low-income ownership) begins.

1987— Project Housewarming (public/private) weatherization begins.

1988— Community Action Transportation (C.A.T.S.), Youth Recruitment and Preparation Project (Y.R.A.P.P.), and Emergency Homeless Programs commence.

1989— Youth Department is created to coordinate Tutorial.

1990— W.T.C.S.A. celebrates its Silver Anniversary with sold out banquet at Hippodrome with Congressman James Traficant as the keynote speaker.

1991— W.T.C.S.A. regains direct operation of the Trumbull County Head Start Program. The first W.T.C.S.A. "Sleepout" is held in support of the homeless. Bascom and Bristol Head Start sites open.

1992— Warren West Head Start site opens. HELP-GAP Program (General Assistance Recipients Employment) is initiated.

1993— Agency purchases, refurbishes, and relocates to 1230 Palmyra Road S.W. (Warren West Community Center).

1993— Newton Falls Head Start site opens. W.T.C.S.A. is a featured agency in the Summer 1993 edition of the "RECAP" (State Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies) newsletter. The Even Start Program is initiated.

1994— Fairview Gardens Head Start site opens.

1994— Second National Bank Express Loan Production Office opens its doors in the new center.

1994— Agency is contender for regional East Ohio Gas Company Community Enrichment Award and is the local winner.

1994— Roberta J. Keeney mini-grants available to public for the first time.

1995— Agency acquires two new school buses bringing fleet total to 42 agency vehicles. Night-Time Basketball League is formed with 16 teams. The agency holds its 2nd "Sleepout" in support of the homeless. W.T.C.S.A.'s 30th anniversary is celebrated with an outdoor festival and barbeque. Warren West Computer Lab opens.

1996— Brookfield and Hubbard Head Start sites open. Warren West Health Clinic opens.

1997— Christ Our King Head Start site opens.

1998— Kinsman and William J. Cafaro Head Start sites open.

1999— Agency's name changed to Trumbull Community Action Program (TCAP).

2007— Senior Lunch Program is initiated.

2009— Senior Center opens to public. Senior Caregivers program starts.

2010— Food Co-Op is created to address the need for affordable, nutritious food in Trumbull County by providing quality food at an affordable price to the community.

2012— Parenting Wisely and STEM Programs begin.

2012— Robin Elzy Learning Center opens at Warren West Community Center.

2014— DAD'S U.N.I.T. (United Now Involved Together) Program initiated.

2015— Agency celebrates 50 years of service in Trumbull County.