

The WRAP

Work Ready Action Press

Editor's Piece

Hello W.R.A.P. family. It is I, your nominated editor in chief William Howell IV. The W.R.A.P. includes several insights of information that we can all use. We have success stories as well. The W.R.A.P. is created by Work Ready participants and staff. We have all put in time and effort to bring you the best that we have to offer. We didn't have much time to complete it but we definitely enjoyed every minute of it! I would like to thank you for taking the time to read the W.R.A.P. Questions and comments would be appreciated and they should be directed to: Community Action, Attn: W.R.A.P, 109 Suite B, Sharpsville Ave, Sharon, PA 16146

SUCCESS BOULEVARD



Michelle



Kiyana



Amanda



Monya



Nicole

Our program started what we call the "Success Boulevard." It's our way in acknowledging the participants in all their success such as getting jobs, completing goals and obtaining job skills. All the participants in the Centralized Community Service Site aka CAPMC's "Business Center" and workshop took effort putting this project together. Amanda got her star for having an eye for art and completing computer work such as Excel and Power Point presentations. Amanda gave us her voice on how she felt about her success "This program helped me in many ways you can't imagine." Kiyana reached her star by learning Excel computer skills. What she said about her success is, "I'm happy to achieve this certificate of Microsoft Excel it was fun and easy to do." Monya reached her star by being an outstanding community service worker and also obtaining a job. She gave her own inspirational thought of her success "I love being here at the Community Action." Michelle reached her star for obtaining employment. Her success gave her a voice to say "I'm so thankful for the help I've received from the program and the encouragement from all of the staff." Nicole is the last but surely not the least to reach her star by obtaining employment. Her word and thought for reaching her star, "Thanks everyone for all the help and encouragement." These participants and many others are striving to reach for their success and stars.

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WorkReady participants wrote essays on the topic, *What Poverty Means to Me*. All of the participants' essays are powerful personal messages and we want to share them with our readers. Below is the first of many that will be presented in future publications.

My Opinion about Poverty

What is poverty? Poverty is the lack of basic human needs, such as clean water, nutrition, health care, education, clothing, shelter and the inability to afford them. Poverty to me means a struggle and not having enough money. Poverty has many causes; some of them are very basic. I suggest that the world has too many people, too few jobs, and not enough food.

If you are a young parent and have no education, you may be in poverty. Unemployment and having a poor quality or low paid job limits access to a decent income. A lower level of education and skills limits people's ability to access decent jobs in order to develop themselves and participate fully in society. The size of the family can result in poverty. If you're living in a large family; it's a higher cost of living with a low income. Family stress and conflict caused by poverty can result in divorce or separation. The single parent can often have difficulty balancing the demands of parenting like picking up their sick child from daycare, or having to leave work early and tending to their child could conflict with job advancement or promotions. Poverty affects families dramatically when they don't have enough money to provide for everybody everything they may need, which makes it very stressful for a lot of the people in today's world.

A person that's not associated with poverty may not know what it feels like to be in a struggle. They look at the people that are in poverty like they are beneath them and they judge them, which make it hard for the people who are in poverty to voice their opinion. They may think that just because they are living in a good life that people in poverty should just get up and get a job, which may not be the case at all. They might have a job but just aren't getting any health care, and to me that is the saddest thing because everybody that's living needs health care. They may look at people in poverty as being lazy or uneducated, but they really don't know what we go through. Yes, I did say we as in me, I am a part of this whole poverty thing. I feel like my family and I are living in poverty because I'm still living with my mother. I have no job, and I'm having trouble finding one. I'm also living with three younger sisters. My mom has a job currently, but has a low income. My mom and I are struggling with medical benefits. I can't really go to the dentist because I don't have any dental insurance.

I actually don't know what it looks like to be in poverty. I will say poverty looks sad. That's the way it makes me feel. Through research, I found that primary factors that lead to poverty include over population, the unequal distribution of resources in the world of economy, inability to meet high standards of living and cost of living, inadequate education and employment opportunities and welfare incentives. Parents make low wages for their work. Full time work at or near minimum wage is insufficient to move even a small family above the poverty level. To minimize the poverty level I think they need to have more jobs, and increase the minimum wage.

Meaningful quotes I want to share:

Poverty is like a punishment for a crime you didn't commit. ~Eli Khamarov~

A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money. ~W.C. Fields~

To a man with an empty stomach food is GOD. ~Gandhi~

Poor and content is rich and rich enough. ~William Shakespeare~

One cannot think well, sleep well, if one has not dined well. ~Virginia Woolf~

LIFE IS AMAZING

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land amongst the stars.

- Les Brown

This quote inspires me because it makes me have hope about my future and what it will bring to me. I'm reaching for a successful life and job so right now it's on hold and I'm waiting for success so I can see the stars. ~ Chantel

What's Good in Our Neighborhood

People In Need

Assist families with pregnancies. Free diapers are provided until the baby is 1 year old. The father and mother can sign up together. They have 2 sites:

- 1) 602 Roemer Blvd, Farrell, PA (724)-346-1024
- 2) 194 East State St., Sharon, PA (724)-981-9900

*Words of W.R.A.P.

flip flops at job interview?

- footwear should never be scuffed or inappropriate, these include:
- But are not limited to sneakers, stilettos, or sandals.
- Ladies, no matter how pretty your feet are, some people don't want to see them.