

THE WAGE CENTER GOES BLUE



The WAGE Center has gone blue in March for Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. We are partnered with the New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program who provides cancer screening. In the month of March, visitors will be greeted with a blue ribbon pin and information on how to obtain free screenings. Displays and blue decorations will also encourage awareness and provide information about the disease and available local screenings.

On Fridays in March, WAGE Center staff will show support for Colorectal Cancer Awareness by wearing blue. Tuesday, March 21 will be the WAGE Center's Big Blue Blowout, with staff members supporting awareness and handing out information, ribbons, and raffle chances for visitors signing up for more information on the Department of Health Cancer Services Program's multiple cancer screening opportunities.

The Cancer Services Program provides breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings to men and women who "do not have health insurance or have health insurance that does not cover the cost of these screenings, cannot pay for these screenings, meet income eligibility requirements, meet age requirements, [and] live in New York State."



While the current recommendation is for individuals age 50 and older to have a colonoscopy, others with a family history may qualify for insurance approved early screening. According to the New York State Health Department's Cancer Services

Program, there are several tests that are used to screen for colon cancer in addition to colonoscopy, at-home stool tests and flexible sigmoidoscopy are also used to detect signs of cancer.



Here in Albany, the Cancer Services Program can be reached at (518) 525-8680, or visit their website at cspofalbandren.com. The staff at the WAGE Center encourages all of its patrons to get screened, if applicable and to spread the word that screenings are available to members of our community.