

Ryan Miller earns 'coaching' certification

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OAKLAND — The Garret County Community Action Committee (GCCAC) has announced that Ryan Miller, a family self-sufficiency manager at GCCAC, has earned a certification in "Coaching, Speaking and Training" from the John Maxwell Team.

The team is an internationally recognized organization that specializes in leadership development, public speaking and life coaching, according to Gregan Crawford, GCCAC vice president of strategic initiatives.

To earn this certification, Miller completed an eight-month online training series covering such topics as communication, leadership philosophy and intentional living, before undergoing a rigorous three-day peer review in Orlando, Florida, in August. With the certification, he will now begin a one-year mentorship with members of the John Maxwell Team.

"My personal life experiences drew me into working in the field of human services and to become a certified life coach," Miller said. "As a life coach, I help people to realize and understand what they value, which in turn helps to empower them to grow as an individual."

GCCAC provides a wide range of human services and programs from stabilization services to career and education to aging and nutrition to asset development. Over the past five years, GCCAC has implemented a new model for program and service delivery commonly referred to as the "2-Generation Approach." The holistic approach utilizes coaching strategies and techniques to help families identify and achieve their goals to better thrive, according to Crawford.

"Ryan's skills and expertise will enhance our coaching process for staff and participants here at GCCAC," said Barbara Miller, vice president of family economic security. "We are excited for him and for what he has learned and accomplished."

Often acknowledged as America's No. 1 leadership training authority, Maxwell was identified as the most popular leadership expert in the world by *Inc.* magazine in 2014. He was also voted the top leadership professional six years in a row on www.GlobalGurus.org.



Submitted photo

At left is Ryan Miller, Garrett County Community Action, who recently earned certification in Coaching, Speaking and Training from John Maxwell, a leadership expert who offers workshops and seminars for professionals.