

Services at the Human Services Center

The Westinghouse Valley Human Services Center, located at 519 Penn Avenue in Turtle Creek, provides a variety of services to residents in eastern Allegheny County communities and the Westinghouse/Turtle Creek Valley.

- **The Braddock Carnegie Library – Turtle Creek Extension** is open to the public and has full access to the Carnegie Library system. Call 412-829-7112 for hours of operation.
- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications, PACE/PACENET, ACCESS applications, Senior Bus Pass Applications, PennDOT forms and assistance with state related issues: State Senator Jim Brewster's office** can complete state related forms and provide assistance on the first Thursday of each month from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Call 412-829-7112 for more information.
- **Turtle Creek Development Corporation** meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Human Services Center (519 Penn Avenue). Call 412-464-4000 for more information.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** AA has a support group at the Center every Friday at 7:00pm. Call 412-824-1958.
- **Youth LIFE After-School Program** begins in September. Youth LIFE After-School Program serves 100 youth going into first through fifth grade. For more information, contact 412-829-7112.
- **KOOL Summer Program** serves 150 youth going into first through fifth grade in the Fall. For more information, contact 412-829-7112.
- **The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)** is a workforce development and college readiness program for seniors in the East Allegheny, McKeesport Area, West Mifflin Area, Woodland Hills, and Penn Hills High Schools. For more information, contact 412-829-7112.
- **Supports for Success** helps individuals seeking to achieve self-sufficiency through employment and/or education by providing referrals and guidance. For more information, call 412-829-7112.
- **Free Tax Preparation** is available for individuals with low income. For more information, call 412-829-7112.

About the Mon Valley Providers Council

Our Mission: The Mon Valley Providers Council (MVPC), in collaboration with individuals, families, and groups in the Mon Valley communities, will define and address mutual issues and needs. Building upon the providers and communities, the MVPC will promote agendas and develop resources for collective action.

Who We Are: The MVPC, a program of the Human Services Center, is an alliance of human service and related organizations, which are based in or have a substantial service presence in the Mon Valley. The MVPC serves as a formal network for information and resource exchange among human service providers in the Mon Valley. The MVPC involves its member organizations in Working Groups which address crucial issues in the Mon Valley in the areas of Employment and Training, Health, Housing, and Youth. These four Working Groups involve the participation of over 70 dues-paying members and over 250 staff members of those organizations. Through these standing Working Groups, the MVPC promotes cooperation, coordination, and collaboration among its member and participating organizations in an effort to fill gaps in human services in the Mon Valley communities.

Staff: The MVPC is staffed through the Human Services Center. Current MVPC staff are:
 Dave Coplan, Director
 Katie Gascoine, Program Assistant

Leadership in the MVPC: Steering Committee

- Laura Zinski**, Chairperson, Mon Valley Initiative • **Darla Poole**, Vice Chairperson, Auberle • **Kelleigh Bolland**, Jefferson Regional Foundation • **Eric Ewell**, Penn State Greater Allegheny • **Devon Goetze**, Auberle • **Christine Zellefrow**, Mon Yough Community Services • **Tiffanee Heywood**, Goodwill of Southwestern PA • **Shari Holland**, UPMC McKeesport/Latterman Health Clinic • **Dean Jolin**, CCAC South • **Elli Latterman**, McKeesport Hospital Foundation • **Paula McWilliams**, Heritage Community Initiatives • **Charlene Newkirk**, CCAC Southeast Campuses • **James Phillips**, TCV Community Services • **Lisa Seales**, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank • **Bob Sukolsky**, AHN-Forbes Family Medicine • **Lynn Tatala**, AIU Project ELECT • **Naney Osterhus**, Ex-Officio Member

Communities Served by the MVPC

- Braddock
- Braddock Hills
- Chalfant
- Clairton
- Dravosburg
- Duquesne
- East McKeesport
- East Pittsburgh
- Elizabeth Borough
- Elizabeth Township
- Forest Hills
- Forward Township
- Glassport
- Homestead
- Jefferson Hills
- Liberty
- Lincoln
- McKeesport
- Monroeville
- Munhall
- North Braddock
- North Versailles
- Penn Hills
- Pitcairn
- Port Vue
- Rankin
- South Versailles
- Swisssvale
- Turtle Creek
- Versailles
- Wall
- West Elizabeth
- West Homestead
- West Mifflin
- Whitaker
- White Oak
- Wilkins
- Wilmerding

The Mon Valley Providers Council Presents The Communicator

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Allegheny Health Department Mon Valley

Allegheny County Health Department

The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) is pleased to announce two new staff who are dedicated to serving the Mon Valley. Their primary goal is to increase outreach to local municipalities, service providers, and most importantly, Mon Valley residents to provide a bridge between the ACHD and these communities. In addition to creating bridges of communication, Melanie and Jon will offer outreach and education to help improve access to health and wellness information in the region.

Melanie and Jon bring

a wealth of knowledge to the area. Jon has a strong working relationship with many of the programs in the health department. These extended reaches offer our municipalities and providers a conduit to service so that access to requested services are more easily accessible for this region. Melanie is a lifelong resident of the Mon Valley and has worked in the non-profit sector for a majority of her career where she created a network of community relationships and partnerships with service providers in the region. The Mon Valley staff is in the process of expanding ACHD's

reach to the impacted Mon Valley communities. They look forward to providing support to local municipalities, service providers and residents.

If you are interested in learning more about ACHD's programs or services, please go to <https://alleghenycounty.us/healthdepartment/index.aspx>, or if you would like to schedule a time to meet with Jon and Melanie, please feel free to email the team at banuelos@alleghenycounty.us or melanie.readal@alleghenycounty.us or to call Jon's office at: 412.247.7911 or Melanie's office at: 412.247.7966.

MVPC member WHE hires CHW

Women for a Healthy Environment

Women for a Healthy Environment (WHE) welcomes Germaine Gooden-Patterson as a Community Health Worker (CHW) servicing the Mon Valley Communities of Clairton, Duquesne and McKeesport.

Germaine's role will support WHE's work with programming and education on Healthy Beginnings,

Healthy You, Healthy Homes and Healthy Communities. Germaine will be WHE's grassroots community outreach person with a focus on Asthma control. She will also link residents with local resources.

Women for a Healthy Environment educates and empowers women to act as ambassadors about environ-

mental risks so that they can make healthy choices for themselves and their families and advocate for change for a better tomorrow for all.

Germaine can be contacted for servicing Duquesne, Clairton, and McKeesport at germaine@womenfora-healthyenvironment.org or via phone at 412-404-2872 or 412-425-0710 (mobile).

Tenant Agencies at the Human Services Center

Adagio Health
412-349-4156

Allegheny County Health Dept. – W.I.C. Program
412-823-1333

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Community School East
412-464-4043

Braddock Carnegie Library – Turtle Creek Extension
412-829-7112

Early Learning Resource Center
412-350-3577

Eastern Area Adult Services
412-824-6880

Healthy Start
412-247-4009

Human Services Center Corporation
412-829-7112

Learn “N” Play Development Center
412-829-0240

Literacy Pittsburgh
412-969-8486

Mon Valley Providers Council
412-829-7112

Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
412-824-0006

TCV Community Services
412-824-8510

2020 Membership Listing for the MVPC

Adagio Health	Family Resources	PA CareerLink at Allegheny East
AHN - Forbes Family Medicine	Forbes Hospital	Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
Allegheny County Health Department	Fund My Future	Penn State Greater Allegheny
Allegheny County Juvenile Probation	Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania	Rainbow Kitchen Community Services
Allegheny Family Network	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Rankin Christian Center
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Community School East	Gwen's Girls	Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Head Start	Healthy Start, Inc.	State Senator Jay Costa
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Project ELECT	Heritage Community Initiatives	State Senator Jim Brewster
Allies for Health + Wellbeing	Highlands Family Center	Steel Valley Family Center
Auberle	Human Services Center Corporation	Sto-Rox Family Center
C-clear Empowerment	Jefferson Hospital	TCV Community Services
CADAPROGRAMS	Jefferson Regional Foundation	Touching Families, Inc.
CCAC - Boyce Campus	Just Harvest	UnitedHealthcare
CCAC - South Campus	Latino Family Center	University of Pittsburgh – School of Social Work
Center for Victims	Lincoln Park Family Center	UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Family Care Connection in Braddock/Rankin
Century Heritage Federal Credit Union	Literacy Pittsburgh	UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Family Care Connection in Turtle Creek
Clairton Family Center	Macedonia FACE, Inc.	UPMC McKeesport
Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh & Allegheny County	McKeesport Family Center	Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA
Discovery House	McKeesport Hospital Foundation	Wesley Family Services
Duquesne Family Center	Mental Health America of Southwest PA	Wilkesburg Family Center
Duquesne Family Support Center	Methodist Union of Social Agencies (MUSA)	Women for a Healthy Environment
East Allegheny Family Center	Mon Valley Initiative	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh
Eastern Area Adult Services	Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce	
Economic Development South Every Child, Inc.	Mon Yough Community Services, Inc.	

The Communicator is the official newsletter of the Mon Valley Providers Council (MVPC), an alliance of over 70 human service agencies serving more than 37 communities in the Mon Valley of Allegheny County. The MVPC is a program of the Human Services Center, a United Way Agency. To learn more about the MVPC, our member agencies, and their services, read this edition and visit our website at www.hscc-mvpc.org.

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Human Services Center Corp. can be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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Take Just Harvest's Food Access Survey

Just Harvest

Parents in Allegheny County face significant barriers to accessing services, stabilizing their finances, and ensuring their kids have the opportunity to thrive. From transportation to child care to low wage work and accessing services to fill the gaps – there are so many hurdles in the way to providing for our kids.

Are you struggling to get to the grocery store regularly, using WIC, or relying on TANF/cash assistance to take care of a family member? Do you know who knows how broken these systems are? YOU DO.

In 2019, Just Harvest kicked off several campaigns aimed at improving systems for families with the input of those families.

- We are examining gaps in public transit that make food access more difficult for neighborhoods that lack a grocery store.

Now Recruiting, Spaces Limited!

Rainbow Kitchen

Rainbow Kitchen Community Services Personal Paths Program is NOW RECRUITING individuals who want guidance and support to be self-reliant!

If you want to take charge of your life, and are ready to start your journey but are not sure how to do it, the Personal Paths Program may be exactly what you need. Rainbow Kitchen will help you set goals; offering the support, guidance and referrals needed to achieve your goals such as: securing employment or better employment, training/education for employment, budgeting, and overall quality of life.

To join the Personal Paths Program, you must live in Allegheny County (outside the City of Pittsburgh), and be at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. For a household of one, you can have income up to \$1,329 per month or \$1,796 for a household of two.

Space is limited so call Renee TODAY at 412-464-1892 or email Renee at renee.conte@rainbowkitchen.org to talk about enrolling!

This program is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Employment Opportunities!

Auberle

Auberle/Ward Home, dedicated to transforming lives of children, youth and families

Employment Opportunities: 412 Youth Zone Coach, Supervisor and Facility Support Staff; Relationship Manager, School-Based Mental Health Therapist Licensed, Overnight Direct Care Specialist, Youth Care Workers, Direct Care Specialists, Case Aide/Driver, Placement Stability Specialist, Family Support Staff/Overnight and the Mobile Intervention Transition-age Program – Peer Support, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counselor, Therapist and Service Coordinator. Apply via website www.auberle.org EOE

Based on this info we will advocate for bus route improvements to address community food access.

- We are looking at how we can support and bolster participation in WIC by identifying hurdles to participation, building partnerships and outreach strategies, and training up community advocates to advocate for changes to application and access policies that are barriers to accessing this vital program.
- We are working with TANF/cash assistance parents to destigmatize the program, remove barriers to access, improve effectiveness, and inform legislators about why the choice and independence of cash helps families move out of deep poverty.

Join This Effort

Just Harvest is working to assess and address barriers to healthy food in the Mon Valley, Wilkesburg, and Pittsburgh related to public transit, WIC, and cash assistance. This work consists of surveys, interviews, and story collection. We will then focus on developing solutions with residents and organizations in under-served neighborhoods.

Are you a parent or caretaker who has received WIC or TANF/cash assistance? Do you face transportation barriers to getting the food you want?

Your vital insights and experiences can improve public policy! Take our survey at www.justharvest.org/survey and you'll be entered to win our monthly raffle of a \$25 Gift Card to your grocery store of choice.

Events at the Turtle Creek Senior Center

Eastern Area Adult Services

- Tuesday, May 19th, 11:00AM -- What you need to know about the Real ID
- Tuesday, June 16th -- Farmer Market Vouchers Distribution
- Thursday, June 18th, 11:00AM -- Apartment Safety Presentation by Sheriff's Office
- Friday, July 10th, 12:30PM-2:30PM -- Powerful Tools for Caregivers Six Week Series.
 - Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Meets once a week for six weeks.

The Turtle Creek Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM. Lunch is available daily for a voluntary donation. Information and assistance is also available on helpful services including transportation, Meals on Wheels, rent rebates, and PACE. Stop by the Center or call at 412-824-6880 to learn more and have your questions answered. Information on additional programs can also be found on Eastern Area Adult Services' website, www.eaas.net.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Eastern Area Adult Services

The Turtle Creek Senior Center provides Meals on Wheels to 15 local communities. Over 200 older adults are delivered meals each week.

In the effort to serve these 200 plus homebound seniors, volunteers are needed. Businesses can help deliver the meals by adopting a route for two hours one day a month on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Meals are picked up at the Turtle Creek Senior Center at 519 Penn Avenue in Turtle Creek around 10:00 am. Individuals can also help deliver meals. The individual time commitment is at least two hours per month.

If you or your business are interested in taking part in this volunteer opportunity or have questions, please contact the Turtle Creek Senior Center at 412-824-6880.

Program for Incoming High School Seniors

Human Services Center Corporation

Do you want your teen to have a set plan for after graduation? Do you want your senior to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to move on to a successful life after high school? Then the Human Services Center Corporation's Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) may be a perfect fit!

ELP is a very successful workforce development and college readiness program for seniors attending East Allegheny, McKeesport Area, Penn Hills, West Mifflin Area, and Woodland Hills High Schools that is incorporated into the students' school day. Participants attend a weekly session during the school day where they are instructed in a curriculum specifically created for seniors to prepare them for success after high school. A variety of professionals present to the class throughout the year on their career fields and personal development as well as students are matched to job shadowing opportunities. Outside of the classroom, participants work one-on-one with a staff person to receive highly individualized attention and support in their pursuit of their goals. They create goal plans and refer to the plans throughout the year to stay on track. Plus, participants will have the chance to earn money periodically based on participation and goal completion throughout the school year and post-graduation.

There will be limited spots available and your family must meet the designated requirements to participate. If you or your teen would like to hear more details about the program and/or apply, please call 412-829-7112 or visit our website at www.hscc-mvpc.org to download an application. You can also email Loreilly@hscc-mvpc.org for more information or to receive an application. Spots fill up very quickly! Apply as soon as possible!

Get Supports to Gain Success

Human Services Center Corporation

Do you know of any individuals that need help meeting their needs to achieve an education goal or obtain employment or better employment? Supports for Success, an intensive case management program of the Human Services Center Corporation (HSCC) in Turtle Creek, may be a good fit! To participate, individuals must meet income eligibility, must have a goal of employment and/or education, and live within the Mon Valley. The program directly assists participants with creating a detailed goal plan, obtaining a credit report to work on improving their credit, creating a monthly budget to increase knowledge of money management, creating, updating, and maintaining a current professional resume to improve success in obtaining employment opportunities, finding adequate affordable housing options, finding employment or better employment opportunities, and more. For more information call or email Iris at 412-829-7112 or igrilho@hscc-mvpc.org. Supports for Success is funded in part by a grant provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Save the Date!
20th Annual Mon Valley
 HIV/AIDS Awareness
 Walk
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020
8:30AM
 Call 412-829-7112 for more information.

2020 Census Jobs

There are opportunities for both temporary part-time and temporary full-time office and field work to help educate people about the Census and to help people complete the Census. Workers in the Pittsburgh area can earn up to \$23.50 an hour. The money you earn while working for the Census does NOT count as income when determining if you qualify for any federal or state benefits (ex SNAP, Medicaid, TANF).

Field Position Application: Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. There is also a Toll-Free Jobs Line that you can call: 1-855-562-2020 or 267-780-2602.

There is one application for all field positions - it should take about 20 minutes to complete. If you are interested in being a field supervisor, there is an additional portion that you must complete that takes about 20 minutes. Once you have submitted your application, they will call you to find out which position you are interested in. You must be 18 years or older. There is no education requirement. There is a background check, but employment is decided on a case-by-case basis and this should not deter anyone from applying. If you are hired, you will need to attend a 3-day paid training.

Area Census Office Positions: Apply online at www.usajobs.gov.