



# The Mon Valley Providers Council

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# The Communicator

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*The Communicator* is the official newsletter of the Mon Valley Providers Council (MVPC), an alliance of over 65 human service agencies serving more than 37 communities in the Mon Valley of Allegheny County. To learn more about the MVPC, our member agencies, and their services, read this edition and visit our website at [www.hscc--mvpc.org](http://www.hscc--mvpc.org).

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## Woodland Hills Community Expo Hosts Dozens of Exhibitors

The Mon Valley Providers Council and the Human Services Center Youth LIFE Program are hosting the Woodland Hills Community Expo to increase community awareness of available resources and services in the district.

For the past eight years, the MVPC has held successful expos at Century III Mall with thousands of people receiving information regarding health, employment, housing, and youth programs. **The Woodland Hills Community Expo will be held Tuesday, May 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wilkins Elementary School in Wilkins Township.** The Community Expo will be comprised of numerous housing and health providers as well as youth and employment and training services, and much

more. In addition, there will be several breakout sessions covering topics such as internet safety, financial literacy, homework tips, healthy habits, and teen dating violence and domestic violence.

The Woodland Hills Community Expo requires no registration and will offer several free health screenings from UPMC McKeesport and the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Division of Pulmonology. Health screenings will include bone density, vision, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, body fat percentages, breath carbon monoxide smoking tests, and asthma.

The Allegheny County Health Department Infectious Diseases Program will be providing adult tetanus boosters and information about immunizations.

Along with health screenings and tetanus boosters, many other providers will offer free services and valuable information. These agencies include Auberle, Allegheny County Health Department WIC Program, Braddock Employment and Training Center, Century Heritage Federal Credit Union, Community College of Allegheny County - Boyce and South Campuses, Gateway Rehab, Family Care Connection at Turtle Creek and Braddock/Rankin, Forbes Family Practice, Gwen's Girls, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh, Heritage Community Initiatives, Human Services Center, Just Harvest, Keystone Health Club, Mon Valley Initiative, Mon Valley Providers Council, Neighborworks of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Action

Against Rape, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, State Senators James Brewster and Jay Costa, The Early Learning Institute, Tobacco Free Allegheny, Turtle Creek Valley Department of Children and Family Services, UPMC for Kids, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Womansplace, Inc.

All attendees will have the chance to win hundreds of dollars in door prizes including a \$250 gift card to Home Depot, a \$100 American Express Card, free passes to Kennywood and Sandcastle, and dozens more!

For more information about the Woodland Hills Community Expo call 412-829-7112 or e-mail [llege@hscc-mvpc.org](mailto:llege@hscc-mvpc.org).

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## 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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00am – 5:00pm and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call Rose at 412-829-7112 for more information.
- **Rental Assistance:** The Urban League has monies available for individuals who are at least two months behind in their rent and possess a magistrate's notice, or those who need first month's rent and security deposit. Call Lynn at 412-829-7112.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** AA has a support group at the Center every Friday at 7:00pm and Saturday at 10:30am. Call 412-824-1958.
- **Domestic Abuse Counseling Center (DACC):** DACC is at the Center every Wednesday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Call 412-678-1055.
- **Free Notary Service:** State Representative Paul Costa's office can notarize documents such as affidavit (no title work) on Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- **Parents of Murdered Children (POMC):** POMC has a support group at the Center the first Saturday of every month at 10:00am. For more information, call Cindy at 724-733-4084, or just show up.
- **The Youth Learning In a Fun Environment (Youth LIFE) After-School Program** is accepting applications. Youth LIFE serves 300 youth in first through fifth grade. For more information, contact Leah at 412-829-7112.
- **The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)** is a workforce development program for youth ages 14 to 18 living in the Woodland Hills, East Allegheny, McKeesport, Steel Valley, Elizabeth Forward, South Allegheny, Clairton, Wilkesburg, Penn Hills, West Mifflin, and Gateway School Districts. ELP is currently accepting applications. For more information, contact Leah at 412-829-7112.

### Tenant agencies at the Center include:

- 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
- Community Outreach Services** – 412-829-7112
- Eastern Area Adult Services** – 412-824-6880
- Human Services Center Corporation** – 412-829-7112
- Learn “N” Play Development Center** – 412-829-0240
- Mon Valley Providers Council** – 412-829-7112
- PA State Representative Paul Costa** – 412-824-3400
- Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs** – 412-824-0006
- Turtle Creek Valley Mental Health/Mental Retardation** –
  - Adult Programs – 412-824-8510
  - Alternatives – 412-824-9300
  - Children, Adolescents and Families – 412-349-0632
  - Employment Services – 412-824-8510
  - Mobile Medication Team – 412-824-8510
  - Psychiatric and Social Rehabilitation – 412-461-4100

## About MVPC

**Our Mission:** The Mon Valley Providers Council, 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 Mon Valley Providers Council will promote agendas and develop resources for collective action.

**Who We Are:** The Mon Valley Providers Council (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. It 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 65 dues paying members and over 250 staff members of those organizations. Through these standing Working Groups, the Providers Council 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:

**David Coplan**, Director  
**Ruth Smith**, Collaborative Programs Director  
**Lindsay Legé**, Program Associate  
 Administrative support is provided by receptionist **Lynn Andelmo**.

## MVPC Leadership

### The Steering Committee:

- Melanie Porach**, Chairperson, *CCAC South*
- Nancy Osterhus**, Vice Chair Person, *Allegheny County Health Department*
- Michele Atkins**, *Heritage Community Initiatives*
- Charles Bostaph**, *CCAC Boyce*
- Janet Carroll**, *Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR*
- Tina Doose**, *Fair Housing Center of Greater Pittsburgh*
- Noreen Fredrick**, *Mon Yough Community Services*
- Donna Little**, *Rainbow Kitchen*
- Michele Baich Matuch**, *UPMC McKeesport/McKeesport Hospital Foundation*
- Tony Mitchell**, *Penn State McKeesport*
- Kevin Perkey**, *3 Rivers Connect*
- Darla Poole**, *Auberle*
- Jim Spindler**, *UPMC McKeesport*
- Lynn Tatala**, *Project ELECT*
- Dick Wallace**, *Ex-Officio Member*
- Laura Zinski**, *Mon Valley Initiative*

## Communities served by 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
- Pitcairn
- Port Vue
- Rankin
- South Versailles
- Swissvale
- Turtle Creek
- Versailles
- Wall
- West Elizabeth
- West Homestead
- West Mifflin
- Whitaker
- White Oak
- Wilkins
- Wilmerding



## KOOL for Youth in the Summer

Now in the sixteenth year, the Kids, Outgoing, Outdoing, and Learning (KOOL) Summer Program is currently accepting applications for children going into kindergarten-sixth grades in the fall of 2011. Spots fill up very quickly! Apply as soon as possible.

The KOOL Summer Program is a summer academic enrichment program for youth that offers academic, cultural and social enrichment, and recreation.

KOOL provides participants with an educational and fun summer experience. Youth participate in reading and math activities on a daily basis, as well as arts and crafts, and experiential seminars provided by local agencies.

On Fridays, KOOL participants have the opportunity to attend field trips

to various places throughout the Pittsburgh region including the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, Carnegie Science Center, Heinz History Center, Phipps Conservatory, Boyce Park Wave Pool, and many more. In addition, youth are provided with a FREE breakfast, lunch, and snack daily.

KOOL is offered at two different locations. KOOL 1 is located at the Human Services Center Corporation, 519 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145 from July 5-August 19, 2011, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM for students going into K – 6 grades.

KOOL 2 is located at Woodland Hills Junior High, 7600 Evans St., Swissvale, PA 15218 from July 5-August 19, 2011, Monday-Thursday, 8 AM-4 PM and Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM for participants going into 1-5

grades and must reside in the Woodland Hills School District.

Dates and location of KOOL 2 are pending Woodland Hills School District Board approval. A nonrefundable application fee of \$80 is required to process the youth's application. All KOOL Program activities are FREE for all participants.

For more information or to obtain an application, please call 412-829-7112.



**Dominic Kurta and Aaliyah Brown enjoy a day outside.**

## McKeesport Collaborative

Are you looking for assistance with achieving self-sufficiency for you and your family? Are you a woman whose life has been affected in some way by substance abuse?

The McKeesport Collaborative is dedicated to providing a continuum of services and referrals for women and their children affected by substance abuse. Referrals for services include the following:

- Housing
- Education
- Employment/Training
- Counseling/Therapy
- Health care
- Additional needs identified by the women

For additional information, please call 412-829-7112, or email [rsmith@hsc-mvpc.org](mailto:rsmith@hsc-mvpc.org).

Staff - Ruth Smith, Collaborative Programs Director  
Denise Daugherty, Family Development Specialist

The McKeesport Collaborative is financed in part by a grant provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

## 2011 MVPC Membership Listing:

3 Rivers Connect  
ACTION Housing  
Allegheny County  
Health Department  
Allegheny  
Intermediate Unit  
Community School  
East  
Allegheny  
Intermediate Unit  
Head Starts  
Allegheny  
Intermediate Unit  
Project ELECT  
American Cancer  
Society  
Auberle  
Center for Victims of  
Violence and Crime  
Century Heritage  
Federal Credit  
Union  
Children's Hospital  
Family Care  
Connection in TC

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Family Care  
Connection –  
Braddock/Rankin  
Citizens to Abolish  
Domestic Apartheid  
Clairton Family  
Center  
CCAC – Boyce  
Campus  
CCAC – South  
Campus  
Duquesne Family  
Center  
Duquesne Family  
Support Center  
East Allegheny  
Family Center  
Educational  
Opportunity Centers  
of Southwestern PA  
Fair Housing  
Partnership of  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Family Resources

Family Services of W.  
PA  
Forbes Family  
Practice  
Gateway Rehab  
Goodwill Industries of  
SW Pennsylvania  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Community Food  
Bank  
Gwen's Girls  
Habitat for Humanity  
of Greater  
Pittsburgh  
Heritage Community  
Initiatives  
Highlands Family  
Center  
Holy Family Social  
Services  
Human Services  
Center  
Juvenile Court – Mon  
Yough & Eastern  
District

Latino Family Center  
Lincoln Park Family  
Center  
McKeesport  
Collaborative  
McKeesport Family  
Center  
McKeesport First  
Steps Parenting  
Program  
McKeesport Hospital  
Foundation  
McKeesport 7th Ward  
Family Center  
Mon Valley Initiative  
Mon View Heights  
Family Center  
Mon Yough  
Community  
Services, Inc.  
NeighborWorks of  
Western PA  
PA CareerLink  
Allegheny East  
Pantry Network of

Eastern Suburbs  
Penn State – Greater  
Allegheny  
Pittsburgh  
Community  
Reinvestment  
Group  
Rainbow Kitchen  
Community  
Services  
Regional Chamber  
Alliance  
Sisters Place, Inc.  
State Senator James  
Brewster  
State Senator Jay  
Costa  
Steel Center AVTS  
Adult Ed Programs  
Steel Valley Family  
Center  
Sto-Rox Family  
Center  
The Alliance for  
Infants and Toddlers

The Early Learning  
Institute  
Touching Families  
Turtle Creek  
Valley Council of  
Governments  
Turtle Creek Valley  
MH/MR  
University of  
Pittsburgh – School  
of Social Work  
UPMC McKeesport  
UPMC Primary Care  
Center Turtle Creek  
Wilksburg Family  
Center  
Womansplace  
YMCA of Greater  
Pittsburgh  
Wilmerding Branch



# Food Bank Co-founder Plans Retirement

Last December, it became official: Food Bank CEO Joyce Rothermel notified the Food Bank Board of Directors of her intention to retire in June of 2011. So, an era comes to a close.

Joyce Rothermel co-founded the Food Bank in 1980 in response to a need she and others saw among Pittsburgh's poor. She didn't know that a few years later, when the steel mills closed, tens of thousands would need help feeding their families. Over the next 30 years, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has come to serve an average of 110,000 peo-

ple each month over an 11-county region. From the 1 million pounds of food distributed that first year to an anticipated 23.5 million by June when she steps down, the Food Bank has grown to be the hub of food assistance in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Since Rothermel became CEO in 1987, the Food Bank has changed. Milestones include the move to its present location in Duquesne in 1999, being named Food Bank of the Year in 2000 by Feeding America (then called America's Second Harvest), and receiving the first Wishart Award in 2001 for Excellence in

Nonprofit Management from the Forbes Funds. Rothermel herself is also the recipient of many awards; she is a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, a Congressional Medal of Honor for Service Above Self finalist, and the 2009 Shapira Medal honoree, to name just a few.

"It is time for the Food Bank to pursue its mission with new, creative leadership – and it is time for my husband and me to share our retirement time together," says Rothermel. "For 30 years, food banking has been a focus in my life. I will miss the dedicated colleagues, devoted board members,

generous donors, and willing volunteers. Most of all, I salute the wonderful staff I am privileged to know and with whom I have daily shared our critical mission."

The Board of Directors formed a transition committee and hired Dewey & Kaye of Pittsburgh to facilitate the search for a new CEO. "Joyce leaves some pretty big shoes to fill," said Matt Swider, board president. "Fortunately, the Board and staff abound with dedication and talent that will see us smoothly through the transition. Joyce's gift to the Food Bank has been great leadership, which has in-

turn inspired a standard of excellence throughout the whole organization."

Rothermel's retirement in June will coincide with the Food Bank's 30th Anniversary. A commemorative event, including a community open house, will be held at the Food Bank in Duquesne on Hunger Awareness Day, June 7th, 2011. Swider said that the 30th Anniversary would recognize Rothermel's outstanding achievements and also mark the beginning of a new era for the organization. "The need for the Food Bank has never been greater. We expect to be around for many years to come,"

he said. "Joyce has been a vital part of the Food Bank's development. But the remarkable support from the community has and will continue to be the source of our strength."



**Joyce Rothermel, CEO of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, will retire in June.**

# National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



**Pam Smith spoke during the National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.**

The National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event was a great success! This event was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Zion Baptist Church in McKeesport.

Over 60 people attended to participate in an educational program on HIV and AIDS. Audience members learned about HIV transmission and awareness and heard personal perspectives, insights, and life experiences from people living with HIV.



**Sheila Taylor spoke at the March 10th event.**

Some highlights of the evening included a dance performance from The Morning Star Baptist Church of Clairton Dance Team of Women and musical entertainment from the TMB and KREDO Gang.

Several lucky attendees received gifts cards and beautiful orchids as door prizes. Thirty people received free testing during the program at the St. Paul AME Church.

The Southwestern PA AIDS Planning Coalition and McKeesport Collaborative want to thank all those involved for making this a wonderful evening. We are looking forward to another great event next year!

Also, please save the date for the 11th Annual McKeesport HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 1, 2011.



Students listen to the introductory lecture at How to Get a Job and Keep It.

## Seminar Teaches Skills for Getting, Keeping Jobs

Seminar teaches skills for getting, keeping jobs

Penn State Greater Allegheny hosted the annual Mon Valley Providers Council's Working Group on Employment and Training's "How to Get a Job and Keep It" seminar on March 11. The seminar was extremely successful with more than 70 consumers in attendance.

"How to Get a Job and Keep It" focused on developing solid skills that consumers can use to re-enter the job market, find better employment, overcome barriers to employment, and maintain existing employment. This event is extremely popular every year and truly helps consumers increase their skills and learn about new resources. "I learned more in this one hour training than I have in a semester," commented one consumer.

Those in attendance enjoyed the event and

found it extremely useful, and were highly impressed by the presenters of the workshops. One consumer said, "He should do more workshops because he's a great speaker and knows his stuff!" Each person who attended had the opportunity to participate in three out of 10 seminars, including challenges of job searching, employer expectations, starting your own business, employment for people with criminal backgrounds, dos and don'ts of the internet in the workforce, how credit affects your job search, interviewing skills, education training, resume writing, and realistic expectations of salaries.

Each seminar lasted for one hour in which consumers participated in educational lectures, question-and-answer sessions, and received plenty of free and useful information. After the seminars, attendees enjoyed a fashion show demonstrating appro-

priate and inappropriate clothing to wear to work and had the opportunity to check out informational tables with career resources, skill training, and job opportunities.

Once again, the "How to Get a Job and Keep it" seminar helped those in attendance sharpen their skills and learn about new opportunities.

## How Will the State and Federal Budget Impact You?

By now you have probably heard about the deep cuts to social service programs, school districts, and higher education in the proposed budget for Pennsylvania. At the federal level, the debate about national cuts to social service programs is also troublesome. When we hear the numbers of dollars – millions and billions, it is sometimes difficult to have perspective. In other instances, we learn that some program is potentially going to be cut by 50% and we may wonder: 50% of what? At the end of the day, most people are wondering what the impact will be on the services on which they rely.

Some social service programs will be dramatically cut and will either not be able to serve people or will have lengthy waiting lists. School districts throughout the Mon Valley have stated that the changes in state

funding will result in the loss of millions of dollars per year to serve students. Local colleges and universities may have to raise tuition substantially or worse – they may have to close some sites.

When people ask me how they can determine what impact this all might have on them, here is what I suggest they do:

1. If you receive social services from an agency, ask them if their funding is affected.
2. If it is, ask what could happen to the service you receive.
3. Ask the agency what you can do to help make a case for continued support.
4. Contact your legislators and voice your concerns through a phone call, email, letter, or by scheduling a visit to their local office.

Of course, it helps if you are a registered voter who votes in each election because those are the people who matter the most to elected officials – registered voters who vote!

The majority of the proposed budget cuts at the state and federal level will be hurtful to low-income people. Thousands of Mon Valley residents will personally feel these cuts as services are reduced, cut, and/or eliminated. Find out for yourself how you will be affected and let your voice be heard.

*Dave Coplan is the Executive Director of the Human Services Center where he also directs the Mon Valley Providers Council.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### October 1, 2011

### McKeesport Waterfront

### Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

### Questions: 412-829-7112

## ANNUAL MON VALLEY HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WALK

Kennedy Park, McKeesport



**THE ROAD TO  
AWARENESS BEGINS  
HERE**



**AVAILABLE FOR LEASE**  
**Westinghouse Valley Human Services Center**

519 Penn Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145



**Building Information**

- ± 2,000sf Medical Clinic Suite
- 990sf Office Suite
- Full Service

- Center dedicated to Public Services
- Shared Classrooms, Meeting Rooms & Computer Lab available
- Well known location
- Economic Lease Terms



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## Working Group on Health Event a Great Success!

On March 16, the Mon Valley Providers Council's Working Group on Health presented its first "How to Ask the Difficult Questions" seminar at The Common Ground in McKeesport.

Over 150 people attended this event hosted by Womansplace. Nancy Osterhus, co-chair of the Working Group on Health welcomed everyone and introduced the three panel members.

The panel members came from different backgrounds and each shared a unique perspective on the topic. Jamie Posey Woodson, community outreach coordinator from Pittsburgh Action for Rape (PAAR), shared information and strategies for working with clients that have been sexually assaulted or raped. Bob Sukolsky, director of behavioral medicine at Forbes Family Medicine, discussed working with individuals on home visits and how to make people feel comfortable

and respected. Finally, Maria, an advocate from Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR, shared a personal perspective about receiving therapeutic services for childhood trauma.

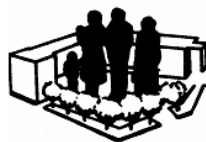
After the panel discussion, audience members asked questions about working with consumers that may have a history of sexual or physical abuse, drug use, or mental health concerns.

Overall, the event was incredibly well received with the majority of attendees rating the seminar as "extremely useful." One attendee stated, "I was provided with some new tools to use while in the home. Great workshop!"

The Working Group on Health plans to hold future seminars on this topic. If you are interested in more information, please call the Mon Valley Providers Council at 412-829-7112.



Over 150 participants attended, listening to the three speakers share their insight.



YOUTH LIFE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM  
HUMAN SERVICES CENTER CORPORATION

## Want a Walmart Gift Card Or a Discount on the KOOL Summer Program?

Receive a \$10 gift card or \$10 off the KOOL Summer Program if you refer a new student or enroll your child in the Youth LIFE After-School Program and ensure the following:

1. The participant and family must **submit an application** and meet the requirements
2. The participant and family must **attend the required orientation**
3. The **participant must attend the Youth LIFE After-School Program**

\*\*\*Offer ends May 13th, 2011 and is contingent upon the child meeting specific enrollment criteria noted on the Youth LIFE application. Child and parent also must meet the application criteria for the KOOL Program. This does not guarantee acceptance to the KOOL Program

## The McKeesport Collaborative – Helping Women

The McKeesport Collaborative is a program of the Human Services Center Corporation, and is dedicated to developing a continuum of care for women and their children affected by substance abuse. This continuum of care includes referrals for substance abuse, mental health treatment, and employment and training, as well as case management services and goal planning for self-reliance with the ultimate goal of being free of all entitlement programs.

The McKeesport Collaborative is comprised of the Programs Director, Ruth Smith and the Family Development Specialist (FDS), Denise Daugherty.

The Family Development Specialist shares responsibility with the women in order for the program to be mutually beneficial. The responsibilities of the FDS include researching and sharing available resources, making referrals when necessary, and assisting each

woman with developing and writing self-identified comprehensive goals. Responsibilities of the women include: following up on referrals, being engaged and dedicated to developing and completing steps toward their goals, and committing to at least one or two face-to-face meetings per month with phone contact in between face-to-face meetings.

The Collaborative also sends out a bi-monthly newsletter, which con-

tains information about women's health, nutrition, and many other topics.

To learn more about the McKeesport Collaborative, please contact Ruth or Denise at (412) 829-7112.

The McKeesport Collaborative is financed in part by a grant provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.



Maria, Jamie Posey Woodson, and Bob Sukolsky worked together to answer, *How to Ask the Difficult Questions*.



# Woodland Hills Community Expo

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Wilkins Elementary School

362 Churchill Road, Wilkins Township

6 PM—8 PM

**For More  
Information  
Call:  
412-829-7112**

**Hundreds of dollars in door  
prizes including free passes to  
Kennywood and Sandcastle,  
\$250 gift card to Home Depot,  
\$100 American Express Card,  
and dozens more!**

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**All services are completely free!**

**No Registration Required!**

**Get Information on:**

- Health
- Youth
- Housing
- Employment and Training

Learn about internet safety, financial literacy, and understanding special needs and learning disabilities

**Check Out:  
[www.hscc-mvpc.org](http://www.hscc-mvpc.org)**

## **Free Health Screenings and Valuable Information from:**

Auberle, Allegheny County Health Department WIC Program and Infectious Diseases Program, Braddock Employment and Training Center, Century Heritage Federal Credit Union, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh - Division of Pulmonology, Community College of Allegheny County - Boyce and South Campuses, Family Care Connection at Braddock Rankin and Turtle Creek, Forbes Family Practice, Gateway Rehab, Gwen's Girls, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh, Heritage Community Initiatives, Human Services Center, Just Harvest, Keystone Health Club, Mon Valley Initiative, Mon Valley Providers Council, NeighborWorks of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, State Senators James Brewster and Jay Costa, The Early Learning Institute, Tobacco Free Allegheny, Turtle Creek Valley Department of Children and Family Services, UPMC for Kids, UPMC McKeesport, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Womansplace

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