

The Mon Valley Providers Council Presents *The Communicator*

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New Services at the HSCC

More Support for Moms & Babies

Healthy Start, Inc.



Healthy Start, Inc. is proud to announce the opening of its new satellite location in the Human Services Center in Turtle Creek! This expansion will make Healthy Start's services more accessible to families for whom home visiting may not be an option. The site will officially open on January 16, 2018.

Dedicated to reducing infant mortality in Allegheny County, Healthy Start provides education and resources to pregnant women and families with young children through education case

management and home visiting. Through the Male Initiative Program, Healthy Start also offers support to fathers to reinforce the importance of father involvement on pregnancy outcomes and the health of the entire family.

Currently, Healthy Start serves all of Allegheny County from its office in Point Breeze. While offering services through home visiting has allowed them to reach over 1,000 mothers, fathers and children annually, there are still participants who are difficult to reach by phone, or do not have the option to receive home visits that still need support throughout and after their pregnancies. Bringing Healthy Start services to an additional community location allows for even greater access to this much-needed assistance.

Healthy Start is excited to be co-located with organizations like

WIC, Adagio Health and others to improve the coordination of maternal and child health services. Healthy Start's ability to focus on health education, depression screening, breastfeeding and parenting support are a good complement to the existing resources at the site and in the Mon Valley.

This expansion is one of several efforts from Healthy Start to strengthen its roots in the communities of Allegheny County, to help mothers and families throughout the county have access to the support and care they need to have healthy pregnancies and raise healthy children. To enroll or to refer someone to the program, please call (412) 247-4009 or visit www.healthystartpittsburgh.org.

Medical Office Opens in HSCC

Adagio Health



This April, Adagio Health will open a medical office in the Human Services Center Corporation. Adagio Health has been providing gynecological care, family planning services, STI testing, preventative vaccinations, breast/cervical cancer screenings, and pregnancy care for women and their families across Western Pennsylvania for over 40 years. The office will be staffed by a nurse and medical practitioner and sees patients two days a week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Adagio Health at 1.800.215.7494 or email info@adagiohealth.org. Stay tuned for more details!

CCAC Now Enrolling

CCAC Boyce

CCAC is now registering for the Spring 2018 semester. If you are interested in starting or returning to school, today is a great time to start! CCAC offers 16 and 14 week classes, beginning January 16 and January 29. If you have any questions on enrolling or would

like more information, feel free to stop in to any of our campuses or centers for more information, or call the CCAC Boyce Campus Admissions office at 724-325-6614. Our goal is your success!

Free Tax Preparation Available

Human Services Center

The Human Services Center offers a free tax preparation site to individuals who are on a limited or fixed income. To qualify for this site, individuals must make less than \$25,000 and families less than \$45,000.

This year's free tax preparation will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2018, and run through Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The site will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 8:00PM. In addition to the HSCC's tax site in Turtle Creek, tax clinics are also offered

in Braddock, Clairton, Duquesne, Elizabeth, Homestead, and McKeesport on designated Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

To register for an appointment, please call 2-1-1, the United Way Helpline, after January 10, 2018. The HSCC's Turtle Creek site is by appointment only, with no walk-ins or drop-offs.

If you have any questions regarding the site, please call 412-829-7112.

2017 Year in Review

MVPC Outcomes and Achievements

- During our 2017 Voter Engagement Campaign, **360** individuals pledged to vote .
- Over **240** people and **33** Vendors participated in the HSCC's 7th Annual Resource Fair and CCAC South Community Resource Fairs.
- **78** individuals received information on Mental Health
- **5** individuals received information on Drug and Alcohol Counseling
- **25** individuals received information on Senior Services
- **35** individuals received information on Financial Counseling
- **33** individuals received information on Services for Women
- **43** individuals received information on Maternal Child Health
- **19** individuals received information on Allegheny Link Line
- **15** individuals received information on After School Services
- **10** individuals received information on Child Care Subsidies

- **53** individuals received information on Employment & Training Services
- **51** individuals received information on Medicare & Medicaid
- **8** individuals received information on Housing Services
- **10** individuals received information on SNAP & LIHEAP
- **20** individuals received information on services for Families Impacted by Incarceration
- **66** individuals received information on Food Assistance
- **40** individuals received information on Transportation
- **20** people in the Mon Valley had an osteoporosis screening.
- **11** people had their vision screened in the Mon Valley.
- Over **20** individuals attended our Voter Celebration Breakfast on November 8, 2017 following the general election.
- **124** job-seekers attended How to Get a Job and Keep It Seminar at Community College of Allegheny County South Campus in March. Participants took part in various workshops including interview tips, professional wardrobe, job searching and more.

- Over **100** representatives of MVPC members attended our annual breakfast meeting for a special presentation on state and federal budgets.
- Over **80** staff, administration, and teachers of the Steel Valley School District participated in a poverty simulation. The experience is designed sensitize participants to the realities facing individuals with a low income.
- Over **30** landlords attended the Working Group on Housing Event "Connecting Landlords with Opportunities" in March. This seminar highlighted resources and programs available to landlords and their tenants.
- Approximately **40** decision makers provided leadership at the MVPC Synergies Forum to Review 2017 Priorities. All of these priorities have either been completed or are being worked on by the Working Group.
- A total of **121** free flu shots were provided to residents in the Mon Valley.

How to Get a Job and Keep It

A SEMINAR FOR JOB SEEKERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

FREE EVENT * LUNCH PROVIDED
CEUS AVAILABLE

Keynote Speaker:
Tammy Thompson
Program Developer, Activist, Poverty Expert, and Film Producer

For Service Providers

- o Narcan Training and Opioid Education
- o Networking for Job Developers
- o Employment Services for those with Criminal Backgrounds

For Job Seekers

- o Winning Interview Tips
- o Services for Military and Veterans
- o Personal Finance for Employment
- o Job Search
- o Meeting & Exceeding Employer Expectations

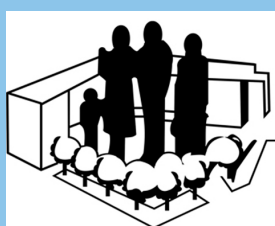
FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER
EMAIL MAURA JACOB AT
MJACOB@HSCC-MVPC.ORG
OR CALL 412-829-7112

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
FROM 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Register by March 20th. Space limited to first 150 participants

CCAC South Campus
1750 Clairton Road,
West Mifflin, PA 15122

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.hsc-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 to the public and has full access to the Carnegie Library system. Call 412-829-7112 for hours of operation.
- **Health Insurance (Affordable Care Act), Medicaid, CHIP, Food Stamps (SNAP), Prescription Assistance, and FAESA: YWCA Greater Pittsburgh** will assist individuals with signing up for many services. Call 412-829-7112 to schedule an appointment.
- **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 Tuesday 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.
- **Turtle Creek Valley Historical Society:** The Society meets on the second Saturday of the month. Call 412-816-1686.
- **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** is accepting applications. 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. ELP is currently accepting applications. For more information, contact 412-829-7112.
- **The McKeesport Collaborative** helps individuals seeking to achieve self-sufficiency through employment and/or education by providing referrals and guidance. For more information, call 412-829-7112.

Tenant Agencies at the Human Services Center

- Adagio Health**
724-288-2130
- 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
- Eastern Area Adult Services**
412-824-6880
- Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council**
412-969-8486
- Healthy Start**
412-247-4009
- Human Services Center Corporation**
412-829-7112
- Learn “N” Play Development Center**
412-829-0240
- Mon Valley Providers Council**
412-829-7112
- Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs**
412-824-0006
- TCV Community Services**
Adult Programs
412-824-8510
Children, Adolescents and Families
412-349-0632
Psychiatric and Social Rehabilitation
412-461-3811 x5710

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 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. 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:
David Coplan, Director
Maura Jacob, Program Assistant

Leadership in the MVPC: The Steering Committee

- Laura Zinski**, Chairperson, Mon Valley Initiative
- Darla Poole**, Vice Chairperson, Auberle
- Kelleigh Boland**, Jefferson Regional Foundation
- Eric Ewell**, Penn State Greater Allegheny
- Carol Gross**, Mon Yough Community Services
- Tiffanee Heywood**, Goodwill of Southwestern PA
- Shari Holland**, UPMC McKeesport/Latterman Health Clinic
- Derek Kendall-Morris**, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh
- Elli Latterman**, McKeesport Hospital Foundation
- Erica Maloney**, Mon Valley Circles
- Paula McWilliams**, Heritage Community Initiatives
- Charlene Newkirk**, CCAC South
- Jim Phillips**, TCV Community Services
- Lisa Scales**, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Bob Sukolsky**, Forbes Family Medicine/Allegheny Health Network
- Lynn Tatala**, Project ELECT - AIU
- Nancy 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
- Swissvale
- Turtle Creek
- Versailles
- Wall
- West Elizabeth
- West Homestead
- West Mifflin
- Whitaker
- White Oak
- Wilkins
- Wilmerding

2018 Membership Listing for the MVPC

ACTION Housing, Inc.	Duquesne Family Support Center	MUSA
Adagio Health	East Allegheny Family Center	PA CareerLink at Allegheny East
AHN - Forbes Family Medicine	Eastern Area Adult Services	Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
Allegheny County Health Department	Every Child, Inc.	Penn State Greater Allegheny
Allegheny County Juvenile Probation	Family Resources	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force
Allegheny Family Network	Family Services of Western Pennsylvania	Rainbow Kitchen Community Services
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Community School East	Forbes Hospital	Small Seeds Development, Inc.
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Head Start	Global Wordsmiths	State Senator Jay Costa
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Project ELECT	Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania	State Senator Jim Brewster
Auberle	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Steel Center for Career and Technical Education
Center for Victims	Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council	Steel Valley Family Center
Century Heritage Federal Credit Union	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pgh	Sto-Rox Family Center
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC - Family Care Connection at Braddock/East	Healthy Start, Inc.	TCV Community Services
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC - Family Care Connection at Turtle Creek	Heritage Community Initiatives	Touching Families
Citizens to Abolish Domestic Apartheid	Highlands Family Center	University of Pittsburgh – School of Social Work
Clairton Family Center	Human Services Center Corporation	UPMC McKeesport
Community College of Allegheny County – Boyce Campus	Jefferson Regional Foundation	Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh - Hunger Services
Community College of Allegheny College – South Campus	Just Harvest	Veterans Leadership Program
Discovery House	Latino Family Center	Wilkinsburg Family Center
Duquesne Family Center	Lincoln Park Family Center	YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh
	Macedonia FACE, Inc.	YouthPlaces
	McKeesport Collaborative	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh
	McKeesport Family Center	
	McKeesport First Steps Parenting Program	
	McKeesport Hospital Foundation	
	Mon Valley Circles Initiative	
	Mon Valley Initiative	
	Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce	
	Mon Yough Community Services, Inc.	

Volunteer Tutors Needed

Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council

Do you have a passion for reading? Are you looking for an opportunity for service? Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council is seeking volunteer tutors to meet with adult students twice a week. As a tutor, you will guide and instruct your student along his or her educational journey. There are dozens of students currently waiting for a tutor, and these students could be helped by you! You don’t need to have any teaching experience; just a willingness to learn. GPLC has been active in the Mon Valley for over eight years and has helped countless students reach their goals. These goals include self-improvement, getting a high school degree/GED, learning English for the first time, and overcoming poverty. The organization has a very low number of tutors currently. Will you consider helping a student in need?

- To be a tutor, you must:
- Hold a bachelor’s degree
 - Be willing to complete a total of 12 hours of training
 - Be open to the needs of your student
 - Have a desire to serve local community members

If you have any questions about becoming a tutor or receiving GPLC services, please call the East Suburbs program coordinator, Brittany Eltman, at 412-969-8486 or email at beltman@gplc.org.

2017 Funder Recognition HSCC & MVPC

\$2,500 and above

- Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services
- Anonymous Contributors
- BNY Mellon Foundation of SW PA
- Citizens Bank
- Duquesne Light
- Eden Hall Foundation
- G.C. Murphy Company Foundation
- The Grable Foundation
- Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- John M. and Sue E. Jackson Charitable Trust
- Jefferson Regional Foundation
- Kennywood
- Local Emergency and Shelter Board-FEMA
- McKeesport Healthier Communities PartnerSHIP
- McKeesport Hospital Foundation
- Mellon Bank N.A.
- Richard King Mellon Foundation
- Howard and Nell E. Miller Foundation
- Partner4Work
- PA Department of Community & Economic Development
- The Pittsburgh Foundation
- PNC
- Sandcastle
- Steel Dynamics
- The Techs, a Division of Steel Dynamics
- United Way of Southwestern PA
- UPMC Health Plan

\$1,000 - 2,499

- Christine and Dave Coplan
- Denise Daugherty
- James Daugherty
- The Monroe Family

Up to \$999

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