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 critical issues 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 these organizations. Through these standing Working Groups, the MVPC promotes cooperation and collaboration among its member and participating organizations in an effort to fill gaps in human services in the Mon Valley communities.

Leadership in the MVPC: Steering Committee

Laura Zinski, Chairperson, Mon Valley Initiative • Darla Pollo, Vice Chairperson, Auberle • Kollegie Holland, Jefferson Regional Foundation • Eric Ewalt, Penn State Greater Allegheny • Devon Goetz, Auberle • Christine Zelfeew, Mon You Community Support Services, and Board of Greater Western PA • Sharli Holland, UPMC McKeesport • Latte Letterman Health Clinic • Dean John, CCAC South • Ed Lattnerman, McKeesport Hospital Foundation • Paul McWilliams, Heritage Community Initiatives • Charlene Newkirk, CCAC Southeastern Campus • James Phillips, TVC Community Services • Lisa Green Pittsburgh Community Bank • Bob Sukovsky, AHN-Froehs Family Medicine • Lynn Tata, AIU Project

ELECT N’Y Oregon, Ex-Officio Member

2020 Membership Listing for the MVPC

Adagia Health
AIB - Forbes Family Medicine
Allegheny Health
Allegheny County Juvenile Probation
Allegheny Family Network
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Community School East
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Head Start
Allegheny Intermediate Unit - Project ELEET
Algs for Health - Wellness
Arc
B-Care Employment
CAMS (Arts) Program
CCAC - Boyce Campus
CCAC - South Campus Counseling
Center for Victims
Fenix Herlif Federal Credit Union
Charlton Family Center
Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh-Allegheny County
Discovery House
Dupont Family Center
Dupont Family Support Center
East Allegheny Family
East Allegheny Area Adult Services
Economic Development South
Every Child, Inc.
Family Resources
Forbes Hospital
Foot Fybers
Goodwill of Southwest Pennsylvania
Greater Pittsburgh Community Bank
Guys & Gals
Healthy Start, Inc.
Healthcare Community Initiatives
Highland Family Center
Human Services Center - Corporation
Jefferson Hospital
Jefferson Regional Foundation
Just Harvest
Laine Family Center
Livingston Park Family Center
Lisburne
Library Pittsburgh
McMullan Foundation
McMullan Foundation
Mon Valley Health
Mon Valley of America Central South
PA Medicaid Office of Social Services (MOSA)
Mon Valley Initiatives
Mon Youth Arm of Commerce
Mon Youth Community Services, Inc.
Pittsburgh Community Food Bank • Pittsbugh Family Care - East Allegheny • Pittsburgh Family Care - North Braddock • Pittsburgh Family Care - Wilkinsburg • Pittsburgh Media Center for Children • Pittsburgh Media Center for Children • Pittsburgh Women’s Network • Pittsburgh YMCA

MVPC member WHE hires CHW

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

Germaine’s role will support WHE’s work with programming and education on Healthy Beginnings, Women’s Health, and Community Health.

Women’s Health: Germaine’s role will support programming and education on Healthy Beginnings, Women’s Health, and Community Health.

Community Health: Germaine will be the CHW for the Mon Valley Community of Clairton, Dunwoody, and McKeesport.

The MVPC is a program of the Mon Valley Providers Council, 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.hscce-mvpc.org.

A copy of the official registration and 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.
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 for 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 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.conta@rainbowkitchen.org to talk about enrolling!

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

Employment Opportunities!

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, Transition 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, Wilkinsburg, 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 strategies, and training up community 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

Rainbow Kitchen Adult Basic 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, 12:00PM-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 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’s website, www.easas.net

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Auberle/Ward Home Senior 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 one day a month on a voluntary basis. 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’s website, www.easas.net

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 several 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 Lorielly@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 affordable housing options, finding employment or better employment opportunities, and more. For more information call or email Iris at 412-829-7112 or iris@hscc-mvpc.org. Supports for Success is funded in part by a grant provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.