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Employment Assistance Available Virtually through PA CareerLink®

PA CareerLink

Pennsylvania CareerLink® offices provide free employment and training services to the community. The recent health concerns caused the PA CareerLink® office of Allegheny East to temporarily close their physical doors to the public in March 2020, however, services remain available to those who can connect virtually! Connect with the PA CareerLink® by phone, email or through the website to access these virtual services.

Please note: we offer Priority of Service to veterans and eligible spouses. The first step is to identify yourself as a veteran or a spouse to a team member. Priority service means first opportunity to register for events and individual appointments to discuss employment needs, as well as respectful and friendly services from our team when discussing your personal information. Additionally, we have staff dedicated to assisting veterans and eligible spouses by offering case management and referral services.

Job seekers can learn about opportunities across all industries and gain access to assistance to connect with employers. Career Advisors are available to help job seekers navigate the current market. Speaking directly with a career advisor provides an opportunity to learn about training programs or other educational opportunities tailored to specific career goals.

Training opportunities are a great way to increase a job seeker's chance of obtaining the job they want. Participate in digital workshops and webinars to assist with resume writing or practicing interview skills. While some workshops occur in real time, many have been pre-recorded, so they are accessible at any time for further learning.

Business Services are available to local employers who required assistance growing their workforce. Find qualified candidates for open positions or find out about funding opportunities to help train new hires. Connecting with an Account Manager will provide a business with access to candidate who can help grow an efficient workforce.

Keeping customers connected to updates and new information is made easier with a new Bi-Weekly Newsletter "Link by Link". Job seekers can stay informed and up to date regarding the CareerLink office status, new job opportunities, upcoming events, links to resources and more. The staff at PA CareerLink® Allegheny East is also available to connect individuals with other essential resources such as food access, housing assistance, childcare services, translation services for non-English speaking individuals and more. An updated list of available resources is included in each issue of the "Link by Link" newsletter.

Sign up for the email list! Visit the website to search for local job opportunities, see upcoming events, access our newsletter and get updates about the reopening of the PA CareerLink® Allegheny East office. Reach the PA CareerLink® by phone or email to take advantage of all these resources 412-436-2225 info. allegheny@careerlinkpittsburgh.org.

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.

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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.

Free Job Training Available for Ages 17-24

Goodwill of Southwestern PA

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania is currently seeking young adults for its new IMPACT program. IMPACT prepares young adults for success in the workplace and provides real world work experience by offering two distinct training tracks: Job Search and Vocational Training.

Young adults considering college or starting a job search may choose the IMPACT Job Search track, which connects them with a premier job readiness curriculum, mobile case management, and assistance with resumes, mock interviews, and job search planning.

Young adults looking to go straight into a career but who need work experience may choose the IMPACT Vocational Training track, which offers training programs in environmental skills/ housekeeping and retail skills. Young adults in the Vocational Training tract also receive assistance with obtaining their GED if they need it.

All IMPACT participants receive help with transportation, a dedicated case worker, and access to employment services and financial literacy.

Those interested must be ages 17-24. Participants must be out of school, but do not need a high school diploma.

If you or someone you know could benefit from IMPACT, contact Tiffanee Heywood at 412-632-1742 or tiffanee.heywood@goodwillswpa.org.

We are partnering with IBM to introduce "IBM Service Corps Reignite". In an effort to assist job seekers, entrepreneurs and not for profits, and to revitalize our local economies.

Search the Human Services Center Corporation channel to:

- Access resources to help with professional development
- Enhance skills for your current job
- Gain new tech skills

Examples of session titles include:

- Create a Great Professional Resume
- How to Succeed in a Virtual Interview
- Using spreadsheet software and analyzing data
- Video conferencing apps & virtual collaboration
- Professional writing
- Creating digital presentations
- And more!

To request access to this channel please contact Elizabeth Fries - efries@hscc-mvpc.org

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Job Openings at Auberle

Auberle

Housing Case Manager – Full-time: Works directly with individuals who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability, utilizing housing first principles to assist them in achieving housing stability. The Housing Case Manager position is largely community based and requires routine travels. This position works collaboratively with representatives from Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the Allegheny County Housing Advisory Board (HAB), HUD continuum of Care (CoC) Representatives and other as needed. The individual is responsible to identify housing opportunities and working relationships with landlords. This position requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in human services or related field and a preferred one year of experience working in the housing field. (Special consideration will be given to those with lived system experience). Preferences will be given to individuals with Allegheny County HAB, CoC and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data collection system experience. www.auberle.org

Family Support Staff – Full-Time: Works 3-11 p.m. and some weekends (must be able to work all shifts if necessary) to provide supervision and service coordination for families in our Family Emergency Shelter. The facility is located in Duquesne and may serve 10 parents with children at a time. Provide support and case management services to the families to transition them out of shelter and into permanent housing.

This critical position prefers at least 1 year of experience working or volunteering within a housing or shelter program, including experience in looking for housing, working with families to increase their income, and working with a diverse population. Preference will be given to individuals with a bachelor's degree and/or case management experience. Allegheny County HAB, CoC and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data collection system experience preferred. www.auberle.org

Senior Accountant – Full time: Reconcile account balances and bank statements, maintain the general ledger, and prepare month-end close procedures, as well as execute accounts payable and accounts receivable processes. Responsibilities include: Working collaboratively with Qualifacts System Administrator to ensure efficiency in billing and collections; Work cooperatively with IT to uplift and integrate financial functions and reporting; Assist in preparation and presentation of monthly financial budgeting reports including monthly profit and loss, forecast vs. budget, and weekly cash flow by programs; Review and ensure application of appropriate internal controls, SOX compliance and financial procedures; Ensure timeliness, accuracy of financial and management reporting data for Manager of Finance & Accounting. Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance. Previous experience with diverse revenue streams, preferably nonprofit organization. www.auberle.org

Therapist for Homebuilders® Program – Full-time: Homebuilder® is evidence-based model designed to assist families in a time of crisis that are at imminent risk of having one or more of their children removed or not returned to them because of a serious issue within the family system. The Therapist provides Intensive Family Preservation Services using the Homebuilders® model, including crisis intervention, counseling, skill building, concrete services and advocacy. Serve two to three families at a time whose children are at imminent risk of out-of-home placement and cannot be reunified without intensive in-home services. Graduate Degree in Human Services or relation field OR undergraduate degree with 2 years supervisory experience working with children and families. www.auberle.org

Placement Stability Specialist – Part-time: Provides 24-hour care for children and youth experiencing issues for family problems severe enough to keep them from remaining at home or with a family member. Work with other placing agencies to transition children and youth into a permanent living arrangement. Conduct client-interactive, comprehensive, strength and behavior-focused assessments; Collaborate with family members in developing intervention goals and service plans. Monitor progress, analyze barriers to goal achievement and help families revise goals or plans; Conduct assessment of a child's needs an problem areas before and after placement, as well as working with children who need intensive intervention related to adjustment issues after placement; Utilize a variety of teaching methods to help families acquire, maintain and generalize skills. Graduate degree in social work, psychology, human services or related field OR an undergraduate degree and at least two years of experience working with children and families. www.auberle.org

Direct Care Specialists – Full-time & Part-time: Work with youth in our Auberle/Ward Home in Swissvale and Wilkinsburg. Provide 24-hour care for children and youth experiencing behavior issues or family problems severe enough to keep them from remaining at home or with a family member. Develop appropriate relationships with youth, provide positive role model and supervised youth in all routines to ensure safety and well-being. HS Diploma or GED and experience working with youth. Bachelor's degree preferred and valid PA driver's license. www.auberle.org

Job Openings at Auberle (cont.)

Overnight Direct Care Specialists – Full-time & Part-time: Auberle/Ward Home in Swissvale and Wilkinsburg provides supervised Independent Living (SIL) Programs to youth. The goal is to each "practical life skills" to help teens grow towards adulthood, empowered to live independently as effective, successful, contributing members of the community. Overnight Direct Care specialist will ensure well-being and safety of the teens in the program during overnight hours. HS Diploma or GED required. PA driver's license. www.auberle.org

Case Aide/Driver – Part-time: Auberle 21 programs to at-risk children and families. Each program utilizes Case Aide/Drivers support to successfully provide services. Case Aides will transport youth on home visits and doctor appointments and must demonstrate strong mentoring skills for the individuals that they will be working with. Serve as a role model. HS Diploma/GED required and Valid PA driver's license. www.auberle.org

Transition Age Youth – Independent Living Services Supervisor, Crawford County – Full-time: Seeking a Supervisor to provide leadership to a team of Coaches and Program Coordinator as well las a general oversight of the Independent Living Services Program for youth aging out of the foster care system that have suffered from poor outcomes. Ensure that youth and young adults receive high quality relevant programming inside and outside of the drop-in center. The Supervisor provides direct case management to the youth and young adults as needed. Bachelor's degree and at least 3 years of experiencing working with youth. The ideal candidate will have a commitment to diversity, inclusion and staff development, valuing and encouraging input from all team members. www.auberle.org

Transition Age Youth – Independent Living Services Coach, Crawford County – Full-time: Seeking an Independent Living Services Coach to build strong, consistent relationships with youth and young adults aging of the foster care system that have suffered poor outcomes. Coaches support participants as they transition to adulthood to ensure that their needs are met. Navigate all services with the participates so that outcomes are achieved. Collaborate with partners and services provided at the drop-in center and in the community to enhance engagement and success. Coaches travel to young people in their communities and placements to provide supports and opportunities. Bachelor's degree and a preferred minimum of one year of experiencing working with youth and young adults (Special consideration will be given to individuals that have previous DHS system involvement as a client). www.auberle.org

412 Youth Zone Coach – Full-time: Seeking Coaches to build strong, consistent relationships with youth. Serve as mobile outreach to provide supports and opportunities for youth who are not currently living in Allegheny County but plan to return and those youth who are not able to travel to the center. Youth Coaches promote the center and its services and activities to all eligible transitioning youth in the County. The 412 Youth Zone offers comprehensive, welcoming and youth-oriented services and space for transition age youth with current or past connections to child welfare. Bachelor's degree and a preferred minimum of one year of experience working with youth (Special consideration will be given to individuals that have previous DHS system involvement as a client). www.auberle.org

Case Manager – Full-time: Seeking a creative, caring individual to fill an immediate need for a Case Manager for our Placement Services. Placement Services includes children and youth in foster homes, residential programs and shelter placements. This position provides coordination and leadership for special projects as determined by program leaders. This may include CANS, transportation, social media, medical tracking, foster parent recruitment, marketing, visitation, vehicles, scheduling, etc. You will also mentor and train new staff. Bachelor's Degree required and experience working with children, youth and/or families. www.auberle.org

Braddock Family Medicine – Allegheny Health Network: Community Needs Assessment

Calling all organizations that serve the Braddock/Mon Valley area! Braddock Family Medicine is working on a community needs assessment project to identify strengths and needs of the Braddock community. We plan to conduct brief interviews with local organizations and community leaders and would love to have your input! Through this process we hope to strengthen our relationships with community organizations and gather information on how we can better support the health and wellbeing of the Braddock community. We will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to ask if you would like to participate in the project. For more information or if you would like to join our efforts, please contact:

Alexandria Hickman, Social Work Intern - ACH81@pitt.edu
Gaby Schilling, Behavioral Health Consultant – gabriela.schilling@ahn.org

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COVID-19

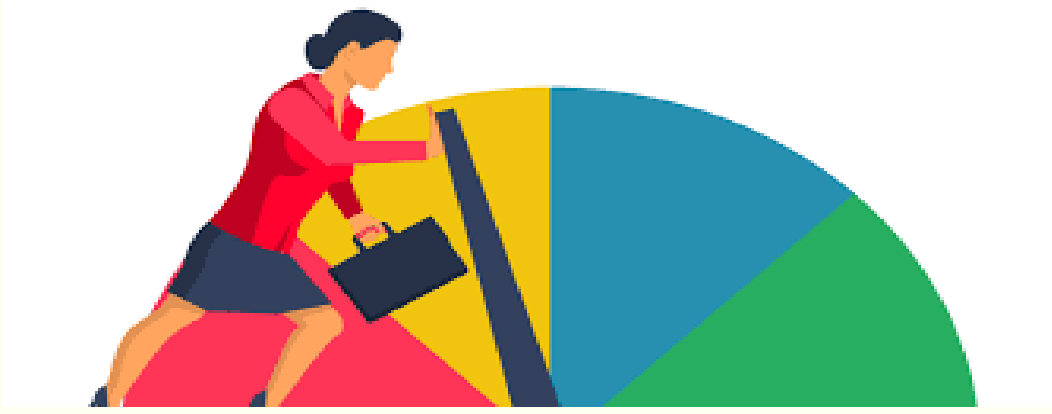
Drive Thru Testing Site

455 INDUSTRY ROAD

Open 10 am to 4 pm
Monday through Friday

Pre-register for a next-day appointment online or via phone at 412-209-2262

Registration and testing information available at
alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus



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Join us for a **FREE Credit Webinar** to help you understand your credit score and learn some skills for debt management.

Tuesday, November 17th
1-2pm
RSVP here
Contact Elizabeth Fries at
412-436-9537 or
efries@hscc-mvpc.org with questions

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FREE Resources: HSCC Webinars

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Over the last few months, the Human Services Center has hosted FREE webinars and events that provide Mon Valley communities with important resources and programming. Recent events include: "What IS a Virtual Job Fair?; Home Buyer Webinar; Budgeting & Accounts Webinar; and the 20th Annual Mon Valley HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk. Click on the images below to view the recordings!

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. Schedules may vary due to COVID-19.

- **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.

Tenant Agencies at the Human Services Center

Adagio Health Nutrition Services
412-925-0650

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

Mon Valley Providers Council
412-829-7112

Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
412-824-0006

TCV Community Services
412-824-8510

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
Elizabeth Fries, Outreach Coordinator

Leadership in the MVPC: Steering Committee

Darla Poole, Chairperson, Auberle • **Eric Ewell**, Vice Chairperson, Penn State Greater Allegheny • **Rikki Anderson**, Mon Valley Initiative • **Kelleigh Bolland**, Jefferson Regional Foundation • **Elli Dragisic**, McKeesport Hospital Foundation • **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 • **Paula McWilliams**, Heritage Community Initiatives • **Charlene Newkirk**, CCAC Southeast Campuses • **James Phillips**, TCV Community Services • **Lisa Scales**, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank •**Bob Sukolsky**, AHN-Forbes Family Medicine • **Lynn Tatala**, AIU Project ELECT • **Laura Zinski**, Immediate Past Chair, Mon Valley Initiative • **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

2020 Membership Listing for the MVPC

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