The Mon Valley Providers Council presents:

The Communicator

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Mon Valley Providers Council

The Mon Valley Providers Council (MVPC) hosted its annual Happy Hour and Member to Member Networking Event on February 26, 2024.

At the Member to Member Networking Event, member agencies tabled and networked with each other to learn more about the programs and services offered by other member organizations.

The Happy Hour consisted of food, drinks, and raffles! The combined event was a great networking opportunity and attended by over 50 people from more than 20 agencies!

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 Mon Valley, 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.hscmonvalley.org.

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

Did You Know Turtle Creek has a Library?

Braddock Carnegie Library Association

For several years, Turtle Creek has been home to a satellite branch of the Braddock Carnegie Library. Located at 519 Penn Avenue, the library is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Turtle Creek library is a small, full-service library that provides a valuable resource for people from the community.

In addition to the small, permanent collection of fiction, nonfiction, children's books, audio books, and adult and children's DVDs, the library provides patrons with more choices by featuring popular books and DVDs from other libraries each week. Because it is part of the county-wide library system, the Turtle Creek library gives patrons access to materials from any county library. A library aide can help you find what you're looking for. If you'd like to obtain a library card in order to borrow materials, a library aide can assist with this as well.

The Turtle Creek library also has computers available for public use. Unlike at many libraries, you do not need a library card to use the computers. Printing and copies are just 15¢ a page. There are often donated books and magazines available for free for library visitors to keep.

The Turtle Creek library may be small, but it is everything you want and need in a library. Stop by and check out this Turtle Creek gem!

Gearing Up for Summer

Heritage Community Initiatives

For over forty years, Heritage Community Initiatives (Heritage) has been honored to serve thousands of individuals and families through their distinctive combination of Transportation, Education, and Nutrition programs. These pragmatic programs afford Heritage the opportunity to be uniquely positioned to positively impact the socio-economic mobility of thousands of their neighbors throughout forty communities in Eastern Allegheny County.

Heritage Education Summer Session 2024 begins June 10th, operating from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm at HOST (Heritage Out of School Time) and the Heritage 4 Kids Early Learning Center. The ten week summer programming includes weekly library sessions with the Braddock Carnegie Library, cooking lessons, STEM activities, gardening with support from Grow Pittsburgh and The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and Club Connect led by a full-time, onsite Behavioral Specialist with support from UPMC Western Behavioral Health. Field trips and onsite events are scheduled each week! Learn more and secure a spot today by calling 412-271-3300.

To fuel these exciting, educational activities, Heritage Nutrition will be providing tasty, largely scratch cooked meals for youth and seniors throughout the region. With 60% of the over 170,000 meals being made from scratch annually, the menu adheres to both State and Federal Guidelines. To learn more about the Nutrition program, including the monthly calendar of meals, please visit HeritageServes.org/Nutrition.

Heritage Community Transportation (HCT) is here to get you where you need to go! As the only human services nonprofit designated as a public transportation provider in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, HCT provides access for individuals across 16 communities with over 75 stops. For only 25 cents a ride, HCT vans run routes covering neighborhoods, grocery stores, medical care facilities, employment, and more. HCT has been in operation for 25 years, offering a convenient fixed-route transit service. With over 1.5 million rides provided, these vans make traveling throughout the region more affordable and accessible. Stay tuned for updates to the service as HCT celebrates a quarter century. To learn more about Heritage Transportation call 412-351-2200 or visit HeritageServes.org/Transportation to view all routes.

To learn more about Heritage Community Initiatives, please visit HeritageServes.org.

Heritage
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Pledge to vote in this year's elections!

Click here to pledge

The Human Services Center Mon Valley proudly supports voter education and engagement efforts throughout our programs. This year we are once again collecting pledges from registered voters leading up to the November 2024 Election.

Voters who sign a pledge to vote will receive periodic reminders as Election Day gets closer.

Click the link above to pledge today!

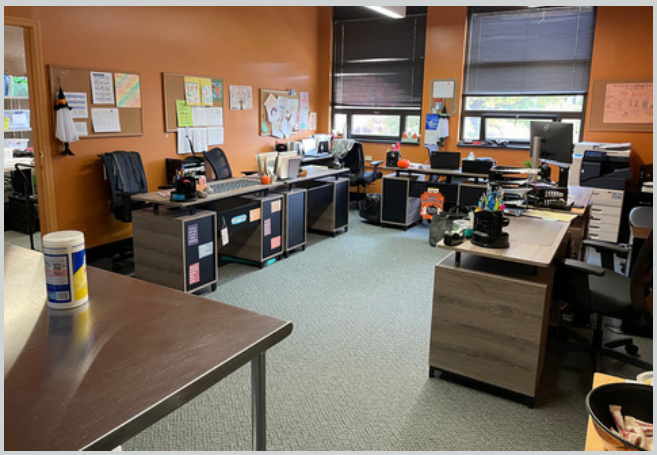
OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

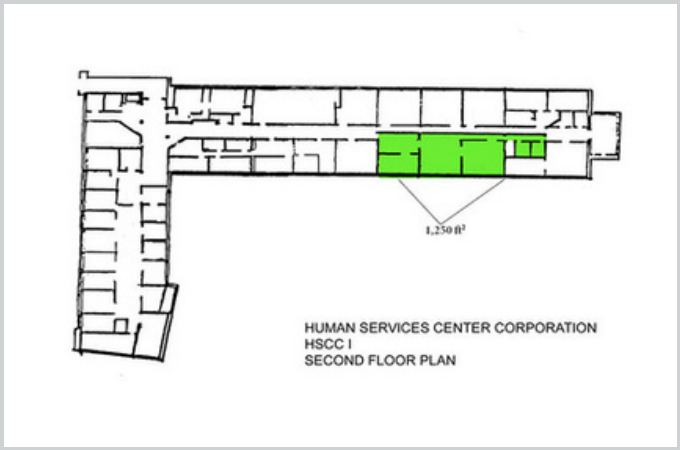
Is your agency looking for an office suite complete with two kitchenettes and a private restroom? Space in the Human Services Center Mon Valley could be the right fit!

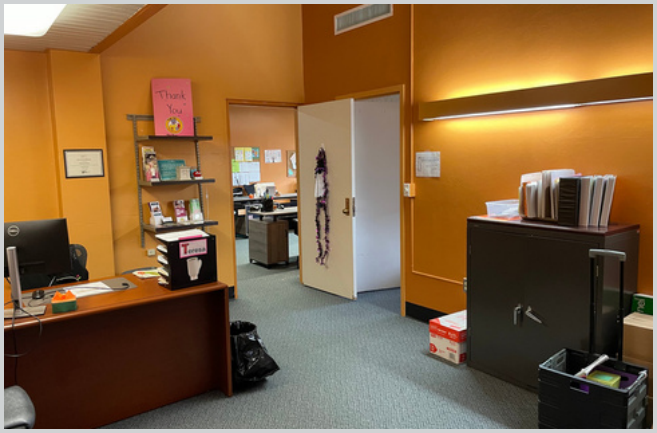
PROPERTY INFORMATION & AMENITIES

- 1250 SF total office space
- Affordable leases include utilities, cleaning and maintenance services, and free parking for both staff and clients
- ADA-compliant and fully handicap accessible
- Meeting rooms and computer lab available
- Access to courtyard
- Located on several Pittsburgh Regional Transit bus lines and a Heritage Community Transportation route

Located on Penn Avenue in Turtle Creek, the Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSCMV) was established in 1982 as a "mall" for human services and currently houses 13 tenant agencies, community outreach services, and youth programming. The HSCMV works within 38 communities in the Mon Valley collaboratively to help children, families, and adults in this area improve their lives. Establishing relationships between tenants and outreach programs to best serve community needs in the area is a high priority.







Available office space is located on the second floor.
This area includes a private restroom, two kitchenettes, and large rooms perfect for meetings and open-concept office space (~1,250 SF)

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Tenant Agencies at the Human Services Center Mon Valley

Adagio Health Nutrition Services
412-925-0650

Allegheny County Health Dept. - W.I.C. Program
412-350-5801

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 Mon Valley
412-829-7112

Learn "N" Play Development Center
412-829-0240

Mon Valley Providers Council
412-829-7112

North Hills Community Outreach
412-487-6316

Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
412-824-0006

Squirrel Hill Health Center: Turtle Creek
412-422-7442

TCV Community Services
412-824-8510

YouthPlaces
412-434-0851

Services at the Human Services Center Mon Valley

The Human Services Center Mon Valley, 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. For more information on the programs below, contact 412-829-7112.

- **Youth LIFE After-School Program** begins in September. Youth LIFE After-School Program serves 85 youth going into first through fifth grade with academic and social enrichment programming.
- **KOOL Summer Program** is a summer academic enrichment program serving 85 youth going into first through fifth grade in the Fall.
- **Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)** is a workforce development and college readiness program for seniors in the East Allegheny, McKeesport Area, Penn Hills, West Mifflin Area, and Woodland Hills High Schools.
- **Supports for Success** helps individuals seeking to achieve self-sufficiency through employment and/or education by providing referrals and guidance.
- **Free Tax Preparation** is available for individuals with low income. For more information, call 412-437-8229.

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

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 Mon Valley, 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 Mon Valley Communities.

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

MVPC Steering Committee

Darla Poole, Chair, Auberle • **Lisa Scales**, Vice Chair, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank • **Kelleigh Boland**, Jefferson Regional Foundation • **Sean DeYoung**, Allies for Health + Wellbeing • **Mary Jo Guercio**, CCAC • **Heather Emanuele**, AHN Jefferson Hospital •**Tiffanee Heywood**, Goodwill of Southwestern PA • **Shari Holland**, UPMC McKeesport/Latterman Health Clinic • **Tinisha Hunt**, Macedonia FACE • **Amanda Jimcosky**, Women for a Healthy Environment • **Maddie Nagel**, Mon Valley Initiative • **Leah O'Reilly**, Human Services Center Mon Valley • **James Phillips**, TCV Community Services • **Alicia Romano**, Community Health Services • **Lynn Tatala**, AIU Project ELECT • **Christine Zellefrow**, UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Mon Yough • **Laura Zinski**, Immediate Past Chair, Mon Valley Initiative • **Nancy Osterhus**, Ex-Officio Member

2024 Membership Listing for the MVPC

Adagio Health
Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh
AHN-Forbes Family Medicine
AIU Community School East
AIU Head Start
AIU Project ELECT
Allegheny Children's Initiative
Allegheny County Health Department
Allegheny Family Network
Allies for Health + Wellbeing
Amachi Pittsburgh
Auberle
Black Women's Policy Center
Braddock Carnegie Library Association
Century Heritage FCU
Clairton Family Center
Community College of Allegheny County
Community Human Services
East Allegheny Family Center
Eastern Area Adult Services
Family Resources
Fund My Future PGH
Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
Healthy Start
Heritage Community Initiatives
Highlands Family Center
Human Services Center Mon Valley
Jefferson Hospital
Jefferson Regional Foundation
Just Harvest
Lincoln Park Family Center
Literacy Pittsburgh
Macedonia FACE
McKeesport Agape Center
McKeesport Family Center
McKeesport Hospital Foundation
Mental Health America of Southwestern PA
Mon Valley Initiative
Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce
North Hills Community Outreach
PA CareerLink Pittsburgh
Pantry Network of Eastern Suburbs
Penn State Greater Allegheny
Pittsburgh Action Against Rape
Pittsburgh Area Community Schools
Pittsburgh Comprehensive Treatment Center
Pittsburgh Regional Transit
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
The Blessing Board
Touching Families, Inc.
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
UPMC Children's Hospital Family Care Connection
UPMC McKeesport
UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Mon Yough
Veterans Leadership Program
Wesley Family Services
Wilkinsburg Family Center
Women for a Healthy Environment
YWCA Greater Pittsburgh