The Mon Valley Providers Council presents:

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MVPC Immigration and Healthcare Lunch and Learn Series

By Mon Valley Providers Council

The MVPC Working Group on Health will be hosting a 3-part lunch and learn series focusing on issues for healthcare providers in relation to immigration. From 2014 to 2019, the immigration population of Pittsburgh increased by almost 19%. We hope this lunch and learn series will provide useful information to members who frequently work with recent immigrants and refugees in the healthcare setting. **Below is information for each lunch and learn, as well as the Zoom link:**

- **October 23rd 12pm-1pm:** Common Barriers to Care for Immigrants, https://pitt.zoom.us/j/91880211047
- **October 30th 12pm-1pm:** Navigating Language Barriers in Healthcare, https://pitt.zoom.us/j/95940424819
- **November 6th 12pm-1pm:** Defining Immigration Statuses, https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94481635919

No RSVP is required to attend this event. If you have questions, please contact Morgan Bryson, MVPC Program Assistant, at mbryson@hscmonvalley.org.

The Communicator is the official newsletter of the Mon Valley Providers Council (MVPC), an alliance of over 70 human service agencies serving 38 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.

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!

Welcome Age-Friendly Neighborhoods!

By Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh

Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh is excited to announce their second group of Age-Friendly Neighborhoods: Beechview, McKeesport, and Sharpsburg. Each of these neighborhoods will be awarded $20,000 in seed funding over the next two years (2024-2026) for projects and events to amplify older adult voices and foster intergenerational connection and solidarity.

“I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to get this grant,” says Donna Bishop of Sharpsburg, who will be working with Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization. “As a town, we come together. We love each other… When it comes to doing something, everybody pulls together. I’m so looking forward to this.”

“This opportunity means a lot to our community,” says Laureese Harper of McKeesport, who will be partnering with St. Paul AME Church. “The McKeesport I know… is such a resilient community. When something is happening, like a sporting event or a community event, it’s just so awesome to see all kinds of people come together as one.”

Part of the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh brings generations together to reimagine how our neighborhoods are built and to advance equity through advocacy, education, and innovation. A region that’s more accessible and welcoming is one that’s better for older people—and better for everyone. Age-Friendly Neighborhoods is a signature program of Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh.

To follow the Age-Friendly Neighborhoods journey:

- Subscribe to the Age-Friendly newsletter: https://www.agefriendlypgh.org/newsletter-sign-up
- Follow **@AgeFriendlyPGH** on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn
- Watch this video to see how the founding Age-Friendly Neighborhoods, Clairton, Coraopolis, and the Hill District, brought big dreams to life: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKhV44daCek

Empower Minds, Erase Stigma

With speaker Hazell Azzer from AIDS Free Pittsburgh

Mon Valley HIV/AIDS Awareness Webinar 2024

Join us to hear from Hazell, Community Outreach and Engagement Corrdinator at AIDS Free Pittsburgh, about the changing landscape of HIV/AIDS in Allegheny County, and the work happening to combat the spread and raise awareness!

Thursday, October 17, 2024
12pm - 1pm
On Zoom

RSVP to receive the Zoom link:
Visit bit.ly/HSCMV
or scan the QR Code

Questions? Call 412-436-9537 or email arummell@hscmonvalley.org

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Adagio Health | Century Heritage FCU | Latterman Family Health Center | McKeesport Hospital Foundation | MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center | Penn State Greater Allegheny

Mon Valley Initiative | Shepherd Wellness Community

BE A TAX PREP HERO

Volunteer tax preparers and greeters are needed now!

CONVENIENT

Choose from 20+ sites in Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

REWARDING

Last year, volunteers saved taxpayers $2M+ in fees and generated $11.4M in refunds.

SHORT-TERM COMMITMENT

Volunteers commit to one, 3-hour shift per week during tax season.

No professional experience necessary. Free training provided.

To learn more about volunteering at our site in **Turtle Creek**, contact Stephanie at seson@hscmonvalley.org or 412-437-8229.

Continuing education credits are available for volunteers.

HELLO HOLA

Buscamos voluntarios bilingües Español/Inglés.

UNITED WAY of Southwestern Pennsylvania

FREE TAX PREP

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Turtle Creek Senior Center

By Eastern Area Adult Services

The Turtle Creek Senior Center is open to anyone over the age of 60, with the hours of 9am – 3pm Monday through Friday. Activities, lunch, and information/assistance services are just a few things you can find daily. Activities include Chair Exercise, Yoga, Tai Chi, Silversneakers, Bingo, educational lectures, health speakers, trips around Pittsburgh, seasonal parties, and much more.

The Senior Center is also a provider of Home Delivered Meals to over 245 participants weekly in 20 different communities in and around Turtle Creek. Last year, 53,697 meals were delivered. Volunteers are always needed to help reach those homebound seniors on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday! EAAS is also proud to be one of 6 “Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittsburgh” Organizations working together to help provide the best services possible to our consumers!

Volunteers can also help in the senior center by serving lunch, teaching a class, or by bringing/sharing new ideas to the center.

Interested in learning more about the Turtle Creek Senior Center or how to become a volunteer? Stop in and speak to any of the staff to learn more or give us a call at 412-824-6880.

MEALS on WHEELS
GREATER PITTSBURGH

Eastern Area Adult Services
Serving You in Your Community

Elder Finance Summit

This **free** event will feature multiple community agencies sharing information and resources about a range of financial topics for older adults.

A free lunch will be served starting at 12:30pm!

RSVPs are required. Please RSVP by calling 412-829-7112 or visit hscmonvalley.org/financial-event

Friday, November 15, 2024
10am - 1pm

Turtle Creek Senior Center at the Human Services Center Mon Valley
519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Free parking available, and we are located on PRT and Heritage Community Transportation bus lines.

Thank you to our partners:
Eastern Area Adult Services and the Turtle Creek Senior Center

Questions? Call 412-829-7112 or email kgascoine@hscmonvalley.org

Eastern Area Adult Services
Serving You in Your Community

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CCAC, A Community Partner

By CCAC

CCAC believes in our mission of providing affordable access and high-quality education for both career and transfer students. We also recognize how important it is for us to work collaboratively with our community partners. We are proud to share recent events and activities CCAC offered designed to promote educational offerings. CCAC is always open to collaborating with community partners for the advancement and enrichment of all people that live in our shared communities.

These efforts include:

- Space Day was held on September 12th at CCAC Allegheny Campus which included Astronaut Mike Fincke discussing his missions to outer space and collaborations with Moon Shot Museum, Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (A3P), and Carnegie Science Center. Over 240 students from more than 15 high school participated in this engaging and educational event.
- Mon Valley Diversity College & Career Fair was held on October 10th at CCAC's South Campus. This college fair hosted more than 25 high schools from Mon Valley communities and more than 100 higher education institutions participated.
- The Woodland Hills Multi-District Student Summit will be held on the CCAC Allegheny Campus on October 29th, with more than 100 students from 10 high schools representing both urban and suburban schools attending. The Student Summit's goal is to bring together high school students from diverse backgrounds with a focus on unity. Students will participate in a variety of workshops that designed to encourage them to think beyond their areas of comfort.
- On a quarterly basis, CCAC engages with Literacy Pittsburgh to discuss the enrollment process and academic programs with their clients to encourage consideration of furthering their education.
- CCAC partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters, to provide Pittsburgh area high school students and their mentors with CCAC enrollment and academic program information, exposing students to a variety of educational opportunities.

We invite you to join us at an upcoming Open House to learn more about CCAC's over 130 academic programs and support services for our students register here: CCAC Open House Schedule

Heritage Community Transportation: Moving You in the Right Direction

By Heritage Community Initiatives

Heritage Community Transportation (HCT) is honored to serve residents of Eastern Allegheny County for more than 25 years by providing affordable transportation to get them where they need to go. For only 25 cents a ride, Heritage vehicles travel throughout East Pittsburgh, McKeesport, and Monroeville and provide transportation to grocery stores, health care facilities, employers, and more. HCT also connects riders to Pittsburgh Regional Transit routes. With exciting new features such as flag stops and Wi-Fi, traveling throughout the region just became even more accessible.

To learn more about Heritage Transportation call 412-351-2200 or visit https://heritageserves.org/how-we-serve/transportation/ to view all routes.

For over 40 years, Heritage Community Initiatives has been committed to positively impacting the socioeconomic mobility of those they are privileged to serve throughout 49 communities in Eastern Allegheny County. Their distinctive combination of the highest- quality Transportation, Education and Nutrition programs allows Heritage to be uniquely positioned to continue its long-standing mission for thousands of under-resourced individuals, families, and children in affordable and measurably impactful ways.

Heritage
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

MEDICAL OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

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

PROPERTY INFORMATION & AMENITIES

- 873 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) is the trusted partner of Mon Valley residents that provides resources, programs, collaboration, and advocacy to improve lives. The HSCMV was established as a “mall” for human services and currently houses 13 tenant agencies, community outreach services, and youth programming, serving 38 Mon Valley communities. 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 reception area, two exam rooms, a private restroom, lab area, and dedicated, private office space for a provider.

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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.
- **Voter Registration** help is available at HSCMV. For help with registration, finding your polling place, or to pledge to vote in the upcoming election, contact 412-829-7112.

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
Morgan Bryson, Program Assistant

MVPC Steering Committee

Darla Poole, Chair, Auberle • **Lisa Scales**, Vice Chair, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank • **Kelleigh Boland**, Jefferson Regional Foundation • **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 • **Ejetta Roberson**, Goodwill of Southwestern PA • **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
Duquesne Family Center
East Allegheny Family Center
Eastern Area Adult Services
Family and Immigrant Connections Program
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
Squirrel Hill Health Center: Turtle Creek
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