



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

November 12, 2020

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping: Dina started the meeting at 1:35pm. She asked folks to sign into the chat. She informed everyone that the meeting is being recorded. She introduced David Simmons from ABC and Patricia Ferricks from Pittsburgh Food Bank. Norah Miller introduced Mandy Baker from Hope House.

Since the Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners, meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcomed. Meetings take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the CYS Conference Room on Zoom until further notice. Zoom meetings are recorded to assist with the preparation of the meeting minutes. The recording will not be shared or posted.

October Meeting Minutes: No errors or omissions were noted.

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at www.bccan.org and www.bchmis.info

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

Natalie Meade (Head Start/Early Head Start) reported that they are still enrolling students. They are operating on a staggered schedule with both in class and virtual teaching. Parents can choose which options work best for their families. She reminded the group that there is no cost associated with HS/EHS and all materials are provided. She also announced that they are hiring for: instructors, janitor, supervisor, and a coordinator. If interested, call (724) 728-2110.

Felicia Alexander (PA Health & Wellness) inquired if anyone knows of supports for elderly folks. Her office is noticing significant isolation for these folks. You can email her at: Felicia.m.Alexander@pahealthwellness.com

Tricia Ferricks (Pittsburgh Food Bank) announced a food distribution drive-up event on 11/20 at Mt. Carmel church. The next one in Beaver County is scheduled for Dec. 12th from 11 am to 1 pm at Pathway Church 239 Braun Rd Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Register here: <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/drive-up/beaver-falls/>

Nancy Grieco (Red Cross) announced they have many virtual trainings available including Red Cross Ready (redcross.org/prepare) and Resiliency workshops for veterans (redcross.org/military).

Rosalyn Johnson (The Cornerstone of Beaver County) announced their Virtual Wine Tasting fund raiser on Dec. 1st from 7pm – 9pm. Wine and snacks will be provided ahead of the event and then there will be speakers and entertainment that night. To purchase tickets, visit: https://cornerstonebeaver.networkforgood.com/events/24533-party-with-a-purpose-virtual-wine-tasting-concert?utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_875175

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Lauren Berman (Fair Housing Law Center) reported that they are seeing an increase in evictions with fair housing violations. She noted that no referral is bad and if it isn't a fair housing issue, they will work to refer to the appropriate supports. The hotline for clients is: 877.725.4472. Agencies may reach out directly to Lauren with referrals and questions at: Lauren@splas.org.

Cyndi Gilkey (Neighborhood Legal Services) noted that they can assist with non-fair housing eviction issues. She noted that the courts will be limited on their ability to hear all of the cases and NLS can help resolve cases outside of the court room. For assistance, call: (724) 378-0595

Angie Pope (KEYS Program at CCBC) reported that the KEYS (Keystone Education Yields Success) Program assists TANF and SNAP recipients with enrolling and staying in college. They can provide assistance with car repair, books, child care etc. She noted that the assistance is available to anyone in the household. And she stated that this can help someone who may need to retrain for a new career. For more information, see attached flyer.

2. AGENDA

Hope House

Mandy Baker

Mandy introduced us to the new Christ centered shelter for women and their children – Hope House. She reported that biblical counseling and bible studies are offered but clients are not required to participate. Meals, personal care items, and laundry services are provided. This enables the client to save 50% of her income during her stay. Hope House strives to build workforce skills in each client and has a transition plan in place for them. She reports that they run a “tight ship” and they will hold clients accountable. Staff will live on site with the clients. They will refer to resources throughout the county to support the clients. Referrals will likely originate with the Cornerstone but folks can also reach out to Mandy at mbaker@hopehousemidland.com with referrals. She reports that she expects to be open in the next month to 6 weeks. Currently they are purchasing furniture. She noted that the community has been receptive to Hope House. The shelter is located close to the school and the Center (a learning center for kids and adults) making those supports easily accessible to the families.

Pittsburgh Food Bank

Patricia Ferricks

Tricia is the Pittsburgh Food Bank rep and SNAP coordinator at The Cornerstone. She reports that the Pittsburgh Food Bank covers 11 counties and that they need our help to ensure they are reaching everyone in need. She reported that they are focusing on providing nutritious food to those in need. And that SNAP benefits help folks to do that. She noted that it has helped reduce childhood obesity by 5.3%. Also she noted that folks use 97% of their benefits by the end of the month. She noted that because of the pandemic SNAP benefits can now be used for online purchasing at certain stores. She is available to help enroll folks with incomes at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. Also the Pittsburgh Food Bank

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can help folks find a food pantry, provide food in schools, and they can provide door step delivery for folks over 60 years old. You can make a referral directly to Tricia via email: pferricks@pittsburghfoodbank.org She asks that you provide some client information so she can contact the client directly. Emergency needs can be called into: 412.460.3663 ext 655. To inquire about SNAP call 833.822.7627 or text 412.435.4446. For more info, see attached flyers.

Updates

Dina Ciabattoni

Emergency Shelter – Dina noted that the report of feasible men’s emergency shelter locations is being reviewed by the Commissioners. She asked for any feedback or insight. None was provided at this time. She stated Community Development hopes to meet with the Commissioners next week to discuss the locations and to determine next steps. Dina also noted that there are efforts to enhance our shelter options and supports through the winter as we expect continued increase need. She will provide updates as details develop.

Point In Time Survey – Dina reported that HUD has not released guidance on the PIT survey requirements yet. However, she has assembled a team to start planning. Special attention will be made to completing a thorough survey while reducing risk of spreading coronavirus. Let Dina know if you’d like to join the planning effort. **UPDATE:** HUD did release guidance and the planning committee met on 11/17/2020. We will conduct a brief survey from 1/20/21 – 1/26/21 using partners who already have contact with homeless people (ERs, Police, Soup kitchens, homeless service providers etc). These partners will be critical in obtaining the most accurate number possible this year. Outreach teams will only be dispatched on an as needed basis. More details to come.

Personal Protective Equipment – Community Development will be placing another order of PPE supplies soon. Let Dina know what supplies you needs such as: hand sanitizer, wipes, disinfectant, thermometers, gloves etc. She encouraged partners to think of this not only as Covid-19 precautions but also regular flu precautions. She mentioned that she is working with the Cornerstone to coordinate a flu vaccine clinic. Details will be coming soon.

PHFA Rental Relief Program – Dina announced the program is wrapping up. The County is making the final rental payments and is no longer accepting applications. Homeless prevention and eviction assistance can be obtained through the Franklin Center and The Cornerstone.

Homeless Memorial Planning – Dina announced the Homeless Memorial will take place at 5:30 on Dec. 21st. A planning meeting will take place on 11/16 at 9 am on Zoom. Let Dina know if you’d like to be part of the planning effort. Extra attention will have to be paid to limiting the risk of exposure to the coronavirus. **UPDATE:** The next meeting is scheduled for 11/30 at 9 am on Zoom. Let Dina know if you’d like to join the planning effort.

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Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina noted that Darcy Casey is the temporary contact person for the CARL program while Renee Speaker is on leave. Dina also highlighted the two new programs added to the chart. Safely Home is a RRH program for people fleeing DV situations. It is operated by the Housing Authority in partnership with the Women’s Center. They are accepting referrals from Coordinated Entry. The Lighthouse is a Transitional Housing program for households with CYS involvement and working on SUD recovery. Referrals must come through CYS.

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2020

SAVE THE DATES

11/14/2020 Drive-Up Food Distribution 11 am – 1 pm at Pathway Church 239 Braun Rd Beaver Falls
Registration required: <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/drive-up/beaver-falls/>

11/16/2020 Homeless Persons Memorial PLANNING meeting at 9:00 am Email ciabattomidina@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

11/17/2020 Racial Disparities meeting at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Email ciabattomidina@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

12/21/2020 Homeless Persons Memorial Location and time to be announced.

2021 POINT IN TIME SURVEY – To be announced!!

Information on NA meetings throughout the county (both in person and online), visit: beavervalleyyna.org

FYI – The PA Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Program has established a 24 hour, 7 days/week hotline for those seeking D&A treatment services. The phone number is 1.800.662.4357.

The November 12, 2020 Housing & Homeless Coalition Meeting was held on Zoom due to social distancing guidelines. Below is a list of attendees who were visibly in attendance on the Zoom meeting and/or who signed into the Zoom chat.

Name	Organization
Matt Stahoviak	BCBH
Abby Opal	Mental Health Association
Darcy Casey	Housing Authority/Crossroads
Paul Lebanik	St. Vincent de Paul
Emily Linkenheimer	Prevention Network/Family Decision
Barb Reed	ABC Associates
Katie Bittner	The Children’s Institute

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Penny Jones	Landlord partner
Heather Slaughter	Self Determination Housing Project
Amy Frederick	CYS
Denise DiVittis	Beaver County DRS
Erin Rathbun	Beacon Health Options
Vicki Zanotti	Allies for Health & Wellbeing
Mary Ann McDevitt	Women's Center
Debbie Ferguson	Glade Run EPIC Program
David Simmons	ABC Associates
Kate Willette	The Children's Institute
Mandy Baker	Hope House
Rebecca Salopek	Housing Authority/Crossroads
Natalie Meade	Head Start/Early Head Start
Ondréa Burton	Office of Congressman Conor Lamb
Cyndi Gilkey	Neighborhood Legal Services
Nancy Grieco	Red Cross
Lauren Berman	Fair Housing Law Center/SW PA Legal Serv.
Sabine Kane	BCRC
Barb Reed	OARS
Kevin Huwe	DON Services
Jan Davis	TRAILS
Harry Angelo	Job Training
Jodi Pavlinch	CYS
Ros Johnson	The Cornerstone of Beaver County
Shanté Thompson	RHD
Colleen Tittiger	Juvenile Services
Tricia Ferricks	Pittsburgh Food Bank
Melissa Grimes	CRS
Lori Gaghan	Staunton Clinic
Jeremy Flint	Project STAR
Sylenthia Dent-Siebenlist	Project STAR
Raeann Grivna	Crossroads
George Beegle	HMIS
Angie Pope	KEYS/CCBC
Rita Kaplin	Freedom Area School District
Joanne Koehler	Mental Health Association
Rich Pirozzi	Pittsburgh VA HUD-VASH
Pastor Raeanne Barlow	3 rd Step Recovery Ministry
Dina Ciabattoni	CoC Coordinator
5 unidentified callers	

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KEYS Program

PROGRAMS AT CCBC

- Business Management
- Computer Support Specialist
- Criminal Justice
- Cyber Security
- Early Childhood Education
- Human Resource Management
- Human Resource Assistant
- Multi-Skilled Health Technician
- Networking
- Nursing – ADN and LPN
- Police Technology
- Process Technology

Plus many more.

Visit ccbc.edu/Academics for a complete listing.

CCBC KEYS Program

Learning Resources Center • Room 9203
1 Campus Drive, Monaca, PA 15061
724-480-3430

STAFF

Angela Pope -Keys Program Facilitator
(724) 480-3409

Amy Jansto Keys Program Assistant
(724) 480-3432.

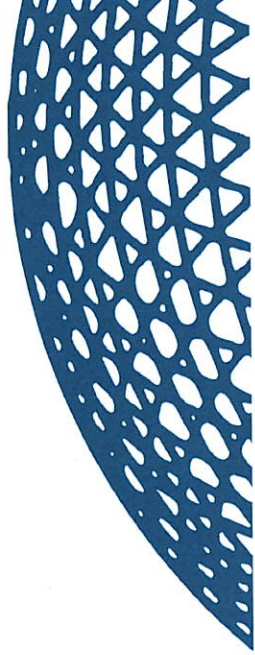
Beaver County Assistance Office (BCAO)

171 Virginia Avenue
Rochester, PA 15074
724-773-7300



KEYSTONE EDUCATION YIELDS SUCCESS

A program of the PA Department of Human
Services in collaboration with the PA
Commission for Community Colleges





WHAT IS KEYS?

KEYS is a PA Department of Human Services (DHS) program designed to help TANF and select SNAP recipients succeed at a community college.

KEYS provides a Student Facilitator at CCBC to direct the student by:

- Assisting with enrollment services
- Providing assistance with tutoring and academic support
- Coordinating services available through the County Assistance Office (CAO) or CCBC
- Connecting the student to outside community services agencies

KEYS BENEFITS

Research shows that individuals who earn a specialized training certificate or an associate degree are more likely to find jobs with family-sustaining wages, benefits, and advancement opportunities.

With a special allowance through the County Assistance Office, your KEYS enrollment may include:

- Childcare
- Coursework Supplies
- Incentive Program
- Referrals
- Textbooks
- Transportation Expenses (state inspections, vehicle registration fees, vehicle repairs, and bus pass)
- Tutoring Services

HOW TO ENROLL IN KEYS

If you are currently enrolled at CCBC and receiving TANF or Food Stamps, contact the KEYS Facilitator at CCBC at **724-480-3430**.

If you receive TANF or Food Stamps and are not currently enrolled at CCBC, talk to your caseworker at the CAO about KEYS or contact the CCBC KEYS Facilitator at **724-480-3430**.



Dismissal Infractions

The following may result in immediate dismissal, but dismissals are not limited to this list:

- Open flames, smoking, vaping or e-cigarettes in the building.
- Drug or alcohol use /possession.
- Theft of any kind.
- Possession of a weapon(s).
- Profanity or verbal threats towards other clients, staff and volunteers.
- Aggressive, confrontational or uncooperative behavior including assault towards other guests, staff and volunteers.
- Immoral sexual-behavior including: masturbation, fondling of breasts or genitals and possession of any pornographic materials.
- Fraternization. Fraternization is defined as "flirtatious, physical and/or verbal interactions that appear intimate, romantic or sexual in nature that may lead to further sexual or immoral actions between two individuals who are not married to one another".
- Sharing or distribution of any type of medication.
- Sharing, distributing or selling WIC/PA EBT cards.
- Refusal to be drug or alcohol tested.
- Refusal to meet with PATH workers and/or refusal to follow the PATH workers recommendations.
- Destruction of someone else's personal or any Hope House property.
- Convicted of a crime committed while a guest at the Hope House.
- Refusal to shower daily or maintain personal hygiene.
- Refusal to complete the daily/weekly housekeeping as assigned.
- Refusal to maintain a good standing with the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager.
- Refusal to be medication compliant.
- Refusal to accept housing of any kind.
- Unauthorized absences. Clients must have pre-approval to be out for the night.
- Habitual unauthorized tardiness. Clients must call before 8:00 P.M. to speak with a staff member regarding any possible tardiness.
- Food/drink provided by the Hope House or purchased by guests must be consumed in either the dining room or living room. Possession of any food or drink (with the exception of water) in your bedroom or bathrooms is not permitted.
- Refusal to keep bedrooms clean & organized (i.e. beds made, trash in trash cans, floors/dressers clean of any debris. Clients must be out of their room at designated times for room checks.
- Room checks are done daily, and anything that should not be in your room will be confiscated and handled appropriately. (i.e. food, drink, unapproved medications, mouthwash with alcohol, etc.)

Meal Times:

- Breakfast – self serve
- Lunch – self serve
- Dinner – 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Curfew Times:

- Must be checked in by 9:00 p.m.
- Must remain in the building after 10:00 pm
- Smoking allowed in designated areas from 5:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Children must stay with parents). The designated smoking area is behind the house within the fenced in area.

Fire & Tornado Drills:

Fire: When the fire alarm sounds, all present in the building must immediately make their way to the nearest EXIT. Upon vacating the building, all clients are to gather in the parking lot across the street.

Tornado: Drills will be conducted by an announcement over the public address system. All present in the building are to make their way to the basement. Keep in a central location and await further instructions. Stay in the center of the room, away from windows and doors. Do not open windows.



House Rules & Expectations

Name: _____

Room #: _____ Bed #: _____

Shelter
117th Street
Midland, PA 15059

Mailing Address

www.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance he had passed over former sins."

Romans 3:23-25

Guest Expectations:

Failure to meet the expectations below may result in immediate dismissal.

- Meet with the Director of the Hope House within 7 days of initial intake
- Must attend Bible Studies if in the building during scheduled times.
- Guests are only allowed to be in the bedroom in which they have been assigned.
- Fill out the Sign-Out/Sign-In Sheet, *located in the living room*, when you leave/enter the building.
- Incontinent products need to be put in the dumpster as soon as possible. Please do not leave incontinent products in your room or bathroom trash cans.
- Must do personal laundry when scheduled
- Laundry soap will be provided. You are welcome to use your own if you have an allergy.
- Guests must surrender all medication which significantly alters a person's mood or behavior. These medications include; narcotics, benzodiazepines, or other medications that could have similar effects on the person.
- You are responsible for all of your belongings. Please keep anything of value on your person at all times.
- Belongings left on Hope House property after guests leave the Hope House may be held for the guest for no more than **72 hours**, at which point any unclaimed belongings will be disposed of.
- Guests will receive a maximum of 6 overnights each month except during Cold Weather Season. Guests must find someone to do their housekeeping while gone and be compliant with savings and room cleanliness before leaving overnight.

Visitor Expectations:

Failure to meet the expectations below may result in immediate dismissal and being banned from the property.

- All visitors must be pre-approved by the House Director.
- Visitors are only permitted in the Hope House when staff is present.
- Visitors must only be on the Hope House property for the day/time they have been given permission.
- Visitors are only permitted to be in the following common areas of the house: kitchen, living room, dining room, and backyard.

Guests w/ Children Additional Expectations:

In addition to the **Guest Expectations** guests with children are also expected to meet the expectations listed below. Failure to meet the expectations below may result in immediate dismissal.

- Children are not permitted on Hope House property without their mother or legal guardian present.
- Mother's must keep children/dependents, 12 years old and under, in direct line of sight at all times.
- Mother's may provide written consent giving permission to a female grandparent or teenage sibling staying at the Hope House to watch their children in their absence.
- Mother's may provide written consent giving a caregiver permission to watch their children in their absence.
- At the discretion of the mother or guardian, a thirteen-year-old or older child may complete the following tasks. Other than these three exceptions listed, teens should never be in any part of the building without their mother:
 - may remain in the room with their other siblings while their mother is doing her housekeeping, laundry or showering.
 - may put siblings on a school bus.
 - may run diapers or trash to the dumpster.
- Teens, 13 years old and older, found loitering or being irresponsible will lose the privilege of being outside of the direct line sight of their mother.
- All school-aged children must be enrolled and attending school. Parents or a sibling that is 13 years old and older must accompany them to and from the bus stop.
- All diapers must be put in the dumpster as soon as possible. Please do not leave diapers in your bedroom, kitchen or bathroom trash cans.
- Children may exceed six overnights/month.

** The safety and well-being of any child staying at the mission is specifically and solely the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.*

To access the **Good News Curriculum, Life Skills Curriculum & Workforce Assistance Curriculum** go to:

www.hopehouse.org

This will take you to the Hope House's **You Tube** channel which is where you will find the videos you are to watch.

Good News Curriculum

Life Skills Curriculum

Workforce Assistance Curriculum

Emergency Program Expectations:

Emergency Program guests must:

- Meet with the Director of the Hope House within 7 days of initial intake.
- Must determine which program they will be participating in while a guest at the Hope House: *Transitional, Workforce/Working, or Hope Academy.*

Transitional Program Expectations:

Transitional Program guests must:

- Meet and maintain good standing with the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager.
- Complete Good News Curriculum & Life Skills Curriculum.
- If guest has an income, she must save 50% of her discretionary income into a custodial savings account through the Hope House.*

Workforce Assistance Program Expectations:

Workforce Assistance Program guests must:

- Meet and maintain good standing with the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager.
- Complete the Good News Curriculum, Life Skills Curriculum, & Workforce Assistance Curriculum
- Create an account with PACareerlink.pa.gov
- Proactively seek employment through PACareerlink and other avenues both on the internet and in person.
- Provide weekly proof to the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager that you are in fact seeking employment.

Working Program Expectations:

Working Program guests must:

- Meet and maintain good standing with the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager.
- Complete the Good News Curriculum
- Save 50% of her discretionary income into a custodial savings account through the Hope House.*

Hope Academy Program Expectations:

Hope Academy Program guests must:

- Meet and maintain good standing with the Biblical Counselor/Case Manager.
- Complete Good News Curriculum & Life Skills Curriculum
- Complete the **Hope Academy Curriculum** and consistently meet the expectations listed in the covenant.
- If guest has an income, she must save 50% of her discretionary income into a custodial savings account through the Hope House.*

** When the guest moves out of the Hope House, she will receive a check, within three business days, for 100% of the money she saved. Any funds left in the custodial savings account after 90 days of departure for any reason from the Hope House will be considered a donation unless prior arrangements of where to send the monies has been made in writing. Upon written request, these monies can be returned to the guest.*

Drive-Up Food Distributions November/December 2020 Calendar

Allegheny County Sites

	Nov	Dec	Location	Time
Wilkinsburg	7	5	East End Behavioral Health Hospital (formerly LifeCare Hospital) Enter at 225 Penn Ave (Intersection of N Trenton & Penn Ave) Pittsburgh, PA 15221	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Duquesne	9, 23	7, 21	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank 1 North Linden St Duquesne, PA 15110	11/9 and 12/7: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 11/23 and 12/21: noon - 2 p.m.
Allegheny Valley	10	8	Pittsburgh Mills Galleria 590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd Tarentum, PA 15084	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Glassport	12	10	Queen of the Rosary Church 530 Michigan Ave. Glassport, PA 15045	1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
McKeesport	21	19	Founders Hall Middle School 1960 Eden Park Blvd McKeesport, PA 15132	10 a.m. - noon

Regional Sites

	Nov	Dec	Location	Time
Washington	3	15	Washington County Fairgrounds 2151 N Main St Washington, PA 15301	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Johnstown	4	2	Johnstown Galleria 500 Galleria Dr Johnstown, PA 15904	noon - 2 p.m.
Beaver Falls	14	12	Pathway Church 279 Braden School Rd Beaver Falls, PA 15010	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Aliquippa	20	18	Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church Enter at 2200 Kennedy Blvd Aliquippa, PA 15001	noon - 2 p.m.
Butler	24	22	Lernerville Speedway 313 N Pike Rd Sarver, PA 16055	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Updated: October 20, 2020

Find us online at pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/drive-up/

Call the Food Bank Call Center at 412-460-3663, ext. 456 for help making a reservation and to learn about other food assistance options like food pantries, Senior Boxes and SNAP.



Food Bank Resource Guide

Responding to the need
in our community.



The Food Bank is committed to making sure all of our neighbors have access to enough food during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis and beyond.

We are here to help.

There are many ways to get help with food. Below are some options. More information is available on our website at pittsburghfoodbank.org/gethelp.

1. Sign up for SNAP (food stamps). SNAP was designed to help individuals and families make the ends meet by providing money to purchase groceries. We're here to help you through the application process. Income guidelines for this program are located on the back. Fill out the SNAP Referral Form on our website, give us a call at 1-833-822-SNAP (7627) or text "SNAP" to 412-435-4446.

2. Find a pantry in your neighborhood. If you earn an income that is 150 percent of the federal poverty level, or are experiencing an emergency such as a job loss, we can help. Using just your zip code, our digital locator tool helps you find a pantry near you. A chart of income guidelines for using our pantry network is located on the back.

3. Children can get free meals from schools and community programs. Many schools and organizations are giving grab and go meals to kids who qualify for free and reduced price school meals. Contact your school district or visit our website to learn more.

4. Learn about our grocery delivery program. Doorstep Delivery is available to individuals who are age 60 or older and live in Allegheny, Beaver or Butler county. Call the Food Bank to find out if you qualify.

5. Attend a Drive-Up Food Distribution. The Food Bank is operating drive-up food distributions. Boxes of food are loaded into vehicles through a low-touch process. Visit pittsburghfoodbank.org/drive-up for a list of upcoming events.

6. In an emergency situation or have questions? Call us at 412-460-3663 ext. 655 to figure out the best way we can support you.

Our Produce to People and FoodShare programs cannot operate in accordance with our new drive-up distribution model and have been cancelled. Details on new events will be posted on our website and social media channels as they become available.

1 N. Linden St. • Duquesne, PA 15110
p: 412-460-3663 • f: 412-460-0418
info@pittsburghfoodbank.org
pittsburghfoodbank.org

Greater Pittsburgh
**community
food bank** 
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

More food, more choices.

SNAP is a federally-funded program that provides money to purchase food at the grocery store and online at some retailers. Due to COVID-19 and the state of the economy, many people are newly eligible for SNAP due to a drop in income from reduced hours, reduced pay or job loss. Below are the income qualifications for this program.

Age 59 and Under	
Household Size	Monthly Gross Income*
1	\$1,702
2	\$2,299
3	\$2,896
4	\$3,494
Each additional household member add \$598	

Disabled and Age 60 and Over	
Household Size	Monthly Gross Income*
1	\$2,128
2	\$2,874
Each additional household member add \$748	

*Gross income is your pay before taxes are taken out.

Our pantry network is here to help.

Food pantries provide groceries for individuals and families to take home with them. If you earn an income that is 150 percent of the federal poverty level, or are experiencing an emergency such as a fire or job loss, we can help. Due to COVID-19 and the state of the economy, many people are newly eligible for assistance due to a drop in income from reduced hours, reduced pay or job loss. Below are income qualifications for this program.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$19,140	\$1,595
2	\$25,860	\$2,155
3	\$32,580	\$2,715
4	\$39,300	\$3,275
Per additional person Add \$6,720 per year or \$560 per month		

Our Mission

Feed people in need and mobilize our community to eliminate hunger.

Our Vision

A hunger-free southwestern Pennsylvania.

Your Support

Together, we bridge communities and resources throughout southwestern Pennsylvania to help neighbors overcome food insecurity and lead happy, healthy lives.

Housing Program	Type	Availability	Units/Beds	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	5	24	79%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	0	33	100%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	0	2	100%	The Cornerstone
Community Residential*	Permanent	0	41	100%	Housing Authority
Stone Harbour*	Transitional	1	12	92%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	2	15	87%	CRS
Help House	Transitional	0	11	100%	Housing Authority
Harmony House	Transitional	1	4	75%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	7	14	79%	BCCYS
Women's Center	Emergency	0	24	100%	BC Women's Center
Women's Center	Transitional	0	10	100%	BC Women's Center
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	0	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army
Safely Home*	Permanent	12	16	25%	Housing Authority
Lighthouse	Transitional	3	3	0%	BCCYS/SA

*McKinney Vento Supportive Housing Programs - See reverse side of chart for HUDs disability & homeless eligibility requirements.

Wait List Details

Subsized or Section 8	Location	Bedroom Types	Wait List Details
Brightwood Manor	New Brighton	4- 2BRs; 1-3BR	Taking applications
Beaver Falls Plaza	Beaver Falls	Full	Taking applications.
Scottswood Apts	Hopewell	1BR elderly/disabled	Taking Applications
Valley Terrace	Aliquippa	1 eff. And 2-3BRs	Taking Applications
ValleyView	New Brighton	2-1BR; 7-2BR	Taking Applications
Spring Run	Monaca	Full	Taking Applications
Towne Tower	Aliquippa	6 - one bedrooms	Taking Applications
Pinney Street Manor	Rochester	Sr. 1 BR	Building an accessible waitlist. Income cap 1 person: \$26,600; people: \$30,400

Housing Authority

Ambridge Towers	Ambridge	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
College Hill	Beaver Falls	vacancies	Fair market ren
Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	many vacancies	Must be 45 yrs+ or permanently disabled
Sheffield	Aliquippa	vacancies	
*Applications accepted for all HACB sites.			
811 Program	Koppel/Roch.	No vacancies	*See back for more information

The Housing Authority's main office remains closed. Walk-up and high rise units are now being rented and HCVs are being issued.

Coordinated Entry Waitlists

PSH: 19 (13)

TH: 13 (10)

RRH: 1 (2)

() indicates last month's count

Description of Beaver County McKinney Vento Supportive Housing Programs

Community Assisted Residential Living (C.A.R.L.) is a permanent supportive housing program for homeless households with a disability. It is a tenant based rental model administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County. The Program focuses on households with the longest length of homelessness, homeless households with children, veterans, and victims of domestic violence. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: Darcy Casey darcycasey@att.net

Crescent Commons is a permanent supportive housing program administered by the Housing Authority of Beaver County which provides housing vouchers to participants who are chronically homeless with disabilities and who have exhausted all other housing options. At full operational capacity the program should house approximately 31 people. Individuals and families live in scattered sites. The program is not funded to provide case management services. Contact information: Darcy Casey darcycasey@att.net

Friendship Homes is a 33 bed scattered permanent supportive housing program administered by the Salvation Army for both chronically homeless and non-chronically homeless individuals and with disabilities. In addition to housing, the program is funded to provide moderate case management services. Contact information: Jaime Kinkead Jaime.kinkead@use.salvationarmy.org

Stone Harbour is a transitional supportive housing program administered by Cornerstone Recovery and Supports (CRS) which provides supportive housing for 12 chronically homeless individuals struggling with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance abuse, as well as those with legal histories. Individuals live in a single site in Freedom PA. The program is funded to provide on-site case management services. Contact information: Marcy Scott: msscott@crscares.org

Salvation Army Rapid Re-Housing is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households who score for rapid re-housing through Coordinated Entry and who need longer term financial assistance (up to 2 years). Individual assessment will determine length of financial support and types of supportive services offered. Contact information: Jaime Kinkead at Jaime.kinkead@use.salvationarmy.org

Safely Home is a medium term rapid re-housing program for homeless households fleeing DV situations. The Women's Center will also provide support to clients. Referrals come from CE and are verified by the Women's Center. Contact information: Darcy Casey at darcycasey@att.net

811 Program (not a McKinney Vento program)

A subsidized housing program for disabled adults (age 18-61) who are either in an institution or at risk of institutionalization and who are able to reside in the community with supports. Criteria include:

- Disabled and Medicaid eligible. Also eligible for long-term services and supports
- Income at or below 30% AMI
- Eligible for the Housing Authority

Questions and/or applications can be directed to Lisa Kessler at hacblk@comcast.net



SDHP UPDATE

November/December 2020

PREP PART 2	Part 2 focuses on obtaining housing, going over topics like where to search, basic fair housing information, and understanding a lease.	November 12, 2020 12 – 1PM REGISTER HERE
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