



United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania



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Meeting Basic Needs

United Way Partners Programs & Initiatives

PARTNERS	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
412 Food Rescue	Food Recovery Operations Support	412 Food Rescue matches surplus food from retailers with nonprofit community partners, reducing hunger by prioritizing convenience and removing barriers to accessing healthy food such as lack of time, transportation and other mobility issues, while also reducing food waste.	Allegheny
Abiding Missions	No Neighbors in Need	Abiding Missions' "No Neighbor in Need" program focuses on meeting the basic needs of the Allentown community in South Pittsburgh. These include food, secure housing, clothing, transportation and household needs.	Allegheny
ACTION-Housing, Inc.	The Sustainable Home Improvement Program	ACTION-Housing, in collaboration with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, provides home repairs and modifications for seniors and people with disabilities. The Sustainable Home Improvement Program resolves dangerous conditions and makes improvements that support clients with specialized physical needs. ACTION-Housing operates the LIHEAP Crisis no-heat restoration program to repair or replace furnaces during the winter.	Allegheny

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American Cancer Society	American Cancer Society - Access to Care	American Cancer Society's Access to Care provides services for cancer patients including increasing access to cancer screenings and transportation to treatment and educational services to provide the latest, evidence-based cancer information, including how making healthy lifestyle choices can help reduce cancer risk.	Butler; Westmoreland
American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter	Disaster Relief in Butler counties	The American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter's disaster relief program provides life-saving assistance, comfort and hope to survivors of disasters in Butler County.	Butler
American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter	Disaster Relief in Westmoreland, Fayette and Armstrong Counties	The American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter's disaster relief program provides life-saving assistance, comfort and hope to survivors of disasters in Westmoreland, Fayette, and Armstrong counties.	Armstrong; Fayette; Westmoreland
American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter	Community Partnership	The American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania's Disaster Relief program in Allegheny County helps the community prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters big and small.	Allegheny
Bethany Christian Services of Western Pennsylvania	Safe Families for Children™ (SFFC)	Bethany Christian Services of Western Pennsylvania, through Safe Families for Children™ (SFFC), identifies community challenges, collaborates with community support systems and bridges gaps and surround families facing crisis with a compassionate, caring community. By addressing social determinants of health, SFFC engages the entire family unit with solutions-based strategies to stabilize and equip each person with the resources they need to thrive.	Westmoreland
Beverly's Birthdays	A Formula for Cheer: The Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank	Beverly's Birthday's A Formula for Cheer: The Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank provides families who are struggling to afford and access formula, which is a basic need for children under a year old whose only food option is breastmilk, formula or a combination of both.	Allegheny; Westmoreland
Bible Center Church Inc	Oasis Farm and Fishery (OFF)	Bible Center Church, through Oasis Farm and Fishery (OFF), provides opportunities for community members of all ages to increase their skills and confidence in urban agriculture, food preparation and food justice advocacy. OFF meets basic needs while also boosting communal capacity to build independent mutual aid and support networks.	Allegheny
Blackburn Center	Emergency Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Blackburn Center's Emergency Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence program connects victims of intimate partner violence to resources, including immediate and safe shelter, food, and safety plan development. The program also helps individuals navigate public assistance programs as the first step in establishing financial security.	Westmoreland

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Blackburn Center	Legal and Medical Advocacy	Blackburn Center's Legal and Medical Advocacy program accompanies victims through medical and legal proceedings. The program offers an immediate response to the trauma the victim has experienced, providing support, counseling and valuable information. The program also trains legal and medical professionals to improve their response to victims.	Westmoreland
Blackburn Center	Outreach Program to Protect Older Adults from Abuse	Blackburn Center's Outreach Program to Protect Older Adults from Abuse provides training to people and organizations that work with older adults regularly to improve their understanding of risk factors for elder abuse. The program also shows older adults how to recognize their risks and alert them about the availability of services.	Westmoreland
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg	Information and Referral	Catholic Charities Information and Referral offers a caring and confidential response to those in need of basic life necessities. The program includes some direct financial assistance and case management services to help refer individuals to other programs.	Armstrong; Fayette; Westmoreland
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Inc.	Families and Communities Thriving	Families and Communities Thriving provides immediate basic needs assistance such as housing, shelter, utilities, food, transportation and baby care items. The program also offers case management services to help recipients achieve long-term financial stability.	Butler
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Inc.	Community Partnership	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh provides emergency financial assistance to individuals and families ensuring that basic needs such as housing, utilities, food transportation are met.	Allegheny
Center for Community Resources, Inc.	Utility Integrated Point of Contact (UIPOC)	Center for Community Resources Inc.'s Utility Integrated Point of Contact program works to resolve utility crises and helps individuals avoid utility termination or restore utilities for individuals and their families.	Butler
Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.	Sign Language and Interpretation Supports	Sign Language and Interpretation Supports addresses the need for individuals who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing to access and receive quality ASL interpreting services. Interpreters are available on a 24-hour basis, are members of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., and provide interpretation for any number of medical, educational, personal, professional, recreational and community-based situations.	Fayette; Westmoreland

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Court Appointed Special Advocates Inc. (CASA) of Westmoreland, Inc.	CASA of Westmoreland, Inc. Operational Support	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Westmoreland Operational Support advocates for children in Westmoreland County who have experienced abuse and neglect. Advocates serve as "friends of the court" and provide a voice in the courts for children who have been abused or neglected by parents or caregivers. Through collaboration with the court system and partner agencies, advocates assist in determining the child's placement to ensure safety and stability.	Westmoreland
Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Fayette Safe House Program	Fayette Safe House Program provides emergency shelter to anyone fleeing domestic violence.	Fayette
Familylinks Inc.	Familylinks Community Connections Program	Familylinks Community Connections Program helps young adults, ages 18-24, overcome barriers to obtaining safe and secure permanent housing. Following the Housing First model, Familylinks sees housing as a basic human right and provides immediate access to housing without preconditions.	Allegheny
Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc	Fayette County Food Bank	Fayette County Community Action Agency's Food Bank addresses food insecurity and provides individuals and families with access to nutritious food.	Fayette
Glade Run Lutheran Services	Warming Center	Glade Run Lutheran Services' Warming Center Provides individuals in need with a safe, warm place to spend the night, hot meals, a shower and laundry. The warming center also provides toiletries, clothing, blankets, and other supplies.	Butler
Global Links	Community Partners Program - Personal Care Kit Initiative	Global Link's Personal Care Kit Initiative distributes personal hygiene supplies to a network of human service agencies that operate food pantries. When people need food, they also need other products like soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. This initiative helps provide essential personal hygiene supplies for pantry goers.	Allegheny
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Fresh Foods Initiative	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Fresh Food Initiative provides fresh foods and produce to partner organizations in areas experiencing food insecurity. Using data mapping, they have selected geographic areas where there has been a gap in the amount of fresh food residents receive.	Allegheny
Helping All Victims in Need HAVIN	Safety and Support for Survivors	Helping All Victim's In Need (HAVIN) Safety and Support for Survivors is an emergency shelter dedicated to providing safety and support to survivors of intimate partner violence.	Armstrong

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Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette Inc	Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette Inc	Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette Inc provides support to those who are experiencing isolation and loneliness by providing telephone reassurance and friendly visits, as well as transportation to medical appointments.	Fayette
Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center	Dental Care for the Uninsured	Dental Care for the Uninsured provides dental exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, oral cancer screenings, x-rays and anterior root canals for those who are underinsured or have no insurance at all. The Center promotes a culture of caring, recognizing that healing begins when patients are treated with dignity and respect.	Butler
Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (JCC)	AgeWell Pittsburgh	AgeWell Pittsburgh is a multi-agency collaboration that provides more than 25 community-based services to older adults. AgeWell focuses on providing equitable and inclusive services to all older adults and their family caregivers in Allegheny County.	Allegheny
Jewish Family and Community Services	SOS Pittsburgh	Jewish Family and Community Services SOS Pittsburgh program provides assistance to people experiencing crises that leave them vulnerable to hunger and homelessness. SOS Pittsburgh addresses these needs by providing direct assistance grants, social work support and referrals to other resources.	Allegheny
Jubilee Association, Inc.	Strengthening Basic Needs and Social Services	Jubilee Association addresses food insecurity by providing access to nutritious food through a soup kitchen and two food pantries. Jubilee also provides rental, utility and other emergency financial assistance to help people remain in their homes and avoid eviction, and also provides transportation assistance.	Allegheny
Just Harvest Education Fund	Building Economic Justice and Food Justice For All	Just Harvest connects people to public food assistance benefits, reduces structural barriers to those benefits, and develops proven community-based solutions to improve healthy food access in high-need communities.	Allegheny
Just Mediation Pittsburgh	Eviction Prevention Mediation Support Services	Just Mediation Pittsburgh's Eviction Prevention Mediation program provides a pathway to keep families, especially low-income and BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color) families, securely housed by avoiding the eviction process and connecting them with services that help stabilize their households. Just Mediation Pittsburgh, RentHelpPGH and Neighborhood Legal Services, are collaborating to expand existing eviction prevention mediation services to keep more people in their homes.	Allegheny
Knead Community Café	Knead Free Meal Program	Knead Café's Knead Free Meal Program provides hot prepared meals to people in need five days per week using a pay-what-you-can model.	Westmoreland

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Laurel Area Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	Local Elderly Thrive Not Just Survive	Laurel Area Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers' Local Elderly Thrive Not Just Survive program helps recipients remain independent and in their homes. Services include access to food, medical care, necessary transportation and interpersonal connections.	Westmoreland
Lifesteps	Adult Day Health Services (ADHS)	Lifesteps' Adult Day Health Services provides a unique, alternative care model that helps keep seniors at home and delays the need for nursing home placement by serving seniors in a weekday, medically monitored service center. Families of participants are able to work, care for their spouses and children and feel relief from the demands placed upon them because they know their seniors are safe at the center.	Butler
Macedonia Family & Community Enrichment Center (FACE)	Macedonia FACE Lifeline Program	Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center (FACE)'s Lifeline program connects families experiencing food insecurity to resources, including rent, utility and food assistance.	Allegheny
Macedonia Family & Community Enrichment Center (FACE)	Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittsburgh	Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center (FACE) in collaboration with Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittsburgh delivers meals to the homes of seniors who live alone or who are otherwise unable to prepare food for themselves. This Meals on Wheel program is a collaborative effort, led by Macedonia FACE and including six other providers working together to coordinate efforts.	Allegheny
Macedonia Family & Community Enrichment Center (FACE)	Macedonia FACE Active for Life Senior Center	Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center (FACE) Senior Center helps older adults thrive and remain independent in their homes and communities. Macedonia FACE Senior Center meets participants' social, nutritional and physical needs, combatting isolation and creating connections for Hill District seniors.	Allegheny
Neighborhood Legal Services Association	Project Shape: Stabilizing Housing and Preventing Evictions through Community Partnerships	Project Shape: Stabilizing Housing and Preventing Eviction through Community Partnerships tackles housing insecurity by providing legal representation and direct access to legal information and community resources to help families to access or maintain adequate housing by preventing evictions, preserving utilities and/or avoiding foreclosure.	Allegheny; Butler
North Hills Affordable Housing (dba HEARTH)	HEARTH Transitional and Supportive Housing Program	HEARTH is the only transitional housing program in Allegheny County devoted to single mothers and their children who have survived domestic violence. HEARTH provides transitional and affordable housing, a food pantry, transportation solutions, mental health services, job training and child care and is committed to addressing multi-generational poverty and poverty, promoting whole-family safety and health.	Allegheny

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Northern Area Multi-Service Center of Allegheny Co.	Transportation HUB Solutions-Linking Transportation Models To Address Service Inadequacy	Northern Area Multi-Service Center of Allegheny County (NAMS) is working to provide enhanced support for older adults living in some degree of isolation. They do this by providing specialized transportation through a fleet of vehicles in collaboration with other NAMS programs.	Allegheny
Pittsburgh Food Policy Council	Network in Action: Implementing a Regional Food Plan	The Pittsburgh Food Policy Council seeks systems-level change through various advocacy campaigns to improve access to healthy food, reliable transportation and community connection through collective impact and power building.	Allegheny
RentHelpPGH	Housing Stabilization Center Resource Navigator and Appeals Specialist	RentHelpPGH Appeals Specialists provide a pathway to keep families securely housed by avoiding displacement, which is the final stage of the eviction process. RentHelpPGH helps families through the eviction-appeals process. Appealing provides additional time to remedy the cause of the eviction or to find new permanent housing.	Allegheny
Robin's Home, Inc	Robin's Home Women Veteran Peer Support Program	Robin's Home Women Veteran Peer Support Program provides women veterans with wraparound services and support systems to help them strive and overcome obstacles in their life.	Butler
Salvation Army of Western PA	Comprehensive Social Services	Salvation Army's Comprehensive Social Services assists with basic needs such as emergency shelter, clothing, furniture, utilities, rent and emergency food for those in crisis.	Butler; Westmoreland
Salvation Army of Western PA	Community Partnership	Salvation Army's Comprehensive Social Services assists with basic needs such as emergency shelter, clothing, furniture, utilities, rent and emergency food for those in crisis.	Allegheny
SisTers PGH	Rent/Utility and Emergency Assistance Program	SisTers PGH works to ensure that Black and Brown transgender and nonbinary clients have safe, stable and secure housing. SisTers PGH provides rapid assistance with rent, utilities and security deposits, locates affordable housing, provides emergency shelter and offers supportive services so that community members remain housed.	Allegheny
South Hills Interfaith Movement	Holistic Household Stability	SHIM helps meet the critical needs of individuals and families in crisis by providing resources through its network of food pantries and a clothing closet as well as utility assistance programs, service coordination and emergency financial assistance.	Allegheny
SPHS Connect Inc.	Welcome Home	SPHS Connect Inc's Welcome Home Shelter is a 30-60-day emergency homeless shelter for single women and families with children.	Westmoreland

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The Lighthouse Foundation	The Lighthouse Foundation Food Pantry	The Lighthouse Foundation Food Pantry provides adequate and healthy food, including meat and dairy products, to an increasing number of families twice per month. A "shop through" experience is provided for those in need, empowering them to select the food they wish to receive.	Butler
The Lighthouse Foundation	Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing is an 18-24-month program focused on teaching individuals and families to become self-sufficient by helping them to obtain the education or job training needed to find employment that yields a livable wage. Residents are supplied with food, shelter, case management and resources such as drug, alcohol, or mental health treatment.	Butler
The Union Mission	Homeless Response System	Homeless Response System at Union Mission provides shelter to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The program also provides ongoing case management, life skills training, and education/employment assistance.	Westmoreland
Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.	Project Journey	Project Journey provides emergency housing and financial assistance for security deposits or rental assistance, food, transportation and utilities to reduce the risk of homelessness and empower female veterans to reach self-sufficiency.	Allegheny
Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard	Veterans Resource Center	The Veterans Resource Center provides food, transportation and housing to veterans. The Center also offers support groups to encourage connection, provides education and referrals for substance misuse and offers employment resources to address the root causes of homelessness among veterans.	Allegheny
Vintage	Senior Community Center	Vintage serves 300-400 individuals over age 60 each week. Vintage's primary goal is to provide high-quality activities and other supports to help older adults maintain their physical and mental health, and ultimately their quality of life, as they age.	Allegheny
Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank	Basic Needs Distribution	Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank works with more than 80 community partners in three counties to provide essential items not covered by government assistance programs, including diapers, period products and incontinence supplies.	Allegheny; Fayette; Westmoreland
Westmoreland County Food Bank	Westmoreland Food Bank Outreach and Expansion Program	Westmoreland Food Bank Outreach and Expansion Program helps the people of Westmoreland County access the critical human necessity of food. The program aims to increase food pantry participation in communities that have low participation but a high number of families who qualify for assistance.	Westmoreland

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Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh	Preventing Homelessness through Expanded Housing Advocacy for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence	Women's Center and Shelter's Preventing Homelessness program provides concrete support alongside case management, safety planning and emotional support to survivors of intimate partner violence and their children. This program focuses on those who are not residents of the shelter.	Allegheny
Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh	Immediate Needs Coordination for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence	Women's Center and Shelter's Immediate Needs Coordination program works with survivors or partner violence to assess their housing- and safety-related needs. The program identifies safe and realistic housing options based on the client's situation and connects them to housing supports such as monetary rental assistance and moving expenses.	Allegheny
YWCA Greater Pittsburgh	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's Emergency Basic Needs Program	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh provides emergency financial assistance to women of color to address food and housing insecurity, financial crisis from utility bills, and destabilization from intimate partner violence by. YWCA works to confront the barriers created by systemic racism and provides families with nutritious food, secure housing and a supportive community while also promoting financial independence and economic stability.	Allegheny



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Moving To Financial Stability

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PARTNERS	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COUNTIES
ACHIEVA	Benefits Counseling	ACHIEVA's Benefits Counseling program is designed to remove a major barrier to employment for people with disabilities: employment income resulting in the loss of vital government benefits essential for their well-being, such as Medicaid. Comprehensive Benefits Counseling assures that individuals will not lose benefits they need to for their quality of life because they are seeking or maintaining employment.	Allegheny
Allegheny Family Network	AFN Adult Education Program	Allegheny Family Network's Adult Education Program (AEP) aims, through instruction and financial and family peer support, to increase household income and decrease reliance on public benefits by helping to eliminate barriers to education and employment.	Allegheny
Auberle	Life Changing Career Pathways	Auberle's Employment Institute and Life Changing Career Pathways program provides training and employment opportunities with pipelines to real positions for all participants. The program helps unemployed and underemployed individuals from across southwestern Pennsylvania break cycles of generational poverty and access an economically secure future.	Allegheny

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Bidwell Training Center	Bidwell Training Center’s Career Training Programs	Bidwell Training Center provides career training to a diverse population of adults, including high school graduates entering the workforce, middle-aged candidates looking to start new careers, or newly independent individuals searching for career opportunities. Bidwell offers six career training programs at no cost to eligible Pennsylvania residents most in need of career-training services.	Allegheny
Catapult Greater Pittsburgh	Asset Building Program	Catapult Greater Pittsburgh provides evidence-based and outcome-driven asset building initiatives through homeownership and entrepreneurship programs. Utilizing a trauma-informed approach, Catapult supports participants as they increase income and build assets that will break the cycle of generational poverty. Catapult also addresses inequitable practices that have prevented Black families from achieving financial stability.	Allegheny
Center for Community Resources, Inc.	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)	Center for Community Resources Inc.’s Volunteer Tax Assistance program aims to help low- to moderate-income families and individuals file their taxes. The program helps families access the maximum available tax credits offered and connects them to other services such as banking and budgeting assistance.	Butler
Community Kitchen Pittsburgh	Community meals and culinary training for people overcoming adversity	Community Kitchen Pittsburgh is an employment-based social enterprise. Participants are paid while in training. Extended transitional employment is provided to those who need a longer engagement in a supported work environment. Job placement and retention supports, as well as wraparound case management coordination and support, are offered to students.	Allegheny
Dress for Success Pittsburgh	Supporting Mobile Services	Dress for Success removes barriers for women entering or re-entering the workforce by providing work-appropriate clothing. The nonprofit brings services to women in their own neighborhoods via mobile boutiques. Women are also provided with career preparation services to improve job readiness.	Allegheny
FamilyLife Network, Inc. (d/b/a Origins Family & Pregnancy Services)	Understanding Family Finances	Understanding Family Finances teaches basic financial literacy concepts and provides practical tools and resources to help families move toward financial stability.	Westmoreland

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Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc	Financial Opportunity Center	Fayette County Community Action Agency's Financial Opportunity Center is a one-stop-center that helps residents learn financial management skills. The program increases ability and confidence in managing finances and debt, securing assets and obtaining public benefits. Ultimately participants are working to become financially secure.	Fayette
Human Services Center Corporation	Human Services Center's Financial Empowerment Community Outreach	Human Services Center Corporation conducts financial literacy education workshops for more than 400 individuals annually giving them crucial knowledge to help them move toward financial stability. The Center also provides free tax preparation services to more than 600 low-income individuals each tax season	Allegheny
Jeremiah's Place	Crisis Childcare Program	Jeremiah's Place provides emergency child care to families experiencing crises, including those who need assistance finding and maintaining employment. Lack of child care is a major barrier to employment for many families. In 2022, more than half of child care visits were work-related, including job interviews, schedule changes and non-traditional work hours.	Allegheny
Jewish Family and Community Services	JFCS Career Development Services	Jewish Family and Community Services Career Development Services assists job seekers in our region who are unemployed and underemployed. The program connects individuals to skill-building and career programs to help them move toward jobs with family sustaining wages with an emphasis on equitable access and meeting the needs of underserved populations.	Allegheny
Lifesteps	Transition and Employment Services	Lifesteps' Transition and Employment Services provides people living with physical, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities including autism with education in employment and financial management skills. Through employer partnerships with Butler-area businesses, participants have opportunities in career exploration, assessment and training that can lead to gainful employment. Participants also gain skills in budgeting and banking.	Butler
Life'sWork of Western PA	Employment support services for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders	Life'sWork of Western Pennsylvania's offers employment support services for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders to move toward sustainable employment. The program encourages and promotes healthy lifestyle changes and connects the individual with the resources to succeed.	Fayette; Westmoreland

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Literacy Pittsburgh	Ready and Relevant Student Services	Literacy Pittsburgh's Ready and Relevant student services program connects adult learners particularly recent immigrants and Black and Brown learners from the United States to resources and supports that reduce barriers to education and job training. The program, which is imbedded in adult education, focuses on skill development and career building.	Allegheny
Mon Valley Initiative	MVI Workforce Development & Financial Coaching Program	Mon Valley Initiative (MVI) supports people as they move toward financial stability. Through its Workforce Development & Financial Coaching Program MVI provides participants with a path to improved career-development and personal financial management skills. Services are provided through direct individualized coaching and in small groups. A vital component of this work is direct connection to employers.	Allegheny
Neighborhood Allies	Building Opportunity through Financial Empowerment	Neighborhood Allies Financial Empowerment work addresses racial, gender, ability and geographic inequities in income, wealth and opportunity. The nonprofit convenes a variety of community practitioners to share knowledge and resources, who in turn share the needs and priorities of the people served. These initiatives position families to access the resources and support they need to achieve long-term, sustained financial well-being and build generational wealth.	Allegheny
New Century Careers, Inc.	Training for In-Demand Jobs through the MANUFACTURING 2000 (M2K) PA Pre-Apprenticeship Program	New Century Careers provides up to 600 hours of entry-level machinist training in the classroom, online and hands-on. It also offers lifetime placement assistance, free of charge, to qualified job seekers 18 and older. The M2K program provides machinist training and job placement for approximately 40 to 50 unemployed and underemployed high school graduates and GED completers each year, leading to entry-level jobs at the start of family-sustaining career pathways.	Allegheny; Westmoreland
PA Women Work	Economic Mobility Through Mentorship	PA Women Work's mentorship program helps women find employment, earn a living wage and achieve financial stability. Participants gain access to social capital, career coaching, industry insights and professional skills. These tools prepare clients for employment and career growth to build a more stable and prosperous future.	Allegheny

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Pittsburgh Scholar House	Pittsburgh Scholar House Wayfinders Program	Pittsburgh Scholar House addresses the challenges that single parents face while seeking to earn a post-secondary degree. Scholar House helps eliminate barriers and create a support system. Families are given the tools they need to create and maintain financial stability and build personal wealth for the next generation.	Allegheny
Reimagine Reentry	Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)	Reimagine Reentry's MC3 program connects returning citizens to gainful, steady employment in living-wage jobs. This is achieved through a six-week course that prepares students to enter a variety of industries, teaches financial literacy, and provides holistic support to ensure that all basic needs are being met. A reentry coaching program encourages success and provides mentorship, support and connections to resources.	Allegheny
Travelers Aid Society of Pittsburgh	Travelers Aid Transportation Collaborative	Travelers Aid Transportation Collaborative assists in removing transportation barriers so that people can access employment, child care, housing, benefits, vital services, educational and job training programs.	Allegheny
Westmoreland Community Action	Housing Counseling Money Management Center/VITA	Housing Counseling Money Management Center/VITA provides free comprehensive housing counseling services to current and potential homeowners and tenants. Through one-on-one and group counseling the program assists people in improving their housing conditions and meeting the responsibilities of homeownership or tenancy. VITA also provides tax preparation assistance to individuals and families who are low-income, elderly or have disabilities.	Westmoreland
YWCA Butler	Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World	YWCA Butler's Getting Ahead in a Just Getting' By World participants (called 'Investigators') join in a series of "kitchen table" discussions that investigate the causes of poverty, the hidden rules of class and the conditions of the community.	Butler
YWCA Westmoreland County	Program expansion - Literacy, Financial, and Digital literacy	YWCA Westmoreland offers year-round opportunities for individuals to increase their skills and move toward a more financially stable future. Programs help individuals through classes in basic literacy, English as-a-second language, computer and technology literacy and financial literacy.	Westmoreland



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Building for Success in School & Life

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Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education	ARYSE Academy	Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education (ARYSE), through an arts-centric curriculum and program delivery model, addresses the challenges of immigrant and refugee youth in Pittsburgh by helping them develop critical academic skills, achieve social and emotional growth, and deepen their sense of belonging in Pittsburgh. Through a culturally relevant and trauma-informed curriculum, ARYSE is helping students build toward success in school and life and become leaders in our community.	Allegheny
Armstrong Center for Community Learning	Outdoor Discovery Center Nature Lessons	Armstrong Center for Community Learning's Outdoor Discovery Center is the only nature center in Armstrong County that provides ongoing environmental and nature programming offered to individuals living with disabilities.	Armstrong
Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh (BCAP)	Afterschool Academy	Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh's Afterschool Academy addresses learning loss and supports the social and emotional well-being of the Bhutanese community. By leveraging strong partnerships with the schools and families while instituting a culturally relevant program, the program provides students the best opportunity to build for success in school and life.	Allegheny

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh	Community-based Mentoring Program for Historically Underserved Youth	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (BBBSPGH's) Community-based Mentoring Program provides a trusted role-mode mentor to each participant. Mentors provide homework support, expose students to new career choices and engage them in new social activities. Through this program, disparities in education and social opportunities are addressed, helping children achieve their dreams and goals.	Allegheny
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region	Positive Relationships with Strong Role Models for Westmoreland and Fayette Youth	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring relationships that can change their lives for the better. The program provides supported one-to-one mentoring relationships using a tested, perfected and nationally recognized curriculum. The nonprofit works collaboratively with school districts and other community providers to ensure positive out-of-school opportunities for the youth who need them most.	Fayette; Westmoreland
Blackburn Center	Dating Violence, Sexual Abuse and Bullying Prevention Programs in Schools	Blackburn Center, through its Dating Violence, Sexual Abuse and Bullying Prevention Programs in Schools, presents to students and teachers about domestic/dating violence, sexual assault awareness/prevention, and cyberbullying/bullying awareness. The goal is to educate students on what abuse may look like and what they can do if abuse occurs.	Westmoreland
Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania	Activating and Advancing the Potential through BGCWPA in 2023	Boys and Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania (BGCWPA) provides a safe place, mentors and programming to drive academic and career success, leadership and healthy lifestyles. Programming includes (science, technology, engineering, arts, math (STEAM) and sports.	Allegheny
Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc.	Deaf Youth/Friends Program	Deaf Youth/Friends Program attempts to promote Deaf awareness and give Deaf youth and their families the opportunity to build community as part of the Deaf culture. The program addresses and minimizes stigma and communication barriers by providing monthly activities, educational workshops and basic American Sign Language (ASL) instruction for those who are hearing.	Westmoreland
Center of Life	Supporting Youth-Enrichment, Family-Strengthening, and Community-Empowerment Programs	Center of Life provides families and youth with the life-skills, education, training and resources necessary to be strong and to make their communities strong. The Center's programs provide quality educational experiences to mostly underrepresented populations.	Allegheny
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation	Coaching Boys IntoMen - An Effective School Athletics-Based Program to Reduce Dating Violence	Coaching Boys Into Men is an evidence-based program that increases social connectedness, strengthens bonds with adult mentors/coaches, and improves relationship skills while reducing exposure to violence.	Allegheny

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Community Care Connections, Inc.	Camp Apple with Teen Camp Apple	Camp Apple with Teen Camp Apple is an inclusive recreation program designed to teach social competency and friendship skills. The program is designed to include both children with and without disabilities.	Butler
Crossroads Foundation	Equitable Pathways: Bridging Educational Gaps for Future Success	Crossroads Foundation's Equitable Pathways is "Where Potential Finds Its Path." The program offers year-round out-of-school-time supports, including access to a high-quality education, specialized counseling, college and career readiness programming and family advocacy.	Allegheny
Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Connected and Respected, Social Emotional Learning for a Healthier Tomorrow	Connected and Respected, Social and Emotional Learning for a Healthier Tomorrow is offered to students in kindergarten through 5th grade and is an evidence-based social emotional learning program that addresses self-management, responsible decision making, self-awareness, social awareness and relationship skills.	Fayette
Early Learning Connections	Family Engagement and School Readiness Events	Family Engagement and School Readiness Events addresses the need to engage families and children outside of school hours and the school year. The events are Summer Preschool Screening Days, Winter Wonderland Literacy, Spring Fling Friendship Event and Summer Preschool Olympics.	Butler
East End United Community Center	Exploring the World Around Us	Exploring the World Around Us is an out-of-school time program designed to help students meet state and local academic standards in core academic subjects. The program offers students a broad array of enrichment activities designed to complement their regular academic day.	Fayette
Ford City Public Library	Community Tutoring Program	Ford City Public Library's Community Tutoring Program provides tutoring services to K-12 students. The program will expand the current tutoring program by offering additional hours.	Armstrong
Greensburg Hempfield Area Library	Early Career Ramps @ Public Libraries	Early Career Ramps @ Public Libraries will provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Arts Literacy programs throughout the county library system aimed at PreK – Grade 8 students.	Westmoreland
Gwen's Girls, Inc.	STEMpowered Career Preparatory Program	Gwen's Girl's STEMpowered program promotes the inclusion of Black women in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) by addressing the inequities and lack of access to high-quality math and science instruction for Black girls. They support the recruitment, retention, and advancement of Black girls in STEM by establishing a pipeline to the STEM professions for Black girls that starts in the formative education years.	Allegheny

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Helping All Victims in Need HAVIN	Healthy Relationships Project	Helping All Victim's In Need (HAVIN) Healthy Relationships Project provides students with information about sexual harassment to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment. The program encourages students experiencing sexual harassment to get help by reporting to adults, promotes respectful behaviors among peers and teaches students how to help friends experiencing sexual harassment.	Armstrong
Homeless Children's Education Fund	Teen Outreach Program	The Homeless Children's Education Fund's Teen Outreach Program addresses homelessness in older youth and young adults by providing them with the tools and resources they need to transition into adulthood with confidence. Staff members provide a foundation of support during these critical years, helping students graduate high school, gain their GED, apply for college and/or scholarships and provide a listening ear of support.	Allegheny
Homewood Children's Village	Building A Pathway to Success: The College & Career Readiness Project	Homewood Children's Village (HCV) offers hands-on, solution-based programming and support to children who attend Homewood's K-12 schools. HCV helps students overcome the barriers presented by racial segregation and underinvestment and improves the lives of Homewood's children while simultaneously strengthening the fabric of the community in which they live. HCV works with schools to provide educational programs including out-school opportunities, college readiness and social-emotional learning.	Allegheny
Human Services Center Corporation	Human Services Center Youth Moving Towards Success	Human Services Center Corporation's KOOL Summer and Youth LIFE After-School Programs provide free quality academic, social and recreational opportunities for low-income students in grades 1-5. Programming is delivered through smaller classes and, through the Emerging Leaders Program, includes career and college readiness for high school seniors.	Allegheny
Industrial Arts Workshop	Expanding School Partnerships	Industrial Arts Workshop's Expanding School Partnerships program helps high school students thrive. The Partnerships focus on those who face barriers to achievement by providing hands-on creative activities in an environment that promotes self-discovery and self-confidence. Guest speakers introduce students to careers in the arts and trades.	Allegheny

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Latino Community Center (LCC)	Empowering Allegheny County Latinx Children and Parents for Long-Term Success	Latino Community Center provides Allegheny County's growing Latino community with free, high-quality, culturally oriented programming. The Center creates opportunities for young learners to receive social, emotional and age-appropriate skills to succeed in a school environment. While the organization's work supports young people from birth to age 24 and families, the Empowering Allegheny County LatinX Children and Parents for Long-Term Success program invests heavily in children ages 2 to 4, a key stage of their development.	Allegheny
Lifesteps	Early Education Advancement Services	Early Education Advancement Services at Lifesteps brings together developmental screenings, child care and child-serving organizations to ensure integrated access to high-quality education and intervention that helps each child on their journey to reaching their potential.	Armstrong; Butler
Life'sWork of Western PA	Enable Youth with Disabilities Make a Successful Transition from School to the World of Work	Life'sWork of Western Pennsylvania helps youth with disabilities transition from a supported senior high school environment to the workforce. The program allows youth to explore all opportunities available to them, helping youth reach their full potential and providing all individuals with equal access to meaningful work and job skills training.	Allegheny
Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs / Hopebound Ministries	Mooncrest After School Program (MASP)	Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs in partnership with Hopebound Ministries and Robert Morris University (RMU) offer a preschool playgroup that helps kindergarten students start school with confidence. RMU students help by mentoring at Mooncrest's After-School Program. Children must attend school to be eligible for the afterschool program. Rewards are given for completing homework. Special celebrations and activities result in steady attendance.	Allegheny
Mosaic Community Development Center	Mosaic Community Development Center After School Program	Mosaic Community Development Center's After-School Program is an out-of-school time program that helps students overcome barriers that might otherwise prevent students from reaching their full educational and career potential. Programming focuses on social and emotional learning to help students explore their feelings and build relationships with classmates.	Westmoreland
Neighborhood Learning Alliance	High School University (HSU)	At Neighborhood Learning Alliance the High School University model seeks to remove barriers of cost, disability support, emergency resources and tutoring access that many students of color and low-income students face while pursuing higher education. By doing so, students increase their college readiness and become more competitive applicants. The program serves as a steppingstone to best prepare students to pursue their career and academic goals through job experience, college credits and by developing resilience.	Allegheny

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PEAL Center Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership	21 and Able	PEAL Center's 21 and Able Project, powered by United Way, helps young adults with disabilities transition smoothly from the last day of high school to the first day of adult life by increasing opportunities for further education, employment, housing opportunities and other supports that increase community inclusion.	Allegheny
Sonward Youth Programs	Elevate - Opportunity Lunch and Learn Mentor Program	Sonward Youth Program's Elevate - Opportunity Lunch and Learn Mentor Program is a lunch program that provides one-on-one or two-mentorship. Each group eats lunch together and engages with a conversation guide that promotes social-emotional learning and deepens relationships. Following lunch, Sonward staff facilitate a STEM learning project for each adult/youth group to accomplish together.	Westmoreland
STAT Inc. - Ligonier Therapeutic Center	The EQUINE Affect™ for Adolescents (Afterschool/Summer Programs) - Fayette, and Westmoreland	The EQUINE Affect™ for Adolescents is an afterschool and summer program for middle- and high-school- aged youths from at risk backgrounds. and provides enrichment in a new environment along with trauma-informed care.	Fayette; Westmoreland
STEM Coding Lab, Inc.	K-8 Computer Science Education Program Expansion	STEM Coding Lab, Inc. provides youth from under-resourced and marginalized communities across the region with free programming designed to equip students with 21st Century digital skills. More than 85% of the students qualify for Title I support, and most would not otherwise have access to computer science instruction.	Allegheny
The Arc of Butler County	AERO (Activities, Employment, and Recreational Opportunities)	AERO (Activities, Employment, and Recreational Opportunities) helps students access additional support systems, career-readiness and basic life skills outside of what is provided in schools for students with disabilities. Working alongside school districts, the program provides experiences for students who may not get the chance to participate in other programs.	Butler
The Learning Lamp	Expansion of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Program in Southwestern PA	The Learning Lamp's Expansion of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Program in Southwestern aims to improve behavior and provide parents and staff with additional skills and strategies to reduce or prevent problem behaviors from occurring in the first place.	Fayette
The Women and Girls Foundation	Girl Gov: Middle School	GirlGov is a teen civic engagement and social justice advocacy program for high school-aged girls, femmes and gender-expansive youth who are interested in developing as change-makers and leaders. Participants have opportunities to learn from community leaders and elected officials while meeting other teens who are passionate about civics, politics and social justice.	Allegheny

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Valley Points Family YMCA	Valley Points Family YMCA Early Learning Centers	Valley Points Family YMCA Early Learning Centers prepare children to transition into the school systems, so they can learn, grow and thrive now and into their futures	Westmoreland
Vision To Learn	Expanding Vision Care Access for Students in Southwestern Pennsylvania	Expanding Vision Care Access for Students in Southwestern Pennsylvania coordinates screenings for children and supplies those in need with eye exams and glasses free of charge. The mobile vision care model eliminates transportation barriers for parents, decreases the stigma of wearing glasses and, through partnerships with schools, encourages the ongoing use of glasses.	Butler; Westmoreland
Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania	The Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)	Volunteers of America Pennsylvania works to eliminate structural inequities that form barriers to success for low-income children and youth. The Youth Empowerment Program addresses these barriers by offering free and accessible out-of-school time programming that includes academic and social/emotional support, civic engagement activities, workforce readiness opportunities, parent engagement and daily meals.	Allegheny
Waypoint Youth & Community Center Inc.	Waypoint Youth Out Of School Time Program	Waypoint Youth's Out Of School Time Program provides children with supplemental support, guidance and enriching activities.	Westmoreland
Wesley Family Services	The Incredible Years Parenting Program	The Incredible Years Program is a parenting education program that can help parents and caregivers prepare children to enter grade school. School readiness means children are able to communicate their needs, wants and thoughts verbally, follow directions, have sensitivity to other's feelings and refrain from disruptive behavior.	Allegheny
WQED	Teaching Preschool Children SEL Skills via Family Engagement Programs	WQED's Teaching Preschool Children SEL Skills via Family Engagement Programs teaches and engages caregivers and child care educators to strengthen the home-to-school connection to address social and emotional well-being, kindergarten readiness and career readiness for children and youth in low-income families.	Butler; Westmoreland
YWCA Greater Pittsburgh	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's Educational Opportunity Programs	YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's Educational Opportunity Programs address the opportunity gap faced by students of color by making programs accessible and preparing students for post-secondary opportunities. YWCA works in and with school districts and community partner programs to provide direct programming or a train-the-trainer model.	Allegheny

Community Partnerships

United Way Partners Programs & Initiatives

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Allies for Children	General Operating Support	Allies for Children works to address policies that impact all phases of a child's growth—prenatal through young adulthood—with the ultimate goal of eliminating childhood poverty. The organization works with policymakers, organizations and other stakeholders at all levels to seek policy and practice changes in local, state and federal governments and institutions that serve and impact children.	Allegheny
American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter	Emergency/Disaster Services & Coordination	The American Red Cross provides disaster victims with emergency housing, food, and clothing.	Allegheny
Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise	Technical Assistance to Nonprofits	Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise (PACE) Intensive Services Program develops stronger, more resilient community-based nonprofit organizations to serve the community effectively and meaningfully. The program strengthens small- to mid-sized community-based nonprofit organizations by helping them improve internal governance and leadership, cultivate strategic community linkages, and develop financial and human resources for long-term stability.	Allegheny
Salvation Army of Western PA	Emergency/Disaster Services & Coordination	The Salvation Army supports the needs of first responders to local disasters and the families affected.	Allegheny



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