



Housing and Homeless Coalition of Beaver County

12/12/2024
Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Housekeeping

The Housing & Homeless Coalition welcomes ideas, opinions, and knowledge from a broad spectrum of partners; thus 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. Email ciabottonidina@gmail.com for the meeting information and to provide input and feedback. Meetings are not permitted to be recorded.

Archived Coalition Meeting Minutes are available at <https://www.bchmis.info/>

1. Open Discussion

Amy Jurich (Salvation Army) Announced that Harmony house has a residential opening for the recovery house for families. Amy stated that this is a yearlong program to work on recovery. Call Amy or Monique for more information at 724.728.3350

Amy Dayich (Suicide Prevention) Announced that she is now working with VA suicide prevention, she is interested in doing training in the future.

Dina Ciabottoni (CoC) Shared that we attended the meeting today at the courthouse for the homeless proclamation which is December 21, 2024. Dina reminded the group that we will be holding the homeless memorial on December 19th in Rochester at 5pm. Parking is available at the Dollar General parking lot in Rochester. Please join if you are free. We will be remembering two individuals who have lost their lives due to homelessness. We are looking to end homelessness of Beaver County, helping those who are homeless to get shelter and long-term housing. Last year we housed approximately 500 households. Dina also shared that CareerLink will be hosting a removing barriers re-entry workshop is being held January 28, 2025 at 1:30pm.

2. Agenda

Literacy Pittsburgh

Lynn Ready Aspiotes

Shared that literacy Pittsburgh is a non-profit organization that has been around since the 1980s. They provide programs for adults in Allegheny and Beaver counties. Clients have the ability to get and maintain jobs they were not able to before. Literacy Pittsburgh has a need for volunteer tutors. Beaver county has a waitlist of approximately 15 and 400 in Allegheny county. Classes and materials are completely free for students and tutors. Programs also offer citizen and job related courses. In Beaver County, students are studying for the GED and ESL. Tutors can teach via zoom or in person, the schedules are flexible. They offer tutoring within the classroom and outside as well. Requirements to be a tutor are a high school diploma, patience, and commitment time.

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Point In Time Survey

Dina Ciabattoni

Dina announced that the Point in Time Survey is scheduled for the night of January 27th continuing to January 28th. Per guidelines surveys must be done within the last 10 days of January. We will be canvassing the county and have a sign-up sheet for those interested. Experienced surveyors will be assisting those joining for the first time. Anyone who will be completing a survey will be required to complete mandatory training. The information is reported to HUD and will become a part of the spring application process. Items are still needed; sign-up sheets will be passed around.

Bed Availability

Dina Ciabattoni

See attached. Dina announced that Stone Harbour currently has four openings, this program is accessed through coordinated entry. The coordinated entry waitlist information is located at the bottom of the housing availability list. She stated that the rapid rehousing list has gone up again and is currently at 53. Individuals are staying in the system a little longer due to vouchers not being available and waiting for availability. Valley Terrace and Towne Towers has availability. The regional manager and property manager attended the meeting and stated that they will assist with completing applications.



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NEXT MEETING: January 9th at 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Free Covid Tests for Non-Profits:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQSgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3ka6JW7joJAmyz3QeKVYRdUQUFZA1RBTjhLQkpBNUdMR0hxWjJUQTIIIny4u&wdLOR=cAF58286A-BD4E-4039-8647-ED886363B6D2>

PA Housing Plan survey: <https://dced.pa.gov/housing-and-development/pennsylvania-housing-action-plan/>

12/18/24 Point In Time Survey Planning Meeting at 9:30 am on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89753069672?pwd=CTdPoc648Aqc5KKzmp2GKKuCoaKqhX.1>

12/19/24 Homeless Persons Memorial at 5 pm in the Rochester Park (located by the traffic circle).

1/27-1/28/2025 POINT IN TIME SURVEY!! Interested in volunteering, contact Shante' at shantejthompson@gmail.com

1/28/25 Removing Barriers to Employment Re-Entry Workshop at 1:30 pm at CareerLink at the Beaver Valley Mall. Registration is required by calling 724.728.4860 ext. 215 or visiting www.pacareerlink.pa.gov

For assistance with SNAP benefits, contact Patricia Ferricks from the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at: pferricks@pittsburghfoodbank.org, cell: 724.549.8463, or visit at TCBC (600 6th Street Beaver Falls, PA)

Updated Free Meal Schedule and Food Pantries can be found at: www.bchmis.info

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

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a volunteer tutor today!



Volunteering with Literacy Pittsburgh gives you the chance to meet inspiring people with diverse experiences. You will see firsthand the impact of your actions!



As a Literacy Pittsburgh tutor, you will

- Teach an adult reading, writing, and math, or English language skills one-to-one or in a small group.
- Attend a free two-part training prior to volunteering.
- Commit to working with your student for at least 6 months.
- Teach twice a week for 1.5 to 2 hours each time.
- Be age 18 or older and possess a high school credential or higher.*
- Meet your student at times and in places convenient to both of you.
- Receive full support from a staff member assigned to you.
- Have opportunities for coaching and additional training.
- Make a difference in someone's life!



The first step is to watch an overview video at our website and sign up for an introductory training.



Scan the code to watch the video and view the current schedule of virtual and in-person trainings!



FIND OUT MORE AT
LITERACYPITTSBURGH.ORG/VOLUNTEERS
OR CALL 412-393-7645

* A copy of the degree or transcript will be required before a tutor can be matched with a student(s).

Literacy Pittsburgh in Beaver County

Presented by Lynn Ready Aspiotes
Program Coordinator, Beaver County



BETTER LIVES THROUGH LEARNING

What is Literacy Pittsburgh?

Literacy Pittsburgh offers free educational programs for adults and families in Allegheny and Beaver Counties.

Last year, we helped more than 4,000 people in the Greater Pittsburgh area improve their reading, writing, math, English language, digital literacy, and workplace skills.

Adult literacy classes and tutoring move students from learning to earning and help them succeed as workers, parents, and neighbors.



What is Literacy Pittsburgh?

- We are a non-profit organization. We rely on grants from the federal and state governments as well as private and corporate donors.
- All of our classes and materials are completely free to students.
- We have paid staff, and we also have community volunteers.
- Our main office is located in downtown Pittsburgh. My office is inside the Pennsylvania Career Link in the Beaver Valley Mall.



What We Do

FREE Classes and Tutoring

College and Career Readiness

- Adult reading, writing and math
- High School equivalency
- Career preparation
- Computer Skills

English Language Learning

- English as a second language
- Citizenship
- Case management support

Family and Child Literacy

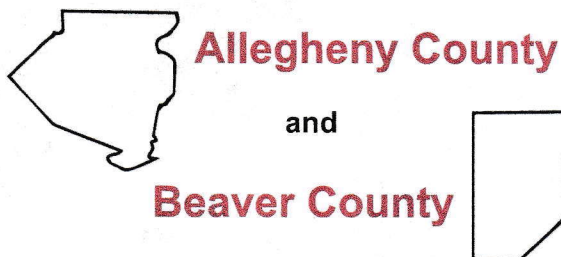
- Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring
- Family literacy

Building Community Capacity

- Compass AmeriCorps



Services are provided throughout:



What is Literacy Pittsburgh Beaver County?

In Beaver County, we have students mainly doing the following two things:

- Studying for the GED test
- Learning English
- (We also have a small number of students working on basic reading skills)
- We currently have about 13 active volunteer tutors helping students throughout Beaver County.



GED Prep Classes & Tutoring

- GED Subjects:
 - Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA)
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- You do NOT need to be great at math to be a tutor! Some of our tutors only want to help with the other three subjects. Some only want to do math. It's up to you what subjects you'd like to teach. We have training and resources available for tutors to help with any subject.



GED Prep Classes & Tutoring

- Professional instruction offered at:
 - PA CareerLink office
 - CCBC
- Volunteer tutors meet students throughout the county, either in-person or remotely, meeting with small groups or 1:1 tutoring.



English Classes in Beaver County

In Beaver County, we currently have enrolled students from many countries around the world including:

Colombia	Iraq	Thailand
Honduras	Jordan	Morocco
Costa Rica	Mongolia	Mauritania
Brazil	China	Venezuela
Mexico	Nepal	Puerto Rico
DR	Turkey	Ukraine
Saudi Arabia	Cameroon	Honduras



English Classes in Beaver County

We provide the curriculum from National Geographic. It is called Stand Out.



Where do I fit in?

We need volunteer tutors!



Volunteer Tutors

- Provide the opportunity for our students to make profound changes in their lives.
- Meet with their student(s) twice a week for 2 hours each time.
- Agree to work with their student(s) for at least six months.
- Meet in a public place at times and in a location convenient to both tutor & student.
- Can select ELL (English Language Learning) or CCR (College and Career Readiness/GED)



How Tutors are Supported at Literacy Pittsburgh

- 5 hours of pre-service training
- Textbooks and lesson plans
- 1:1 support from Program Coordinator
- Bi-monthly professional development and networking events
- Monthly newsletter
- Strategic check ins (2 months and 6 months after match)
- Twice a year Tutor Conference
- Regular surveys and feedback sessions



How do tutors get started?

Anyone interested can contact me.

Lynn Ready Aspiotes, Program Coordinator
 Beaver County
 Literacy Pittsburgh
 412-292-7097 (call or text)
lready@literacypittsburgh.org



How do tutors get started?

Tutors first attend a two-part remote training with our Training Coordinator.

**Literacy Pittsburgh
 Volunteer Training Schedule
 Winter 2024**

Advance registration is required for Introductory Training. Choose one 2-hr. Intro workshop. You do not need to choose a Part 2 session now. These dates are for planning purposes. More information and registration will be available in the first workshop.

Introductory Training: Teaching Adult Learners	Part 2: Tutor's Toolkit
Choose ONE: Thursday, November 7 6 – 8 pm Zoom	Choose ONE: ELL - English Language Learning Saturday, November 16 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Literacy Pittsburgh Downtown Center ELL - English Language Learning Monday, November 25 6 – 9 pm Zoom ABE - Adult Basic Education Wednesday, November 20 5 – 9 pm Zoom
Tuesday, December 3 6 – 8 pm Zoom	ELL - English Language Learning Wednesday, December 18 6 – 9 pm Zoom ABE - Adult Basic Education Monday, December 16 6 – 9 pm Zoom
Saturday, December 14 9:30 – 11:30 am Green Tree Public Library	ELL - English Language Learning Wednesday, January 22 6 – 9 pm Zoom ELL - English Language Learning Saturday, January 25 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Literacy Pittsburgh Downtown Center ABE - Adult Basic Education Tuesday, January 28 6 – 9 pm Zoom
Wednesday, January 8 6 – 8 pm Zoom	ELL - English Language Learning Monday, February 24 6 – 9 pm Zoom ELL - English Language Learning Saturday, February 22 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Literacy Pittsburgh Downtown Center ABE - Adult Basic Education Wednesday, February 25 6 – 9 pm Zoom
Saturday, February 8 10:30 – 12:30 am East Liberty Carnegie Library 1305 Wheatfield St, Pittsburgh 15206 Monday, February 10 6 – 8 pm Zoom	



How do tutors get started?

After that, I look to see if any of our waiting students are a good match for your subject area and availability. Then I meet with the new tutor to review the specific needs of that student, and we review their learning plan and materials together.

Thank you for your consideration!



BEAVER COUNTY HOUSING AVAILABILITY

December 2024

Housing Program	Type	Availability	Unit/Bed	Occupancy	Administrator
Crescent Commons*	Permanent	1	24	96%	Housing Authority
Friendship Homes*	Permanent	0	33	100%	Salvation Army
BC On-Call	Emergency	1	2	50%	The Cornerstone
CARL*	Permanent	0	41	100%	Housing Authority
Stone Harbour*	Transitional	4	12	67%	CRS
CRS Transitional	Transitional	0	15	100%	CRS
Harmony House	Emergency	1	4	75%	BCCYS/SA
BCCYS Housing	Emergency	2	14	86%	BCCYS
Women's Center	Emergency	0	24	100%	BC Women's Center
Women's Center	Transitional	being used for quarantine	10	#VALUE!	BC Women's Center
SA Rapid Rehousing *	Permanent	1	N/A	N/A	Salvation Army
Safely Home*	Permanent	1	16	94%	Housing Authority
Men's Shelter	Emergency	3	20	85%	The Cornerstone

* Accessed through Coordinated Entry - See reverse side of chart for HUDs disability & homeless eligibility requirements.

Subsidized or Section 8	Location	Bedroom Types	Wait List Details
Brightwood Manor	New Brighton	2BRs; 3BR	Taking applications
Beaver Falls Plaza	Beaver Falls		Taking applications.
Scottswood Apts	Hopewell	2BRs coming soon	
Valley Terrace	Aliquippa	2- 3 BRs	Available immediately
ValleyView	New Brighton	1-1BR; 7- 2BRs; 1-3BR	Taking Applications
Spring Run	Monaca		Taking Applications
Towne Tower	Aliquippa	1 BRs units available	Available immediately
Pinney Street Manor	Rochester	Sr. 1 BRs	
Lenz Court	Ambridge	1 & 2 BRs	Vacancies (50/60% AMI)

Rent: \$855.00 – 50% and \$1,042.00 – 60% for 1 BRs; \$1,247 for 2 BRs

Housing Authority

Eleanor Roosevelt	Aliquippa	1 BRs units available	Low income, senior citizens
Sheffield Towers	Aliquippa	1 BRs units available	Low income, sr citizens or w/ a disability
College Hill	BF	2-BRs and 3BRs	\$500-\$600/mo plus electric
811 Program	Koppel/Roch	No vacancies	

Coordinated Entry Waitlists

() indicates last month's count

PSH: 6 (6)
TH: 5 (4)
RRH: 53 (49) Includes all RRH prgms

Coordinated Entry's Phone Number: 724.846.6400

Description of Beaver County 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: Mike Little at mittle@beavercountyhousing.org

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: Melissa Grimes at mgrimes@beavercountyhousing.org

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 families and with disabilities. In addition to housing, the program is funded to provide moderate case management services. Contact information: Renee Sannan at Renee.Sannan@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: Tammy Van Evera at tvanevera@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: Renee Sannan at Renee.Sannan@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: Melissa Grimes at mgrimes@beavercountyhousing.org

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 Conway at LConway@beavercountyhousing.org

Emergency, Supportive and Public Housing Resources

<u>Types Of Housing</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Website</u>
1. Emergency Housing			
The Cornerstone of Beaver County (Homeless Hotline)	724.846.6400	TCBC on call services, coordinated entry for homeless in need of housing, rental assistance, men's emergency shelter, makes referrals & provides transportation to shelters	www.cornerstonebeaver.org
Women's Shelter of Beaver County	724.775.0131	Temporary shelter for women and their children who are homeless and/or victims of domestic violence	www.womenscenterbc.org
2. Public Housing			
Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	724.775.1220	Public housing, market rate housing, tax credit housing, senior elderly housing	www.beavercountyhousing.org
3. Community Residential Rehabilitation (Supported Housing)			
The Cornerstone Recovery & Supports	724.384.0419	Communal supportive living designed for adults with chronic psychiatric disabilities	www.crscare.org
4. Supportive Housing			
Harbor Point Housing	412.580.1757	Income based housing for individuals/families with disability	n/a

Changing the World	724.843.3694	Income-based permanent housing for previously homeless individuals/families with disability	n/a
5. Long Term Structured Residential			
North Sewickley LTSR	724.359.5131	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	www.nsltsr.net
Brighton Wellness & Rehab Center	724.770.3240	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	n/a
Merakey LTSR	724.846.1572	Long term structured therapeutic residential mental health treatment	www.merakey.org
6. Recovery Housing			
The Salvation Army Harmony House	724.728.3350	Supportive housing for individuals and their children in recovery	www.easternusa.salvationarmy.org

Coordinated Entry is a process that screens households to determine the level of housing support they need and prioritizes those with the highest needs. To go through the screening the household must have a homeless certificate. Call The Cornerstone with questions about or to access Coordinated Entry. You may still contact the individual programs for program information.

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Program Director</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Accessed Through</u>
7. Transitional Housing			
Stone Harbour	Cornerstone Recovery & Supports (Tammy VanEvera) 878.201.3632	Clients must be homeless, with a chronic mental health diagnosis, D&A/substance use disorder, no income required, individual only	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
8. Permanent Supportive Housing			
Crescent Commons	Housing Authority (Melissa Grimes) 724.775.1220 ext. 209	Clients must be chronically homeless, verified disability, must have a case manager/advocate, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Community Assisted Residential Living (CARL)	Housing Authority (Mike Little) 724.912.3709	Clients must be homeless, verified disability, must have a case manager/advocate, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Friendship Homes	Salvation Army (Renee Sannan) 724.846.1089	Clients must be homeless, verified disability, no income required	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
9. Rapid Rehousing for Homeless			
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Clients must be homeless, obtain assistance with 1 st month's rent/security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, proof of income	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry

Safely Home	Housing Authority (Melissa Grimes) 724.775.1220 ext. 209	Designed to assist individuals displaced due to domestic violence, clients must have homeless certification, can assist with rent or security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, proof of income	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Salvation Army	Salvation Army (Renee Sannan) 724.846.1089	Clients must be homeless, obtain assistance with 1 st month's rent/security deposit, requires photo id, social security cards, no income requirements	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Designed to assist individuals who served in the military, clients must have homeless certification, can assist with rent/security deposit, requires DD214 or veteran id	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
Stable Housing Innovation Facilitated Teams (SHIFT)	The Cornerstone of Beaver County 724.846.6400	Designed to assist families involved with CYS facing a housing crisis, can assist with 1 st month's rent/security deposit	*Accessed through Coordinated Entry
10. Subsidized Housing	Refer to the housing availability chart		

NATIONAL WORLD HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

LET'S LIGHT THE NIGHT WITH MEMORIES AS WE HONOR AND REMEMBER
THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

**DECEMBER
19TH 2024**

5PM

**ROCHESTER
PARK
252 BRIGHTON
AVE
ROCHESTER PA
15074**

QUESTIONS?

**DINA
ciabattodina
@gmail.com**

(724)987-0714



**Refreshments, resource information and necessity supplies
will be available.**

A special thank you to those partners who planned the event:

The Housing Authority, The Cornerstone of Beaver County, The Salvation Army, TRAILS, Cornerstone Recovery & Supports,

ABC Associates and ACRE

REMOVING BARRIERS

Removing Barriers to Employment:

Re-Entry Resource Workshop

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

**Workshops will be held in-person at PA CareerLink
Beaver County**

Pre-Registration Required

- Resources to clean-up your Rap Sheet, restoring your driver's license, expungement process, & more
- Helpful information to eliminate the barriers to get *that* job
- Presented by Beaver County Domestic Relations
- Receive Certificate of Completion to waive eligible fees

To register contact: Beaver County CareerLink

724-728-4860 Ext 215 or register online under Events

at

www.pacareerlink.pa.gov

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December 12, 2024

*There is no need to add all your contact information if you are already receiving Coalition emails.
 Just sign in with your name. PLEASE PRINT. Thank you.*

NAME	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Melisy Brogden	Cornerstone Recovery & Supports	
Erin Mizer	Carelon	
Raquel Stran	Women's Center of Beaver County	
Francie Booktrough	TCBC	
Michelle Medlin	Lifesteps Early Head Start	
Amy Duran	The Salvation Army-Harmony House	
Jan Henderson	Grace Run	
Lynn Beady Aspiotes	Literacy Pittsburgh	
Sylvia Jenkins	Women's Center of Beaver County	
Daina Vinciguerra	BCBH	
Erica DeNucci	Stanton Clinic SGO	
Leslie Mine	BCBH	
Monique Anderson	Harmony House & Recovery & Wellness	
Marcy Scott	BCOA	
Jennifer Snyder	Merahay	
Cyndi Gilkey	Neighborhood Legal Services	
Carrie Miller	PA Cyber	
Casey Seavers	CYS	
Adam Lessard	BCRC	
Paanel Maize		