

April 2025

Washington County Department of Human Services

April is...

Alcohol Awareness Month

Autism Acceptance Month

Fair Housing Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Second Chance Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Volunteer Appreciation Month

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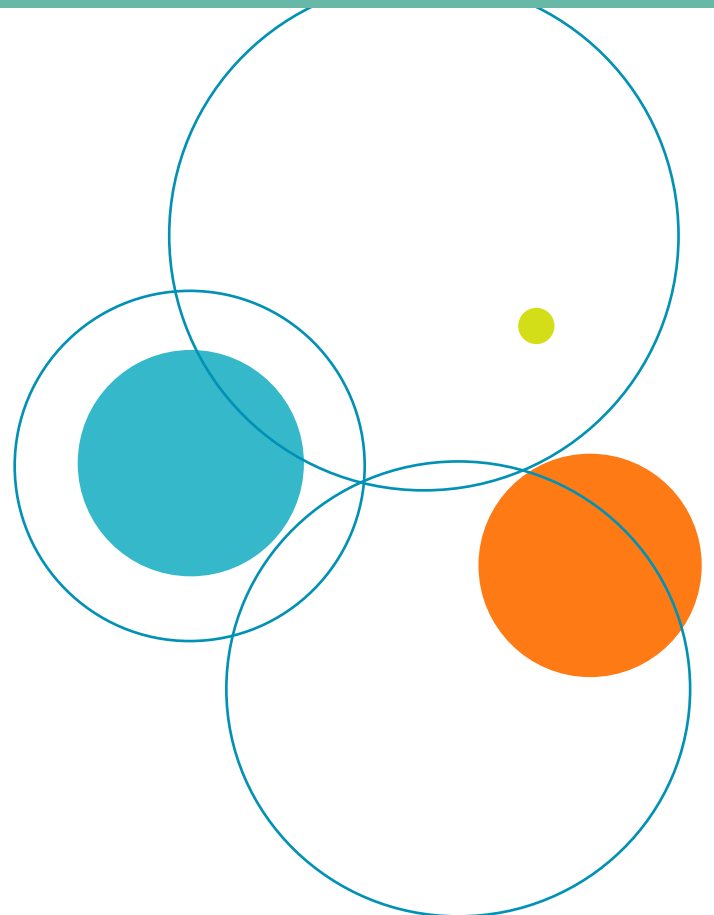
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WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES



5K Run/Walk



Beverly's
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BEVERLY'S
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Join us for a 5K Run/Walk
in honor of Child Abuse
Prevention Month.

April 27, 2025 Mingo Creek Park

Registration begins at 11am
Race starts at 12pm

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.



QUESTIONS? CALL AMANDA GOLKOSKY AT
724-228-6962



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 9 Harmony Life Center 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 75 E Maiden St. Washington PA 15301	APRIL 10 City Mission Outreach 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 84 W Wheeling St. Washington PA 15301
APRIL 11 Hereos Breakfast 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM 200 Senior Way Burgettstown PA 15021	APRIL 15 Chartiers Satellite Senior Center 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM 2013 Community Center Dr. Houston PA 15342
APRIL 16 Peters Township Library Presentation 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 616 E McMurray Rd. McMurray PA 15317	APRIL 19 Friendship Community Church Presentation 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1090 Weirich Ave. Washington PA 15301
APRIL 22 City Mission Outreach 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 84 W Wheeling St. Washington PA 15301	APRIL 23 BHDS ID/A Day 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM 2013 Community Center Dr. Houston PA 15342
APRIL 25 Hereos Breakfast 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM 30 E Pike St. Canonsburg PA 15317	APRIL 27 CYS 5K Run/Walk Registration begins at 11am Mingo Creek Park
APRIL 30 Harmony Life Center 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 75 E Maiden St. Washington PA 15301	

Come see us at these upcoming events!

OVN 5K RUN/WALK FOR VET/LE SUICIDE PREVENTION

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS & LEARN HOW WE CAN HELP!



WHEN
April 5, 2025
9am - 12pm
Run/walk starts at 10AM

WHERE
The Aquatorium
200 Railroad St, Monongahela, PA 15063

FEATURING • The OVN Outreach Area, -featuring the Mobile Vet Center Free Coffee, Military Displays, & more

REGISTER TO RUN OR WALK AT
OPVETNOW.ORG/OVN5K

**COME WALK OR
RUN WITH US!**

RUN OR WALK
\$30 per participant

**SPECIAL FALLEN
HERO TRIBUTE**
9:50AM

SPONSORS
22 Sierra Coffee
MonValley Military Veh.
RJC Manufacturing Svc.

BENEFITING
Operation Vet NOW (OVN)
Veteran & 1st Responder
Outreach & honors
Projects

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

2nd Annual Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Recognition Day

April 23, 2025
10:00AM - 7:00PM

**5:00PM - 6:30PM Self Advocacy Meeting conducted by
Pathways of SW PA & Arc of Washington County**

**Resource Tables, Presentations,
Face Painting, Photo Booth,
Music, Dancing, Lunch & Dinner**

Please register for this free event: <https://forms.office.com/g/PQFWvssPHW>

Chartiers Township Community Center
2013 Community Center Drive
Houston, PA 15342

Sponsored by:



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What's the Buzz at the Department of Human Services



On March 21st, representatives from the Department of Human Services proudly participated in the Waynesburg University's Regional Counseling Symposium, "Fostering Connection: Addressing the Needs of Marginalized Groups". Abigail Gerlach, Human Services Community Outreach Liaison, effectively shared information about our services, while the Clinical Unit presented two compelling posters: "Relationships between Drug & Alcohol Usage and Mental Health in the Legal System" and "Women's Pathways to Crime & Involvement in the Criminal Justice System". The panel discussion, "Human Services Approach to Addressing the Needs of Marginalized Groups" featured Rebecca Salsbury, Human Services Help Center & Clinical Unit Director; Jennifer Scott, Behavioral Health & Developmental Services Director; Nicole Masur, Housing & Homelessness Services Director; and Vincent Argento, Children & Youth Services Deputy Director.



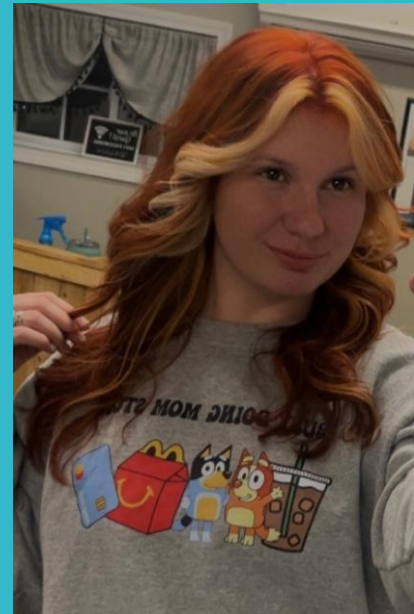
Representatives from the Department of Human Services attended the Washington County Real Estate Expo, on March 12th at Washington and Jefferson College. Abigail Gerlach, Human Services Community Outreach Liaison, along with staff members from each agency, provided information about our services and upcoming events.

Join us for our next Town Hall Meeting on April 3rd at 3pm. Our meeting will occur via Microsoft Teams. Click [Here](#) to join the meeting online.

Employee Spotlights

Emily Gilpin, Help Center Coordinator

Emily is attending PennWest University where she is majoring in sociology. Emily expressed that she is excited to get back to helping people like she did when she worked at the Crisis Center. Emily mentioned that she looks up to Kim Scalise, BHDS Mental Health Program Director, as Kim mentored her a lot when they worked at Crisis together. Emily enjoys coaching her children's youth sports and anything that has to do with cows. Her favorite tv series is The Rookie.



Kristy Puckett, Human Services Certified Recovery Specialist

Kristy attended Penn State University in Beaver where she obtained her recovery specialist and family recovery specialist certifications. Kristy expressed that the most rewarding part of her job is seeing the individuals that she works with succeed and be proud of their progress. Kristy looks up to the other certified recovery specialists that continue to collaborate with her. Kristy mentioned that she has 4 daughters and has gotten pretty good at balancing all their activities. Her favorite tv series is Severance.



Pennsylvania Women Work

**Guest Columnist: Abby Swalga, Pennsylvania Women
Work Director of Communications**



Pennsylvania Women Work empowers job seekers with the skills they need to achieve their career goals, walking right alongside them every step of the way. The concept for this organization started in the 1970s, during a time when divorce rates were on the rise in the United States. Women needed to find employment to support themselves and their children, often for the first time. Laurie Shields, a 55-year-old widow, and Tish Sommers, a 57-year-old divorcee, found themselves struggling in their job search. They assembled the national coalition known as the Displaced Homemaker Network of 1979. When the national network disbanded, a dedicated group of Pennsylvanian women, headed by Mary Ann Eisenreich, founded Pennsylvania Women Work in 1993 and began offering the organization's flagship program, New Choices, across the state.

Over the last three decades, PA Women Work has grown and adapted to meet the changing needs of women, refugees, and immigrants, individuals recovering from substance use disorder, and other minority populations, to provide relevant and cutting-edge programming to support each person's career goals. Since its founding, PA Women Work has helped over 72,000 individuals in career transition.

When someone joins the organization, they are surrounded by caring people here to help them create a career plan and achieve their goals to start, grow, or transition in their career. Through one-on-one career coaching, group workshops, mentorship, and career development resources, PA Women Work supports all job seekers with the skills they need to thrive in the workforce and achieve economic stability.

PA Women Work directly serves Southwestern Pennsylvania with in-person career development events and virtual programs and services throughout the year. Whether it's a single mom, refugee or immigrant, someone seeking career advancement, and individual recovering from substance use disorder or someone transitioning into a new career field, PA Women Work serves people from all different backgrounds. Everyone comes to our organization with a different story and with their own unique goals, and we are here to support them on their path to career success.



Pennsylvania Women Work (cont.)

In addition to PA Women Work's direct footprint, we partner with organizations across the state through our New Choices program, which provides career development and job search support.

All of PA Women Work's services are available at no cost to participants. Every person who starts with the organization is connected to a career coach for an introductory one on one meeting. During this discussion, career coaches listen to the job seekers to understand what barriers they are currently facing in their career.

Individuals can get started with a career coach at www.pawomenwork.org/career-growth.

Additionally, PA Women Work is teaming up with Senator Bartolotta to host our annual Career Kick-Start event on May 28th. This one-day event is jam packed with job search tips, resume assistance, mock interview, confidence boosting tips and so much more. Check out our website at www.pawomenwork.org/events to learn more.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Guest Columnist: Joanna Dragan, Supervisor of Sexual Violence Services SPHS CARE Center

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year's theme is "Together We Act, United We Change," and focuses on ways that individuals, workplaces, school campuses, and communities can help to prevent sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. Nearly one in five women and one in 71 men are victims of sexual assault (Black et al., 2011), but all of us are impacted by sexual violence. Sexual violence creates a climate of fear, anger, and or disbelief in the environments in which it occurs. Additionally, sexual violence generates criminal justice, medical, mental health services expenses.

As this year's theme declares, if we work together, we can enact positive change! Join us in helping everyone see their role in preventing sexual violence. If you would like to learn more about available services in Washington and Greene Counties, visit the STTARS website at www.sttars.sphs.org. STTARS hotline: 1-888-480-7283.

