

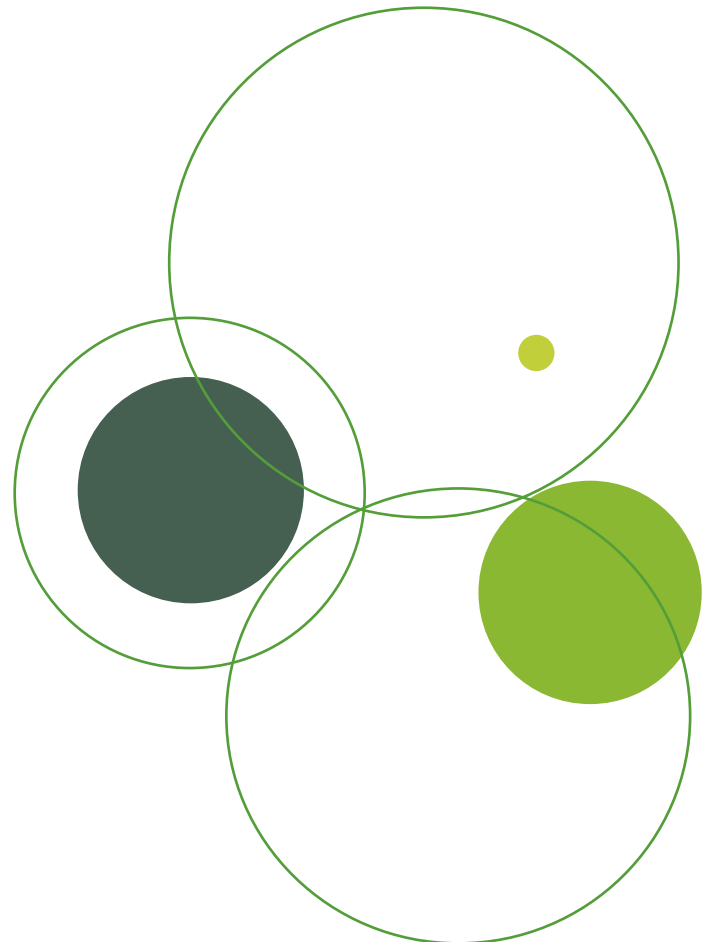
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Washington County Department of Human Services



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UPCOMING EVENTS



<p>MARCH 1</p> <p>St. John XXIII Interfaith Food Pantry 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 3609 Washington Ave. Washington PA 15301</p>	<p>MARCH 12</p> <p>Washington County Real Estate Expo 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Washington & Jefferson College</p>
<p>MARCH 13</p> <p>Marianna Food Helpers Distribution 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 117 1st St. Marianna PA 15345</p>	<p>MARCH 13</p> <p>Roll R Way Community Skate 6:00PM - 8:00PM 590 Galiffa Dr Donora PA 15033</p>
<p>MARCH 18</p> <p>First United Methodist Church of Monongahela Food Distribution 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 430 W Main St Monongahela PA 15063</p>	<p>MARCH 19</p> <p>Harmony Life Center 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 75 E Maiden St Washington PA 15301</p>
<p>MARCH 20</p> <p>California Food Helpers Distribution 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 243 2nd St California PA 15419</p>	<p>MARCH 21</p> <p>Waynesburg University's Regional Counseling Symposium 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM 1000 Corporate Dr Canonsburg PA 15317</p>
<p>MARCH 26</p> <p>Community Baby Shower - Beverly's PGH 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 100 E Wheeling St Washington PA 15301</p>	<p>MARCH 27</p> <p>First United Methodist Church of Monongahela Presentation 9:30AM - 10:30AM 430 W Main St Monongahela PA 15063</p>
<p>MARCH 28</p> <p>Wellness Connections Community Health Fair 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 111 W Pike St Canonsburg PA 15317</p>	<p>MARCH 29</p> <p>Kids Fest 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 1500 W Chestnut St Washington PA 15301</p>

Come see us at these upcoming events!

Seed to Supper 2025



Free gardening classes beginning April 3
Taught by Penn State Master Gardeners
Enjoy your own home-grown produce!!!

Geared toward food-insecure participants on a limited budget, we will teach basic vegetable gardening for plots, raised beds, or containers on a patio or balcony. Held Thursdays 6 to 8 pm at the Center for Coalfield Justice (CCJ), 31 E. Chestnut Street, Washington, PA, from April 3 to May 8. Register online at: https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cA7JuY9BVePTdfo, scan the QR code below, or call Margaret Sams at 412-296-2337



National Vietnam War Veterans Day Service March 28, 2025 Friday 9:00am National Cemetery of the Alleghenies



Please join us to say, "Thank you"

(This will be the last Vietnam Veterans Service at the Cememery)
Call Tommy Steadman at, 724-938-2521 for more information

WE NEED YOU!

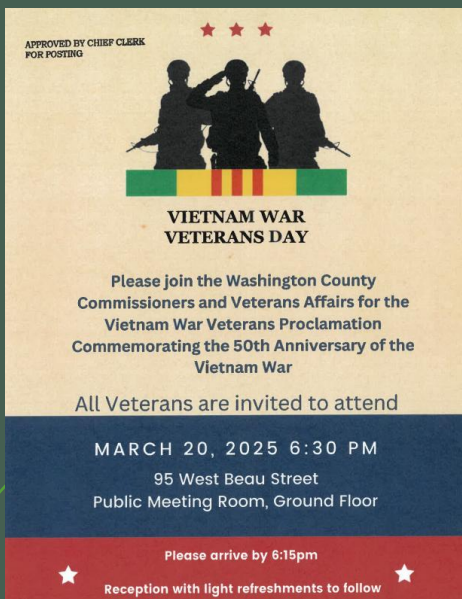
Are you interest in being featured as a provider spotlight or a guest columnist? Do you have information about an upcoming event to share? Reach out to Abby Gerlach at abigail.gerlach@co.washington.pa.us.



What's the Buzz at the Department of Human Services



Abby Gerlach, Human Services Community Outreach Liaison, has been actively engaging with several senior centers, within the county, to gain insights into the diverse activities they offer. With nine senior centers across the county, there's an impressive array of engaging options available. From crafts, bingo, informative speakers and the Silver Sneakers exercise program, each center has something unique to provide. For more information be sure to visit the Aging Services tab on our [website](#).



Washington County Veterans Affairs is proudly honoring the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War on March 20th, 2025. The Washington County Board of Commissioners will officially issue a proclamation to recognize this significant milestone. All veterans are encouraged to join us for this momentous event.



Please join us for the Washington County Department of Human Services Town Hall meeting on April 2nd, 2025, at 3pm. This meeting will occur via Microsoft Teams. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 254 976 866 069
Passcode: CG7ag9XK

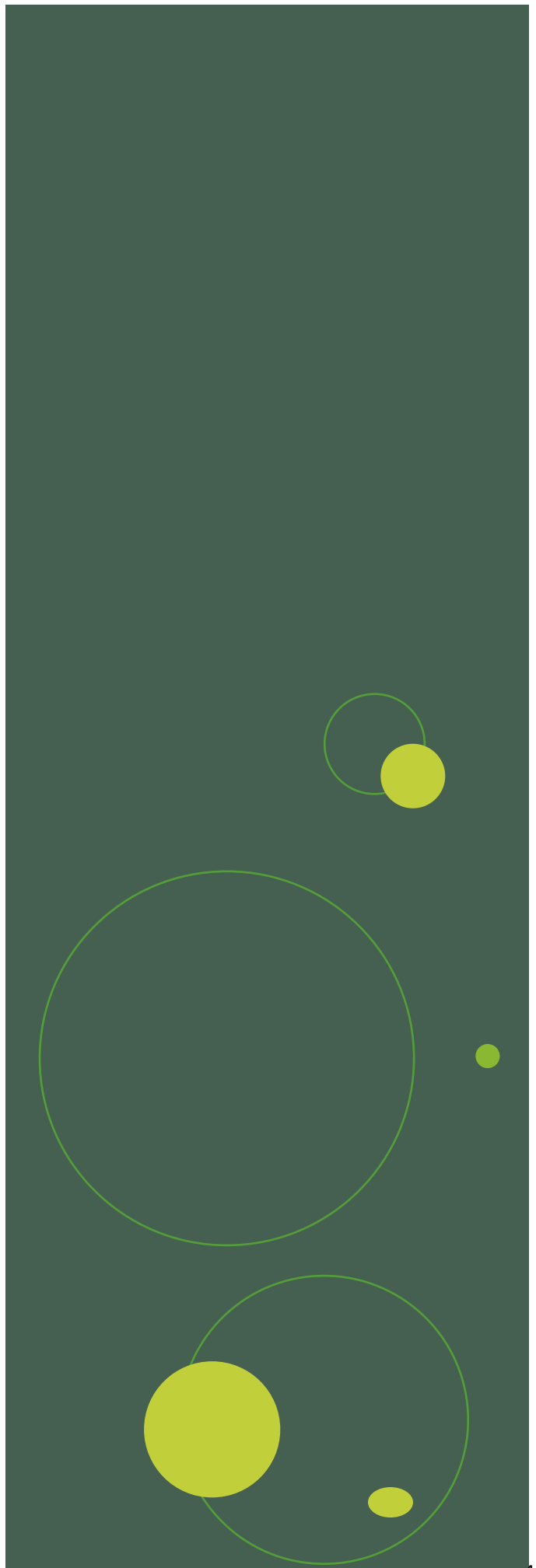
Employee Spotlights

Halle Stolze, Aging Services Care Manager

Halle attended Westminster College where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in history. Halle expressed that she has been working with the elderly for as long as she can remember. Halle mentioned that in addition to linking them with services, as a care manager she is able to provide a listening ear to people who may not have anyone else. Halle expressed that she learned a lot of from Mrs. Rosemary Grey, former director of the Neptune Twp. Senior Center in Neptune, New Jersey. Halle mentioned that Mrs. Grey was active in the community and really brought creative and educational ideas to the seniors. Halle enjoys reading, watching documentaries, cooking, and crocheting. Her favorite tv shows are Supernatural and Game of Thrones.

Lynne Daniels, BHDS ID/A Waiver Coordinator

Lynne started her degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania but took a break to raise her family. She finished her studies at California University of Pennsylvania where she obtained her bachelor's degree in social work. Lynne expressed that the most rewarding part of her job is being able to get a waiver for families who are struggling. Lynne stated that there are two college professors who left a lasting impression with her, Dr. Bill Dinello and Ed Brown. Bill opened her eyes to the medical field and Ed taught her the true meaning of social work. Lynne enjoys sewing and spending time with her family. She loves taking her grandchildren on vacations or weekend trips. Lynne enjoys watching any food network show and any 90 Day fiancé series. Her favorite movies are The Holiday, Sleepless in Seattle, and Tombstone.



Private Industry Council – DADS Matter

Guest Columnist: Tishala Cooley, DADS MATTER PROJECT Supervisor



The DADS MATTER Program builds upon effective practices in fatherhood initiatives identified in research and strategies that were implemented in the Private Industry Council's prior successful DADS MATTER Program, with its initial inception in Fayette County, PA in 2007.

The DADS MATTER Program is a voluntary program that is federally funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Administration for Children and Families. It is a five-year grant (September 30, 2020-September 29, 2025) that encourages fathers/father figures to be the BEST that they can be by offering 4–6-week group sessions (virtual or in-person) that provide an opportunity for men to network and share common parenting/family experiences.

The DADS MATTER Program provides voluntary services for community fathers/father figures who reside in Beaver, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. You must be 18 years or older and caring for at least 1 child aged 24 or younger. Father figures can include adoptive/foster fathers, grandfathers in a caregiving role, men residing and/or co-parenting with a partner who has children, older sibling or relative, or expectant fathers. There are no income guidelines.

In addition, workforce and education training options (virtual and/or in-person) are available that include forklift, scissor lift, financial wellness, economic stability, and behavior/learning support.



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In order to access our services, father/father figures can complete an online interest form by using the QR code or link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCZgiiFmMrs184DWi-hljdY0AqjwV4kIHdVtX2CwN8qDPPg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Please visit the Private Industry Council's website at privateindustrycouncil.com to view our programs and/or upcoming events. Please also feel free to view our Facebook page, PIC's DADS MATTER – Southwestern PA, for past events and highlights

