

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



OPIOID SETTLEMENT 2024 WRAP-UP



GATEWAY REHAB - \$700,000

Gateway Rehab used the funds to obtain new EHR “Sigmund/Aura”, network and phone system upgrades, and security upgrades to include X-ray scanning equipment. These additions have allowed for the complete merger of Gateway/Greenbriar into one system and added a layer of security to reduce facility overdoses.

Gateway Rehab aims to help all of those affected by diseases to be healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Gateway acquired Greenbriar Treatment Center in 2022 to become “Gateway Rehab Center - Advanced Recovery Network” merging 50+ year of SUD experience together in one network to provide ease of access of services to our residents.

TURNING POINT WASHINGTON - \$75,000

Turning Point will use the funds to expand access to prenatal services and programming for women and children.

Turning Point is a sober living facility for women and women with children, providing halfway house and 3/4 house levels of care. “With personalized treatment plans, holistic care, and a focus on life skills, we equip each woman with the tools she needs to thrive and achieve lasting addiction recovery success.”





AGING SERVICES WASHINGTON CO DHS - \$20,000

Aging Services of Washington County will use the funds to provide opioid use disorder prevention education and awareness to older adults. Lectures will be held at the 12 senior community centers and 3 satellite centers in Washington County twice yearly in 2025.

AVELLA PILOT PROGRAM - \$65,000

Washington County DHS will use the funds for staff and small equipment fees for the Wellness Center in Avella. In collaboration with Harmony Life Center, LLC, Washington County DHS is seeking to pilot a drop-in wellness center in Avella, PA, with a focus on OUD/SUD treatment and recovery resources. The center will provide residents in this rural community with access to all of human services resources and programs, primary care, and SUD treatment and recovery activities.

A walk through has been completed at 9 Campbell Street, Avella PA 15312, that was the former home to Avella Family Practice Center. Harmony Life Center has applied for grant support from DDAP for a drop in center that will aid in bringing this program to life. Once grant determinations are received, we look to move forward with acquiring the space.



**HELPING
ONE PERSON,
ONE FAMILY
AND ONE COMMUNITY
AT A TIME**



CLUB SERENITY - \$15,000

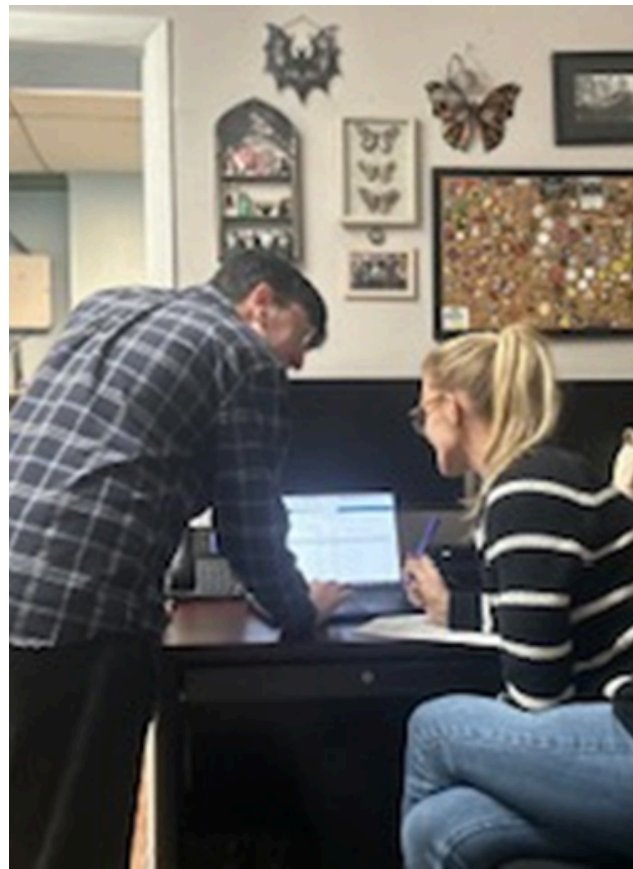
Club Serenity will use the funds to expand the telecommunications system for outreach to bridge the gap in service delivery in the MonValley area. This will enable them to provide continuous, accessible support to individuals who are unable to attend in person sessions due to geographical, logistic, or health related barriers. The system will enhance their ability to deliver targeted education and awareness programs, fostering a deeper understanding of addiction and recovery within the community.

Club Serenity is a 501c3 non-profit based in the MonValley area that has been a “beacon of hope for individuals struggling with substance use disorder since 1992”. They provide recovery housing, recovery meetings, social gatherings, and educational initiatives to help individuals achieve sobriety.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF SWPA (DVSSP) - \$59,625

DVSSP will use the funds to add a full-time Domestic Violence/Recovery Advocate to the Mobile Advocacy and Empowerment Department who will have expertise in OUD/SUD recovery and treatment and will be trained in-house on domestic violence, allowing them to address the interconnected issues faced by survivors.

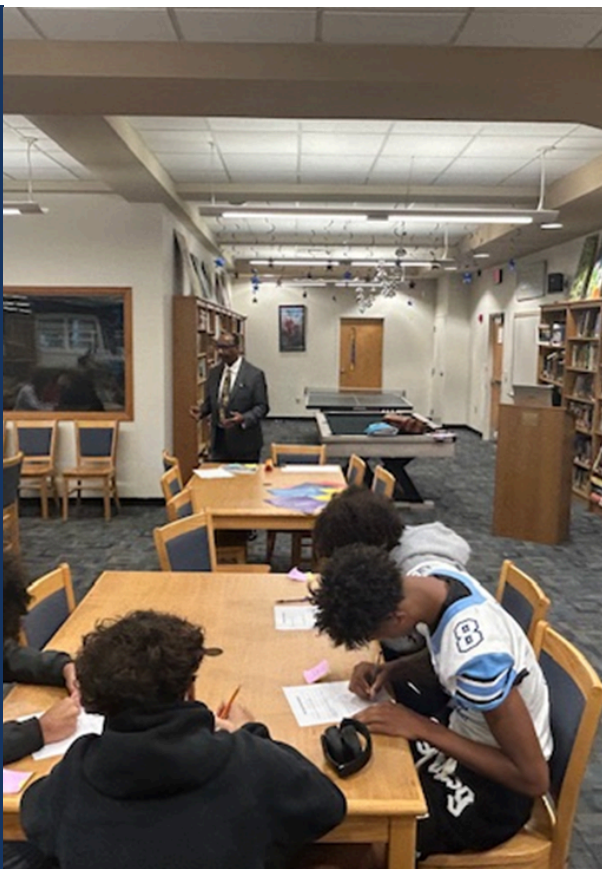
As of the end of November 2024, a Certified Recovery Specialist was hired and began training in this role. She is eager to collaborate with local providers and community resources to ensure seamless access to comprehensive care.



DR. MITCHELL NICKOLS - \$75,000

Dr. Mitchell Nickols will use the funds to pilot the “Success in Life” program in 3 local schools including Washington High, Bentworth, and Charleroi, which will engage 15 students at each of the school for 12-24 months. This program will provide at risk and underserved students prevention education to have a bright, successful future.

Programming began at all 3 schools at the beginning of the school year.





POLICE SOCIAL WORKER - PETERS TOWNSHIP - \$42,500

Peters Township will use the funds to hire a social worker for the Peters Township Police Department to provide a co-response model addressing OUD/SUD, mental health, domestic issues, and social stressors to name a few. The social worker will provide counseling, case management, and crisis response support for community members. The social worker can also provide training and consultation to police officers to allow them to better serve their community and reduce compassion fatigue. Hampton Township has been instrumental in the development of this program, as they have shared their model and success stories with Washington County.

Peters Township Council has approved the addition of the Social Worker to their team. They are currently finalizing their budget and training plan and will be posting the position at the end of Dec '24 or Jan '25.

POLICE SOCIAL WORKER - WASHINGTON CO - \$42,500

Washington County will use the funds to hire a second social worker in Washington County along the lines of the Peters Township model. The host site of the second social worker is to be determined in the upcoming months.

We will begin preliminary discussions with potential sites that were identified based on the number of calls the police departments placed to the crisis line seeking assistance. Our goal is to have the first two social workers begin together and work together to build this innovative program.





RESURRECTION POWER - \$34,573

Resurrection Power will use the funds to utilize the One Step software to provide relapse prevention support, reduce relapse rates, and increase the long-term success in sobriety during the critical period of early recovery.

Resurrection Power is a 501c3 nonprofit that provides recovery housing at 3/4 level of care in Washington PA.



MEDMARK TREATMENT CENTERS - \$36,556

MedMark Treatment Centers will use the funds to obtain and utilize Sonara software which provides virtual dosing window technology allowing them to safely and effectively monitor patients with at-home administration allowances. SAMSA'S recommendation has been to maximize the amount of take home medication a patient may have to eliminate barriers to treatment, reduce the risk of diversion and overdose, and increase treatment retention rates.

MedMark Washington will be the first center in the district to implement Sonora's technology.

MONVALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (SPHS) - \$62,000

MonValley Community Health Services (SPHS) will use the funds to provide services through the Center of Excellence (COE) to 15-20 individuals per month that are uninsured or underinsured. The COE assists clients through advocacy, accessing services such as mental health and OUD/SUD treatment, physical health, etc. The COE assess for SDOH needs and links individuals to those services in the community.





CARE CENTER (SPHS) - \$62,000

The Care Center (SPHS) will use the funds to provide services through the Center of Excellence (COE) to 40-50 individuals per month that are uninsured or underinsured. The COE assists clients through advocacy, accessing services such as mental health and OUD/SUD treatment, physical health, etc. The COE assess for SDOH needs and links individuals to those services in the community.

WJPA

95.3 FM
1450 AM

WJPA - \$15,000

WJPA will use the funds for a county media campaign. Ads for opioid use disorder awareness, treatment, and prevention, along with the Help Center contact information will run over the radio and on the WJPA website.

COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY - \$50,000

The County District Attorney will use the fund to assist with sustainability of the prevention education program.

“Our goal is to keep Washington County safe and secure by effectively working with the entire law enforcement community. We fight for justice in the courts, seek appropriate punishment for those who commit crimes, provide complete assistance to victims of crime, and offer community-based crime prevention programs to educate the public.”



HARMONY LIFE CENTER - \$121,950

Harmony Life Center will use the funds to hire a full-time center manager and support sustainability efforts for one year.

Harmony Life Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization peer run recovery organization that provides recovery resources, support, and advocacy to individuals, families, and significant others and the community as a whole.

Harmony Life Center has begun the search for a full-time center manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of the center.





HUMAN SERVICES - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CERTIFIED RECOVERY SPECIALIST - \$62,000

The Department of Human Services will use the funds to add a full-time Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) to the Human Services team to assist the criminal justice system, beginning with adult probation, to provide support and assistance to individuals with identified substance use disorder. The CRS will serve as a mentor, role model, and advocate to individuals with SUD to promote recovery and help prevent relapse. The CRS will also assist with identifying needs and connect individuals to community resources.

Human Services is finalizing the creation of the position with plans to post in the upcoming weeks with a projected start date in January 2025.



D.A.R.E.

**TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE**

D.A.R.E. - \$35,000

The D.A.R.E. program will use the funds to assist with sustainability for the prevention education program.

D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from K-12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive, drug and violence free lives.

HUMAN SERVICES - CASE MANAGEMENT ID SERVICES - \$2,500

Human Services will use the funds to assist individuals with OUD/SUD with obtaining forms of ID including social security cards, state IDs, driver's license, etc. that they have misplaced to aid them in obtaining needed services.



SERENITY FARMS - \$250,000

Serenity Farms will obtain and operate a state licensed sober living facility (3/4 house) for males in Washington County. Washington County has only 2 licensed recovery houses for females. The goal is to expand the number of available licensed bed and facilities in Washington County to ensure needs are met and facilities are operating according to regulations.

Serenity Farms is working on the identification of a potential site. A walk through of the site has been completed and other potential sites have been identified.



GROWING RECOVERY



HUMAN SERVICES - FACILITY COMPLIANCE/RISK ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT - \$50,000

DHS will hire a consultant to assist with the licensing of identified recovery houses in the county and ensure requirements of licensure continue to be met. This position will also provide risk assessments of identified facilities.

HUMAN SERVICES - HOUSING - STREET OUTREACH - \$16,800

DHS Housing and Homelessness Department will add a street outreach coordinator to the team to assist in identifying individuals in need and connecting them with resources and services.

