



Steel Valley Family Center News



APRIL 2024

Staff Message

Happy Spring!

With a new season upon us, here a few reminders about what's happening here at the center:

Van Ride Scheduling

If you require transportation via our van service, please remember to schedule your ride at least two days in advance to ensure availability.

Open Play Hours

Every Friday from 10 am to 1 pm, we invite parents and children to join us for open play hours at the center. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy our playroom and engage in various activities with your little ones.

Need Diapers?

50 diapers are available per child per family once a month. Diapers arrive at the center on the third Friday of each month and are given out on a first come, first serve basis.

Events Calendar

Friday, April 12; Friday, April 19; Friday, April 26

365 Dads Fatherhood Program, 10 a.m.

This group provides dads with an opportunity to talk with other men about the joys and challenges of fatherhood. If you are interested in joining please contact Danny Martin at 412-722-4532.

Friday, April 5; Friday, April 12; Friday, April 19; Friday, April 26

Drop-In Playtime, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We will have drop-in hours in our playroom on Fridays, so anyone is welcome to bring their children but an adult must be present and stay with the child for the whole time. Childcare is not provided; children must be supervised by their parents.

Wednesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 10; Wednesday, April 17

Storytime at the Library with Ms. Robin, 11 a.m.

Join Ms. Robin at the Carnegie Library of Homestead for storytime. She will read a book, do a craft and all children will get a snack to take home.

Saturday, April 20

Neighborhood Book Club, 1 p.m.

Read around your neighborhood with high-quality books, hands-on activities, and social time with other families in the Mon Valley! (continued)

Our Mission

We are an educational community that advocates and advances equitable opportunities for every learner.

Our Vision

Through equitable access, all learners will achieve their full potential.

Staff

Senior Site Director

Holly Cherpak

Senior Family Development Specialist

Jasmine Purkey

Family Development Specialist

Brittney Hauslee

Robin Mercuri

Drug and Alcohol Case Manager

Sharlene Sikorski

Fatherhood Facilitator & Van Driver

Danny Martin

Receptionist/Recruiter

LaRita Alred

Main Number

412-461-8019

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Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday



Events Calendar (continued)

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This is a good event for families with children birth to eight years old. Free copies of the book will be provided (one per family) and each session is at a different location. This April's event will take place in partnership with WQED, Carnegie Library of Homestead, and Reading Ready Pittsburgh. If you are interested in attending you must [RSVP at this link](#) on the Carnegie of Homestead's library website or using the QR code on the flyer posted below.

Tuesday, April 23

Parent/Child Interaction Group, 11:30 a.m.

Come join us for a fun morning activity which will feature storytime, a craft, snack time, and free play. This group is intended for our children who are five years old and under.



Neighborhood Book Club

Read around your neighborhood with high-quality books, hands-on activities, and social time with other families in the Mon Valley!

**April 20th 1 PM
at the Steel Valley Family Center**

**May 4th 1 PM
at B is for Books (Reading Ready Pittsburgh)**

**June Date TBA
at the Carnegie Library of Homestead**

Register your family on the Carnegie Library of Homestead online calendar.



Thank You...

- 412 Food Rescue
- Beverly's Birthdays
- Costco
- Go Puff
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- PNC Bank
- Rainbow Kitchen
- Salvation Army

Resources

Bread Donation Giveaway

This will take place outside the family center along 8th Avenue every Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. If you need bread for your household, please stop by.

Diaper Bank

The family center gives out 50 diapers and a pack of wipes per child, per family, every month. If you are interested in receiving diapers please call or stop by.

Photos

Easter-Themed Fun at the Center

Check out these photos from a recent group event held at the center! Ms. Robin read "Never Touch a Grumpy Bunny" and led families through an egg hunt, a craft and much, much more!





Early Childhood Education



HEAD START



PRE-K COUNTS



Head Start and Pre-K Counts provide preschool children ages three to five with quality, flexible programming designed to reinforce and respond to the strengths and needs of each individual child and family.

All families must reside in Allegheny County and meet program guidelines to participate. Please reach out to the AIU with any questions you may have.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Head Start/Pre-K Counts

- Jeanette Casciato, 412-394-4594

OUR PROGRAMMING INCLUDES

- Literacy development
- Math
- Science
- Social skills

Use your smart device to scan this QR code to fill out a pre-application.



READING READY PITTSBURGH PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON OF PUPPETRY



WHAT: TWO FREE PUPPET SHOWS FOR CHILDREN

WHERE: B IS FOR BOOKS

222 E. 8TH AVE, HOMESTEAD, PA 15120

WHEN: APRIL 20TH, 2024

DOORS AT 11, SHOWS AT 11:30 + 12:30

swipe for more! 



THE RONALD MCDONALD CARE MOBILE

As a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Inc., the Care Mobile offers medical care to children throughout the Pittsburgh region for no out-of-pocket costs.

Have any questions or need more information?

Call 412-352-1059 or visit us at www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic

Follow and like the Care Mobile on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/CHPCareMobile

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- ▶ Immunizations
- ▶ Routine physical exams
- ▶ Sick child visits
- ▶ Adolescent and young adult health care
- ▶ Referrals for specialty care
- ▶ WIC (Women, Infants & Children) form assistance

THERE ARE NO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR CARE MOBILE SERVICES.

SERVICES ARE COMING YOUR WAY! LOOK FOR THE CARE MOBILE:

LOCATION: Steel Valley High School and Barrett Elementary School

DATE: High School - March 11, May 1, June 14
Barrett Elementary - May 24, June 17

TIME: 9:30am - 2:00pm
Registration will close at 1:30pm.

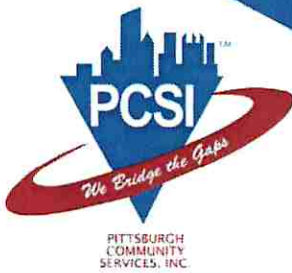
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Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
The Pittsburgh Foundation
Richard Donchian Foundation
Walmart Community Grants



PARDON & EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC



**ALLEGHENY COUNTY RESIDENTS,
WITH PA CHARGES:**

- **MEET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE FOR ADVISEMENT ON EXPUNGEMENTS.**
- **CONNECT WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOR POTENTIAL NO COST PARDON APPLICATION SUBMISSION.**
- **MULTIPLE REENTRY FOCUSED EMPLOYERS, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES.**



**CARNEGIE LIBRARY MAIN (OAKLAND)
LIMITED SEATS.**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
APRIL 23, 2024. 1-4PM**

TO REGISTER:

**KurtisM@PGHCSI.ORG Text: (412) 866-4454
Mention: April Pardon Hub**

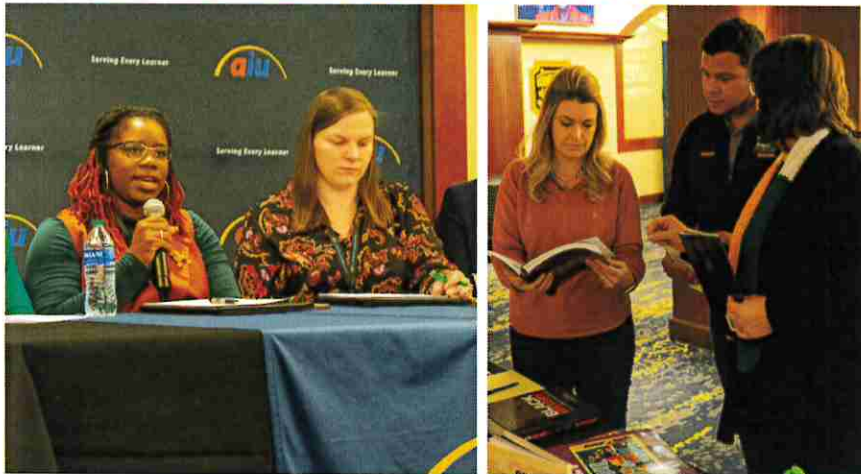
What's Happening at AIU

AIU Celebrating Nationwide Employee Appreciation Day



The AIU joined other organizations from across the country on March 1 to celebrate Employee Appreciation Day. The commemorative date served as an excellent time to recognize the amazing efforts being done by our more than 1,200 employees. Recognition and appreciation are a part of our culture at the AIU, and we are making strides to highlight our successes throughout the year. Remember, if you would like some ideas on how to recognize a colleague, check out our [Recognition Tool Kit](#) for suggestions, tips and resources!

Educators Meet at PNC Park For AIU's Third Annual DEI Conference



Teachers and school administrators from across the region gathered at PNC Park on Saturday for the AIU's third annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Educators Conference. The event featured insightful and meaningful presentations on topics of race/ethnicity, LGBTQ+/gender identity, and disabilities from local experts and several AIU leaders. The conference also welcomed leaders from five of the Governor's Advisory Commissions for a keynote panel presentation.

Work for the AIU



- [Adult English Language Instructor](#)
- [Fatherhood Facilitator](#)
- [Head Custodian, Mon Valley School](#)
- [Outreach Specialist](#)
- [Social Worker, Sunrise School \(ESY\)](#)

For more information and job openings, visit:

aiu3.net/careers.

Project ELECT

Who Are We?

Project ELECT is a program of the AIU that serves expectant and parenting teens in Allegheny County and parts of Beaver County.

Teen Parenting Program

The primary goal of the ELECT (Education Leading To Employment and Career Training) program is to assist eligible teens in acquiring their high school diploma or GED.

Eligibility

Expectant or parenting teens up to the age of 22 who have not received a high school diploma or GED are eligible for Project ELECT services.

Referrals

People who are interested in Project ELECT services should contact the case manager in their school district or Project ELECT coordinator Lynn Tatala at marylynn.tatala@aiu3.net.



STEEL VALLEY NOW OFFERS PRE-K!

Enrollment now open for 2024-25

- Families must reside within the Steel Valley School District
- Student must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2024



Scan the QR code
to meet our
registrar and start
enrollment



**Steel Valley Pre-K is located at Barrett Elementary
221 East 12th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120**

[steelvalleysd.org](https://www.steelvalleysd.org)

Ready? Set?
GLOW



STEEL VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**WE ARE EXCITED TO GROW
AND LEARN OUR WAY!**

JOIN US ON MAY 2 FOR OUR TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN. PARENTS SHOULD BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY, IMMUNIZATION RECORDS, AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

ENROLLMENT PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS TO FILL OUT. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS. KINDERGARTEN STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO MEET WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
MAY 2 | 5:30 - 7 P.M.

**MORE INFORMATION AT
STEELVALLEYSCHOOLDISTRICT.ORG**