



Steel Valley Family Center News



JANUARY 2024

Staff Message

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday season. We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As the new year begins we would like to share a few reminders with everyone: The center has open play hours every Friday from 10 a.m. to Noon. ESL Classes have started at the center again, if you are interested in joining one of the classes please reach out to the center. Diapers are available to families everyday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each family can receive 50 diapers per child per month and a package of wipes.

As a reminder, as the winter months are now here, if you have a van ride scheduled and the weather is forecasted to be icy or snowy that van rides can be canceled. We will provide bus tickets to any family that wants to take the bus to their appointment or the ride will be rescheduled.

- Steel Valley Family Center staff

Events Calendar

Friday, January 5; Friday, January 12; Friday, January 19; Friday, January 27
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.

Friday, January 12; Friday, January 19; Friday, January 27
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 Dan at 412-722-4532

Wednesday, January 10; Wednesday, January 25
Storytime at the Library with Ms. Robin

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.

Monday, January 15 - Center Closed (MLK Jr. Day)

Thursday, January 18
Parent Craft Group, 10 a.m.

Join us for a fun morning of crafting and talking. We will be doing a Valentine's Day Craft. Transportation, childcare and breakfast will be provided. If you are interested in attending please contact the center by January 12.

Steel Valley Family Center | 304 E. 8th Ave. | Homestead, PA 15120
412-461-8019 | steelvalleyfc@aiu3.net
Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

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



Events Calendar (continued)

Thursday, January 25

Fire Prevention Demonstration, Noon

The Munhall Fire Department will be at the center to teach our younger children about fire safety and fire prevention. If you are interested in attending please call the center by January 18 so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone attending.

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.

Community Events

Tuesday, January 16

Talk About It Tuesdays

Starting on Tuesday, January 16, Eighth Avenue Place will be offering "Talk About Tuesdays," which will feature free therapeutic services for mental health and substance misuse care. All services will be conducted and/or supervised by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). "Talk about it Tuesdays" will be from 10am-2pm at Homestead United Presbyterian Church, 908 Ann Street (use the 9th Avenue entrance). Please call Eighth Avenue Place at 412-872-8631 with questions or to reserve a space.

Wednesday, February 7

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be at Barrett Elementary School on Wednesday, February 7. The care mobile offers primary health care services including immunizations, vision screenings, infant care and much more. No appointment is necessary at most sites.

WIC

There are four ways to get started with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for **Women, Infants and Children**, or **WIC**.

- Visit the [PA WIC website](#) and complete a pre-application
- Print out a paper application and take it to your health care provider
- Call 412-350-5801 to request an application through the mail
- Stop by one of the local WIC Clinics to pick up a paper application.



Thank You...

- 412 Food Rescue
- Costco
- Rainbow Kitchen
- Salvation Army
- St. Joseph the Worker Church in Forest Hills
- St. Therese Church of Munhall
- Toys for Tots

365 Dads

AIU Fatherhood Program

We are a part of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit that is focused on helping fathers across Allegheny County be the best versions of themselves. We provide equitable access to resources including basic necessities and referrals. We service fathers and male caretakers of children from ages 0-5. Call one of our facilitators to find a meeting in your neighborhood.

- Tyrone Fisher, 412-816-5137
- Arthur Johnson, 412-760-6737
- Dan Martin, 412-722-4532
- Michael Smith, 412-771-6817



PBS For Parents

Did you know that PBS has a [section just for parents](#)? It's filled with all sorts of articles, resources, tips, and advice for you and your family.

What's Happening at AIU

Pathfinder Celebrates the Holiday Season

Two special guests accompanied students for breakfast in December at the AIU's Pathfinder School for some festive fun. Students from each classroom performed a holiday song with help from music teacher Mr. Chris Dufalla. Other students decorated the tree with ornaments they designed.



Work for the AIU



- [Case Manager, Adult Education](#)
- [Family Center Aide](#)
- [Family Development Specialist](#)
- [Mon Valley School Social Worker](#)
- [Paraprofessional At Large](#)
- [Student Support Specialist](#)
- [TEAR Trauma Advocate, Highlands Family Center](#)

This is just a small sample of the jobs available at the AIU.

For more information, visit: aiu3.net/careers.

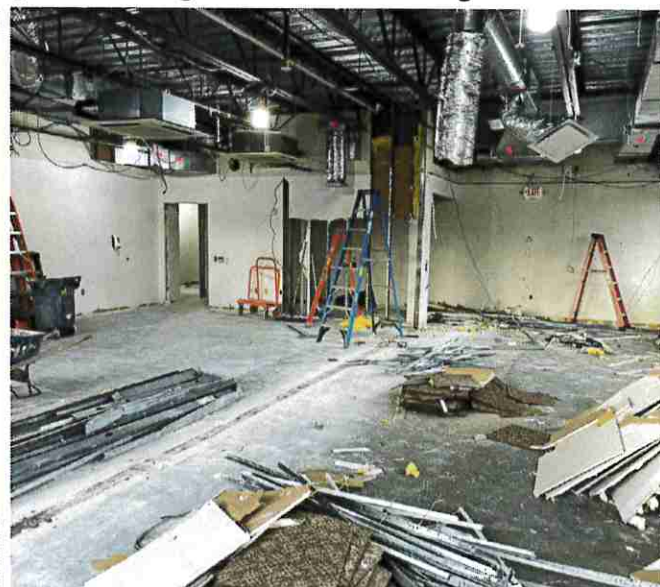
Legislative Breakfast

The AIU held its annual Legislative Breakfast on December 5. The summit of leaders from across Western Pennsylvania toured innovative prevocational programs at our Mon Valley School (below) and visited the McKeesport Family Center, which also houses the Family and Immigrant Connections program and a Head Start classroom. We are delighted these legislative leaders could see what we do!



Work Starts on Central Office Classroom

Construction of a new Head Start classroom in the AIU's Central Office is underway! The classroom, which was approved by the AIU's Board of Directors in October, will be in the area that formerly housed the print shop and MarCom Department. A new playground also will replace a portion of the parking lot on the right side of the building.



January

2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Center Closed	2 Center Closed	3	4	5 Bread - 9 am	6
7	8 ESL - 11:30 am	9 Bread - 9 am	10 Storytime at the Library - 11 am ESL - 11:30 am	11	12 Bread- 9 am 24/7 Dad's - 10 am	13
14	15 Center Closed	16 Bread - 9 am	17 ESL- 11:30 am	18 Parent Craft - 10 am	19 Bread- 9 am 24/7 Dad's - 10 am	20
21	22 ESL - 11:30 am	23 Bread - 9 am	24 Storytime at the Library - 11 am ESL - 11:30 am	25 Fire Prevention - 12 pm	26 Bread- 9 am 24/7 Dad's - 10 am	27
28	29 ESL - 11:30 am	30 Bread - 9 am	31 ESL - 11:30 am			



Come in and play!
We're open for drop-in playtime!

Steel Valley

Fridays 10AM-1 PM



Stop in to learn more!



Scan the QR code to learn
more or visit
<https://acdhs.org/FCEvents>





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 no out-of-pocket cost medical care to children throughout Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas.

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
- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine for approved ages
- ▶ Adolescent and young adult health care
- ▶ Referrals for specialty care
- ▶ WIC (Women, Infants & Children) form assistance

ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CARE MOBILE ARE AT NO OUT-OF-POCKET COST

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

LOCATION: Steel Valley School District

DATE: High School: January 3, March 11th

TIME: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Barrett Elementary: February 7th

Registration will close at 1:30pm.



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