

# Allegheny County Department of Human Services Helpful Resources

## **Foster Care Agencies**

### Agencies in the East of Pittsburgh

#### <u>Auberle</u>

1101 Hartman Street, McKeesport, PA 15132 Contact Jeanne Burger at 412-779-0322

Auberle Foster Care connects children and youth with families. Auberle believes all children deserve families and works with foster families to address unique developmental, medical or behavior concerns a child might have. We certify individuals, couples and families from all over southwestern Pennsylvania. It is our mission to provide a supportive living experience for children so that they can thrive and develop positive relationships. This is a mission what we cannot accomplish without you. It is through the restorative experience that you provide within your home and family that the children will heal, grow and develop. I am the foster parent recruiter/trainer for Auberle. My husband and I were foster parents for 18 years and fostered 16 teenagers. I have been a foster parent recruiter for 17 years, so I will be happy to address any questions you have about foster parenting. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

#### **Greater Valley Community Services**

609 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104 Contact Tempestt Henderson or Janae Gan at 412-351-7055 or 888-351-7058

A Faith-based social service agency seeking to serve the needs of children and families in the various communities. Our mission is to empower children and families spiritually, mentally, and physically in the pursuit of developing a more productive and caring communities. We believe in "enriching lives for a greater community."

#### **Wesley Spectrum**

221 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221 Contact Colleen Slebodnik at 412-287-5552

Wesley Spectrum offers out-of-home placement services in the least restrictive, family-like setting to children from birth to 21 years old. Foster care options include traditional, treatment, CRR, medically fragile and kinship care. Placements can be planned or as an emergency.

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Wesley Spectrum recruits resource families that represent diverse racial/ethnic composition and geographical locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Wesley Spectrum welcomes single parents, married couples, couples in committed relationships, intergenerational families and LGBT families. The foster care program is only one part of Wesley Spectrum. Other programs include a diverse range of autism, behavioral health, education, and family support services to meet the needs of those we serve. Wesley Spectrum resource families say the training and support offered to them is the cornerstone to providing a safe, secure environment to the children in need who are placed in their care.

<u>UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Mon Yough's Specialized Foster Care Program</u> 500 Walnut St., 2nd Floor, McKeesport, PA 15132 Contact Clare Chiaverini at 412-675-6927

We offer a range of support services, including individual and family trauma-based therapy, 24 hour crisis intervention, family visitation, parenting guidance, and behavioral support. We provide the following direct services:

- Placement and matching services tailored to best meet each child and family's specific needs.
- Support services for foster families.
- Trauma-informed care training for foster parents and caseworkers.
- Child and family-focused skill development.
- Ensuring children are placed in the least restrictive and developmentally appropriate settings.
- Collaborating with healthcare, juvenile court, and county providers.
- Participating in Individualized Service and Education Plan meetings and court hearings.
- Supervised visits with biological family.

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