



Granville Seymour Redmond (1871–1935)
Wildflowers, Poppies, and Lupines, n.d.
Oil on canvas, 18 x 24 inches
The Westmoreland Museum of American Art
Bequest of Richard M. Scaife, 2015.84

Artwork courtesy of:

**THE WESTMORELAND
MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART**

The Westmoreland County COVID-19 Response Update Call will begin shortly.



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Executive Director



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Doug Chew County Commissioner



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- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP):**
 - Dan Carney will update.
 - Application: <https://www.theunionmission.org/erap>
- **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE):**
 - <https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/civicalerts.aspx?aid=6794>
- **Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Reduction**
 - <https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/2979/Lead-Safe-Westmoreland>

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- **Human Services Director Job Posted:**
 - Funded by R. K. Mellon Foundation.
 - Will work to coordinate across the entire county.
 - Hired a consultant to work with successful candidate for a year.
 - Awarded grant from Community Foundation of Westmoreland County for a search firm to help with search.
- **ARP Funds:**
 - Final rules posted in early 2022.
 - Commissioners beginning to plan.

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2022 County Government Priorities

- Appropriate Funding to Support the Crumbling Mental Health System
- Human Services Workforce Crisis
- Broadband Expansion
- Appropriate Funding and Reform for the Children and Youth System
- Promote Election Integrity
- 911 Funding and Reauthorization
- Funding and Resources for Elections

**3-of-the-7
priorities are in
the Human
Services Space**

CCAP is the County Commissioners Association of PA. This group develops policy and then lobbies for that policy.

2021-2022 Policy Details:

<https://www.pacounties.org/advocacy/policy>.

Chew pleased with CCAP Policy Committee Outcomes

Greensburg, PA – On Sunday, November 21, the nine policy committees of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) met at the CCAP Fall Conference to develop their 2022 work plans and to determine what issues, if any, would benefit from the engagement of all counties by inclusion on CCAP's 2022 legislative priorities list.

“As a member of a CCAP Policy Committee, I was happy to encourage support for priorities important to Westmoreland County, and several of my priorities for Westmoreland County have made this short list,” said Commissioner Doug Chew, a new member to the Energy, Environmental, and Land Use Committee and the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Task Force.

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- **Priority 1, Increase funding to support the crumbling mental health system:**
 - Budget proposal includes a \$36.6 million investment in mental health community base funds.
 - **Priority 2, County human services workforce crisis:**
 - Number of initiatives proposed to alleviate current workforce shortages and bolster Pennsylvania's economy.
 - **Priority 4, Appropriate funding and reform for the children and youth system:**
 - Child welfare budget includes a proposed increase of \$181 million.
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Dr. Carol Fox

Chief Medical Officer

TO SCHEDULE VACCINATIONS: 724-689-1690
VACCINATIONS FOR HOMEBOUND: DIAL 211
FRYE FARM TESTING FACILITY APPTS: 800-727-9558

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Amy Franz

Interim Region Director



United Way of
Southwestern Pennsylvania

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Westmoreland County January 2022



PA 2-1-1 Southwest told me what help I was eligible for. I couldn't have figured it out by myself.
~ 2-1-1 caller ~

1,355
PHONE CONTACT
Last month: 804
Last year: 1,270

45
TEXT CONTACT
Last month: 45
Last year: 47

15
CHAT & EMAIL CONTACT
Last month: 12
Last year: 14

727
WEB CONTACT
Last month: 635
Last year: N/A

NEEDS

BASIC NEEDS BY CATEGORY

Includes only the referrals made by Resource Navigators in response to phone, text, chat, or email contact (does not include web searches).



739
Housing & Shelter



36
Food & Meals



341
Utilities



32
Healthcare & Covid-19



11
Mental Health & Substance Use



121
Employment & Income



51
Material Goods (Clothing/Household)



17
Transportation

TOP NEEDS

The numbers below reflect both the self-identified needs of callers and those discovered during the course of calls; they also include self-referrals to programs for which individuals searched the PA211 websites.

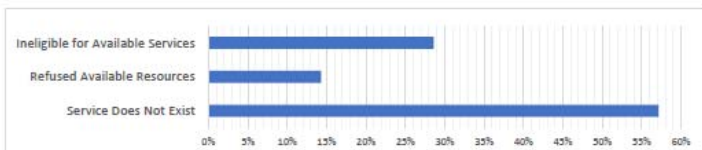
Referred Service	Count
Rent Payment Assistance	688
Electric Service Payment Assistance	209
Water Service Payment Assistance	107
VITA Programs	97
Heating Fuel Payment Assistance	87
Food Pantries	50
Gas Service Payment Assistance	49
Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance	49
Comprehensive Information and Referral	39
Housing Related Coordinated Entry	34

UNMET NEEDS

If services do not exist to meet a contact's stated need, or if they are deemed ineligible for services, 2-1-1 records that as an unmet need. In these cases, the Resource Navigators explore other services that may be of assistance.

Unmet Need	Count
Appliance Repair	1
Automobiles	1
Food Pantries	1
Furnaces	1
GED/High School Equivalency Test Instruction	1
Housing Related Coordinated Entry	1
Pet Care Services	1
Refrigerators	1

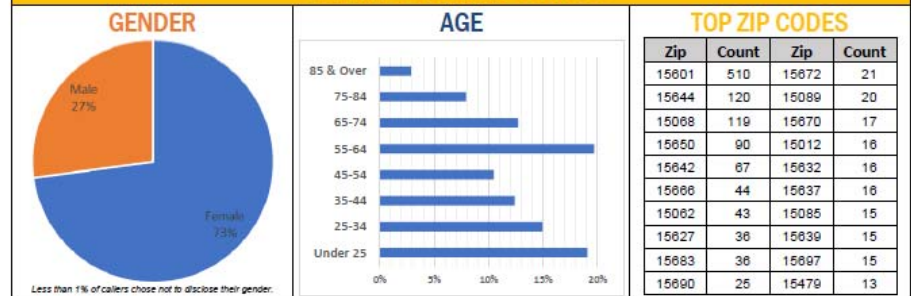
REASONS FOR UNMET NEEDS



Westmoreland County, January 2022



DEMOGRAPHICS



TOP REFERRALS

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Direct Church Referrals for Rent Assistance	512
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Utility Service Payment Assistance	250
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Rent Assistance	59
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Cooking and Heating Fuel Assistance	56
Southwestern Pennsylvania VITA Sites - Appointments Scheduled through 211	51
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Information and Referral	39
Westmoreland County ERAP - Union Mission - Intake and Processing	37
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Rent Assistance	36
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Direct Church Referral for Miscellaneous Needs	34
Mount Pleasant Good Samaritan Center Rental Assistance	24
Welcome Home Shelter SPHS Connect Emergency Shelter for Women and Families	24
UWSWPA - Emergency Basic Needs - COVID-19 Fund Application	23
Feeding the Spirit - Rent Payment Assistance	20
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Food Assistance	18
Modest Needs - Emergency Self-Sufficiency Grants	18
Salvation Army - Greensburg Worship and Service Center - Material Goods, Food Assistance	17
Westmoreland County Housing Authority - Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)	17
Saint Vincent de Paul of Greensburg - Utility Payment Assistance	16
LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	15
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Baby Needs	14
Feeding the Spirit - Crisis Motel Vouchers	13
Westmoreland County Assistance Office - Emergency Shelter Allowance (ESA)	13
Westmoreland County Housing Authority - Rent Assistance Program	13
Union Mission - Men's Shelter - Coordinated Entry	12
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Clothing Vouchers	10

Bud Mertz

Director of Public Safety

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WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Assistance from the federal government only applies when the extent of the damage reaches a certain threshold.

In response, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) was founded in 1970.

How will Westmoreland County respond and recover from disasters?



WESTMORELAND COUNTY

HUMAN SERVICE AND PREPAREDNESS COALITION

Westmoreland County currently has a strong network of human service agencies that collaborate on a continual basis.

This will serve as the foundation of the Human Services and Preparedness Coalition (HSPC).



DISASTER/EMERGENCY

HSPC ACTIVATION

If disaster relief assistance is needed the HSPC liaisons would be alerted via an emergency notification.

HSPC Leads:
Mandy Zalich - Westmoreland Community Action
Michele Zona - WCDPS

Housing Liasion

Food Liaison

Shelter Liasion

Clothing
Liasion

Donations
Management

Mental Health
Services

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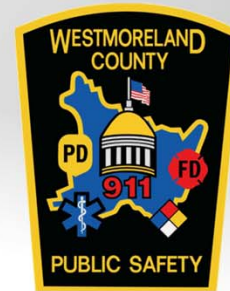
Related Agencies

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In Partnership with
Westmoreland County
BH/DS, Ray of Hope and
many other human
services organizations.
50+ Resource Tables,
200+ Golden Ticket
Prizes!

The 2022 Spring Spectacular Community Festival

FREE Admission for All!

April 2nd, 1PM-4PM

Westmoreland County Fairgrounds

10K Egg Hunt for All Ages, Golden Ticket Prizes,
Bunny Photo Op, Andy the Ambulance,
Food Trucks, Face Painting, DJ,
Balloon Twisting, Vendor Tables, and lots more!



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New Program in Westmoreland County

Community Based Care Managers use a holistic, person-centered approach in assisting adults to live independently in the community with a healthy, recovery-focused lifestyle. Using the Social Determinants of Health model, goal-based service plans are developed to serve individuals with complex needs. Contact Pam Ackerman for info and referrals.

packerman@mhaswpa.org

Community Based Care Manager

Phone: 724-834-6351 x115

Westmoreland County BH/DS is
2 CIT Trainings
Open to All Law Enforcement Officers in
Westmoreland County
Slots Are Limited

May 23rd -27th Allegheny Twp Municipal Building

June 6th-10th Fred Rodgers Center in Latrobe

The Healthy Families/Healthy Babies Committee is hosting a FREE Training sponsored by Westmoreland BH/DS Office. Eventbrite Registration is now open. 3 hours of CEUs for Licensed Professionals

The Covid-19 Pandemic's Impact on Young Children and Families:

Exploring the Trajectory from a Trauma-Informed Lens

Presented

By:

SPROUT
CENTER FOR EMOTIONAL GROWTH
AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Erin Troup, LPC, NCC, CT, IMH-E(IV) on 5/20/22

3 hours (delivered via Zoom) 9 - 12 pm

1 hour Training for Parents/caregivers 1 - 2 pm

Family Resources and discussion to follow 2 - 3 pm



[Registration 3 hour Professional Training](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/training-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-young-children-and-families-tickets-292543083237)

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[Supporting Families: Strengthen Resilience & Resource Sharing](#)

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Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

This program is offered for 3 hours of social work continuing education through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, a Council on Social Work Education accredited school and therefore a PA pre-approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW/LCSW, LMFT, and LPC biennial license renewal. For information on social work continuing education please visit socialworkpitt.edu/continuinged.

The March 17th training slots are filled. If wanting to attend, register ASAP. Slots are Limited. Contact Heather McLean at hmclean@mhaswpa.org with any questions.

Westmoreland County BH/DS in Partnership with CRTI (Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute), and MHA-SWPA are offering a series of trainings (These trainings are FREE, but registration is required) SLOTS ARE LIMITED!

Trauma-Counseling Strategies for Healing and Resilience March 17th 1PM-4PM

Trauma is a wound that injures us emotionally, psychologically, physically, and spiritually. As a result, the impact of trauma can be far-reaching and enduring.

- Overview of the way trauma affects a person through the brain and nervous system.
- A framework that describes stages in the process of regulating and resolving the impact of trauma.
- Protective steps for enhancing helper's wellbeing.
- Key principles and strategies for working with trauma that apply to a diverse range of experiences and which can be applied to all ages

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trauma-counseling-strategies-for-healing-and-resilience-tickets-267983585977>

Walking with Grief April 14th 1PM-4PM

Every person will experience grief and loss – a profound sense of final separation from something or someone important. Grief is a normal and appropriate reaction to the death of a loved one, the experience of separation/divorce, intergenerational loss, or the loss of opportunity. Grief is a complicated and unique experience that requires helpers to be sensitive to the needs and experiences of those they are supporting.

- Gives helpers an increased awareness of the dynamics of grief, and to
- Provides tools and strategies to best support someone who is grieving.
- Cultural and popular understandings of grief and loss, and the influences these have on how we experience and work with grief will be explored.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-with-grief-tickets-267825642707>

Anxiety in Children and Youth-Practical Intervention Strategies May 12th 1PM-4PM

Childhood and adolescence are critical times for emotional and psychological development. During these stages, anxiety patterns can begin that continue into adulthood. Anxiety represents our body's natural alarm system, signaling the possibility of danger.

- Structure for understanding how anxiety works in the nervous system.
- Learn a diverse range of skills that can be taught and practiced with children and youth designed to decrease anxiety and expand the capacity for managing emotions and anxious thought patterns.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anxiety-in-youth-practical-intervention-strategies-tickets-270015833627>

Eating Disorders from Image to Illness June 9th 1PM-4PM

Eating Disorders – From Image to Illness Eating disorders can range from problematic tendencies like excessive dieting to a mental health diagnosis such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, or binge-eating disorder. Helpers may struggle with knowing how to best respond to this complex issue and may react with frustration, fear, or helplessness.

- Examines the symptoms, contributing factors, and the experience of living with an eating disorder.
- Checking our assumptions and to fully address the function disordered eating plays in a person's life.
- Treatment options and practical strategies for supporting individuals struggling with disordered eating.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eating-disorders-from-image-to-illness-checking-your-assumptions-tickets-270039534517>

Mark Your Calendars!
Ray of Hope,
Westmoreland
County Suicide
Awareness and
Prevention Task
Force 16th Annual
Walk.



UPCOMING CALLS

Thursday, April 14, 8:00 am

Thursday, May 12, 8:00 am



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