



Albert Francis King (1854–1945)
Spring Landscape with Stream, c. 1925
Watercolor and gouache on board, 10 1/4 x 14 1/4 inches
The Westmoreland Museum of American Art
Gift from the Elizabeth Braun Ernst Estate, 2015.84

Artwork courtesy of:

**THE WESTMORELAND
MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART**

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



Amy Franz

Interim Region Director



United Way of
Southwestern Pennsylvania

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Westmoreland County February 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 -

1,200
PHONE CONTACT
Last month: 1,355
Last year: 1,931

42
TEXT CONTACT
Last month: 45
Last year: 46

15
CHAT & EMAIL CONTACT
Last month: 15
Last year: 20

759
WEB CONTACT
Last month: 727
Last year: 621

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).



516
Housing & Shelter



21
Food & Meals



323
Utilities



15
Healthcare & Covid-19



6
Mental Health & Substance Use



301
Employment & Income



44
Material Goods (Clothing/Household)



12
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.

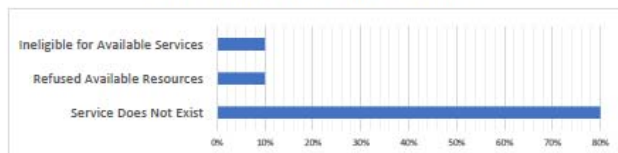
Referred Service	Count
Rent Payment Assistance	476
VITA Programs	313
Electric Service Payment Assistance	213
Food Pantries	52
Heating Fuel Payment Assistance	48
Water Service Payment Assistance	48
Gas Service Payment Assistance	33
AARP Tax Aide Programs	32
Community Shelters	26
Rental Deposit Assistance	26

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
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	2
Automobiles	1
Charities/Grantmaking Organizations	1
Clothes Dryers	1
Furnace Maintenance/Repair	1
Heating Fuel Payment Assistance	1
Housing Related Coordinated Entry	1
Motel Bill Payment Assistance	1
Non-Emergency Crime Reporting	1
Pet Care Services	1

REASONS FOR UNMET NEEDS

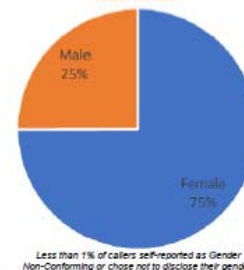


Westmoreland County, February 2022



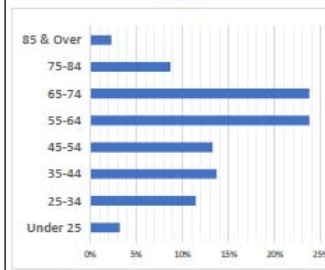
DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER



Less than 1% of callers self-reported as Gender Non-Conforming or chose not to disclose their gender.

AGE



TOP ZIP CODES

Zip	Count	Zip	Count
15801	424	15897	19
15088	158	15012	18
15844	116	15827	15
15650	83	15668	15
15842	70	15832	13
15666	42	15672	13
15082	37	15813	11
15690	22	15717	11
15085	21	15089	10
15683	19	15670	9

TOP REFERRALS

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Rent Assistance	413
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Utility Service Payment Assistance	251
Southwestern Pennsylvania VITA Sites - Appointments Scheduled through 211	242
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Cooking and Heating Fuel Assistance	34
Westmoreland County ERAP - Union Mission - Intake and Processing	32
Westmoreland County Housing Authority - Rent Assistance Program	18
Welcome Home Shelter SPS Connect Emergency Shelter for Women and Families	17
LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	16
Westmoreland County Assistance Office - Emergency Shelter Allowance (ESA)	16
Feeding the Spirit - Rent Payment Assistance	15
Saint Vincent de Paul of Greensburg - Utility Payment Assistance	14
United Way Worldwide - myfreetaxes.com	13
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg - Baby Needs	12
UWSWPA - Emergency Basic Needs - COVID-19 Fund Application	12
Westmoreland County Housing Authority - Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)	12
Salvation Army - New Kensington Worship and Service Center - Food and Financial Assistance	10
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency - PA Housing Search Website	9
Westmoreland Community Action - Dollar Energy Applications for Electric	8
Westmoreland County Assistance Office - LIHEAP and Crisis Program (Energy Assistance, Utility Help)	8
Westmoreland Food Bank - Food Pantry Distribution Program	8
Modest Needs - Emergency Self-Sufficiency Grants	7
Salvation Army - Greensburg Corps and Worship and Service Center - Material Good, Food Assistance	7
Salvation Army - Ligonier Service Center - Emergency Direct Assistance	7
SPHS Connect - Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing - Coordinated Entry	7
Westmoreland Community Action - Emergency Food Assistance	7

Doug Chew County Commissioner



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WESTMORELAND COUNTY
COMMISSIONER DOUG CHEW
724-830-3102

- **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.
 - Consultant interviewing county-wide leadership.
 - Non-Profit Talent and Consultant working on moving forward.
- **ARP Funds:**
 - Met with groups regarding
 - Food security
 - Housing security

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Dr. Carol Fox

Chief Medical Officer



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Bud Mertz

Director of Public Safety

<https://vimeo.com/691157222>

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Sara Stenger

Administrator, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

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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 or Laura Willochell for info and referrals.

packerman@mhaswpa.org; lwillochell@mhaswpa.org

Community Based Care Managers

Phone: 724-834-6351 x115 or x120

Westmoreland County BH/DS is hosting 2 CIT Trainings

- * Open to All Law Enforcement Officers in
Westmoreland County
- * Slots Are Limited

May 23rd -27th
June 6th -10th

Healthy Families/Healthy Babies Committee will hold FREE training events. Eventbrite registration is open for both!

**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/supporting-our-young-children-as-we-move-on-from-the-pandemic-tickets-293435713117)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-our-young-children-as-we-move-on-from-the-pandemic-tickets-293435713117>

[Supporting Families: Strengthen Resilience & Resource Sharing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-our-young-children-as-we-move-on-from-the-pandemic-tickets-293435713117)



**Sponsored by Westmoreland County
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 socialwork.pitt.edu/continuing-ed.

Don't Miss this FREE Virtual Training:

**Supporting our young children as we
move on from the Pandemic**

Presented

By:

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Sponsored By:

**Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental
Services Office in Partnership with the Healthy Families/Healthy
Babies Committee for More Information Call Monica Minyon at
724-830-3625**

* 3 hours of CEUs for Licensed Professionals

* For Parents and Caregivers

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COMMISSION, INC.

Free — ★ ★ ★ —
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
VETERANS
Conference

Calling all Professionals who work with
Veterans! Come learn about resources
for Veterans and hear from our
Keynote Speaker, Brandon Rumbaugh!

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6 Social Work and PCB Credits
are being offered

*If a member of NASW, SW credits are free, if
not it will be \$15 for non-members

Vendor Tables with Veteran Resources

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THURSDAY

MAY 12, 2022

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

Register to attend at

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R
/VETCONF2022](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VETCONF2022)

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
INCLUDED



TO ALL VETERANS
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
AND FAMILIES



You're invited to our
VETERANS FAIR

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ May 12, 2022 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Westmoreland County Community College
Student Achievement Center

LEARN ABOUT SERVICES AND RESOURCES
AVAILABLE TO VETERANS AND FAMILIES AND
TALK TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
THOSE SERVICES

**BRING A COPY OF YOUR DD-214 TO GET
A FREE ID CARD FOR SPECIAL
BENEFITS IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

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RAY OF HOPE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WESTMORELAND COUNTY BH/DS, SPONSORING A QPR TRAIN THE TRAINER TRAINING

- Become a Certified QPR Gatekeeper Instructor
- QPR (Questions, Persuade, & Refer) is a nationally recognized and evidence-based Suicide Prevention & Awareness Training
- Training will be June 7th at the Westmoreland IU
- Training Hours: 8AM-4PM.
- The certification is for 3 years.
- Contact Heather McLean at (724) 433-1359 or hmclean@mhaswpa.org if interested.
- **Slots are very limited**

Colleen Hughes
Executive Director



Kelli Nabuda
Supervisor, Westmoreland Drug
& Alcohol Case Management



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What happens if a resident uses alcohol or drugs?

For the safety of the resident and the community, a relapse is met with immediate, appropriate action. In most recovery residences, this involves moving the individual out of the Recovery Residency (RR) and providing access to an inpatient program. **Relapses can be fatal!** They endanger the life of the individual and the lives of everyone else in a RR.

Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission requires each RR to define their relapse policy and to have procedures that do not "punish" an individual for relapsing but protect the health and well-being of that individual and the RR community as a whole.

Recovery Residences are not:

- An alternative for incarceration;
- For residents actively using drugs or alcohol;
- A treatment facility;
- A place where non-residents can stay overnight;
- A halfway house; or
- A three quarter house.

Club Serenity Recovery House FAQs



Contact Us

724-314-3682

<https://www.overdosefreepa.pitt.edu/mon-valley/>

Mon Valley Opioid Coalition

**Helping one person,
one family, and one
community at a time.**

What is recovery?

Recovery is abstinence from alcohol and other non-prescribed drug use and improvement in one's physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being.

What is a Recovery Residence?

"Recovery Residence" (RR) is a broad term describing a sober, safe, and healthy living environment that promotes recovery from alcohol and other drug use and associated problems. Thousands exist in the United States. RRs offer peer-to-peer recovery support and are all aimed at promoting abstinence-based, long-term recovery. RRs are sober living environments, meaning that residents are expected to abstain from alcohol and illegal drug use and may require abstinence from particular types of medications according to individual policy.

What is the primary purpose of a Recovery Residence?

We provide a safe and healthy living environment to initiate and sustain recovery.

Individuals build resources while living in a recovery residence that will continue to support their recovery as they transition to living independently and productively in the community.

How are recovery residences managed to ensure the safety of the local neighborhood and community?

Recovery residences are guided by the Pennsylvania standards that establish best practices for maintaining the safety and health of the residents, the local neighborhood, and the larger community. PA licensed recovery residences meet standards addressing safety from an administrative, operational, property, and good neighbors perspective. **Club Serenity House will not allow overnight visitors.**

Are residents expected to work and volunteer?

Yes. Working and volunteering are generally considered vital components of recovery. The residence fees are usually paid by the residents themselves, so they must work onsite and/or offsite to meet their financial obligations. New residents have less time for work activities as their time is more structured and may include numerous recovery activities during the day.

Are the residents subject to drug testing?

Yes. Residents are subject to random drug testing at the manager/owner's discretion. Refusal is an automatic termination. Residents will also be terminated for any positive test.

Are there stages/tiers of participation in Recovery Residences?

Many Recovery Residences (RR) define levels of recovery progress within the resident community. These levels are often also called phases and correspond with time in the residence, recovery progress as assessed by peers, and/or staff, and the degree to which residence behavioral requirements have been met.

Each level or phase is typically accompanied by an increase in privileges. Often, the RR will limit the activities for new residents for a length of time after admission. These restrictions might include always being accompanied by a more senior resident when outside the home, limits to contacts with family or friends, and expectations for a higher degree of involvement in recovery support activities

How does someone get accepted into a Recovery Residence?

Entry into a recovery residence usually involves an application/personal interview. Payment of first week's or first month's fees upon acceptance is common.

The Club Serenity RR is closely affiliated with outpatient programs and requires concurrent participation in those programs. Referrals will be accepted from Human Services providers, from the community, or from Club Serenity and its members/residents.

Westmoreland Recovery Housing

Why Recovery Housing Is Meaningful.



*"Helping one person, one family and
one community at a time."*

Benefits of a recovery house:

- A structured, substance free living environment.
- Centered on peer-support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery.
- Organized under the leadership of a house manager.
- Daily oversight & monitoring.
- Assists with building sustainable life skills and healthy life skills.
- Requires participation in a recovery program.
- Breaks down barriers that would hinder recovery.

Recovery Housing Promotes:

- Decreased Substance Use
- Reduced Probability of Relapse
- Lower Rates of Incarceration
- Increased Employment
- Higher Income Levels
- Improved Family Functioning
- Reduces Health Disparities

Recovery Housing Providers In Westmoreland County:

J4T Properties
Club Security

We don't heal in
isolation, but in
community.

S. Kelley Harrell



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A haven of support

UPCOMING CALLS

Thursday, May 12, 8:00 am



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