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New Look for PCGF!

The Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation is proud to unveil a new logo to better reflect PCGF’s mission to improve the emotional health of children in our region. This new mark — showcasing two emergent figures representing the intersection of a community of individuals joining with public and private organizations in support of our children — was created by **Carrie Butler** and **Norm Huelsman** of Carrie on Communications. Figuratively, the symbols represent “guardian angels,” or unseen partners, emerging from a unified, central space with common purpose. The figures’ back-to-back posture depicts the Foundation’s strength, solidarity and purposeful work. ■

Training Series for Shelter Care Workers Continues

The Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation has partnered with Allegheny County’s Department of Human Services and the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development for the past year to provide training programs for shelter care workers and social workers. The overarching goal is to provide professionals with an opportunity to increase their knowledge and skill levels.

A recent shelter care worker survey pointed to a desire to learn more about Motivational Interviewing, an evidence-based approach to building on existing strengths to support clients in a positive manner.

PCGF responded to the workers’ request by presenting two Motivational Interviewing training sessions in the spring. Nearly 60 individuals from various social service agencies explored the skills-based intervention that aims to bring about significant cognitive and/or behavioral change by supporting self-efficacy and resolving ambivalence by facilitating confidence in clients. ■



Earlier this spring, two panel discussions explored Accessing Quality Child Care. One informational session educated direct caregivers while the other instructed executive directors. **Rochelle Jackson**, Public Policy Advocate for Just Harvest (left), and **Kimberly Turner**, Child Care Information Services of Allegheny County, served on a panel moderated by **Chad Dorn**, Evaluation and Data Manager for Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (not pictured).



*Facilitator **Alex Waite** of Fox & Bee Associates introduces service providers to Motivational Interviewing techniques.*

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Throughout the years, PCGF has supported various Auberle programs at its McKeesport-based facility.

Profile of a Homeless Child

DHS surveyed 56 homeless youth age 24 and younger and learned:

- 53%** have a history of physical, emotional or sexual trauma
- 51%** have been in foster care
- 34%** do not have a high school diploma
- 33%** have been to jail or prison
- 27%** have a child of their own
- 3,625** individuals and **898** families with **1,485** children accessed the homeless system and **282** families with **547** children accessed domestic violence shelters in Allegheny County in 2013.

“412 Youth Zone” Drop-In Center Provides Variety of Resources

A March dedication ceremony officially opened the doors of “412 Youth Zone” at Wood Street Commons in Downtown Pittsburgh. This drop-in center operated by Allegheny County’s Department of Human Services (DHS) and Auberle, a faith-based social service agency, provides a safe space and resources for individuals 16 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness or are transitioning to independent living from foster care. The center offers youth coaches, educational programs, showers, meals, health care and child care in a 13,000-square-foot space located in the former YMCA building. ■

John Lovelace Appointed Chair of Homeless Advisory Board

PCGF is proud to join with the McCune Foundation, Hillman Foundation, The Pittsburgh Foundation, The Heinz Endowments and others in support of the Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board (HAB).

HAB is a consortium of public and private partners that includes providers, consumers, faith-based organizations, developers and academia to advise the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and other municipalities on implementing a comprehensive, community-driven plan to end homelessness. The board was established in 2005 and members were appointed by the County Executive.

Former PCGF board president **John Lovelace** has been appointed chair of the HAB, which is conducting a needs assessment and identifying housing resources to create an action plan to end homelessness in Allegheny County by 2020. This goal year was set by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. ■



The chief (seated, far right) with a graduating class in Malaysia.

Kudos to...

Maurita Bryant, who recently retired from the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police following 39 years of service. In addition to her work as Assistant Chief of Investigations, this Point Park University graduate has worked as an instructor for police forces around the globe.

Best of luck, Maurita, with teaching and consulting as you write the next chapter of your amazing life! ■

Mark Your Calendars

We ask Trustees to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend these meetings:

Board Meeting
Monday, June 6
4 – 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office

Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 13
4 – 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office

**Board Meeting/
Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, November 15
4 – 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office