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Senior Expo



State Senator Pat Stefano, State Representative Charity Grimm-Krupa, and State Representative Ryan Warner recently hosted a free Senior Expo at the Penn State Fayette, Eberly Campus on September 24th. FCBHA was happy to join exhibitors from state agencies, local non profits, and community organizations, sharing helpful information about programs and services for seniors. Guests enjoyed free health screenings provided by local exhibitors, along with light refreshments. “Our Senior Expo represents the perfect opportunity to check out these resources all under one roof, giving you the chance to see which works best for you, “ said Rep. Charity Grimm Krupa. This event is a great way for our senior adult citizens to learn more about what is available in the community while connecting with neighbors and friends.



PA Representative Ryan Warner &
PA Senator Pat Stefano



Jeremiah Johnson, Sadie Huhn &
Rachael Cramer from FCBHA

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to remember those lost to suicide and to promote hope and healing in our communities. On September 17th, community members gathered on the front steps of the Fayette County courthouse for a Remembrance Vigil honoring loved ones lost to suicide.

Members of the Suicide Prevention Taskforce shared messages about prevention, support, and the importance of aftercare for those affected by suicide. Brittney Balchick, the evening's guest speaker, offered a moving account of her own lived experience, inspiring attendees with her message of resilience and recovery.

The ceremony concluded with a memorial Roll Call, paying tribute to the lives lost and reinforcing the community's ongoing commitment to awareness, compassion, and prevention.



Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration employees proudly showed their support during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. On September 26th, in recognition of Tie Out Suicide Day, staff wore the colorful tie-dyed shirts they had created just days earlier. Then, on October 24th, employees wore their *"Stay Another Day"* sweatshirts to continue raising awareness and showing solidarity for suicide prevention efforts.



Creating Rocks of Hope



As part of September Suicide Prevention Awareness month, FCBHA joined other community members for a meaningful Rock Painting Party, creating *Rocks of Hope*. These rocks were placed in the Memorial Rock Garden at 623 Fallen timbers Road, Point Marion, Pa.

The event was held in loving memory of Justin Henzely, whose life continues to inspire acts of hope, healing, and togetherness. Participants of all ages came together to paint colorful rocks bearing messages of encouragement, love, and remembrance. Each rock serves as a lasting symbol of support for those touched by suicide and as a reminder that hope can grow even in moments of loss.

The Memorial Rock Garden stands as a peaceful place for reflection, where every rock tells a story of compassion, community, and the enduring power of hope.



Suicide Awareness
and Prevention



TRUNK OR TREAT



The 2025 Human Service Council **Trunk or Treat** was held October 29th, before the Annual Uniontown Halloween Parade,, which has been a Uniontown tradition since the late 1930s. The East End United Community Center took first place for their Mario Brothers entry.

Pictured above is FCBHA's Mental Health Unit's The Dark side. Entry. Pictured right is FCBHA's Early Intervention Unit's entry, The Grinch, which took second place at this year's event.



Local Interagency Coordinating Council



Call Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, Early Intervention Department at 724-430-1370 with any questions!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



Farm to Table Dinner



The Fayette County Farm Bureau held it's 6th annual Farm-to-Table Dinner on September 18th at the beautiful Greyson House Barn venue. Representing FCBHA was Amy Holloman and her Family. They joined community members in celebrating local agriculture and farm-fresh flavors.

The evening's menu, prepared by Stone House Catering, featured ingredients sourced directly from local farms. Each dish highlighted the best products of the land, showcasing the quality and richness of Fayette County's agricultural community.



Food Banks & Pantrys

If you or someone you know is facing food insecurity, you are not alone and there is help available. Food banks and Pantries in our area offer free groceries and support with no judgement and no strings attached. Whether it's a short-term need or ongoing support, these resources are

East End United Community Center
Monthly Food Pantry
724-437-1660
www.eeucc.org

Fresh Fire Church
Monthly Food Distribution
724-580-7027
www.freshfirechurch.net

Fayette County Community Action
Agency
Food Bank/WIC
724-437-6050
www.fccaa.org



Saint Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry
724-439-9188

Salvation Army
Community Meals
724-437-2031
www.salvationarmy.org

Connellsville Ministries
Food Pantry
724-626-1120
www.connmin.org

Recovery Walk

Fayette County Behavioral Health proudly participated in the Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission's 4th annual Recovery Walk, held at the Yough River Park in Connellsville. Sponsored by the Fayette County Commissioners, Scott Dunn, Vince Vicites and Harry Kaufman, the event brought the community together to celebrate and support individuals on their journey of recovery from substance abuse disorder.



Pictured L-R, Front Row
Candice Queer &
Christine Rosinski-Stone
of FCBHA

Back Row, From Fayette
EMS, Jessika Brown &
Ariel Shartzter

Adrienne Russell Celebrate the Family Conference

The Adrienne Russell Celebrate the Family Conference was recently held on September 18th, and proudly hosted by the Fayette County Family Council. This year's theme, "Finding Strength in Communities," focused on bringing together families and service providers to explore ways to support mental health, strengthen community connections, and overcome challenges within child-serving systems. The conference featured inspiring keynote speakers, interactive breakout sessions, a live panel discussion, and valuable opportunities for learning and networking. All aimed at empowering families and fostering a stronger, more connected Community.



Sadie Huhn, a Behavioral Health Program Specialist was honored with a Certificate of Recognition for her Outstanding Dedication to the Community. Sadie serves the Community in various settings and always offers her help to those she works with. She assisted East End United Community Center on their Spirit Day, providing resources and activities. Sadie is the CASSP Coordinator, (Child & Adolescent Service System Program), and is the Liaison for the Student Assistant Program. Sadie was nominated by Angela Baker

Pictured Left from L-R: Angela Baker & Sadie Huhn of FCBHA

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration is proud to share that Lisa Thorpe, Behavioral Consultant with WJS Associates of Uniontown, Pa., is the 2025 Annual Adrienne Russell Celebrate the Family Conference Service Award Winner. Lisa provides IBHS Services to families throughout Fayette County. As a Behavioral consultant, Lisa serves as an advocate to ensure inclusivity and success for children and their families in the home, school, and community. During the conference, Lisa and the other award recipients were acknowledged for their tireless giving to the Fayette County community.



Pictured Right from L-R:
Mary Ann Fee, FCBHA HealthChoices Care Manager and Lisa Thorpe, Service Award Winner



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Prevention
Lifeline
988



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