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The second Tuesday in August is designated National Night Out (NNO). This is an event that brings together law enforcement and the communities they serve. It is an opportunity to spend time together for the purpose of better understanding and communication between the two. NNO is celebrated in a fun, stress-free environment that is atypical of most circumstances when police are called. NNO in Fayette County is also known as Hoops and Scoops because of the friendly free throw competition and serving of ice cream to all attendees.

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and surroundings. Over the years, NNO in Fayette County has been held at several different locations throughout Uniontown (Storey Square, Uniontown YMCA) and this year Grant Street Park.

Fayette County Behavior Health Administration, East End United Community Center (EEUCC) and the City of Uniontown are primary sponsors and pivotal in making this event a success. Many human service agencies attend to provide education and assistance on area services and resources.

This event is well received in Fayette County and truly highlights our commitment to be a better more inclusive community for all residents. Special thanks to Steve Strange, EEUCC Executive Director, Nicole Barak, FCBHA Mental Health Director and Human Service Council President, and Damita Jones, Grant Street Park Activities Director for their time and resources used in coordinating the event.



FCBHA MISSION: To enrich lives by providing choice and access to resources that encourage hope, independence and recovery.



Sign Up for Text Alerts

Medicaid Recipients to Sign-Up For DHS Text Alerts

Medicaid recipients can now receive text messages from the Department of Human Services with updates and alerts about their benefits. This is the easiest way to receive in-the-moment news and specific reminders about renewing benefits. With the eventual unwinding of the public health emergency, this opportunity will help recipients maintain their benefits for services. To opt-in for text messages from DHS, please direct recipients to <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/contact/Pages/Text-Messaging.aspx>

Share your
Thoughts

Notice for Public Comment

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department published a Notice for Public Comment in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The department is looking to hear from consumers, advocates, and other organizations about challenges they have experienced accessing various provider types.

The notice is divided into two categories: physical health services and behavioral health services (including substance use disorder treatment).

We encourage you to take the time to share your valuable perspective.

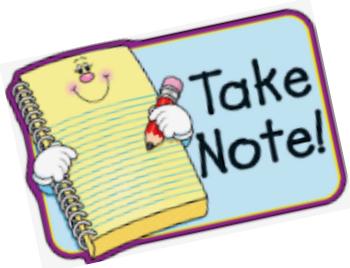
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Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Telehealth Bulletin

With the issuance of Bulletin OMHSAS-22-02, Revised Guidelines for Delivery of Behavioral Health Services Through Telehealth, providers should review the guidelines regarding their practice where applicable.



This updated guidance can be viewed on the OMHSAS Behavioral Health Telehealth webpage <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/OMHSAS-Behavioral-Health-Telehealth.aspx>



Changes to **HealthChoices** Physical Health Plans

Changes to HealthChoices physical health plans are due to take effect on September 1, 2022. Mailings from PA Enrollment Services are underway.

Physical plans cover medications, including those for mental illness. It's important for consumers to actively choose a plan to avoid being auto-assigned a plan that may not include their current providers in its network. Aetna and United HealthCare will no longer serve Fayette County.

Effective September 1, 2022 the physical health managed care organization plans available are:

AmeriHealth Caritas PA
Geisinger
Health Partners
Highmark Wholecare (formerly Gateway)
UPMC

Community Based Care Management



What is Community Based Care Management? Community Based Care Management (CBCM) assists Fayette County Residents who have a mental health diagnosis and/or substance use disorder with securing access to their identified Social Determinants of Health. A social determinant of health includes: safe and secure housing, employment, clothing, food, child care, utility assistance, access to physical health care, transportation, and financial strain.

The CBCM team will assess, refer, and mitigate obstacles to fundamental Social Determinants of Health. Fayette County's CBCM team is comprised of professional and community members with a variety of expertise and experience in the human service field. Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, Fayette County Community Action Agency, Mental Health Associate of Fayette County, and The East End United Community Center work together to secure resources to meet the needs for Fayette County residents. If you have any questions about Community Based Care Management or have a referral, please call (724) 430-1370. and ask for Nicole Barak or Brenda Buskirk.

Honey's Helping Hand Corp.



Community and Health Fair

Honey's Helping Hands Corporation is a non profit organization serving Uniontown and surround areas. They provide staple items, such as food boxes, for families needing assistance. On August 21, 2022 from 2:00-6:00 pm. they will have a Community and Health Fair at 297 Main and Grant Street (across from Lantz Funeral Home).

Those who attend will enjoy free popcorn, snow cones, homemade granola bars, school and cleaning supplies. The Bruderhof Community will be offering free vegetables.

There will be many human service agencies providing education on health and safety as well as community resources. Some of the agencies who will be there are:

*Highmark Health *Bruderhof Community *Uniontown Police *Fayette County Advocates
*Genesis House *Uniontown Fire Dept. *Adagio Health *Children & Youth Services
*Western Pa Behavioral Health Resources

Attendees will experience gospel music and have the opportunity to visit the Prayer Tent.

Face painting and a bouncy house will be available for the little ones.

For more information, message Honey's Helping Hand Corp. on Facebook



Local Interagency Coordinating Council

The Fayette County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) is comprised of families of children receiving Early Intervention services and various professionals representing the Infant/Toddler and Pre-School (Birth to Kindergarten) community. The LICC recently hosted 'Picnic in the Park' for our Early Intervention families and professionals on July 15, 2022 at Areford Park. It was a beautiful day filled with both educational and recreational fun. Families were provided information on playground safety. Boys and girls were able to choose a book to take home. And attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch as they connected with others and shared their Early Intervention experiences. While enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, the children had the opportunity to explore various sensory bins, play bean bag toss and bowling, and enjoy summer fun on the swing set, slides, and jungle gyms. The next LICC meeting will be held at FCBHA on September 28, 2022 at 11am.

If you would like more information about Early Intervention services or would like to make a referral, call 724-430-1370.



Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

The Fayette County Suicide Prevention Taskforce encourages everyone to participate in and promote suicide awareness and prevention. To honor, share, and support those touched by Suicide, the taskforce will hold a candlelight vigil on September 6, 2022 from 6-7 p.m. on the Fayette County Courthouse steps (rain date September 22, 2022).

The Courthouse clock tower will be illuminated purple during the month of September to show support for this important cause.

Help those who may be considering suicide see there are choices. Support these efforts by wearing tie dye clothing on “Tie Out” day, September 9, 2022. Please share photos wearing your tie dye to our Facebook page- Fayette County Suicide Prevention Taskforce.

There will also be trainings held at Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration in September to help you determine if someone is considering suicide so they may be referred for help. Visit our website for details.

“Kindness is Suicide Prevention.”

East End United Community Center Community Spirit Day & Fall Gala



East End United Community Center (EEUCC) welcomes you to join in Community Spirit Day Tuesday August 23, 2022 from 11:00 am-2:00pm. EEUCC is located at 150 Coolspring Street, Uniontown. Free hotdogs and student backpacks will be distributed. There will also be fun activities for the kids. Sponsored by EEUCC and Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration.

On Saturday September 17, 2022 EEUCC will be celebrating 47 years of active service to the Fayette County community. EEUCC hosts their annual gala at the elegant Lakeside Venues. It is their way of acknowledging the partnerships formed and strengthened that serve our community in a variety of ways. All proceeds for this gala will help run various programs throughout the year like out-of-school time programming, diaper bank, daycare, truancy mitigation program, and much more! EEUCC provides individuals and families with educational, social, economic and cultural opportunities and is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the underserved. Go to EEUCC.org to purchase your ticket or to learn more about the Fall Gala and other EEUCC sponsored events.



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