

Allegheny County Principles of Family Support

Family Support programs are governed, designed and improved by participants and community members.

Family Support is relationship-based, fostering respectful partnerships between and among parents, peers and professionals.

Family Support is strengths-based, building on existing individual, family and community cultural abilities and vitalities.

Family Support services are designed by and for participants to meet their priorities and are collaborative among agencies to insure easy access and use.

Family Support reflects, respects and enhances the cultures of the neighborhood through the staff it hires, the materials and activities it provides.

Family Support services are enhanced through program evaluations that affect the Family Support Principles and that contribute to continuous program improvement.

Family Support services are based in the community, serve the entire family without eligibility requirements and are voluntary.

AIU'S MISSION

We are an educational community that advocates and advances equitable opportunities for every learner.

AIU Family Centers Earn Blue Ribbon

In the Fall of 2023, several Allegheny Intermediate Unit Family Centers, along with the AIU's Family and Immigrant Connections program in McKeesport, earned a prestigious Blue Ribbon from Parents as Teachers. This renowned childhood development organization gives parent educators and parents the tools and training to help children grow.

To earn Blue Ribbon status, the AIU's Family Centers met all of the essential requirements through the Parents as Teachers curriculum and scored at least 80% in the quality standards set by the curriculum. The following AIU Family Centers are now Blue Ribbon-certified through September 2028:

- Clairton
- Duquesne
- East Allegheny
- Family and Immigrant Connections
- Highlands
- Lincoln Park
- McKeesport
- Steel Valley
- Sto-Rox



Family and Community Education Services



ABOUT OUR
FAMILY CENTERS



Family Centers

provide the following services

Home visits



Parent support and discussion groups



Infant and toddler play groups



Developmental assessments



Employment and training support



Housing information and support



Transportation



Counseling



Service referral and support



Newsletter



Drop-in center



Use of computer, copier, phone and fax

Family Centers

Family Centers help families access a broad array of supports and services, including formal supports (such as home visits and parenting classes), informal supports (such as providing resources and connecting families to services in the communities), and a community system of services that promote the well-being of families and their children. Such services can take many different forms depending on the strengths and needs of the family, but their overarching goal is to help parents or caregivers enhance skills and resolve problems to promote optimal child development.

Eligibility

Participants must be pregnant or parenting a child up to age 18.

For information about Fatherhood programs available at select Family Center locations, please contact Larry Klinger, Program Supervisor at 412-394-5955.

For more information about our Family Centers, please call Lori Vollman, Program Director, Family and Community Education Services/Adult Education and Workforce Development at 412-394-5962.

Family Centers are funded through the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.



Locations

Carnegie Family Center

The Beechwood
820 Capital Dr., Carnegie, PA 15106
412-275-3395

Clairton Family Center

Miller Avenue School Annex
734 Miller Ave., Clairton, PA 15025
412-233-8325

Duquesne Family Center

1 Library Place, Duquesne, PA 15110
412-469-4163, x-251

East Allegheny Family Center

200 Westinghouse Ave.
Wilmerding, PA 15148-1151
412-469-9870

Highlands Family Center

The Professional Center
415 E. Fourth Ave., Tarentum, PA 15084
412-224-9006

Lincoln Park Family Center

7300 Ridgeview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-661-1057

McKeesport Family Center

412-672-6970

Family and Immigrant Connections Program

412-325-8111
both located in The Wander Building
339 Fifth Ave., McKeesport, PA 15132

Project ELECT

(contact program for eligibility requirements)
1 Library Place, Duquesne, PA 15110
412-469-9870, x-255

Steel Valley Family Center

304 E. Eighth Ave., Homestead, PA 15120
412-461-8019

Sto-Rox Family Center

800 Russellwood Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
412-771-6817

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