



ORGANIZATION: Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR)

MISSION:

- Respond to survivors of sexual violence, e.g., with crisis intervention, counseling, etc.
- Educate to prevent sexual violence.
- Advocate for systems to respond to and prevent sexual violence.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: PAAR's vision is to empower people to create a world safe from sexual violence and oppression.

Values: PAAR strives to increase awareness of and decrease tolerance of sexual violence through education and systems advocacy that reflect collaboration and, effective, comprehensive and research-based interventions.

PROGRAMS:

- 24-hour hotline 1-866-End-Rape
- Free and confidential counseling
- Education and prevention programs
- Professional trainings
- Legal and medical advocacy for survivors of sexual violence

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

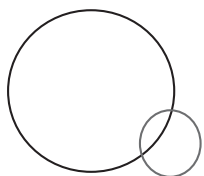
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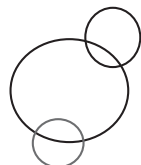
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Girls with lower self-esteem tend to see themselves as falling short of others in appearance. Compared with girls having higher self-esteem, they are almost three times more likely to believe that they are not pretty, thin, stylish or trendy enough.



ORGANIZATION: Pittsburgh Youth Golf Foundation

MISSION: To use golf as a medium to improve a child's self-esteem, discipline, strategic thinking, work ethic, attitude towards academics, perseverance and social skills. In today's environment, this desire also complements the need for youth to become active in sports to decrease obesity and other medical ailments plaguing youth of today. The focus is to enrich the lives of at-risk, disadvantaged youth.

Motto: Golf, Grow, Grades, Graduate

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: The Pittsburgh Youth Golf Foundation is a non-profit based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and partners with agencies and organizations throughout the region. Our primary partners are the Tri-State PGA, the Pittsburgh Public School System, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh plus other agencies throughout the region. The 10,000 plus youth graduates of the PYGF have received instruction from certified members of the LPGA and PGA. We are recognized by the United States Golf Association (USGA), Professional Golf Association of America (PGA) and the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). The Pittsburgh Youth Golf Foundation is also the official LPGA Pittsburgh Girls Golf Chapter.

POPULATIONS SERVED: 6th-12th grades

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ORGANIZATION: Planned Parenthood of Western PA (PPWP)

MISSION: PPWP serves a twelve-county area in western PA with a three part mission:

1. To provide comprehensive reproductive and complementary health care to those in need of these services;
2. To disseminate information about human sexuality and the need for family planning and responsible parenthood;
3. To advocate public policies that guarantee these rights and ensure access to such services.

PROGRAMS: PPWP has five health centers located in Bridgeville, downtown Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Moon Township, and Somerset. Services include: complete gynecological care, contraceptive information and methods, screening and preventive treatment for cervical cancers, screening and education on early detection for other reproductive cancers, screening and treatment services for STDs, HIV risk assessment, testing and counseling, pregnancy services and counseling, screening and referral for other medical conditions including high blood pressure, anemia and diabetes.

Consistent with our mission, fees for services are provided on a sliding scale - insuring that medical care is accessible regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

We are also dedicated to providing comprehensive sexuality education for the community and offer a variety of programs for teens, adults, parents, health care professionals and youth-serving community groups. Most of our programs utilize curriculum from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Programs That Work to reduce the rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease (STD).

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 6-12, College, Adults, Parents, and Seniors

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ORGANIZATION: POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery)

MISSION: POWER's mission is to provide gender-specialized quality treatment and support services to women who are changing their lives through recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: We envision a day when all women struggling with addiction will embrace the journey and realize the promises of recovery, enhancing and strengthening relationships with children, family and community. Philosophy & Values:

- Addiction is a disease that is chronic, progressive and sometimes fatal. It affects all aspects of an individual's life - emotional, physical, spiritual, mental and social.
- Treatment for addiction works and must always be available.
- All individuals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- POWER does not discriminate based on race, age, gender, color, ethnicity, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.
- Women, in particular, face certain challenges based on discrimination and stigmatization, and therefore all services for women must be provided in a way that is not only sensitive to their needs, but gender-specific.
- POWER understands the impact of trauma on the lives of women and promotes an environment that supports the physical and emotional safety of our clients at all.

PROGRAMS: In order to meet the diverse needs of women in recovery, POWER offers residential, outpatient, partial hospitalization and support services through six distinct programs - all designed to deliver care that is gender-specific and respects the dignity of each woman who comes to us for help.

- POWER House is our 25-bed residential facility, located in a former convent in Swissvale.

- POWER NewDay Partial Hospitalization - a program acquired from our 2007 merger with Zoar NewDay - offers a step down in care from the intensity of residential treatment. POWER NewDay is located at Hosanna House in Wilkinsburg.
- POWER Intensive Outpatient (IOP) offers a level of care that is a step down from Partial Hospitalization but more intensive than outpatient treatment. IOP is located at Fifth Avenue Commons in the Uptown section of Pittsburgh.
- POWER Outpatient programs provide recovery treatment outside a residential setting, offering up to five hours of treatment a week. POWER Outpatient programs are located at our Uptown and Wilkinsburg sites.
- POWER Connection is a partnership with Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) and Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC that helps women become free from chemical dependency, establish natural support systems to maintain a clean and sober lifestyle and preserve the integrity of their families.
- POWER Reintegration is an intervention and recovery support program that assists women who are incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail to prepare for their release and for women who are re-entering the community following incarceration. Staff works with clients for up to a year after their release, helping them successfully transition back into the community.

POPULATIONS SERVED: College, Adults, Seniors

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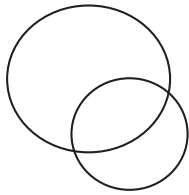
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ORGANIZATION: Program for Research and Outreach on Gender Equity in Society (PROGRESS) at Carnegie Mellon

MISSION: To pursue gender equity and foster positive societal change for all women and girls through education, partnerships and research.

PROGRAMS: PROGRESS takes a proactive approach towards achieving equity by teaching women and girls how to harness the power of negotiation.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 1-8, College, Adults, Seniors, Specifically middle school aged girls to adult

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PHONE: 412.268.8650

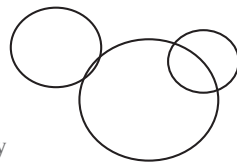
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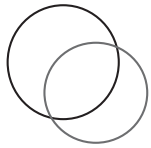
WEB: www.heinz.cmu.edu/progress

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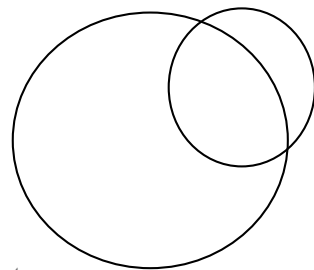
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Progress





Teen birth rates steadily declined over a period of 15 years. However, the national teen birth rate increased by 3.5% for girls ages 15 to 19 between 2005 and 2006.



ORGANIZATION: School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

MISSION: The mission of the School of Social Work (SSW) is to advance knowledge and to apply that knowledge for the fulfillment of human potential through the prevention and amelioration of social problems. The school is committed to promoting the values of social and economic justice. Recognizing the complexities of contemporary society, the school dedicates itself through its educational, research, and public service activities to advocating for a society that respects the dignity and achievement of all individuals, families and communities.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: SSW educates professional social workers with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to engage in culturally competent practice with diverse populations and communities, to critically analyze personal, familial and environmental factors affecting practice settings and practice techniques, and to advocate for those who confront barriers to maximizing the achievement of their fullest potential. SSW engages in scholarly activities that contribute to professional knowledge about complex social problems and innovative approaches to ameliorate those problems. SSW provides service to local, national and international communities through the development of and participation in collaborations with social agencies, community-based organizations, government and foundations. The School of Social Work values research, education and service.

PROGRAMS: Undergraduate and graduate education in Social Work

POPULATIONS SERVED: College

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ORGANIZATION: Strong Women, Strong Girls

MISSION: The mission of Strong Women, Strong Girls (SWSG) is to utilize the lessons learned from strong women throughout history to encourage girls and young women to become strong women themselves. By building communities of women committed to supporting positive social change, Strong Women, Strong Girls works to create cycles of mutual empowerment for women and girls. Throughout history women have worked to change society for the better. As we move through the 21st century it is vitally important that we teach young girls the skills that they will need to become the strong women of the future.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: SWSG envisions being a go-to organization in Allegheny County for economic empowerment of elementary girls and college women. SWSG's programming encourages girls from low-income neighborhoods break the cycle of poverty by helping them envision a plan for their future and raise their aspirations. To do this, the program exposes participating girls to women who have overcome their own challenges and achieved great successes. From these role models, girls learn skills they need to be successful and see a variety of career opportunities. Additionally, college women are empowered through the Mentor2Mentor program in which they are mentored by a local female professional. This provides networking opportunities, professional development and helps jump start their careers. SWSG believes that teaching young girls to be strong women means teaching them:

- To communicate their ideas effectively.
- To recognize and utilize their own unique talents and abilities.
- To set realistic goals.
- To exercise cultural sensitivity and use appropriate etiquette.
- To appreciate the value of lifelong learning.
- To utilize critical thinking and analytical skills.
- To exercise coping and stress management techniques.
- To understand the value of determination and perseverance.
- To acknowledge their ability to be strong competitors.

- To realize that there are many different types of "strong women."

PROGRAMS: Strong Women, Strong Girls is a free self-esteem and leadership development program for girls in grades 3-5. The Strong Women, Strong Girls Program pairs teams of college-age women who volunteer as mentors with small groups of girls one afternoon per week in an after-school setting. Each week, as a part of Strong Women, Strong Girls, the girls involved in the program learn about a contemporary or historic female role model, focus on one of the program's ten - Countdown to Success - skills, and work on a variety of leadership and self-esteem development activities. The program is designed to provide young girls with the skills they need to become strong and successful women of the future by engaging them in activities that are both educational and fun! In the past, the girls involved in Strong Women, Strong Girls have learned about female role models, ranging from First Lady Michelle Obama to Catherine the Great to Jacqueline Hernandez.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 3-5, College

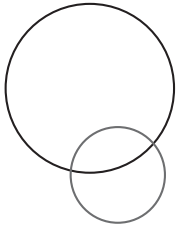
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ORGANIZATION: Tickets for Kids Charities

MISSION: Tickets for Kids Charities brings the wonder and magic of live arts and cultural, educational, sporting and family entertainment events to lower-income children and their families who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience what most of us take for granted. In doing so, we bring a source of joy to children and families.

Tickets for Kids, a nonprofit organization, is based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and partners with organizations and agencies nationwide. We've included over one million children and are now focused on making moments for the next million! Every two minutes, we create a magical moment... lifetime memory for a child. Moments matter.

PROGRAMS: Tickets for Kids Charities has two major programs: Living & Learning in Our Neighborhood and Discovering Our Neighborhood. Our programs encourage youth to explore the treasures and enriching resources located in their region. Living & Learning in Our Neighborhood includes our kids in arts and cultural and educational activities. Discovering Our Neighborhood creates opportunities for our kids to attend sporting and family entertainment events. In addition to these initiatives, Tickets for Kids works with venues, organizations and corporations to establish Special Ticket Programs.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12

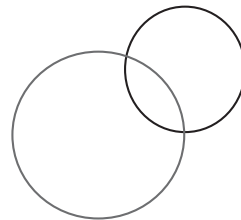
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ORGANIZATION: Tobacco Free Allegheny

MISSION: To change the community norms surrounding tobacco use, to make it uncommon to see, use or be negatively impacted by tobacco or tobacco smoke pollution.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: The vision of Tobacco Free Allegheny is to decrease the burden of tobacco in Allegheny County by creating sustainable change in schools, community organizations, healthcare practices and other institutions so that evidence-based tobacco prevention and treatment become an institutionalized part of the routine activity.

Tobacco Free Allegheny is the primary contractor for the statewide tobacco prevention and control program directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. TFA provides funding through a competitive proposal process that engages other agencies in advancing the work of Tobacco Free Allegheny.

PROGRAMS:

- The TRUTH About Tobacco - a supplemental prevention program for children ages 8-14 in community-based after-school programs and summer camps that addresses core knowledge areas associated with preventing youth tobacco use: Awareness, Decision-Making & Self-Esteem, Health & Wellness, Media Literacy and Refusal Skills.
- Busted! - a teen advocacy program that provides teens with tools to teach their peers the truth about tobacco and empowers them to make a difference in their school and community.
- Not on Tobacco (NOT) - voluntary teen quit smoking program. NOT helps teens deal with stress and incorporates decision-making skills in peer and family relationships.
- Alternatives to Suspension - a four session curriculum adapted from the NOT program for use with students who violate school tobacco policies.
- 100% Tobacco Free Schools Toolkit - a comprehensive

toolkit available for download (www.tobaccofreeallegheny.org) that provides the most recent research about teens and tobacco, including evidence based curricula; strategies to help teens quit; and specific information tailored for parents, schools and teens. The toolkit was designed for administrators, counselors, social workers, student assistance professionals and educators. Technical assistance and training on the use of the kit is also available.

- Skills for Life - LifeSkills Training is proven to be an effective tobacco, alcohol, drug abuse and violence prevention program for elementary, middle and high school students. Comprehensive training for school personnel, teacher's manuals, student workbooks and support for school programs are provided.
- Tobacco Free Coalition of Allegheny County - a gathering of individuals representing many organizations that convenes quarterly to learn about and discuss various topics related to tobacco and tobacco use. The coalition is designed to inspire thought and encourage action to reduce the burden of tobacco.

TFA offers other specialized presentations/programs tailored to specialized requests from community organizations and participates in community health and wellness and other events.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

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WEB: www.tobaccofreeallegheny.org

CONTACT: Cindy Thomas, Executive Director

TobaccoFreeAllegheny

ORGANIZATION: UCP Kids of UCP/CLASS

MISSION: The mission of UCP/CLASS is to support people with disabilities as they explore options, participate in the community and strive toward equality...we are "WORKING TOWARD A COMMUNITY WHERE EACH BELONGS."

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: UCP/CLASS envisions life without limits for people with disabilities.

UCP/CLASS supports the uniqueness, wholeness and dignity of each person and strive to respond to the individual needs and preferences of each person we support and serve. UCP/CLASS enthusiastically advocates for the rights of people with disabilities so they may fully participate in and contribute to community life and we view all human life as having equal and unconditional value. Each life should be nurtured, respected, celebrated and fulfilled.

UCP/CLASS is a recognized leader in providing innovative programs and services to children and adults with disabilities to advance their independence, productivity and full citizenship. We are an accredited organization known for our service-based, individual-focused approach.

PROGRAMS: The UCP Kids division of UCP/CLASS offers a variety of programs and services that promote the full participation of children with disabilities in recreational, educational, and social opportunities in their communities. The UCP Kids division offers direct services to families, customized trainings and consultations to community organizations and recreational programs, school-based services and a popular workshop series on topics related to community inclusion.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults

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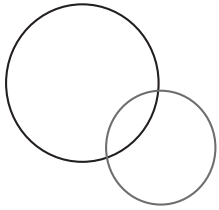
FAX: 412.683.4160

WEB: www.ucpclass.org

CONTACT: Dori Ortman

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ORGANIZATION: United Way of Westmoreland County

MISSION: To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: Our vision is that we will build a stronger America by mobilizing our communities to improve people's lives.

All members of our community work on asset-based approaches focused on issues most important to our community, achieving measurable lasting impact. Integrity, Competence, Diversity, Accountability, Transparency.

PROGRAMS:

- Program funding to critical community needs, emergency funds, pilot projects, single-year and multi-year funding, start-up funds, technical assistance
- Faith in Action: Supportive services provided to frail elderly to assist their abilities to remain living in their homes and communities
- School Readiness: Working with community leaders, early care and education providers and parents to assure children enter school ready to learn and succeed

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

ADDRESS: 1011 Old Salem Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

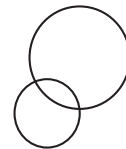
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FAX: 724.834.7245

WEB: www.unitedway4u.org



CONTACT: Dana Bauer, Vice President, Community Investments



ORGANIZATION: Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh - Duquesne

MISSION: The mission of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity and power and civil rights.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: We believe it is imperative that appropriate resources of the greater Pittsburgh community be marshaled to ensure equal social, political and economic justice for all Americans. To that end, the Urban League will provide bold leadership and innovative programs, services, and policies, which will contribute to the strength of the greater Pittsburgh region by ensuring that African Americans achieve their full potential. With the active engagement of community partners, the Urban League will serve as a premier advocate for economic opportunity and justice that lead to significant improvement in the quality of our lives.

PROGRAMS: A program of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh under the Department of Family Growth and Child Development, the DCMP facilitates three programs: Duquesne Communities That Care, Duquesne SHIP Initiative and the URBAN PRIDE Youth Coalition. Department and other services of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh include:

- Education and Youth Development.
- Employment, Training and Economic Empowerment Department.
- Family Growth and Child Development Department.
- Hunger Services.
- Housing; Education and Youth Development.
- Research, Public Policy and Community Development.
- Urban League Young Professionals of Pittsburgh.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

ADDRESS: 222 West Grant Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110

PHONE: 412.469.0484 or 412.535.1713

FAX: 412.469.1456

WEB: www.ulpgh.org or www.urbanprideyouth.com

CONTACT: Lori Rue



ORGANIZATION: Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe)

MISSION: VOICe is a system-change organization that provides free and confidential services to individuals and families who are victims of violent crime. VOICe will work within our community to provide survivors with the resources, tools and options that allow them to assert their personal power and self-determination.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: As an organization, VOICe shall exemplify and promote the philosophy of self-determination in all activities. At the heart of this philosophy is the belief that each individual has the right and responsibility to be self-determining and to make choices that are appropriate to her/his life. In order to provide a forum for survivor's voices to be heard and validated:

- VOICe assists victims by helping them understand violence as it occurs, not only in the context of their own life, but to encourage them to explore the societal conditions and attitudes which lead to violence.
- VOICe provides victims with a variety of free services including supportive/educational counseling, hotline and crisis intervention.
- VOICe advocates for victims, not only by speaking for them, but rather by seeking to share knowledge of the systems they are dealing with in order to enable them to act on their own behalf effectively and successfully.
- VOICe believes that in order to eliminate violence in our lives, a systematic change in the public's attitude toward violence must occur.
- VOICe works within our community to bring about change through education of the societal attitudes that have permitted a tolerance toward violence.

PROGRAMS: To meet the needs of victims, we have implemented innovative programs throughout our thirty years of operation that include: domestic violence crisis

shelter; toll-free 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis community-based counseling services; victim support groups; legal advocacy; school-based programs to prevent dating violence, child abuse and bullying; emergency medical accompaniment and advocacy services; specialized training for physicians, nurses, medical personnel, law enforcement, school staff, business owners and government employees; TANF/welfare advocacy; a full-service children's program; follow-up support for former shelter residents and hotline contacts; transitional and permanent supportive housing and a specialized prevention and education program for elder/senior victims.

Public awareness and distribution of materials are critical components in the work we do to create social change and advocate for the elimination of abuse and violence; striving to achieve our goal of stopping these senseless crimes through engagement with an educated and outraged community.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors, Victims of violence and significant others

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ORGANIZATION: Winchester Thurston School

MISSION: Winchester Thurston School actively engages each student in a challenging and inspiring learning process that develops the mind, motivates the passion to achieve and cultivates the character to serve. We activate our Mission by creating a learning environment that promotes and instills appreciation for these five Core Values: Critical Thinking, Integrity, Empathy, Community and Diversity.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: Head of School: Gary J. Niels

Winchester Thurston was founded in 1887 as a school for girls with a forward-thinking vision of preparing young women to matriculate to four-year colleges. Two schools, Thurston (founded in 1887) and Winchester (founded in 1909) merged in 1935 to become Winchester Thurston School. Each school was headed by an educational visionary of her day who advocated progressive and innovative programs, unswerving standards of excellence, and a commitment to educating young women for college and life. Winchester Thurston's City Campus (grades Pre-K-12) has been located in the East End of Pittsburgh for its entire history. A North Hills Campus (Pre-K-5), was opened for elementary age students in 1988. This campus opened as a co-ed school and shortly after, in 1991, the City Campus also became co-educational. Over the last fifteen years, the school has achieved record enrollment, growing from 359 students in 1991, to 627 in 2008.

Today, at both campuses, rigorous academics are complemented by competitive athletics, award-winning performing and visual arts, extracurricular programs and activities and a strong commitment to community service and leadership development.

Winchester Thurston has a long history of serving a socio-economically diverse student body, meeting the needs of

families who value a quality educational program over a socially elite environment. Winchester Thurston provides one of the most generous financial aid programs in the nation, attracting more middle-income families than other area private schools.

Winchester Thurston was recognized by the Malone Family Foundation as one of the top three independent schools in the U.S. to receive a \$2 million grant in 2007 in support of our dynamic academic program that serves the needs of gifted and talented students. This grant to the school's endowment funds financial aid for gifted and talented students.

City as Our Campus initiative links curriculum with the cultural, educational, and historical resources of the City of Pittsburgh. This unique initiative has been funded by two national foundations, The Edward E. Ford Foundation and The Benedict Foundation.

PROGRAMS: College preparatory independent school education, grades Pre-K-12.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12

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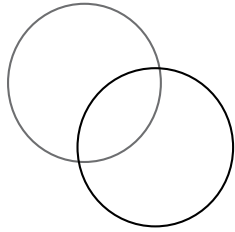
WEB: www.winchesterthurston.org

CONTACT: Maura Farrell, Assistant Head for Planning

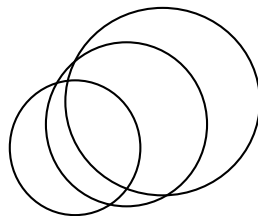
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Winchester Thurston School



In 2005, national data indicated that 4th and 8th grade girls received lower math scores than boys in the same grades, and 8th and 12th grade girls scored lower in science than their male counterparts.



ORGANIZATION: Womansplace, Inc.

MISSION: Our mission is to end the cycle of domestic violence and to change social norms through education and systems advocacy.

PROGRAMS:

- Direct Crisis Services - 24 hour hotline and safety planning, emergency shelter, counseling
- Systems Advocacy & Training - Emergency Protection from Abuse Order filing, legal, medical and children's advocacy
- Prevention Education & Outreach - Expect Respect (teen dating violence prevention program), community education, employee assistance program, elder abuse
- Self-Sufficiency Supportive Services - transitional housing, economic literacy, workforce readiness, home ownership, Pat's Boutique

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors (Since domestic violence can happen to anyone, the entire community is targeted for direct services, awareness, education and advocacy)

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ORGANIZATION: Nurture Clubs, Inc./Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR)

MISSION: WAAR's mission is to Break the Cycle of violence in intimate partner relationships.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: Within the next five years, Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR) will have helped a multitude of women and girls overcome the devastating effects of domestic and teen dating violence by helping them acquire the knowledge and resources necessary to build their self-esteem, which will empower them to not tolerate violence in future relationships. We also will have taught women and teens (especially girls) how to have healthy relationships.

PROGRAMS: Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR) is a prevention and education program. We teach participants how to identify the signs of abusive behavior and what a healthy relationship looks like. WAAR also offers empowerment activities in an effort to help participants make informed choices necessary for healthy relationships and self-sufficiency after experiencing intimate partner violence. We currently have four projects:

- The Healing Space is a place for females who have been hurt in intimate partner relationships. Empowering activities include, but are not limited to motivational workshops, healing through Creativity ArtShops, healing through Speaking Circles, healing through Writing Circles and counseling referrals if requested. Healing Space workshops take place ten months out of the year at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC Oakland.
- Healing in the Community. We take our programs - Empowerment Workshops and ArtShops - to community organizations, schools, churches, etc.
- Healthy Teen Task Force. Through a partnership with the Health Careers Internship Program (HCIP), sponsored by Duquesne University School of Nursing, teens aged fifteen to eighteen who live throughout Allegheny County learn the

dynamics of relationships, both healthy and unhealthy. They use this knowledge to develop educational programs for their peers around the issues of Teen Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships. We meet monthly at Duquesne University.

- Healing Space Resource Center. WAAR helps women and girls locate a variety of resources either by telephone or in person (by appointment only) at our office located within the Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) offices on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Call 412.818.3225 for more information.

WAAR also offers:

- Speaking engagements. We are available to speak to groups about the dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and a variety of topics that promote empowerment.
- Volunteer opportunities, such as data entry, mass mailing, workshop presenters and MORE!
- Cell phone collection. WAAR has collaborated with Shelter Alliance (www.shelteralliance.net), a firm that specializes in the logistics and underwriting of fundraising programs through the collection and responsible recycling of used cellular phones. Proceeds from the collection efforts will fund our empowerment programs. Donating a used cell phone and battery - no matter how old or in what condition - allows individuals and businesses to donate to an important cause and promote recycling! Please call for "drop box" locations.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 6-12, College, Adults, Seniors

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ORGANIZATION: The Women and Girls Foundation (WGF)

MISSION: To achieve equity for women and girls in Southwest Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: The vision of the Women and Girls Foundation (WGF) is to promote social change in our region by addressing fundamental social inequalities and raising the awareness of these inequities to the media, to voters, to legislators, and corporate and non-profit decision makers. By serving as an independent and clear voice, the foundation strives to bring together women and men in our region to work together to find solutions to create sustained equity for all of its citizens. Overarching goals include:

- To create a region where women and girls have equal access, opportunity, and influence in all arenas of their public and private lives.
- To invest in systemic change that will result in long-term equity for women in our region.
- To empower girls with skills to be economically independent, successful leaders of the future.
- To increase female representation at the decision making level throughout our region.
- WGF seeks equity for all women, without discrimination on the basis of nationality, economic status, class, ethnicity, race, age, religion, disability, sexuality, or marital status. WGF considers all initiatives and programs through the lens of these core values:
- Empowering girls as well as women is central to the mission.
- We serve the region of Southwest Pennsylvania, defined as 11 counties.
- Our programs and initiatives drive solutions to the problem of gender inequity.

PROGRAMS: WGF's work involves building strong community coalitions, engaging in public advocacy and invest-

ing in regional efforts to increase women and girls' rights. Through these initiatives, WGF aims to achieve equal political representation, economic and civic participation and leadership development for women and girls in all areas of their lives.

POPULATIONS SERVED: All women and girls living in Southwest Pennsylvania

ADDRESS: 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1860, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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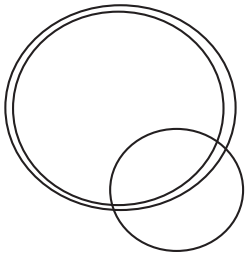
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WEB: www.wgfpa.org

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ORGANIZATION: Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

MISSION: End intimate partner violence in the lives of women & children

PROGRAMS: Women's Center & Shelter offers 24-hour hotline, shelter, advocacy, legal accompaniment, children's program, prevention education and medical advocacy.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, Adults

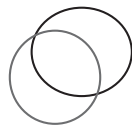
ADDRESS: PO Box 9024, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

PHONE: 412.687.8005

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WEB: www.wcpittsburgh.org

CONTACT: Shirl Regan



ORGANIZATION: Women's Law Project

MISSION: The Women's Law Project creates a more just and equitable society by advancing the rights and status of all women throughout their lives. To this end, we engage in high-impact litigation, advocacy and education.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: The Women's Law Project has developed expertise in the following areas: family law, lesbian and gay rights, reproductive rights, violence against women, welfare, and equity in athletics, education, employment and public accommodations.

PROGRAMS: We provide litigation, advocacy and public education on women's rights' issues.

- High-impact litigation. WLP accepts a small number of high impact cases which have the potential to benefit large numbers of women or to significantly advance women's rights. We also support litigation brought by others through the organizing and litigation of amicus (friend of the court) briefs.
- Public policy and education. We believe educational efforts are necessary to achieve legislative and social change. Thus, the Women's Law Project performs public speaking engagements, sponsors conferences, promotes coalition building, provides technical assistance to legislators, and writes and publishes brochures and self-help handbooks.
- Telephone counseling and referrals. The Women's Law Project offers a free Telephone Counseling and Consumer Education Service. Volunteer counselors give basic self-help information about procedures and laws regarding a wide range of subjects of concern to Pennsylvania women. Family-related topics include domestic violence, child custody, child and spousal support, separation and divorce and the legal rights of lesbian and gay parents. Work-related topics include family and medical leave, sexual harassment and employment discrimination.

Counselors use our extensive resource database to refer callers to other agencies that may be able to help them. If desired, counselors mail free written materials to callers regarding the areas of concern for them.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 6-12, College, Adults, Seniors

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ORGANIZATION: Young Men and Women's African Heritage Association, Inc. (YMWAHA)

MISSION: The Young Men and Women's African Heritage Association Inc. mission is to provide the best quality services possible for children and families with particular focus on the needs of children of African heritage.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: YMWAHA envisions impacting the lives of children, youth and adults with diverse holistic programs in the areas of social welfare, education, sports and recreation, community development, cultural/heritage arts and individual enrichment strategies. YMWAHA values cultural heritage, personal development and individual strengths.

PROGRAMS:

- North Shore Community Foster Care is a community-based program that provides foster care for children from birth to age 18, with the goal of reuniting children with their birth families. Services include access to a reunification worker who partners with the birth family in order to ameliorate the reasons that children came into care.
- Transportation and Visitation Program provides transportation and trained part-time staff who provide court-supported visits for children in protective custody and their birth families.
- Nia Cultural Arts and Education includes Saturday School and Summer Camp which is open to all children from 6 through 13 years of age. Activities broaden children's horizons and encourage them to see themselves as members of a multi-cultural society.
- Nia Youth Employment and Training Programs concentrate on job readiness, career exploration and personal empowerment for teens and young adults. Mentored by professionals, teens are presented information and resources that enable them to make critical decisions which impact their educational and future professional careers.
- Standing on Solid Ground was launched in January of

2002 to help pre-adoptive and newly adopted children and their families work through the attachment issues that inevitably arise in such situations and ensure permanency in adoption.

- Imani Home for Families is a three-story brick apartment complex purchased by YMWAHA to provide permanent affordable supportive housing for dual-diagnosed chronically homeless adults and children as a strategy toward reunification. Imani staff will facilitate the rebuilding of interpersonal skills, self-esteem, and self-confidence with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency with clients achieving sustained reunification goals. In a collaboration with the Central Northside Neighborhood Council, Imani Home will be included in the larger revitalization project called Ferris Apartments Multi-Income Housing Development. This collaboration will enable YMWAHA to provide support services to the entire 32-unit Ferris project with parenting classes, referral services and opportunities to enroll into Nia Cultural Arts & Education programs. Funding for this project is currently under Federal and local urban development agency review.

YMWAHA offers special activities throughout the year such as the Nia Youth Dance Ensemble, Adult Quilt Guild Exhibits, Kwanzaa Celebration and the "Open a Child's Eyes to Art" annual event. For more information on these or other special events long onto our website at www.ymwaha.org

POPULATIONS SERVED: Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

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PHONE: 412.322.4008

FAX: 412.322.4903

WEB: www.ymwaha.org

CONTACT: Janice Parks or
Pamela Pennywell



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ORGANIZATION: YWCA Greater Pittsburgh

MISSION: The YWCA is a women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. The YWCA's One Imperative is to eliminate racism.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: In 2009, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh will mark 140 years of work in the community to empower women, girls and families and to advance racial justice.

PROGRAMS: Currently, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh provides housing and support services; child care services; business and financial development; teen and after school programs; legal services; women's counseling; and breast cancer education through the ENCOREplus program. The Office of Racial Diversity and Inclusion (ORDI) continues the YWCA's commitment to eliminating racism.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

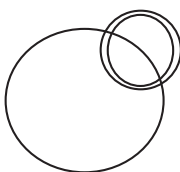
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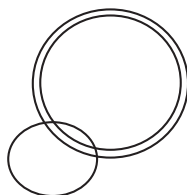
WEB: www.ywcapgh.org

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In 2005, 2.1 million juvenile arrests were made in the U.S., and 29% of the juveniles arrested were girls. When compared to boys, girls are less likely to commit aggravated assaults, use weapons or injure victims.



ORGANIZATION: YWCA of Westmoreland County

MISSION: We create opportunities for women and girls to lead purposeful lives and strive for a community that values diversity.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE: Our vision is "to thrust our collective power towards the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary." We value elimination of racism/empowering women.

We are all the keepers of the vision and history for the YWCA. We believe that everyone has a place at the YWCA of Westmoreland County.

PROGRAMS: Adult Basic Literacy, ESL, Robotics for Girls, computer classes, childcare services through our before-school and after-school program, preschool, summer camps, Race Matters Roundtable, health and wellness classes, Thrift Shop, Working Women's Closet, International Women's Group.

POPULATIONS SERVED: Pre-K, Grades 1-12, College, Adults, Seniors

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GET CONNECTED.

Join the Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

What is the Girls Coalition?

The Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania is an emerging network of providers, parents, funders and a diverse group of community stakeholders who are dedicated to improving the lives of the girls in our region. We bring together people and resources to educate, advocate and network on behalf of girls.

What topics do you focus on?

As agents of change, we tackle issues of common interest about and relevant to girls. Each year, we choose a theme to frame our efforts, research, energy and advocacy. This year's theme is Gender Equity and Economic Empowerment.

Who can join?

Anyone who cares about girls can become a member. We are actively encouraging professionals who serve girls to join, but parents and girls themselves can also belong. Ultimately we intend to be a very diverse network, including professionals in human services, education, health, politics, criminal justice, child welfare, business, the arts, community leaders, parents and girls. Most events are open to the public.

Why join?

The members of the Girls Coalition want to draw attention to issues facing girls and share resources with a network concerned with emboldening girls. By connecting people around shared goals, we will create regional dialogue, foster connections and nurture new and innovative partnerships to create a more promising future for girls.

How do I get involved in the Coalition?

If you would like more information about the Girls Coalition, or if you would like to become a member or join our

mailing list, please contact us at info@girlscoalitionswpa.org or 412.253.3263. Visit our website anytime! www.girlscoalitionswpa.org.

What are the Annual Membership Fees?

Membership is affordable. Annual dues are:

Student \$10

Individual/Adult \$25

Organization (budget under \$1 million) \$50

Organization (budget over \$1 million) \$100

The Membership is valid for one year.

What are the benefits of joining the Coalition?

- Your organization featured in our Resource Directory of Girl-Serving organizations
- Your events posted and promoted on the Girls Coalition website
- Ability to reach Girls Coalition members with eblasts about your organization's monthly events and special opportunities
- Opportunities to learn about the latest information, resources and trends about girls
- Receiving advanced notice for all Girls Coalition professional development and educational events
- Connecting and collaborating with a network of like-minded agencies on projects, and amplifying the regional profile of girls and girls' issues





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