

# Community Support Journal

## Montgomery County Community Support Program Committee *Newsletter*

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### Save Medicaid by telling your story -why Medicaid is important



By: Kathie Mitchell, CSJ Editor

Statewide Organizer Robin Stelly, from the PA Health Access Network (PHAN), urged members of the Montgomery County CSP Committee to gather personal stories about experiences with Medicaid—good or bad—to send collectively to the state and federal

legislators to save this important public health safety net.

PHAN is the largest consumer advocacy group in PA working on healthcare for mental and physical health. They offer the best navigators in state for people seeking help with healthcare and they are collecting stories from all individuals, families and providers who have experience with Medicaid.

“Stories are important,” Stelly said at the January 15th CSP meeting. “Changes in Congress are necessary. We have hope.”

Without billions of dollars that lobbyists have, Stelly pointed out that stories are where the average person can make major impacts with legislators.

Stelly said the HR1 Budget Reconciliation Bill was catastrophic but the full damaging effects of the bill won’t go into effect until January 2027. It cuts \$1 trillion from insurance, mostly Medicaid which is the biggest healthcare provider in the country.

“We have time to fight back,” said the state organizer. “In PA alone, 600,000 Pennsylvanians will lose health coverage.”

The loss of funds will strain hospitals, departments could close, there will be a higher risk of medical debt and businesses will suffer.

Medicaid has been a fight between liberals and conservatives for decades. Opponents of Medicaid fundamentally disagree with the federal

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### Volunteers Reach out during PIT Count

From: Street Outreach Facebook

Post: 1/26/2026

This past Thursday, Access Services' Street Outreach team and volunteers from all over Montgomery County participated in the county's annual PIT Count! A tremendous thank you to all the volunteers and everyone in the community that helped us prepare for this night. Street Outreach is beyond grateful

government having a role in healthcare.

“They hate Medicaid,” Stelly said. “If you think you’re eligible for Medicaid and your county assistance office says no, call PHAN. Don’t lose hope, we have a YEAR to get stories. Don’t be hopeless.”

Medicaid Work Requirements, which start Jan.1, 2027, will put a huge strain on the Medicaid system.

Stelly said there will be less people to process the reporting, administrative errors, people forgetting to file their paperwork which will be twice a year instead of once—and everyone will be frustrated.

“The system won’t run as smoothly- it’s not perfect - it’s very likely to make it worse,” Stelly said. “And people will be very angry at Medicaid. They won’t blame the feds who caused the problem. They will blame the county, the state, poor people and immigrants. It couldn’t be a bigger lie.”

People will be told that Medicaid never worked.

“The stories are the only thing to fight back with,” Stelly said. “We are not going to get billions of dollars to fight this fight. We could get a million stories about how great Medicaid is. We really need to show it is working in people’s lives. It’s not broken.”

Stories can be in writing or a video. They don’t have to be dramatic. They can be from the past. One example: A mother in a nursing home who ran out of money. Medicaid then paid the \$12,000-a-month cost to live there. It’s the mother’s story and the child’s story. Stories can be from workers who provide for people who use Medicaid. Stelly said she will help collect stories.

To help people create their stories, PHAN has developed questionnaires. To access the questionnaires:

#### Medicaid Questionnaire

<https://tinyurl.com/4yh6xvbj>

This questionnaire is for anyone who uses Medicaid to access healthcare. It works to capture a complete picture of the value of Medicaid in people's lives.

#### Medicaid: A Family Lifeline

<https://tinyurl.com/yc83z6as>

This survey is for family members of people who rely on Medicaid for care, whether that care happens at home, in school, or in a nursing facility.

#### Pennie.com Questionnaire

<https://tinyurl.com/mst3c993>

PHAN is fighting to get Congress to lower the premiums at Pennie.com. If you buy insurance through Pennie.com and your premiums went up this year, this survey is for you.

To view Stelly’s presentation in a document, click [here](#).

### Big Picture with some numbers

-  600,000 Pennsylvanians without access to health insurance
-  \$707 million/year in uncompensated care
-  \$1.7 to \$4.5 billion cut from our state Medicaid budget
-  47 hospitals vulnerable to reduced services
-  57,000 jobs lost
-  \$173 million/year in added medical debt for Medicaid patients



**What is Health Choices?**

Health Choices is a free health coverage option. Some people call it Medicaid or Medical Assistance. If your income is below the amounts per month or year for your family size, you should apply.

Single Person	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6
Below \$1,800/month	Below \$2,432/month	Below \$3,065/month	Below \$3,697/month	Below \$4,330/month	Below \$4,962/month

Single Person	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6
Below \$21,597/year	Below \$29,187/year	Below \$36,777/year	Below \$44,367/year	Below \$51,957/year	Below \$59,547/year

**What does it cost?**

There is no monthly payment. For some services, you may pay \$1 to \$3.

**I was denied. What do I do?**

Call the Pennsylvania Health Access Network at (877) 570-3642 to apply again.

**When and how do I apply?**

You can apply anytime of the year. You can apply over the phone, online, or in-person. To talk with someone or meet with an assister for help, call (877) 570-3642.

**What does Health Choices/Medicaid cover?**

It covers all ten essential health benefits. Those are:

- Visits to doctors and specialists
- Mental health & substance use
- Emergency services disorder services
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitation for injuries
- Hospitalization
- Services for children
- Tests and lab work
- Preventative, wellness & chronic
- Maternity & new born care disease management services

You can also get help with transportation to appointments and limited dental coverage.

*See next page*



**What do I need to have to apply?**

To complete the application you need:

- Information about any income in your house (pay stubs, social security letters, etc.)
- Birth dates and social security numbers for everyone applying
- Immigration or citizenship documents for anyone not born in the United States
- If you have a state ID or driver’s license, it helps to bring that

**When can I get covered?**

The date you apply is the date you start having coverage if you are approved. It can take up to 30 days for the state to process your application. Don’t worry. If you are approved, you’re covered during that time.

**What companies offer this?**

Your county assistance office approves your application. Once you are approved, you can choose the right plan for you from different companies:

**Northwest/Northeast:**

- AmeriHealth Caritas
- Geisinger
- Health Partners
- UPMC

**Southeast:**

- Geisinger
- Health Partners
- Keystone First
- United
- UPMC

**Lehigh/Capital and Southwest:**

- Amerihealth Caritas
- Geisinger
- Health Partners
- Highmark Wholecare
- UPMC

**Will my doctor take this?**

Some doctors may not take Medicaid. Others may only take some plans. Ask your doctor which Medicaid managed care plans they accept to pick the one right for you.

**Do I qualify if I have savings or a car?**

Yes. Savings, cars, and other assets do not count against you. You do not need to provide information about these things if you do not want to.

**Need Help?**

**Questions?**

**Problems?**

**Call  
877-570-3642**



## Medicaid Work Requirements Would Jeopardize Coverage for Nearly A Million Pennsylvanians with 240,000 Likely Losing Coverage Wrongfully

Congress is considering adding a costly and restrictive proposal to add a work requirement to Medicaid. This would require all working-age enrollees to report their work or verify their disability, serious illness, caregiving, or attendance in school or job training on a monthly basis. Failure to do so or problems verifying a status would result in the person being cut from Medicaid.

### Work Requirements Would Jeopardize Coverage for 1 in 3 Pennsylvanians on Medicaid and Result in 240,000 Likely Losing Coverage Wrongfully

To capture the impact of Medicaid work requirements, PHAN analyzed [December 2024 enrollment data](#) from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. To calculate those subject to the work requirement, PHAN excluded those adults on Medicaid who likely have a permanent disability, leaving in all

working-age adults on Medicaid Expansion and the remainder of adults on traditional Medicaid.

Nearly 998,000 adults would need to verify either their work or eligibility for an exemption on a monthly basis. This would increase the volume of work at the county assistance offices nearly five-fold. Assuming Pennsylvania’s experience would be similar to other states with work requirements, this surge in volume with a restrictive set of requirements would lead to almost 1 in 4 losing coverage wrongfully - that is nearly 240,000 Pennsylvanians who are already working or who are disabled, seriously ill, in treatment, caring for a loved one, retired, or attending school or job training.

District	Total Adults on Medicaid (21-60)	Adults with Permanent Disabilities	Adults at Risk of Losing Coverage	Compliant Adults Expected to Lose Coverage Wrongfully
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1,277,806</b>	<b>279,978</b>	<b>997,828</b>	<b>239,479</b>
1st	40,863	7,632	33,231	7,976
2nd	152,795	31,098	121,697	29,207
3rd	131,189	27,018	104,171	25,001
4th	40,758	7,808	32,950	7,908
5th	76,431	15,430	61,001	14,640
6th	48,985	10,425	38,560	9,254
7th	69,014	14,589	54,425	13,062
8th	90,448	19,394	71,054	17,053
9th	73,228	17,265	55,963	13,431
10th	75,864	17,657	58,207	13,970
11th	56,846	12,650	44,196	10,607
12th	74,746	16,666	58,080	13,939
13th	71,067	16,812	54,255	13,021
14th	81,569	19,443	62,126	14,910
15th	64,716	15,767	48,949	11,748
16th	77,315	18,752	58,563	14,055
17th	51,972	11,572	40,400	9,696

### Impact of Coverage Losses on Hospitals & Communities

When people lose coverage, it impacts their local communities. Not only are they less likely to be able to remain employed, it hurts their local economy, and has unintended consequences for their

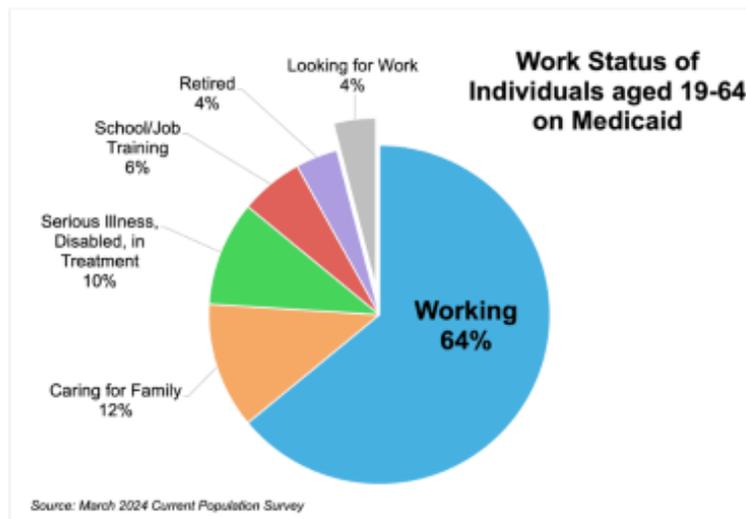


healthcare providers. For example, [each uninsured individual costs local hospitals about \\$1,191 per year in uncompensated care expenses](#) on average. This means local hospitals in Pennsylvania would likely have to provide \$285.2 million in care for which they would not be paid. This would come at a bad time when many hospitals are at-risk of closing.

States have already tried Medicaid work requirements – and they failed. [In Arkansas](#), the program cost the state tens of millions, did not boost employment, and resulted in tens of thousands of people - the vast majority of whom were working - losing health coverage.

**Most Adults on Medicaid Already Work**

The majority (64%) of adults under 65 on Medicaid are working, and most others (32%) are students or caregivers for a family member, or cannot work due to a serious illness, disability, or behavioral health treatment. Only 4% of working age adults are currently looking for work while receiving Medicaid.



For low wage workers, Medicaid is vital to keeping them employed by ensuring they receive treatment for illness or injury that may prevent them from working. Many low-wage workers don't have the option to get health coverage through their employer. Only [28.5% of private sector employers in Pennsylvania](#) offer health insurance to workers who make less than \$30,000 a year.

**Work Requirements are Costly and Labor-Intensive to Administer**

Most people who would lose coverage under work requirements are already working or qualify for an exemption, the opposite effect of the program's intention. This is because these restrictive requirements come with huge labor and administrative demands to process paperwork and verify compliance. Staffing across Pennsylvania for caseworkers who verify Medicaid eligibility is already half its previous levels. States with work requirements have seen high administrative costs, broken IT systems, and massive backlogs and processing delays. As an example, [Georgia has spent more than \\$86.9 million over 18 months, three-quarters of which has gone to consultants, and only served 6,500 people in the program.](#)

Congress should reject this failed, restrictive policy that rather than cut hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians from Medicaid.

and cannot wait to continue elevating our efforts towards our common goal of ending homelessness!

Also from Facebook:

Commissioners Chairman Jamila Winder posted on January 30th that she joined Your Way Home, county staff, and volunteers to conduct Montgomery County's Point-in-Time (PIT) Count.

The PIT Count helps us understand how many people are experiencing homelessness in our area, where gaps exist, and how we can improve the services or programs available for those in need.



Access Services Team

I'm deeply grateful to our [Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the outreach teams who do this work every day — often in the toughest conditions — with care, dignity, and compassion for our neighbors across [Montgomery County, PA](#)



**The CSP Committee thanks all of the volunteers who braved the frigid temperatures to do this important work.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRESENTS

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2026

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS

## VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

February 4

Pottstown NAACP

February 11

Charles L Blockson Afro-American Collection

February 18

Historical Society of Montgomery County

## IN-PERSON PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Montgomery County Community College  
GPS Address: 1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422  
Science Center Building - Montco Cultural Center Theater



LUNCH PROVIDED

SCAN HERE



REGISTER NOW >

# Mental Health Advocacy Day 2026

MONDAY, MAY 4 | PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA  
501 N 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, HARRISBURG, PA

10:00 AM - LEGISLATIVE VISITS  
2:00PM - PRESS CONFERENCE

## Know Your Winter Energy Assistance Options

- LIHEAP**  
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
LIHEAP Grants & Crisis Aid
- Financial Assistance**  
Utility Customer Assistance
- Conservation, Efficiency & Weatherization**
- PUC Consumer Safeguards**  
Consumer Protection

# #CallUtilitiesNow





# FEBRUARY WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

JOIN US FOR A FREE  
COMMUNITY EVENT  
FEATURING CREATIVE,  
UPLIFTING SELF-CARE  
ACTIVITIES LED BY  
MURALIST BRITTANY  
GRALA.

2.25.2026

12PM-2PM

100 W MAIN ST  
UNIT 204,  
LANSDALE, PA  
19446



# NAMI Peer-to-Peer

National Alliance on Mental Illness

## What is the NAMI Peer-to-Peer Education Program?

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is an 8-session recovery-focused course for adults with mental health conditions.

- Free and confidential
- Held weekly for two hours.
- Led by peers with mental health conditions.
- A great resource for information on mental health and recovery.
- Offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope.
- Builds on the strength and resilience of participants.

**Dates: 2/23/26-4/13/26 via Zoom**

**Times: 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peer-to-peer-winter-2026-tickets->**



### Participant Perspectives

"NAMI Peer-to-Peer is uplifting, lifesaving and an eye-opening experience that changed how I see myself."

"The biggest thing I gained from this class was to become my own advocate and best friend."

"Seeing my peers' strength and dedication to their recovery was personally meaningful."



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### About NAMI

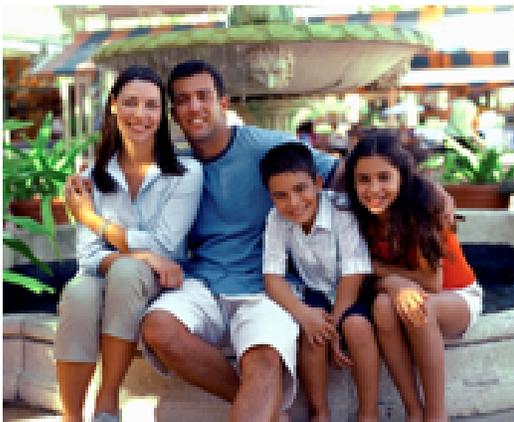
NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Montgomery County is an affiliate of NAMI Keystone PA. NAMI Montgomery County and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.



### What is the NAMI Basics Education Program?

NAMI Basics is a free, six-session program designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral difficulties. NAMI Basics helps parents and other family caregivers of children to understand the illnesses that are causing those behavioral difficulties, and the critical role families play in the treatment of those illnesses. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also the parents or family caregivers of individuals who experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties prior to age 13.

The next session will start on Monday, Feb. 23 from 6:00 to 8:00pm via Zoom.



### Participant Perspectives

"This is such a great step by step program that walks parents every step of the way. It is as if you are holding their hand through it all."

"The course is inclusive of almost all aspects of family and child resources. I could have spent a lifetime getting all this information on my own. I feel supported, strong and ready to go forward."

"NAMI Basics bridges the gap. It provides help that can't be found in a doctor's office."

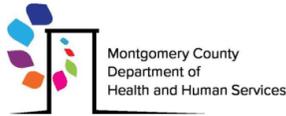
**Contact us for more information!**



**NAMI Montgomery County**  
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**Lansdale, PA 19446**  
**215-361-7784**  
**office@namimontcopa.org**

#### About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI (Affiliate Name) is an affiliate of NAMI (State). NAMI (Affiliate Name) and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.



*Sponsored by The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services*

SE Regional Mental Health Services Coordination Office

# Announcing 2026 Winter/ Spring Mental Health First Aid Classes

**2026 Training Schedule**

**Adult Blended MHFA 2/27/2026**  
8:30-3:30 , at the Flux Space  
56 Buttonwood St. Norristown, PA 19401

**Older Adult MHFA 3/20/2026**  
8:30-4:30, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1000 West Main Street Lansdale, PA 19446

**Youth Blended MHFA 3/18/2026**  
8:30-3:30 at The Ambler YMCA  
1325 McKean Rd, Ambler, PA 19002

**Adult Blended MHFA 5/15/2026**  
8:30-3:30 at Penn Foundation  
807 Lawn Ave, Sellersville, PA 18960

**Youth Blended MHFA 5/13/2026**  
8:30-3:30 at the Spring Valley YMCA  
19 W. Linfield Trappe Road

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. In this course, participants learn the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, the importance of early intervention and, most importantly, how to help someone experiencing a mental health or substance use emergency.

- For all MHFA classes you will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online class, followed by a 6.5 hour (including lunch and breaks) Instructor-led training. Certification is for 3 years.

**Sign Up for a Class today at:**  
**www.fivecountymh.org**  
For More information email  
regionalmentalhealthfirstaid@pmhcc.org



**“BE THE ONE TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE!”**



Grants 2025-26



# GET CONNECTED!

Apply for a CSP Community Connections Grant

## Grant Examples

- Go with friends to a movie
- Enjoy a meal with others
- Buy food or supplies for a small gathering
- Transportation to work or medical appointment
- Tickets for Longwood Garden

## Grants up to \$75 will be awarded

The purpose of the grants is to foster community and social interaction between residents of Montgomery County with their families, friends and peers.

**Approved grants will be awarded monthly, at the CSP meetings, which is the third Thursday each month.**

Any Montgomery County resident may apply.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, contact:

[pjohnson@hopeworxinc.org](mailto:pjohnson@hopeworxinc.org) or

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Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square

# Montgomery County Homeless Services Funding Application Training



MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA

**THURSDAY**  
**February 26, 2026**  
**11 AM | Zoom**

**[Register here](#)**



## Learn How to Apply for Funding to Support Homeless Services

Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) invites eligible organizations to attend a training session on applying for funding to support homeless services. This opportunity combines multiple funding sources to maximize impact, with a priority on emergency shelter operations.

### Who should attend?

- Nonprofit organizations providing housing-focused homeless services
- Agencies operating emergency shelters or related programs

### What types of projects are eligible?

Funding supports activities that provide direct assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Montgomery County, PA. Examples include:

- Emergency Shelter Operations – Staffing, utilities, maintenance, and essential services
- Street Outreach – Connecting unsheltered individuals to shelter and services
- Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention – Short-term rental assistance and case management
- Supportive Services – Transportation, housing navigation, and other critical needs

### Why attend?

- Understand program requirements and compliance standards
- Learn the application process and timeline
- Get tips for preparing a competitive proposal

## Questions?



Kayleigh.Silver@montgomerycountypa.gov



montgomerycountypa.gov/FundingOpportunities

# Pennsylvanians, Don't Lose Your SNAP Benefits!



Keep your address up to date with DHS by calling the Customer Service Center or updating your address through COMPASS



**AND (You must do both!)**



Keep your address up to date with the United States Postal Service so you don't miss any important mailings about your benefits!

Learn more  [dhs.pa.gov/work](https://dhs.pa.gov/work)





**Creating Increased Connections**  
A program of Resources for Human Development

# CREATING INCREASED CONNECTIONS (CIC) GROUPS



**TAKING BACK OUR POWER**

Taking Back Our Power is a peer support group for individuals with lived experience of sensory phenomena (like hearing things others don't hear) and unusual beliefs

**MONDAYS**  
**2:00PM-3:00PM**  
Hopeworx  
1210 Stanbridge St #600,  
Norristown, PA 19401

**TUESDAYS**  
**2:30PM-4:00PM**  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Ave  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

**THURSDAYS**  
**1:00PM-2:00PM**  
Trinity Reformed Church  
60 N. Hanover St  
Pottstown, PA 19464

**CIRCLE OF HOPE**

Circle of Hope is peer-to-peer led discussion group. Join us for lively conversation about how we are feeling, our successes and challenges, our recovery, and how we maintain our wellness. Everyone is welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**1:00PM-2:00PM**  
Hopeworx  
1210 Stanbridge St #600,  
Norristown, PA 19401

**THURSDAYS**  
**10:30AM-12:00PM**  
Hopeworx  
1210 Stanbridge St #600,  
Norristown, PA 19401

**LIVE ANOTHER DAY**

**TUESDAYS**  
**12:30PM-1:45PM**  
Lansdale Library  
301 Vine St  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Alternatives to Suicide groups are intended as non-judgmental spaces where people can share some of their darkest thoughts without being assumed to have an illness or being assessed for involuntary interventions. Openly exploring these thoughts - and the feelings and experiences underneath them - is often the key to moving toward something different.

**WALK AND TALK**

Every 1st and 3rd Friday  
**11:00AM-12:30PM**  
**King of Prussia Mall**  
**Meet at Food Court on 1st Floor**  
Join us for a time to work on our wellness, and enjoy each other's company as we exercise together.  
*Enter between KPOT and Bonefish Grill*  
160 N Gulph Rd  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

**WOMENS IDENTITY AND EXPERIENCES GROUP**

This group was created for women as a safe environment to voice & openly share our life stories as women & to empower ourselves to find greater meaning & purpose in life.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**3:00PM-4:30PM**  
Teams Link  
<https://teams.microsoft.com/Womensgroup>

For More Information Contact [Sheila.HallPrioleau@RHD.org](mailto:Sheila.HallPrioleau@RHD.org) 215-906-0453  
[www.ciconnections.org](http://www.ciconnections.org)

## Subcommittee Reports from January 2026

**Advocacy Subcommittee** – The subcommittee began by identifying key questions for Robin Stelly, whose presentation to the full CSP provided useful insights. Montco CSP launched a story-collection initiative late last year to document the impact of Medicaid cuts. Response levels, however, have been limited. Inviting Robin allowed us to learn more about PHAN’s successful strategies for gathering personal narratives and to consider how those approaches could inform our own efforts. We also engaged in preliminary planning for the coming year. Several priority areas emerged:

- **Mapping existing legislative relationships:** Conducting an inventory of each CSP member’s connections with local, state, and federal legislators to determine how these relationships can be strategically leveraged to strengthen our advocacy.
- **Supporting effective storytelling:** Exploring ways to help community members share their experiences more powerfully and with greater clarity.
- **Expanding participation:** Considering approaches to broaden engagement in both CSP overall and the Advocacy Subcommittee specifically.
- These topics will form the foundation of our workplan for the year ahead, and we look forward to developing strategies that advance these goals.

### CSP MEETING CALENDER 2026

*Meetings are held every third  
Thursday, monthly from  
12: 00-2:30pm*

*The next meetings will be:*

February	19
March	19
April	16
May	21

*Meetings are held in person  
and via Zoom.*

**Community Outreach** – Erin A will be working on the Community Connections Grant. Lea Anne was not here but will encourage her to plan more for the "walking group" she thought of. Hoping to pick a theme next month for the art contest!

**Conference Subcommittee** – Confirmed May 20<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday). Will be changing venues to the Variety Club this year.

- Reviewed sponsorship flyer; made some edits. Will be release soon to solicit donations.
- Very important to raise funds for Conference this year. Lost \$4,500 of confirmed donations
- We will be using AAA catering again, but using a different(cheaper) menu
- Opted for the “Comfort Food” Menu. Sending following selections for a quote: Hot Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni Salad, Fruit, Vegetarian/Gluten Free Meals as side option for pre-determined guests.
- Aiming to have the page for ticket sales up within the next month or two

### Montgomery County CSP Executive Committee

#### 2024/2025 Tri-Chairs

Provider Member: Jim Markey

Person in Recovery: Morgan Killian-Moseley

Family Member: Vacant

County Liaison -  
Tracey Riper-Thomas



#### 2024/2025 Sub-Committee Chairs

Community Outreach: Erin Villarose

Advocacy: Cindy Todd & Christine Stutman

Conference: Harry Bowles & Justin Chamrin

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#### 2024/2025 Treasurer

Erin Anguish

## CSP Principles

- \* Person Centered/  
Person Empowered
- \* Culturally competent
- \* Designed to Meet  
Special Needs
- \* Community Based  
with Natural Supports
- \* Flexible
- \* Coordinated
- \* Accountable
- \* Strengths-Based

## **CSP Mission Statement:**

Montgomery County's Community Support Program (CSP) brings together individuals that receive mental health services, their family members, providers and the Department of Behavioral Health in an equal partnership to promote recovery and excellence in the delivery of community-based mental health services.

The committee strives to include a balance of people who use services, people who provide services, family members, and interested members of the community at large. The CSP initiatives continue to grow state, regionally and county wide. As the involvement increases CSP has become a place that feedback can truly be given to the county from individuals that receive services and information can be given that suits the needs and requests of those that attend.

## **Organizations who regularly send representatives to CSP:**

Central Behavioral Health, AdvocacyWorx, Community Satisfaction Team of Montgomery County, Magellan Health Services, Montgomery Co. Department of Behavioral Health, Montgomery County Emergency Services (MCES), NAMI Montgomery County, Norristown Vet Center, Resources for Human Development, Salisbury Behavioral Health

## CSP Subcommittees:

- \* **Advocacy Subcommittee**—Works on legislative, policy, communication, budget, voter education and other issues related to mental health services in the county, statewide and at the federal level when relevant. At the direction of the CSP Committee, the Advocacy Subcommittee gathers information on issues, plans advocacy events and creates a monthly newsletter to provide information to the stakeholder network as well as the community at large about the work of CSP. The newsletter also provides updates on new and changing mental health services provided in Montgomery County. The newsletter editor can be contacted at: [kathiemitchell8221@gmail.com](mailto:kathiemitchell8221@gmail.com).
- \* **Community Outreach Subcommittee**—Works on facilitating opportunities for people in the CSP community to be more involved in the Montgomery County community. This includes implementing the Community Connections grants, which provide funding for people to participate in a variety of activities. The committee also implements transportation grants that provide gas cards and SEPTA day passes to CSP community members. The annual CSP Poster Art contest is also organized by this committee.
- \* **Conference Subcommittee** – The conference subcommittee will plan and fundraise for the annual Montgomery County CSP Conference.

## **Meetings:**

12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

3rd Thursday of each  
month

Montgomery County  
Community College  
Blue Bell, PA

In person & Zoom

**Kathie Mitchell, Newsletter Editor**

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