



July 2023 Newsletter

Court-Based Eviction Mediation Pilot Program

In an effort to decrease the rising number of evictions affecting Monroe County residents, Pocono Mountains United Way created the Landlord-Tenant Eviction Mediation Program in 2020. While this program has helped keep hundreds of individuals in their homes, Eviction Mediation Manager Linda Paugh wanted to take the program one step further and bring it to residents facing imminent eviction at a local court.



Paugh and other members of the PMUW team began discussing the idea of court-based mediation in 2022 after learning about successful programs in 2 other PA counties. They connected with the President Judge in Monroe County to begin conversations about the option of providing mediation in a magisterial court. After months of planning and collaboration with the Coolbaugh Township Magisterial District Court, the pilot program began in February 2023.

[Continue reading more about this program on the PMUW website](#)

PMUW Awarded \$200K from PHFA

Pocono Mountains United Way was recently awarded \$200,000 from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) under their Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE). This funding will support:



- rental assistance and case management services in Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties
- Landlord-Tenant Eviction Mediation services which works collaboratively to avoid eviction and court filings
- the Coordinated Entry Walk In Site at Street2Feet, the only in-person access site in the 4 county region
- a new Housing Locator to maintain relationships with local landlords, coordinate landlord and tenant education programs, and manage a database of available housing units

Since first receiving funding in 2018, United Way has been awarded over \$707,000 in PHARE funding, and kept hundreds of families housed. **Thank you for your partnership, PHFA!**

Upcoming Events

YOU ARE INVITED...

We welcome all non-profit staff, board, & their volunteers in Monroe & Pike Counties to come out and participate in this free, three-part series on key Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion topics. [Register Today](#)

Questions? [Email](#) Robyn Weaver

**SAVE THE DATES**
1PM - 3PM

THE EQUITY SERIES

A three-part, six hour series on key Diversity, Equity and Inclusion topics.

AUG 17 • AUG 24 • AUG 31

FREE TO NONPROFIT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Questions? Contact Robyn Weaver (she/her):
Robyn@PoconoUnitedWay.org



Annual Day of Caring September 13, 2023

Join in on Monroe County's biggest single-day volunteer event. Register & view this year's volunteer opportunities at www.VolunteerMonroe.org



12th Annual Dario Belardi Hospitality Scholarship Golf Tournament

Hideaway Hills Golf Club
September 28, 2023

[Visit the PMVB website for details](#)

Other United Way Programs

HELP IS AVAILABLE
Connecting with community services & support

POCONOINFO is a free one-stop information and referral service for Monroe County that provides easy access to human services in our community.

800-517-3954
info@PoconoUnitedWay.org

PoconoInfo will help with: parenting, counseling, and helplessness.

Services include: crisis intervention, case management, financial counseling, food bank referrals, job training, legal referrals, mental health referrals, substance abuse referrals, and more.



HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER
PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

FREE Homeownership counseling
FREE Credit counseling & repair
FREE Home inspection & repair

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

With support from a local Certified Housing Counselor, we help to create a customized plan for homeownership. Individuals who work with HHC counselors can: See how they can improve their credit, receive financial counseling, receive referrals to other resources, and more. They will have the tools, capacity, and knowledge to move from renters to homeowners. They will have the resources, advice, and support to buy, own, and maintain their own home. HHC counselors provide financial counseling and more.



LANDLORD TENANT EVICTION MEDIATION
A free service to resolve landlord-tenant disputes

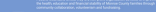
Helping Our Community Resolve Eviction Disputes

How you can help: If you are a landlord or tenant, you can help by: 1. Contacting the program for free mediation services. 2. Providing information about the dispute. 3. Attending the mediation session. 4. Following the mediator's recommendations.

Not a landlord or tenant? You can help by: 1. Referring a landlord or tenant to the program. 2. Providing information about the dispute. 3. Attending the mediation session. 4. Following the mediator's recommendations.

Program Success Story

Learn how a landlord and tenant resolved their dispute through mediation.



PoconoInfo Helpline
570-517-3954 or [Email](#)

Homeownership Center
570-517-3954 or [Email](#)

Eviction Mediation Program
570-261-8023 or [Email](#)



Help our team make a difference in our community - [DONATE TODAY!](#)

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