



Pocono Mountains United Way

## May 2023 Newsletter

### How Did COVID Affect ALICE?

COVID-19 shined a spotlight on the difficulties many families face when there is sudden economic insecurity. Yet, as we step onto the other side of the pandemic, we see that many working families are still struggling and need support.



A new report, *ALICE in the Crosscurrents: COVID and Financial Hardship in Pennsylvania*, released by the United Way of Pennsylvania, through United for ALICE®, points out that 1.4 million Pennsylvania households are what would be considered ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). [Continue Reading on the PMUW website.](#)



### SMILE Program Expanding

Thanks to funding through the Abeloff Foundation, the SMILE In-Home Mentoring program will now be able to serve families living in all 4 Monroe County school districts. The SMILE program brings together early childhood education professionals and family members to work in a partnership in the home to prepare children to enter school, ready to learn.

We will be hiring additional early childhood professionals to help expand the in-home mentoring services throughout the county.

**We want to thank the Abeloff Foundation for their dedication to supporting families in our community!**



### Generation Next Students Tour Colleges

This spring, Generation Next students from Pocono Mountain West High School embarked on two trips to tour universities in Philadelphia and schools in the tri-state and New England areas.

Generation Next is a college preparation program that guides students, who have been historically impacted by disparities in education, to build a successful path to college. [Continue reading on the PMUW website.](#)

## Upcoming Events



### Community Investor Meeting @ NCC Monroe Campus

June 13, 2023, 8:00 - 9:00 am - Pocono Hall, Rm 108

[Click to Register Today!](#)

## Other United Way Programs

**HELP IS AVAILABLE**  
Connecting with community services is easy.

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

570-517-3954  
@ info@poconoinfo.org

PoconoInfo will help eliminate guessing, confusion, and helplessness.

Services and resources we can help you find:

- Healthcare
- Food bank services
- Financial counseling
- Public assistance programs
- Job training
- Substance abuse treatment
- Domestic violence services
- Welfare benefits
- Legal services
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**HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER**  
PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

**FREE** Homeownership & Financial Literacy

**FREE** Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy

**FREE** Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy

**ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

Get support from a HUD-Certified Housing Counselor on how to create a customized path to homeownership! Individuals who work with HUD counselors are 30% less likely to experience foreclosure. Successful, sustainable homeownership begins with education, counseling, and knowledge. Our knowledge and experience can help you understand if you can make the best choice about whether and when to buy, affordable financing options, and accessing possible financial assistance programs.

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**LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION MEDIATION**  
A Free Service for Monroe County Landlords and Tenants

Helping Our Community Resolve Eviction Disputes

Eviction mediation can help you resolve your dispute. Are you worried about being evicted? Do you need help with your landlord? Are you representing a landlord and need help resolving a dispute?

**What is Mediation?**

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process that helps both sides together to resolve conflicts. The mediator does not make a decision, but will help both sides come to an agreement.

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Help our team make a difference in our community -  
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