



February 2024 Newsletter

Springing Forward with Equity

Project Equity has hosted two impactful training sessions this year for Monroe and Pike County agencies, covering LGBTQ+ inclusivity and fundraising effectiveness. As part of Project Equity's mission to *increase nonprofit capacity and embed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion across all levels of the organization*, Pocono Mountains United Way sponsored 10 nonprofits to access the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI)'s Diversity & Inclusion in Human Resource Management Certificate course, focusing on capacity building and fostering equity across organizations. [Click here for more...](#)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) DUE MARCH 22: AEPP MARKETING COLLABORATION

CHECK OUT PMUW IN THE MEDIA | SMILE and KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Upcoming Programs & Events



New Prepared Renters Education Program (PREP)

PMUW is now offering a free program



Free Vision and Dental Screenings

Free Vision and Dental Screenings will

called PREP that teaches essential skills for renting including budgeting, communicating with your landlord, understanding a lease, and tenant rights in PA. Stay tuned for more updates on this new exciting program!

View the [PREP program flyer](#) or email Heather@poconounitedway.org for more information.

be available outside of NCC-Monroe in the AmeriHealth Caritas mobile bus to children ages 6 months to 5 years old who will attend a school located in Monroe County.

Community Night - April 30, 2024
Northampton Community College
2411 Route 715, Tannersville, PA 18372

PRE-REGISTER FOR A FREE SCREENING
Pre-registration is suggested, but walk-ins may be available
Contact Roxanne Powell to register:
570-517-3958
Roxanne@PoconoUnitedWay.org

Have you heard of the Earned Income Tax Credit?

Eligible families could be missing out on thousands of dollars, up to \$7,430 to eligible families with children! Save the money that YOU earned by taking advantage of the #EITC. Will you help us spread the word?

Also, check out 2024 Free Tax Prep Services by United Way. Visit unitedway.org/myfreetaxes for more details.



Sanofi funding supports the Care Connects Transportation Program by PMUW and MCTA

The initiative offers free transportation services to those not covered by MCTA's existing programs, focusing on the ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). PMUW received \$15,000 from Sanofi for this initiative last year. Click on the image to see the updated brochure or [More details about this program here!](#)



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for UNITED WAY EVENT AMBASSADORS to help our Manager of Community Impact at community events in the coming weeks!

The volunteers will help inform families of United Way resources. We will typically provide free dental, vision, and behavioral screenings and will need assistance in

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 human services in our community.

570-517-3954
info@poconounitedway.org

PoconoInfo will help eliminate guessing, confusion, and helplessness.

Services and resources we can help you find:

- Housing
- Food bank services
- Financial counseling
- Employment
- Transportation
- Support groups
- Child care
- Public assistance programs
- Where to donate food, clothes, furniture, etc.
- Child support services
- Legal resources
- Support groups
- Addictions

PoconoInfo

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



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PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

FREE Credit counseling & report review
FREE Mortgage advice & rate comparisons
FREE Home tour for an affordable mortgage

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 educational homeownership. You will have the tools, capacity, and knowledge to make your own decisions to make the best choices about whether and what to buy, affordable financing plans, and accessing possible financial assistance programs.

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



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

Helping Our Community Resolve Eviction Disputes

- Are you a landlord who lives in Monroe County? Are you worried about being evicted?
- Are you a tenant who rents property in Monroe County? Are you experiencing a landlord/tenant dispute regarding eviction?
- Do you want the help of a mediator to resolve the problem?
- Are you interested in learning more about a free, voluntary and confidential process and how to use it?

The mediation service offered by Pocono Mountains United Way can help. Call 570-261-8023 to make a referral.

What is Mediation?

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

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Eviction Mediation Program
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