

412 Youth Zone: One-stop Transformation Center

The 412 Youth Zone will be a hub of transformation in Allegheny County. The center will be a safe place where all transition age youth can gain stability, build positive relationships, learn life skills, meet basic needs, foster creative expression and find a path to a brighter future.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Over the years Auberle has developed a broad network of positive working relationships throughout Allegheny County. We have the knowledge, relationships and team-based style to coordinate support so that youth members will have access to all of the guidance, services and information that is available to help them.

We have gathered a group of 30+ strategically chosen and effective collaborators for the 412 Youth Zone. Our vision for a community of care includes those partners, Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) and the downtown community.

TRAUMA-INFORMED CULTURE

Auberle is certified in trauma-informed care through the Sanctuary Model.™ The model provides a method for creating a culture that can more effectively address healing from psychological and social trauma. This approach integrates:

- Healing strategies for at-risk youth and their families
- Best practices in promoting emotional, mental and behavioral health and wellness
- Leading-edge psychological and medical research

SUCCESS WORKING WITH TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH

Auberle serves hundreds of youth per year who are aging out of the foster care system or who are experiencing difficulty making a healthy transition to adulthood.

Through our Employment Institute and its exclusive partnerships, youth have access to some of the biggest employers in our region. The Employment Institute served 256 youth last year and received referrals from 46 social service agencies. We helped many youth obtain jobs, with 80% of those retaining their jobs for six months or more. Our youth also earned, on average, \$10.20 per hour.

We assist youth with transitional housing when they need it. We also provide mental health support, drug and alcohol counseling, tutoring, college tours and application assistance, driver's training and licenses, mentoring and more. An investment in young adults today creates vibrant communities and a thriving workforce tomorrow.

PROVEN SUCCESS

We know our approach is successful because we measure everything we do.

At Auberle:

- 100% of youth who are eligible to graduate have received their high school credential
- 82% of youth aging out with a diploma or GED enrolled or continued in post-secondary education or vocational training
- 100% of youth aging out of the foster care system have obtained permanent housing
- 80% of youth who received employment assistance were still employed after the six-month mark
- A program we implemented for chronically truant students in our care raised school attendance of all participants to at least 85%
- We developed the region's only digital work ethic badge to help prepare youth for community jobs

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- Life Skills
- The Arts
- Housing Counseling
- Education
- Legal Aid
- Food
- Childcare and Parenting Support
- Prevention Education
- Medical Health and Behavioral Health
- Workforce Training

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Auberle has 60 years' experience running facility-based programs and has proven to be a good neighbor. We create beautiful and safe spaces that improve the overall community. We serve children and families in every neighborhood in Allegheny County and beyond.

Auberle believes that by investing in children and empowering youth, the cycle of abuse and neglect can be broken. For youth members of the 412 Youth Zone, we can lower the risks of homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues. We can help at-risk youth become healthy, independent, contributing members of their communities.

Those who come to the 412 Youth Zone will find the safety, support, education and services they need to create better opportunities in Allegheny County and beyond.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We are excited to bring our leadership and expertise to this project. We welcome your ideas and questions.

For more information, please contact the Director of the 412 Youth Zone, AIMEE PLOWMAN at aimeep@aubерle.org or (412) 902-4068.



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