



**Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
National Agency of the Year**

About Auberle

Since 1952, Auberle has been dedicated to transforming the lives of children, youth and families in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Auberle is a nationally recognized human services agency with seven sites. The agency serves more than 4,000 at-risk children, youth and families each year in 25 program areas through our workforce development program, the 412 Youth Zone, housing and emergency shelter, Foster Care, placement services, drug and alcohol and mental health programs, education, and in-home intervention. Our programs include preventative and community-based services. We serve over 60% of our clients served in their home, school or community.

We are effective. We know this because we benchmark ourselves regionally and nationally against our competitors. We've been recognized as Agency of the Year in the United States by the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities. The regional foundation community recognized Auberle with the Wishart Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. This consistently high-quality service is delivered with a trauma-informed focus, reflecting concern for staff and clients.



Auberle's Transitional and Employment Services

The 412 Youth Zone

The 412 Youth Zone is a safe and welcoming one-stop center for young people ages 16-23, that are transitioning out of the Foster Care system and are eligible for independent living services or are experiencing unstable housing. The program, a vision of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS), is designed for youth to gain stability, build positive relationships, learn life skills, meet basic needs, foster creative expressions and be guided on the right path towards a brighter future. The 412 Youth Zone is a place where our youth can feel a sense of fun and belonging and an opportunity for our staff, volunteers and 80 + community partners to make a long-lasting impact on their future. The 412 Youth Zone goal is to help youth become independent, self-sufficient adults.

The Employment Institute

The Employment Institute is the go-to workforce development program in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The Employment Institute offers 11 multiple nationally recognized certification programs, employment opportunities with 101 employing partners, life skills and work readiness training, education services and employment exposure/search services.

We work with any individual experiencing a significant barrier or barriers to employment. The Employment Institute also has the region's only Digital Work Ethic Badge, awarding participants ten mini-work ethic badges that demonstrate commitment to punctuality, attendance, responsibility, etc. In addition, the Employment Institute was recently awarded the Juvenile Court Judges Commission Community Based Program of the Year.

Auberle's Behavioral Health Programs and Services

Mental Health Services

Auberle has its own outpatient mental health license. Our services include individual, family, couples and group therapy for children, adolescents and adults. We use a trauma-informed approach to treat a variety of concerns including, childhood trauma, behavioral and conduct disorders, mood disorders, grief/loss, specialized anger management, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Arson Prevention, Parent/Child Conflict and issues related to child and adolescent development, as well as life transitions.

Drug and Alcohol Services

Auberle has its own Drug and Alcohol License with trained clinicians who offer outpatient treatment services, clinical assessments and therapy to individual and families regarding substance abuse, including tobacco and addiction issues.

Arson Prevention Program (TAPP-C)

TAPP-C is a brings together mental health professionals, children and families with the goal of eliminating dangerous fire-related behaviors. Counseling professionals assess the risk of continued fire involvement and help children and their families deal with the problems that may contribute to fire-setting.

School-Based Therapy Programs

Auberle has a **School Based Mental Health Program** to provide support and mental health services to young students We also have a **Student Assistance Program (SAP)** to assist school personnel in identifying issues such as alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and mental health issues that may pose a barrier to a student's success.

Therapeutic Activities

Auberle's Therapeutic Activities involve a range of social and physical activities that strengthens a youth's positive self-esteem and increases self-confidence. This includes the Therapeutic Challenge Course, one of only a few in Southwestern PA. The course is open for use by nonprofits, human service providers, mental health groups, businesses, sports teams, universities and summer camps. The Therapeutic Challenge Course is also utilized by all of Auberle's programs and staff.

Auberle's Community Based Prevention and Reunification Services

Homebuilders®

Homebuilders® is an internationally recognized program that provides intensive, in-home crisis intervention, counseling and life-skills education to families who have children at imminent risk of being removed from the home. Our goal is to prevent the unnecessary out-of-home placement of children through intensive, in-home intervention and to teach families new problem-solving skills to prevent future crises. Referrals are made through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families.

Stop Now and Plan (SNAP®)

With nine program components for success, the SNAP® Program for young boys and the SNAP® Girls Connection Program are designed for children ages 6-11 who are showing signs of antisocial behavior and/or have come in contact with police as a result of their behavior. SNAP® helps children and parents deal effectively with anger by teaching them how to respond in a pro-social way. With help and practice, children and parents are able to stop, calm down and generate positive solutions with the "snap of their fingers." Families can self-refer by calling 412-673-5856 ext. 1209.

Housing Services

Auberle's Rapid Rehousing Program works with young adults in assisting finding them in finding safe, stable, and affordable housing. Case managers work with clients, most first-time renters or homeowners, on providing rental assistance, case management services, and most importantly partnerships with local landlords. **Auberle's Family Emergency Shelter** can accommodate up to 20 individuals at one time and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The goal of the program is to keep families safe, assist them with securing more permanent housing and link them to available resources.

Community Stabilization

These services follow the child as he/she returns back home from an out of home placement and into their community and school system. These in-home services aim to ensure a smooth transition with the goal of preventing another out of home placement. Referrals are made through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Offices of Children Youth and Families.

Auberle's Placement Services Programs

Foster Care

Foster Care is designed to provide a safe, secure and nurturing home environment for newborns to 21-year-olds. Children in Foster Care can either return to their biological parents and family members or transition into a permanent living arrangement including adoption by Foster Parents. To help increase positive outcomes and provide foster homes for teenagers, Auberle is part of a campaign called "Foster Goodness."

Emergency Shelter Foster Care

Emergency Shelter Foster Care provides emergency care for children who are temporarily separated from their permanent home due to an extreme risk situation. These children are placed in an approved foster home. Stays are usually very short term, from a few days up to 30 days.

Residential Care

Residential Care serves boys (ages 13-20) and girls (ages 12-20) who are experiencing behavioral issues or family problems severe enough to keep them from remaining at home or with a family member. The goal of residential is to prepare the youth to return to their family, be placed in a kinship or foster home or transition to independent living based on their age. Residential programs also provide medical and education support services to youth in 24-hour residential and shelter care. Auberle operates and provides **Title 1 Education**, federally funded educational support to youth who are failing or at-risk of failing.

Emergency Shelter Residential Care

Shelter Care is a temporary removal of a child from their caregivers home or current living situation in order for an assessment or investigation to occur to determine risk and safety issues. Reasons for removal are based on risk issues related to safety, suspected abuse or neglect. Stays are usually very short-term, from a few days up to 30 days.



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Where life changes for kids and families

Our mission at Auberle is to help troubled children and families heal themselves.
Contact Auberle at one of the locations listed below to learn more about our services and programs:

Auberle Main Campus

1101 Hartman Street | McKeesport, PA 15132 | Phone: 412-673-5800

Foster Care

2513 Fifth Avenue | McKeesport, PA 15132 | Phone: 412-673-1993

412 Youth Zone

304 Wood Street | Pittsburgh, PA 15222 | 412-902-4068

Auberle Family Emergency Shelter

122 South Third Street | Duquesne, PA 15110 | Phone: 412-469-3686



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