

# P A C C I M P A C T R E P O R T

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*North Hills Performing Arts Club*

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PA CONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES

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*PACCares*



*Connecting Me Home*



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PA Connecting Communities (PACC) commemorated 20 years of service in 2024! This was an opportunity to both celebrate and reflect upon two decades of listening, learning, and responding to the needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and Autism.

PACC is older, and so are the people we serve, as many have been with the organization since its inception. Imagine the opportunity and obligation that comes with the privilege of serving a person from the time they graduate high school, throughout adulthood to their end of life!

This obligation to serve with dignity and opportunity was the driving force behind PACC expanding programs in 2024 to include residential services. Pennsylvania's wait list for disability housing is thousands long and could result in a PACC client becoming homeless should their parents or guardian die unexpectedly. PACC simply couldn't risk the potential for harm.

Our Impact Report provides service outcome data for PA Connecting Communities programs and services being delivered in a twelve county region of southwestern Pennsylvania.



*Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House*

# MISSION & VISION

## MISSION

The mission of PA Connecting Communities is to empower individuals with disabilities and provide opportunities to improve their quality of life.

## VISION

PACC imagines a world where people with disabilities have equal access to all the rights, opportunities and benefits enjoyed by all other citizens to include the support they need to live meaningful, productive, happy lives.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".*

MAHATMA GANDHI

At PACC our Guiding Principles include person-centered planning, individual choice, and access to full engagement in community life.

Driven by these values, all programs and services are delivered thoughtfully and with compassion. Program development and expansion is guided by the Office of Developmental Programs wait list and expressed consumer need. This work is made possible by the generosity of donors and critical government funding available through federal and state Medicaid subsidies.

# S E R V I C E D A T A

*“We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we  
give.” Winston Churchill*

**The number of individuals served in fiscal year 2023/24 by program is as follows:**

**Behavior Services** were provided to 57 individuals through ODP waivers while 23 people were engaged through a private pay contract for a total of 90 adults receiving behavioral services.

**Connecting Me Home (CMH)** served 53 unique individuals throughout the year, averaging 3 hours per session. In addition to teaching independent living skills which are always available for learning, CMH hosted an additional 82 weekly activities, 13 special activities, and 5 community outreach baking activities.

The **Home and Community** services department provided essential support to 273 individuals, allowing them to live everyday lives rich with opportunity.

**Events, Programs & Activities** delivered 1,366 events spanning five western Pennsylvania counties. Attendees included 307 duplicated individuals from 29 unique partner agencies, in addition to 13,638 duplicated PACC individuals.

**Occupational Therapy** services were provided in-home to 11 individuals.

**Transition Services** provided support and guidance to 21 students in 9 school districts.

The **OVR and Supportive Employment Services** team served 140 unique individuals with job finding / Job skill development services.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024 PACC launched two new programs in response to community need, Tri-County and Residential Services.

The **Tri-County Services** team provides occupational vocational rehabilitation, transition employment and home and community services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Clearfield, Elk, and Jefferson counties.

**Tri-County Services** were delivered to 7 individuals to include OVR, Supportive Employment and Home and Community support.

**Residential Services** launched in Allegheny County's South Hills region with 1 home for 3 adult females with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will add 3 additional homes to provide residential services in each quadrant of Allegheny County.

*"Everyone can be great,  
because everyone can serve".*

M A R T I N L U T H E R K I N G , J R .

**Residential Services** launched with one home for three adult females located in Allegheny County. The home was acquired, furnished, inspected and licensed by the Office of Developmental Programs in time for the first woman to become a resident in June of 2024.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## REGIONAL IMPACT

In fiscal year 2023-2024 PA Connecting Communities served 340 unique individuals in the following 12 counties:

ALLEGHENY- 237

BEAVER – 55

BEDFORD/SOMERSET-1

BUTLER-12

CAMERON/ELK-2

CLARION-1

CLEARFIELD/JEFFERSON-1

CRAWFORD-3

FAYETTE-1

WASHINGTON-13

WESTMORELAND-13

YORK/ADAMS-1

## COMING IN 2025!

### Extended School Year (ESY) Program

Summer  
2025

NEW

- ✓ Multiple weeks will be offered from June 16 to August 15, 2025, to fit various schedules.
- ✓ The program is fully customizable to cater to each student's academic requirements, fulfill IEP goals, and emphasize personal interests.
- ✓ Community-engaged learning opportunities will facilitate real-life social skill development.
- ✓ Travel training will be integrated through community excursions and experiences.
- ✓ A wide range of community-based partners and resources will be leveraged for Post-Secondary and Career Exploration.
- ✓ Research and take tours of various sites, such as:  
Colleges and Universities   Vocational Schools   On-the-Job Training   Apprenticeships
- ✓ The Connecting Me Home program provides hands-on learning of essential home skills taught in a fully stocked and furnished home and situated in a residential neighborhood.

To learn more, scan the QR code

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