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Donations Needed!

We are ALWAYS in need of items for our upcoming events. If you are willing and able, we would appreciate the following items:

- Plastic Cups
- Plastic Plates
- Napkins
- Silverware
- Pop/Water
- Condiments
- Plastic Tablecloths
- Individual Chip Bags
- Seasonal Décor/Centerpieces

Please drop off between 8:00 and 4:00 M-F. Thank you!

Greene Arc, Inc. is a non-profit corporation providing residential, vocational, Day support, job opportunities, advocacy and mental health/recovery services to citizens with disabilities of Greene and surrounding counties. Our goal is to promote the independence and employment of individuals with disabilities.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

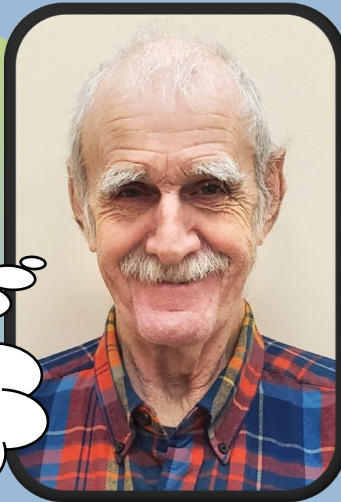


Follow us on Instagram for more from our Photography Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Deep Creek Vacation for 3
- Tennessee Vacation for 2
- Maryland Scenic Railroad Trip for 2
- Spa getaway weekend for 2 ladies
- Halloween Bash at our Jefferson home for all individuals to attend

Spotlight On...



Bill

What do you love about Greene Arc?

Working, friends and staff

What are your favorite things to do?

Mow grass, work on cars

What is your favorite place to go?

McDonald's

What is your favorite food?

Spaghetti

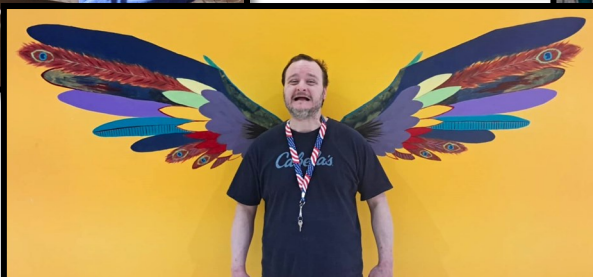
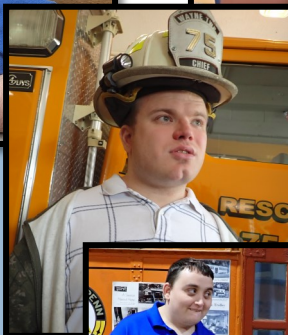
What is your favorite TV show?

Old westerns

What are you good at? *Working*



JUST FOR FUN!



CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Residential DSP

Full-time and part-time, direct care to persons with intellectual disabilities.

Psych Rehab Specialist

The person in this position will assist in providing planned group services that address the goals, needs, and preferences of the individuals in the program. They will complete readiness assessments, review referrals, perform record keeping according to state standards and regulations and assist in developing and enhancing the program.

See greenearc.org/careers for full job description and applications.

All applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and a valid driver's license with a clean driving history. All positions must pass Child Abuse History, FBI & Criminal Record Check Clearances.

"The only true disability is the inability to accept and respect differences." - Upjourney

A Note From Our Executive Director

TOGETHER, WE MAKE GREENE ARC STRONG

At Greene Arc, Inc. our success is not measured by numbers or statistics alone. It is measured by people. Every individual connected to our organization plays a critical role in the progress we continue to make. Together we form a strong community dedicated to creating opportunities, fostering independence, and celebrating achievements.

Our Individuals: *The Heart of What We Do*

First and foremost, our individuals are the reason we are here. Their growth, joy, and determination inspire us each day. Whether it is learning new skills, participating in the community, or reaching personal milestones, every achievement reminds us why our mission matters. Supporting our individuals is the most rewarding part of the work we do.

Our Staff: *The Foundation of Daily Care*

Behind every success story stands a team of caring and dedicated staff. These are the people who walk alongside our individuals each day. They provide not only care and support but also encouragement and dignity. Their compassion and commitment ensure that each person we serve feels valued and supported.

Our Staff Behind the Scenes: *The Backbone of Operations*

Just as important as the care provided each day is the staff who work behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. They manage the details that often go unnoticed but are vital to our success. From keeping our facilities safe and welcoming, to ensuring records, finances, and daily operations flow without interruption, this team makes it

possible for Greene Arc to thrive. Their dedication allows every other part of the organization to focus on what matters most—supporting the individuals we serve.

Our Administrative Team: *Providing Guidance and Support*

Our administrative team works diligently to ensure that our staff have the tools, resources, and guidance they need. They help us navigate requirements, manage finances, and plan for future growth. This group stands behind the scenes with a steady focus on the long-term strength of Greene Arc.

Our Board of Directors: *Volunteers Committed to Our Mission*

We are also blessed with a Board of Directors who give their time, talents, and wisdom. Their oversight and dedication help guide Greene Arc forward. They ensure that we remain true to our mission and continue building for the future.

Our Families and Community: *Partners in Success*

We could not do this work alone. Parents, family members, and friends are vital partners in supporting the individuals we serve. The broader community also strengthens us through encouragement, collaboration, and participation in our mission.

A Note From Our Executive Director, cont'd...

A Simple Way YOU Can Help

There are many ways for all of us to contribute to Greene Arc's success. Sometimes the simplest actions are the most powerful. Liking and sharing our posts on social media may seem small but it helps us reach more people than any other platform. By spreading the word about our programs, events, and success stories, you help us open doors to new opportunities and touch even more lives in Greene County and beyond!

Like many organizations, we are also facing challenges in finding dedicated staff. Word of mouth and community support make a tremendous difference. Talking about Greene Arc with friends and family, sharing our job postings, or helping promote our openings on

social media are meaningful ways to support us. Every action helps us continue to bring in staff who are committed to providing the same high-quality care and support that define our programs.

One Team, One Mission

When we step back and look at the bigger picture, it is clear. Greene Arc thrives because of everyone's efforts. Individuals. Staff. Administrators. Board Members. Families. Community Partners. We are all part of one team. Together we are changing lives!

Travis Duncan
Executive Director

WANT TO DONATE?



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**General
Donations**



**Hygiene &
Cleaning Closet
Donations
for Mental
Health**



A Note From Our Chief Financial Officer

It's hard to believe that the third quarter of the new fiscal year has come to an end! With that, we are able to see some financial trends that are starting to arise that I would like to share.

As the cost of living rises, it is having an impact in our financials this quarter. Such expenditures like electric, gas, and trash removal have increased by almost 15% in comparison to this time last year. This increase doesn't represent the other increases we have also seen in Health Insurance, vehicle costs, and food and household (just to name a few).

There can be a misconception that because we are program-funded, that all of our operating expenses are covered by the funding we receive. However, for most Human Service providers, that isn't the case, and Greene Arc is no exception.

So how do we do this at Greene Arc? The following are a few strategies that we use to ensure we are being good stewards to all funds received and ensure we are fiscally sound:

- 1) We, along with the Board of Directors, analyze all spending that is taking place at Greene Arc. Each month, financials are reviewed to ensure all expenses are in line with previous fiscal years when applicable.
- 2) Large decisions, such as the purchase of a new group home or wage increase for employees, are analyzed extensively to ensure it is in the best interest of Greene Arc and our longevity.
- 3) We look into different avenues (for example a sweep account or cds) to maximize the funds we do have, and look into all options for such expenses, like Health Insurance, to ensure we get the best rate for our business.

By taking these and other measures, it not only ensures that we will be able to cover rising costs as listed above, but will also ensure Greene Arc's longevity in years to come!

Amy Heckman
Chief Financial Officer

A Note From Our Human Resources Director

Staffing

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, a new Community Participation Supports (CPS) Director joined our team in July. Brian Lockett accepted the position and ran with it! Brian continues to learn and grow as well as to assist his staff in the learning and growing process. Brian brings with him not only ideas for change and growth, but also a calm demeanor and openness in his style of leadership. Brian is a great asset to the Greene Arc team. Welcome Brian!

With the ongoing shortage of Direct Support Professionals, Greene Arc, Inc. created a new position. The Part-Time Residential Floater position provides opportunity for staff to be hired who are available 16-24 hours per week versus the full 40-hour work week, which is not feasible for some.

Current open positions consist of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) for our Community Group Homes, full-time, as well as part-time floaters, and a Psych Rehab Specialist in the Mental Health Program.

Policy Changes

Due to continuing advancements involving artificial intelligence, Greene Arc, Inc. has developed and put into effect a new AI Policy that will assist in maintaining confidentiality, data accuracy, HIPAA/ODP compliance and organizational integrity.

In an attempt to address and decrease the medication errors, a new Medication Errors Policy was also developed and put into effect, which includes a "Reflection on Incident Form," developed by Jennifer Colbert, RN, in order to gather details from the responsible staff regarding the error.

A third policy, Residential Visitation Policy, was developed and put into effect to establish guidelines around residential homes and visitation.

E-Badge News

We would like to recognize and celebrate the next group of our staff members who have achieved Tier 1 NADSP E-Badge Certification.

Michelle Caton, Program Specialist, who has been with Greene Arc, Inc. since December 30, 2024.

Susan Milliken, Direct Support Professional (DSP) at our 6th Street location who has been with Greene Arc, Inc. since June 29, 2006.

Janie Phillips, Direct Support Professional (DSP) at our 6th Street location who has been with Greene Arc, Inc. since October 9, 2017.

Becky Walawander, Vocational Secretary/Clerical who has been with Greene Arc, Inc. since August 22, 2018.

Congratulations to all four employees for their efforts and for the hard work that went into this achievement! Thank you for your dedication to our individuals and for continually striving for personal and professional growth!

Kim Thompson

Human Resources Director

Upcoming Events

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025

EVENT: Community Resource Fair

LOCATION: Our Vocational Training Center
197 Dunn Station Road
Prosperity, PA 15329

TIME: 10:00AM — 2:00PM

Join Us! for an **OPEN HOUSE**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR & OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, NOV. 13, 2025
10:00am – 2:00pm



197 DUNN STATION ROAD
PROSPERITY, PA 15329

Come check out the programs and services we offer in support of individuals with IDD, Autism and those in Mental Health Recovery. Talk to and receive useful information from local resource vendors attending the event while enjoying food from What's Smokin' BBQ!



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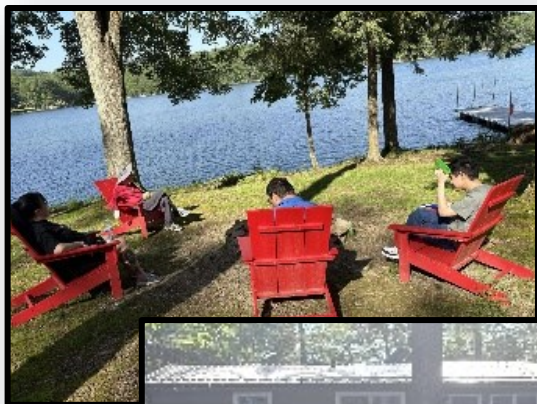
A Note From Our Residential Program Director

Greene Arc's Residential Program continues to thrive and grow. The new home we purchased in Clarksville will soon be ready to be licensed. Once that is complete we will be ready to hire the DSP staff. With this new home we will be able to serve 3 additional individuals who need services. This is our second new home within two years. Our goal is to provide care to more individuals who need the special care we provide.

Summer Fun

It has been a busy time for our folks this summer. They are always up for a good time! Several trips were planned and enjoyed.

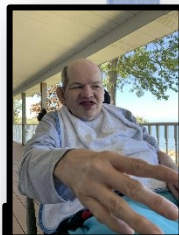
Two of the Group Homes got together and went on vacation to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland from June 23-27 2025. A great time was had by all!



Another one of our individuals traveled to Lancaster, PA from Sept. 12 -15, 2025 to visit her sister. They were able to take a train ride!



One of our residential homes serving 4 individuals traveled to Erie PA September 16-23, 2025.



One of our guys took a day trip to Gilmore Stables where he got to see his horse Prince! His horse was recently moved to a closer location in Greene County so he can spend more time with him.



Another group traveled to see The Chester Teapot in Chester, WV and saw the "World's Largest Teapot." It measures 14 feet in height!



A Note From Our Residential Program Director, cont'd.

In August, all the staff and individuals were invited to a free Wild Things Game in Washington PA. Everyone had fun!



There were many more adventures along the way, from picnics, to paddle boating, to miniature golf at Wheeling Park.



We had one big milestone this past quarter. One of our ladies celebrated 5 years cancer free on September 9, 2025. Congratulations Debbie!



Stay tuned for more positive progress and adventures for Greene ARC's Residential Program!

Sandra Ketchem
Residential Program Director

A Note From Our Registered Nurse

It's the one-year anniversary of the newly-created RN position here at Greene Arc!



It's been a work in progress and I had so much to learn about ODP regulations and meeting the special needs of the individuals we serve.

We went from an empty nursing office to a fully-equipped office with all the supplies necessary to provide first aid, care, and assessments. And most importantly, Greene Arc has allowed me to incorporate my own personal touches in my office to make our individuals feel safe and comfortable while having their health needs addressed.

The following are just a few of the nursing initiatives we've developed over the past year:

- ◆ Weekly wellness checks to detect abnormal vital signs, signs of health problems and illness, weight tracking for loss or gain, review of medical reports and medications, and individualized health plans
- ◆ Health Risk Screening Tools (HRST) with emphasis on prevention of aspiration, constipation, dehydration, seizures, and sepsis (*known as the Fatal Five*) and development of individualized nursing care plan to promote wellness. I serve as a liaison to assist in communication to physicians regarding current health problems.
- ◆ Mealtime choking risk assessments to assess for risk of choking and to determine level of meal supervision needed

- ◆ Health Education and trainings for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) on topics such as seizure management, fall prevention measures, gastrostomy feedings, medication administration, diabetic management, & more
- ◆ Health topic discussions twice a month at the Open Arms Drop-In Center, with the goal of promoting a healthy lifestyle and increasing medical knowledge to aid in the path to wellness
- ◆ Enhanced the nursing role for not only a medication trainer, but to provide specific teaching on medication actions and side effects and work with staff on measures to reduce medication errors
- ◆ Compliance with managing and updating first aid and AED stations in the facility and residential sites

Since implementing these procedures and policies, we have noted positive outcomes in early detection of health problems, with the individual receiving appropriate medical attention as needed.

We continue to strive for healthier and happier individuals and we continue to learn from each other along the way!

Jennifer Colbert
Registered Nurse

A Note From Our CPS Program Director

Hello, my name is Brian Lockett. I am the new Community Participation Supports Program Director. I joined the Greene Arc team mid-July of this year and have had a blast working with the amazing individuals and staff here at the facility! It's a great feeling coming into such an energetic and positive atmosphere each day.

I come from a background of working with individuals with intense behavioral needs, and nothing makes me feel more accomplished than being there for someone when they truly need someone to lean on. I am eager to continue to showcase this as well as continuing to grow my skillset with Greene Arc!

The past quarter has seen a lot of exciting new changes in the Community Participation Supports (CPS) Program! My current focus is to ensure we continue to offer the best services possible and provide engaging community opportunities for our individuals. An important part of the CPS Program is providing support to our individuals while participating in community events & activities.

We have made some tweaks to ensure all of our individuals have multiple opportunities throughout each month to participate in activities and outings that they can truly look forward to. We began holding team scheduling meetings each month to plan for the upcoming month's outings and events. This allows the staff that work directly with each individual on a daily basis to have a voice in planning the events and activities that take place. This gives us the opportunity to fine-tune the outings even more, based on each individual's preferences.

Our hope is to always make the outings something that everyone looks forward to, and to engage our individuals with unique activities. Whether their preference is to take a shopping trip,

go bowling, craft-making, or simply a picnic in the park, we aim to make it an enjoyable time.

We have received an outpouring of support from local businesses, fire departments, and activity centers in the community in the form of helping to provide these unique outings. Each of you have provided service that goes above and beyond.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE AT:



Wayne Township Fire Department

I want to extend a big THANK YOU from all of the CPS Program members for allowing us the time to tour/frequent your business, fire departments, and for giving a "behind the scenes" look at what you do. Our individuals LOVED each of these trips, and it's impossible for me to express the amount of appreciation I have for each of you! You all went above and beyond to organize unique "out-of-the-norm" tours/activities for us and we appreciate you!

If you own a business, and are interested in allowing us to visit or tour your location, please reach out to me at 724-627-5511 ext. 119. We are always looking for more unique local options, and would love to work with you!

Brian Lockett
CPS Program Director

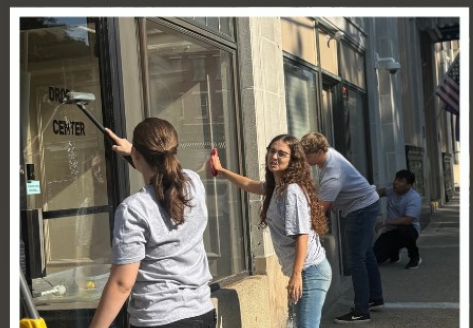
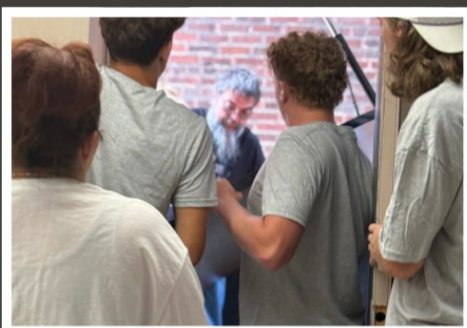
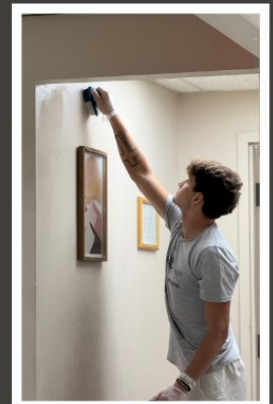
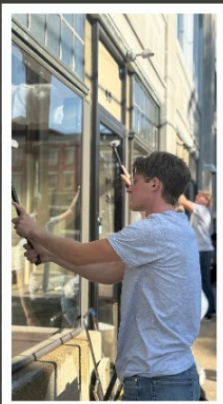
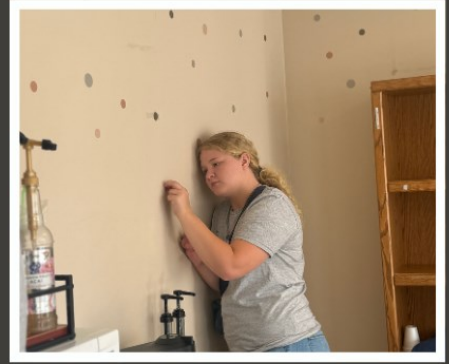
MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



As we go into the fall and winter season, our Mental Health Programs are starting a season of change and growth. On August 23rd we hosted over 30 Waynesburg University Service Learning Students for their Day of Service.

These dedicated students rolled up their sleeves and helped with a variety of projects, including: deep cleaning program spaces, organizing closets, hanging programmatic items, and painting inspiring mental health awareness murals on our front windows.

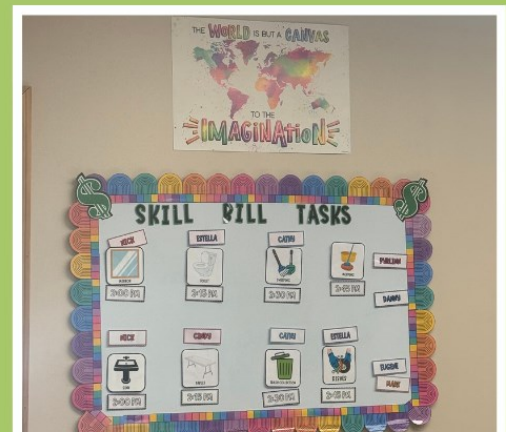
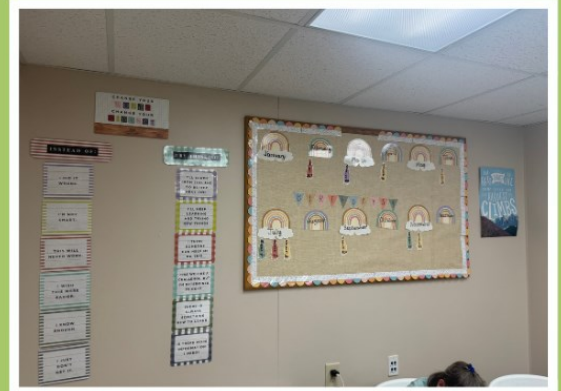
It was an absolute pleasure to host such a hardworking and thoughtful group. Their service made a difference, and we're grateful for the positive energy they brought into our space!





MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

One of the biggest changes is that our Psych Rehab programming room has been moved into a larger space within our building, allowing us more room for groups, activities, and connection. The new space has also received a facelift with motivational, welcoming, and encouraging wall décor that reflects the spirit of recovery and creates a more positive environment for our members.



Each quarter, we'll be highlighting individuals from our Drop-In Center, Peer Support, and Psych Rehab programs. These spotlights give our members an opportunity to share their voices, celebrate their achievements, and inspire others in our community.

Client Spotlights: DROP-IN CENTER

Linda S.

What do you like most about the Drop-In Center?

"I like the people here, being able to do things like color, watch t.v., and socialize with others."

What's something you've learned or gained from coming to the Drop-In Center?

"I am learning more about health topics from the Nurse that comes to talk to us."

Do you have a favorite memory from this last year at Drop-In Center, if so, what?

"I like when we do activities and have fun."

Mike D.

What do you like most about the Drop-In Center?

"I like being able to socialize with everyone and getting to watch the educational videos on youtube."

What's something you've learned or gained from coming to the Drop-In Center?

"I have learned more about coping skills like taking walks and listening to music."

Do you have a favorite memory from this last year at Drop-In Center, if so, what?

"I enjoyed being able to attend the Mental Health Conference at the Park. I really liked the shirt we all got to wear to the Mental Health Conference. I wear it often."

Client Spotlights: PEER SUPPORT

Danny L.

What do you like most about Peer Support?

"I enjoy interacting with my peer specialist."

What's something you've learned or improved on recently while in Peer Support? *"I have been working to learn and improve on letting the negative things go in my life and to focus on the positive."*

What advice would you give someone who is thinking about joining Peer Support Services? *"I would encourage them to join because it's a good thing to get into to help with problems."*

Cathy R.

What do you like most about Peer Support?

"I like that I can talk to my peer specialist about my problems and that I have support."

What's something you've learned or improved on recently while in Peer Support?

"I have been working to learn how to socialize better with others."

What advice would you give someone who is thinking about joining Peer Support Services?

"I would tell them it's a good idea because it would help them work on their goals and any problems you might have."

Client Spotlights: PSYCH REHAB

Nicholas F.

What is your favorite thing about coming to Psych Rehab?

"I like learning new skills from staff and seeing my friends."

What group or activity do you enjoy the most, and why?

"I like the Mental Health Jeopardy Game and The Jenga Game that we play because I have to think about the answer and make sure I make the right choice."

What's something new you've learned here?

"I have learned that everyone has a story and we shouldn't judge them based off of our first impression."

Do you have a favorite memory from this year at Psych Rehab, if so, what?

"Staff made me a HoHo Cake for my birthday this year. I enjoyed getting a card and having everyone sing happy birthday to me. It made me feel nice."

Cindy O.

What is your favorite thing about coming to Psych Rehab?

"I like seeing my friends, doing fun activities, and learning new things."

What group or activity do you enjoy the most, and why?

"I like the games and fun activities that we get to do. I like that staff help me be more positive and that we get to laugh and have a good time."

What's something new you've learned here?

"I learned about visualization, it was really fun and helpful. I am glad I learned about it."

Do you have a favorite memory from this year at Psych Rehab, if so, what?

"My favorite memory is the day that the new program space was ready. I really like the new space because its bigger. I like all the helpful information that has been put up on the walls. I like the staff because they are nice, funny, and caring."



Help Us Build Our Reading Library



We are currently seeking donations to help expand the reading libraries in both our Drop-In Center and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program. We welcome books of all reading levels and genres—from inspiring stories and wellness guides to mysteries, biographies, and easy-read fiction. Our goal is to offer something for everyone, whether they're looking for quiet reflection or an engaging escape.

We are also collecting magazines that focus on wellness, hobbies, entertainment, and hands-on activities such as puzzles or crafts. Donations of gently used or new items are greatly appreciated and will support literacy, relaxation, and meaningful engagement for those we serve.

Donations can be dropped off at:
49 South Washington Street, Suite 2, Waynesburg, PA 15370

If you have any questions or need to arrange drop off, please contact
Jessica Horton, Director of Mental Health at 724-627-7079

Share Your Skills, Make a Difference

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're inviting community members, professionals, hobbyists, and creatives to volunteer their time and talents at the Drop-In Center! Whether it's teaching a skill, leading a hobby group, sharing your story, or guiding an interactive activity, we're looking for engaging, hands-on experiences that inspire and uplift the individuals we serve. Whether you're an artist, cook, coach, musician, or just someone who loves sharing your passion, we welcome you!



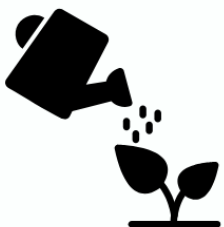
Some examples of desired topics include:

- Art, crafts, or music
- Wellness and self-care tips
- Cooking demonstrations
- Budgeting and life skills
- Gardening, fitness, or mindfulness
- Scrapbooking, Pottery or clay modeling
- Sewing, crochet, or knitting
- Photography, Jewelry Making



If you're passionate about something and want to give back, we'd love to hear from you!

Fill out our interest form: <https://forms.gle/x9TifTiHvhcE7R8D8>



For questions or more information, please contact
Jessica Horton, Director of Mental Health at 724-627-7079.





Now Accepting Referrals Find Out If You Qualify!



At Greene Arc, our Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program and Certified Peer Support Services are designed to help individuals with mental health diagnoses build the skills, confidence, and independence needed to thrive in their communities. Empowering individuals to take charge of their recovery journey, these recovery-focused services meet people where they are and support them in building meaningful goals, routines, and relationships.

If you or someone you support is living with a mental health diagnosis and seeking recovery-based services, Greene Arc offers two impactful programs: Psychiatric Rehabilitation (Psych Rehab) and Certified Peer Support Services. Below is a breakdown of eligibility for each program.

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program

Psychiatric Rehabilitation supports individuals with mental illness in building community living skills through structured activities focused on living, learning, working, socializing, and managing daily life. This recovery-based process helps individuals regain meaningful roles and purpose beyond their illness. Recovery isn't about curing symptoms, but finding fulfillment and success with minimal professional support—even while symptoms may persist

Eligibility Requirements

Residents of Greene County who are 18 years or older, who chooses to participate.

Presence or history of serious mental illness including: Schizophrenia, Major Mood Disorder, Psychotic Disorder NOS, Schizoaffective Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder

Have moderate to severe functional impairment from a mental illness that affects one or more of the environmental roles: Living, Learning, Working, and Social.

A referral and written recommendation must be signed by a Licensed Healing Arts Practitioner.

Peer Support Services

Peer Support Services provide a unique form of support through shared lived experiences of mental health challenges. Certified Peer Support Specialists guide others on their recovery journey, offering empathy, encouragement, and practical tools rooted in hope and empowerment. Their support adds a valuable layer to traditional treatment, enhancing connection and personal growth.

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For more information or to discuss a potential referral, please contact:

Jessica Horton, Director of Mental Health

724-627-7079

Holiday Stress & Coping: Finding Peace in the Season

The holiday season is often described as “the most wonderful time of the year,” but for many, it can also be one of the most stressful. Between busy schedules, financial pressures, changes in routine, and feelings of loneliness, the months of November and December can take a toll on mental health. Recognizing these challenges is the first step in finding healthier ways to cope.

WHY STRESS HAPPENS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Holidays bring high expectations—whether it’s trying to create the “perfect” celebration, stretching finances for gifts, or managing complicated family dynamics. Shorter days and colder weather can also contribute to seasonal changes in mood, sometimes increasing feelings of sadness or fatigue. For individuals already living with a mental health condition, these factors may feel even more overwhelming.

HEALTHY COPING SKILLS FOR THE SEASON

Set Realistic Expectations:

Remember, traditions don’t have to be perfect to be meaningful. Focus on what matters most—connection, kindness, and simple joys.

Maintain Routines:

Keep up with regular sleep, meals, and self-care activities to avoid feeling off balance.

Budget Wisely:

Consider handmade or low-cost gifts, or focus on experiences and time together instead of material items.

Practice Saying “No”:

It’s okay to decline events or obligations that feel draining. Protecting your energy is an important act of self-care.

Reach Out for Support:

If you feel lonely or isolated, connect with a trusted friend, family member, or peer. Community programs like the Drop-In Center, Psych Rehab, and Peer Support can provide a safe place for connection.

Take Mindful Breaks:

Even a few minutes of deep breathing, stretching, or stepping outside can help reset your mood.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE SEASON

The holidays don’t have to be perfect to be special. By setting boundaries, practicing gratitude, and leaning on supports, we can find peace and meaning during this season. At Greene Arc, our Mental Health Programs are here to remind you that you are not alone, and that taking care of yourself is the greatest gift you can give.

A Note From Our Community Programs Director

GETTING INVOLVED...

Greene Arc's Community Programs have been actively reaching out to our community by participating in resource fairs and job fairs. These events have provided us with fantastic opportunities to share our mission and distribute informational pamphlets and applications about the wide range of services we offer for individuals with intellectual disabilities and a mental health diagnosis.

If you or someone you know might qualify for our Community Programs, here are some important details:

SUPPORTED LIVING...

This program is available through specific waivers, such as Consolidated and Community Living.

We provide both direct and indirect services to participants in private homes, whether they own, lease or rent their residence, or if it's provided through a special or Supported Needs trust. All located in Pennsylvania.

To qualify, individuals must be diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD), must be at least 18 years old, and should be capable of living safely in the community with some support but not needing 24-hour supervision (requiring less than 30 hours of support each week).

Additionally, participants should be able to self-medicate independently.

If you're interested in learning more about our services, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your local Human Services department. We're here to help!

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT...

This program is designed for individuals with certain waivers such as Consolidated, P/FDS, and Community Living who face significant obstacles to employment due to mental, intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities, yet possess the potential to benefit from services aimed to securing a job.

If you're interested in learning more about these services, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your local Human Services department.



A Note From Our Community Programs Director, cont'd...

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)...

To qualify for Pennsylvania's OVR services, participants must have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment and be able to benefit from rehabilitation services to achieve a suitable employment outcome.

For more information on the services offered, feel free to connect with your local Career Link!

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE...

If you have a mental health diagnosis and reside in Greene County, and you're seeking assistance with your Social Security benefits, we're here to help!

For more information about this program, please get in touch with me or Greene County Human Services.



AMERICAN DREAM EMPLOYMENT NETWORK...

Last but not foremost, I'm thrilled to share some great news about my recent inquiry into becoming a member of the American Dream Employment Network (ADEN)!

ADEN is a solution-oriented administrative Employment Network (EN). They provide vocational rehabilitation professionals, American Job Centers and community rehabilitation agencies with an opportunity to be part of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Ticket to Work Program through the delivery of high-quality services to Social Security disability beneficiaries.

I'm proud to announce that I have completed an intensive online course through Cornell University and successfully passed my exam! To earn my certificate, I need to finalize a Live Case File project. Once that's approved, Greene Arc will begin partnering with ADEN, equipping us with the knowledge to offer these essential services to participants who truly need them!

Stay tuned for more updates in our next quarterly newsletter!!

Patricia Arthur
Community Programs Director

Opportunities To Connect With Us

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