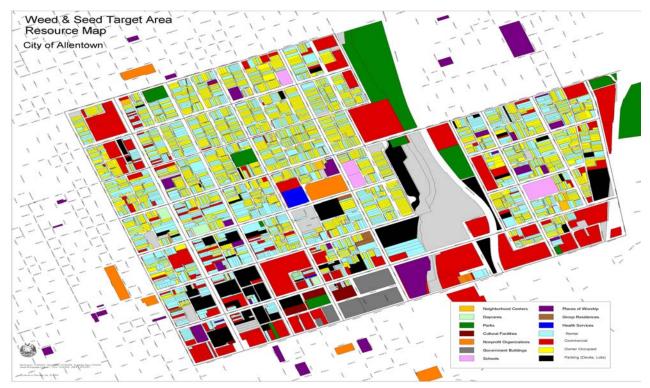
# Allentown Weed and Seed Youth Resources

Allentown is a diverse, safe community in action.



A comprehensive guide to the various programs, services, resources, and facilities offered to Allentown's youth as part of the Weed and Seed initiative.



Allentown Weed & Seed Youth Coordinator 610-439-5903

Allentown Weed & Seed 610-437-7679 & 610-437-7698

Times and dates for programs subject to change, make sure you call agencies for current up date.

**Up date: 5/09** 

## **Youth Coalition Programs:**

## **The Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley**

801 Hamilton Mall, Suite 201 ● Allentown, PA 18101-2420 (610) 435-0680 or visit www.theliteracycenter-lv.org

Program Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00 PM

- GED Classes (Ages 16-21) Adult Basic Education classes
- English as a Second Language classes Counseling Services for Youth



## Allentown YMCA & YWCA, Alliance Hall Outreach Program

245 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street ● Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 433-0679 or (610) 434-9333 Youth Program Hours: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm



Intramurals Sports
Employment Skills Program
Homework Club at the YMCA
Elementary School ● Middle School
Sports Leagues



Open Play/Drop-in Times

Sports Clinics ● Speed/Agility Clinics ● Weight Training/Conditioning ● After-School Recreation Program

## **DEFY (Drug Education For Youth)**

(484) 547-9355

josueo@aol.com

Youth Program Hours: After-School Program: Tuesday through Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Summer Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Monday through Thursday

#### Serving Children ages 7-14

Young and Wise After-School Program

4-H Club includes Science, Math and Reading Enrichment/Hands-on Activities ● Jump Rope Team



Anger Management and Conflict Resolution classes Abstinence Education Classes ● Parenting Classes <u>DEFY Summer Camp</u>

Drug Education for Youth five day residential camp in Indiantown Gap with the National Guard

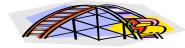
Swimming, Teambuilding, Physical fitness and self awareness activities 🕉

#### Summer Program

Field trips to Dorney Park, Banana Factory, Discovery Center and many other places
Physical fitness, arts & crafts ● Mural Painting









**Children First Community Academy** 

518 - 526 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street ● Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 433-2323

Youth Program Hours: 2:45pm to 6:00 pm M-F, Summer: 11am to 3:00 pm M-F,

Daycare Services: 6:00 AM to Midnight Private Parochial School Hours: 8:30 am to 3:00pm

WWW.CHILDREN1stCOMMUNIY ACADEMY.NET

# **Ages: 3 to 17**School Year Programs

Mentoring ● Homework Clinic – Help with homework in all subjects, all ages ● Tutoring in Remedial Math &

Reading ● Computer Lab ● Town Meetings (Group Discussions with Teens) ● Youth

Choir ● Snack ● Community Service for Community Youth ordered by the Court

#### Camp Excellence Summer Program

Summer Activities ● Bowling Weekly ● Jump-Rope Contests ● Tutoring in Remedial Math & Reading ● Computer Lab ● Supervised Outdoor Recreation ● Drill Team ● Ice Skating Bi-Monthly | Lunch and Snacks | ● |



## F.A.C.E.S.

Faith, Accountability, Community, Education and Services P.O. Box 3300, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017-0300

Phone: 610-588-0880 Fax: 610-588-9880

WWW.F-A-C-E-S.ORG

"To improve the quality of life for diverse groups, individuals, youth and families" F.A.C.E.S. is a non-profit, faith-based, charitable corporation achieving our mission through an Educational Institute and Human Services.

Provide individual, family and group therapy, support and interventions to meet various needs.



## St. Luke's Neighborhood Center

435 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street ● Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 434-5799

Karen Berard Director: slnc2@verizon.net

#### ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE FREE

**Pre-K Classes**: (4 yrs.) by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Mon.- Thurs. 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Elementary After School Program** (ages 5-12) Monday through Friday 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm **Middle School Program hours**: (13-15 yrs) Monday through Friday 4:30 to 5:30 pm **Literacy Classes for Adults** Monday 10:30-12:00

Karate Class (2<sup>nd</sup> – Adults) Monday and Thursday 5:30-7:00 pm Step Class (Dance 1<sup>st</sup> – Adults) Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm Clothes Closet: Thurs. 10:30 am



## **Embrace Your Dreams/The First Tee Lehigh Valley**



424 Center Street Room 300 Bethlehem PA 18018 610-868-5290

www.embraceyourdreams.org



Embrace Your Dreams is a youth development program that teaches core values through the sports of tennis and golf. Programs run after school in the Spring and Fall and for eight weeks during the Summer. Age

Requirement: 8-16 Cost: \$5.00 per session

#### The First Serve Spring After-School Tennis @ Dieruff High School Tennis Courts

Wednesday and Thursday --- 3:45–5:30 PM May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, June 3, 4, 10, 11 MUST PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORATION

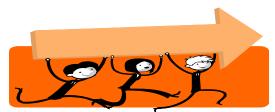
#### The First Serve Summer Tennis @ Jordan Park

Monday through Friday – 9:00–12:00 AM
• Session I – June 15 – July 10

• Session II - July 13 - August 7

#### The First Tee program at Willowbrook Golf Club

Monday through Friday Only --- 1:00--4:00 PM June 15<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup> (4 Weeks Only)



## Wall 2 Wall Urban Youth Organizers

Hamp R. Smith, President (610) 434-9252 Chuck Rockmore, Vice President/Coordinator (610) 570-4835 Chuckrock wall2wall@yahoo.com & youth\_organizers@yahoo.com



## **Circle of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble**

Circle of Stones is a professional theatre company whose mission is to use the performing arts to catalyze positive community transformations. This year they will host their 3rd annual Green Man Festival on May 2 at the Allentown Arts Park, their production of Gilgamesh at Symphony Hall the last two weekends of June and will work with 80 Allentown youth on their Pebble Theatre Program, in partnership with the Allentown Public Library, Casa Guadalupe, Central Elementary School and Old Allentown Preservation Association.

For more information please call (610)967-3243 or visit: www.circleofstones.org pana@circleofstones.org



#### The Arts Luminarium

A green, multicultural arts center being created in downtown Allentown.

\*Please call (610) 967-3243 or www.artsluminarium.org Email artsluminarium@gmail.com



## **Youth Education in the Arts**

601 W. Hamilton Street ● Allentown, PA 18101 610-821-0345 x115 Melissa Babalonis: Melissa@yea.org

#### **Mission Statement:**

To support the development of young people into magnificent human beings through participation in the performing arts.

#### **Xcape Dance Ensemble**

Students will have the opportunity to learn hip-hop and urban dance styles from the best teachers in the Lehigh Valley. Goals of the program are: (1) to provide a healthy alternative to the streets; (2) to improve school grades through after-school music arts education programming and involvement in the arts; (3) to teach young people positive coping skills, self discipline, teamwork, and how to set and meet goals; and (4) to provide a safe environment where youth can develop existing artistic talents and learn new art forms.

#### **Program Details**

Ages 14-18

Meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 5 to 8:30 pm Additional practice may be held dependant upon performance schedule. Dancers will have performance opportunities.

This is a free program to students of the Allentown School District.



#### **Lehigh Valley Youth Drumline and Colorguard**

Students will have the opportunity to learn how to play marching percussion or spin flags and dance. Goals of the program are (1) to provide a basic understanding of percussion and flag technique and (2) instill in the students that music is FUN, encouraging a life-long interest in music and the arts.

#### **Program Details**

Grades 4 - 8

Practice is Tuesdays from 6 to 7 pm starting in early April. Practices and performances continue through mid-August.

Students will perform in parades and other venues during the summer months.

This is a free program to students of the Lehigh Valley.



# **Lehigh County Department of Human Services** 17 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Allentown PA 18101

Information & Referral 610-782-3200

The Department of Human Services is a taxpayer-supported organization whose mission is to assist individuals and families in becoming self-sufficient citizens and to improve the quality of life for the community. Human Service offices include: Aging and Adult Services; Children and Youth Services; Veterans Affairs; Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Drug and Alcohol/ Health Choices; and the Information and Referral Unit.







## The Salvation Army

144 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street ● Allentown, PA 18101 (610) 432-0129

Youth Program Hours: 2:45 pm − 8 pm M-F • Various Saturday hours; Summer: 11 am-7 pm M-F

#### A +After School Program

School year 2:45 - 5:30pm Monday - Friday

A FREE program designed for students aged 5 - 14. Program offers educational (homework help, math and reading reinforcement), recreational (physical fitness challenge, game room tournaments), spiritual (Sunday school lessons) and prevention programs (Second Step) throughout the school year.

#### Café SA

A FREE dinner program provided every Wednesday and Friday, year round for any school aged child. A hot, nutritious meal is served every Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Healthy snacks, cooking classes and nutritional educational classes are also offered to students throughout the year.

- During the summer, FREE lunch is provided to any school aged child as well. Lunch is served Monday -Friday 12:30 - 1:15pm. The summer lunch portion is made possible by the Allentown School District.

#### Youth Basketball

Provided to boys and girls aged 8-18, year round.

Teams compete in various leagues and tournaments in and around the Lehigh Valley.

#### SA @ The SA (Summer Activities at The Salvation Army)

June 22 - August 15

11:30am - 3:30pm

Monday - Friday

- A *FREE* eight week summer day camp program for youth aged 5 - 12.

- FREE lunch and snack is provided daily.

**Activities include:** Arts and crafts, team building games, gym and game room activities, math and reading reinforcement, swimming and weekly field trips.

#### **Community Center**

Year round

4:00 - 8:00pm

Monday - Friday

Small annual fee allows members aged 5 - 18 to participate in various recreational activities. Members can participate in organized games in our gym like kickball, relay races, flag football or just shoot baskets. Members can also participate in games of pool, foosball, bumper pool or air hockey in our game room.





## **Other Youth Resources:**

#### Allentown Public Library

1210 Hamilton St. ● Allentown, PA 18102

Phone: (610) 820-2400 ● www.allentownpl.org

Homework Help Target Population is Elementary and Middle School students



#### **Baum School of Art**

510 Linden St. ● Allentown, PA 18101 ● (610) 433-0032 Community Art School Ages 4-18 Teach Art skills to youth



#### Camp Cadet 2007

Pennsylvania State Police Troop M (610) 861-2026 ● (610) 807-3378

www.troopmcampcadet.org

Boys and Girls Camp in August, <u>registrations due in May</u>; every year the camp is at different sites in the state. This Camp is for boys and girls that are interested in law enforcement. A week long over night experience for young boys & girls ages 12 to 14 completely free of charge.

It is not a camp for problem solving of your teens.



## **Camp Imagine!**

Performing Arts Camp ● (484) 664-3335 x 3693 Open to students completing 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

4 weeks of Performing Arts Classes over the summer from 9:30 – Noon

Monday through Friday on the Muhlenberg College Campus in Allentown

Free tuition to Allentown School District students with parent or guardian's signature and the recommendation of a teacher or principal

Free bus transportation from Allentown Middle Schools to campus







#### **Community Bike Works**

235 Madison Street, Allentown PA 18102 ● 610-434-1140

#### **Email: communitybikeworks.org**

- Community Bike Works was conceived by Allentown residents with backgrounds in education, drug abuse prevention, vocational training in mechanics, business, and community action.
  - The program develops and uses peer role models, adult mentors, and bicycles to draw boys and girls, ages 9-17, into the program and away from drugs, crime, and the streets.
- Kids learn mechanics, develop business skills, commitment and responsibilities, and improve their employability. The kids provide the community with safety classes, safety inspections and reconditioned bikes. Kids even earn a recycled bike and new helmet for their efforts.



#### **Push the Rock** *Urban Rock*

Boy's Basketball Camp at East Side Youth Center

Ages 9-15

July  $6^{th} - 10^{th} \bullet 9$  am to 3 pm

**Cost: \$50** 

Call for more information: (610) 967-6861 www.pushtherock.org









## **Environmental Science Summer Camp**

Lehigh Carbon Community College Donley Center 718 Hamilton Street ● Allentown, PA 18101 Call (610) 799-1946 to register

For students entering grades: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Monday through Friday in July 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

#### First come, first serve-seats are limited

Students will become familiar with environmental issues relating to the Little Lehigh by collecting samples and analyzing data using standard analytical kits.

Work in teams to compile data and overview various pollutants, their sources and potential health effects.

Emphasis will be placed on field work and sampling for chemical/physical analysis.

Students will be introduced to the requirements of planning, sampling and data reporting.



## **Casa Guadalupe Center**

143 Linden Street ● Allentown, PA 18101

After-School Programs: 610-435-9902 x119

## Pa 'lante after School Program, 1-8th grades

Elementary Students attend Monday-Friday 3-5PM, Middle school students attend Monday-Thursday 3-5:30

#### Entrepreneurship Program

Students learn how to set up a business either in the restaurant, fashion, or publication industry, which reinforces important academic skills as well as life skills.

#### Summer Program

July 9-Aug 3 Monday-Fridays 8:30-3:00

Students will meet at Casa Guadalupe at 8:00 am and will go to Central Elementary School together.

Monday-Thursday from 9AM-12PM.

#### **Other Programs:**

Women, Infant, and Children (WIC)

A nutritional program for pregnant women and children ages 0-5

Advocacy

Supplemental Security Income (SSI\*) benefits/application assistance Information, referral, and advocacy

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Assistance with obtaining important documents (birth certificates, etc.) Services are available free of charge to eligible individuals

#### **Community Services for Children**

1520 Hanover Avenue ● Allentown, PA 18109

610-437-6000 <u>http://www.cscinc.org</u>

#### Head Start

Head Start is a comprehensive pre-school education program that develops children's skills for school readiness. At the same time, Head Starts builds the capacity of families to sustain their children's growth and build a foundation for effective problem solving and lifelong commitment to the child's success. Head Start's aim is to support low income children and adults as they build on their own strength's and reach for economic independence and community connections.

#### Early Head Start

The program provides services to pregnant women and families with children birth to three years of age. Early Head Start is a home-based program serving families who are residents of Allentown and Bethlehem.

#### Parent Child Home Program

Home Visitors make two half-hour visits weekly. Each child receives a toy or book appropriate for their developmental stage every week. By talking and playing with the child, Home Visitors model language and relationship building for the parents while supporting parents as their child's most important teacher.

#### Tot-Info

TOT-INFO helps parents find child care. This service is **free** and **private** for people who live in Lehigh County.



#### **KIDSPEACE**

KidsPeace offers a wide range of residential and community services, including free-standing psychiatric children's hospital, juvenile justice programs and specialized foster care.

1-800-8kid-123 (1-800-854-3123)

www.kidspeace.org



## **The Caring Place**

931 Hamilton St. • Allentown, PA 18101

(610) 433-5683 **• www.thecaringplace.org** 

Programs for young people 6-18

Leadership training program ● College tour program ● What I see in my world- writing and photography ● Me and You-arts and crafts with senior citizens ● Summer program, Science Lab program, Sign language

• Boys to Manhood Program-mentoring program for young men b/w 13 years and 18 years • Sister to Sistermentoring program for young women b/w the ages of 13 and 18 • Crossing Over the Lines of Racial Stereotypes Program (C.O.L.O.R.S.) • The Caring Café Entrepreneur Program teaches entrepreneurship to the youth from low-income communities to enhance their economic productivity by improving their business • The Caring Place Garden Program

#### **Instruction program:**

#### The Caring Place Family Health Program

Caring Place Family Health Program is able to provide compassionate health care to the community by partnering with the Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network and other community agencies

#### Adolescent Central Intake Unit – Evaluation and Referral Services

29 South Law Street, 3rd Floor Allentown, PA 18101 Phone – 610-432-2228 x-104 Fax - 610-432-8273 Edna Ortiz – Student Assistance Program Coordinator www.lvintake.org

The Adolescent Central Intake Unit provides behavioral health assessments at no cost to evaluate the severity of a mental health or alcohol and other drug problem and recommend an appropriate level of care to treat the adolescent and facilitate an appropriate referral to treatment. The Intake Unit also serves as the behavioral health liaison to Student Assistance Teams in Lehigh County, assisting in the identification of students who may be at risk for mental health and/or alcohol or other drug problems. An assessment referral may come from schools, human service agencies, community agencies and concerned family members, etc. Appointments are obtainable by phone, faxed referrals or walk-in.

## Pennsylvania Career Link Lehigh Valley

1601 Union Boulevard ● Allentown, PA 18109 610-437-5627

CareerLink Lehigh Valley's youth program offers a variety of summer jobs and year-round programs that prepare Young Adults, who are still in school and are between the ages of 14 through 21, for their future and the world of work. Services for <u>qualified</u> students include work experience, career exploration, mentoring, and academic enrichment to help you gain the skills and information needed for their future.





# CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) brought to you by Highmark Blue Shield

#### For more information or an application: (866) 727-5437

CHIP provides access to quality, comprehensive health insurance to uninsured children and teens. CHIP is available in Pennsylvania to any uninsured child up to age 19, regardless of household income. Many will receive CHIP free and others at low cost. Children must be a U.S. citizen or lawful alien and not be eligible for Medical Assistance.

Lisa Bellito, Outreach Specialist (610) 573-5415 lisa.bellito@highmark.com



## **Strengthening Families 10-14 (SFP)**

City of Allentown Weed and Seed 10 Pump Place, Bucky Boyle Park. ● Allentown, PA 18102 610-439-5903

A 7-week, evidence-based family strength building and prevention education program aimed for middle school students (ages 10-14 yrs.) and their parents. This program is delivered at after school programs with the support of City of Allentown Weed & Seed and Penn State Extension is the research partner.

#### Youth will learn to:

- Deal with Stress and peer pressure
- How to avoid Alcohol and Drug Use
- Prepare for teen years
- Communicate with parents

#### Parents and Caregivers Enhance skills in:

Using Love and Limits

Making House Rules

How to encourage good behavior

Using consequences to get positive results

There will be 4 rounds of SFP during the school year. Dates have yet to be determined, look for announcements sent home during the school year or for more information, contact *Sam Martinez* 610-439-5903

Visit our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/sfp



#### **Valley Youth House**

524 Walnut Street ● Allentown, PA 18101 (610) 432-6481

Shelter, counseling, therapeutic recreation, prevention & life skills for troubled children, youth and families (610) 691-1200-Runaways parents line



## Boys and Girls Club of Allentown

• Allentown, PA, 18102

610-432-9944

www.bgcallentown.org

Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun.

They are truly The Positive Place For Kids.

## **Sports and Leagues**

#### Allentown A's Football League

Bucky Boyle Park, Pump Place President: Ellwood Elliot (484) 695-7375 Football sign ups and practice begin July at 6:00 PM at the field. Bring birth certificate. Fee: \$50



Larry Riddick 610-504-1950 Maryann Dorang 610-434-8007





#### **East Side Youth Center**

1140 E Clair St ● Allentown, PA 18109

(610) 434-9769

Any questions Contact: Tom Kennedy at (610) 739-2540 (football)

Kim Sukanick at (610) 435-4861 (cheerleading)

**Sign Ups:** Cheerleading and Football Sign Ups (In the Gym)

Copy of birth certificate, last 4 digits of social security number, proof of medical insurance, \$30.00



#### **LCYA Basketball**

**Jordan Park**-*Co Ed Summer Intramurals* (610) 434-5885 Ages 6-12

Begins: June Ends: August Practices: Wed, Thurs. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Games: Saturdays or Sundays

Sign Ups: in June

Registration: \$20 (you will keep your t-shirts!)

#### **Cheerleading (for football)**

Signups will be accepted as well & practice will begin 1<sup>st</sup> week of July ~

Registration fee: \$60 due at practice

Football sign ups will be accepted also

Practice begins July

Registration fee: \$60/flags & \$70 all other



## Parkettes National Gymnastics Training Center

401 Martin Luther King Dr ● Allentown, PA 18102 Phone: (610) 433-0011 ● Fax: (610) 433-8948



Parkettes are organized for the purpose of providing all boys and girls, regardless of age, financial, mental or physical ability, the opportunity to experience the joy and benefits of gymnastics while becoming part of our family of athletes.



# Alentown Boxing Gym



## 402 Ridge Ave, Allentown, PA In association with Jesse Harris Boxing Gym

The Allentown Boxing Gym is a prevention program for Weed & Seed Target Area youth that has the capacity to improve youth school performance, self-esteem, health and physical condition.

#### FREE of charge for Allentown Weed & Seed residents, ages 6 thru 20 years old!

Through boxing and martial arts we show youth how to harvest the aggression positively giving them an outlet to express what they are feeling. This teaches how to redirect the emotions. We build their confidence making them feel special about themselves. We show them the importance of good health, slowly giving them an eating and exercise routine. We use positive words and reinforcement to reward their success.

To register, call: Coach Luis Meléndez at 610-434-2805 or 484-860-5162,

## **FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS:**



With Youth Programs

#### MT. SINAI ASSEMBY OF GOD CHURCH

322-26 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 821-0204

#### **UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

302 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 434-3161



#### SACRED HEART CHURCH SPANISH

336 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Allentown PA 18102 (610) 435-2881

#### SAINT LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

417 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 434-3943

#### RESURRECTION WORSHIP CENTER

153 West Tilghman Street ÖAllentown PA 18102 (610) 433-9420

#### **DIVERSECITY YOUTH OUTREACH**

Darian Colbert

Life Church

1401 E Cedar St. <sup>♠</sup>Allentown, PA 18109 (610) 434-3117 ext. 16

Open attendance for all Jr. High and High School Students Meets Wednesdays at 7pm at the Higher Grounds Café at Life Church and the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month in the main sanctuary

#### ALLENTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Don't Overlook us on Overlook Road 1419 Overlook Road 610-435-3433

A place where visitors become friends and friends become family. We speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where it is silent. We have classes for all from the cradle up.

Programs for youths, seniors and those in between

Free counseling - Grief, marriage, life etc.

#### **CITY LIMITS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

302 Ridge Avenue ☐ Allentown Pa 18102 (610) 776-8656

#### **REVIVAL FIRES FELLOWSHIP**

635 Turner Street Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 434-5545
Pastor Jim McIver
Children's & Youth Programs



#### Parent Liaisons for the Allentown School District

<u>Our Mission:</u> To help all families obtain the resources needed to support their children in becoming successful citizens at home, in school, and in the community.

Please contact the parent liaison facilitator with any questions about your student's school by calling 484-765-4079



#### **Teen Challenge World Wide Network**

(417) 862-6969 www.teenchallenge.com

12+ months residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation program
Rehabilitation is focused on following biblical principles
Young adult males (ages 18+) or young adult females (ages 18+) with drug and alcohol issues
A non-refundable entrance fee is required.

## **ADVENTURE ALLENTOWN**

Your greater Allentown Community Directory to Parks, Recreation and Special Events.

Visit <a href="www.allentownpa.gov">www.allentownrecreation.com</a>
for all the latest recreational opportunities and family movie nights.

## About Weed & Seed...

**Weed & Seed** is a strategy originally created by the federal government in 1991. The strategy brings together a large and varied array of resources in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to control drugs and crime and improve the quality of life in identified high crime neighborhoods.

The initiative's name describes a two-pronged or two-strategy:

- -To "weed" out violent offenders using intensive law enforcement and prosecution efforts.
- -To "seed' neighborhoods with prevention, intervention, treatment and revitalization services & activities. Weed & Seed is a community driven initiative. The initiative calls for the recognition and development of community leadership within the neighborhood. Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving

neighborhood residents, the public and private sector, and state/local government all working together on strategies to improve the neighborhood.

The basic idea is that the neighborhood is best equipped to identify and prioritize its issues and arrive at solutions. This is done with open communication and cooperation with law enforcement efforts.

For more information: 610-437-7679 or 610-437-7698