

## ONE VISION ONE LIFE

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## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (OCS)

OCS provides services, programs and opportunities that enable low-income and vulnerable individuals and families in Allegheny County to become more self-sufficient.

With a combination of federal, state and private funds, services are delivered directly or through contracts with a host of agencies and organizations.

The DHS Office of Community Services (OCS) is comprised of four Bureaus:

Hunger and Housing;

Family and Community Services;

Employment and Training; and

Prevention and Outreach.

### DHS VISION

TO CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE, CULTURALLY COMPETENT, INTEGRATED, AND COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM THAT ENSURES INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED, SEAMLESS, AND HOLISTIC SERVICES TO ALLEGHENY COUNTY RESIDENTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE COUNTY'S VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

### DHS PRINCIPLES

ALL SERVICES WILL BE: HIGH QUALITY—REFLECTING BEST PRACTICES IN CASE MANAGEMENT, COUNSELING, AND TREATMENT. READILY ACCESSIBLE—IN NATURAL, LEAST-RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS, OFTEN COMMUNITY-BASED. STRENGTHS-BASED—FOCUSING ON THE CAPABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, NOT THEIR DEFICITS. CULTURALLY COMPETENT—DEMONSTRATING RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS, THEIR GOALS, AND PREFERENCES. INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED AND EMPOWERING—BY BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SHARED DECISION-MAKING AS ROUTES TO INDEPENDENCE RATHER THAN DEPENDENCY. HOLISTIC—SERVING THE COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS THROUGH TANGIBLE AID AND A FULL CONTINUUM OF SERVICES—INFORMATION EXCHANGE; PREVENTION; EARLY INTERVENTION; CASE MANAGEMENT & CRISIS INTERVENTION; AFTER CARE.

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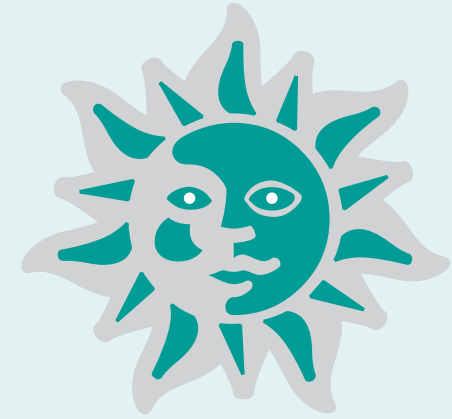


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*To reduce crime  
and violence by  
reaching out and  
providing opportunities  
for a better way of life.*

ONE Vision ONE Life

Statistics show that when homicides rates rise across Allegheny County, the number of incidents increases disproportionately in high-crime neighborhoods. The goal of One Vision One Life is to reduce violence in these targeted high-crime neighborhoods by:

- ★ Identifying, training and developing a team of Community Coordinators who will be active and informed about their communities
- ★ Utilizing street level intelligence to intervene in petty disputes, turf battles and gang/group incidents before they become shootings and homicides
- ★ Reaching out to those at risk for violence with services, jobs and assistance – so they are no longer at risk



## WHAT WE DO

**Crisis Intervention:** One Vision One Life intervenes in targeted incidents (especially school and community-based disputes, shootings and homicides) by working with victims, perpetrators and the surrounding community with the goal of reducing neighborhood tension and violence.

**Mentoring:** One Vision One Life Community Coordinators mentor at-risk kids in their schools and communities.

**Positive Community Events:** One Vision One Life hosts sports events, community days and field trips for at-risk kids and their communities.

**Assistance:** One Vision One Life provides treatment, training, job, housing and other assistance for targeted individuals and their families.

**Community Convening:** Through partners such as the Center that CARES, the Pittsburgh Project and the Brashear Association, One Vision One Life unites the broader community around violence prevention.

## TARGETED POPULATION

One Vision One Life works primarily with young African American men and women at risk of being involved in crime and violence.

In order to achieve its mission, One Vision One Life has established partnerships with:

- ★ The Pittsburgh Public Schools
- ★ The City of Pittsburgh Housing Authority
- ★ Local law enforcement
- ★ The United States Attorneys Office
- ★ The District Attorney
- ★ The Public Defender
- ★ Juvenile Probation
- ★ Allegheny County Health Department
- ★ The State Department of Corrections
- ★ Community and Faith based organizations
  - The Center that Cares
  - The Pittsburgh Project
  - The Brashear Association

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