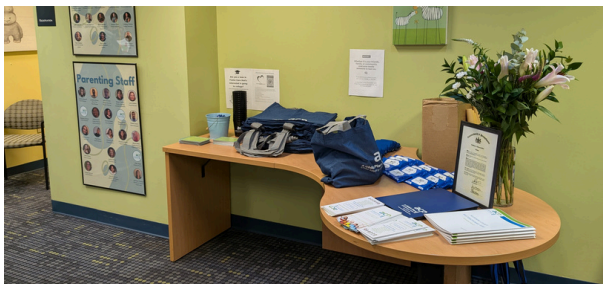




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Celebrating 25 Years

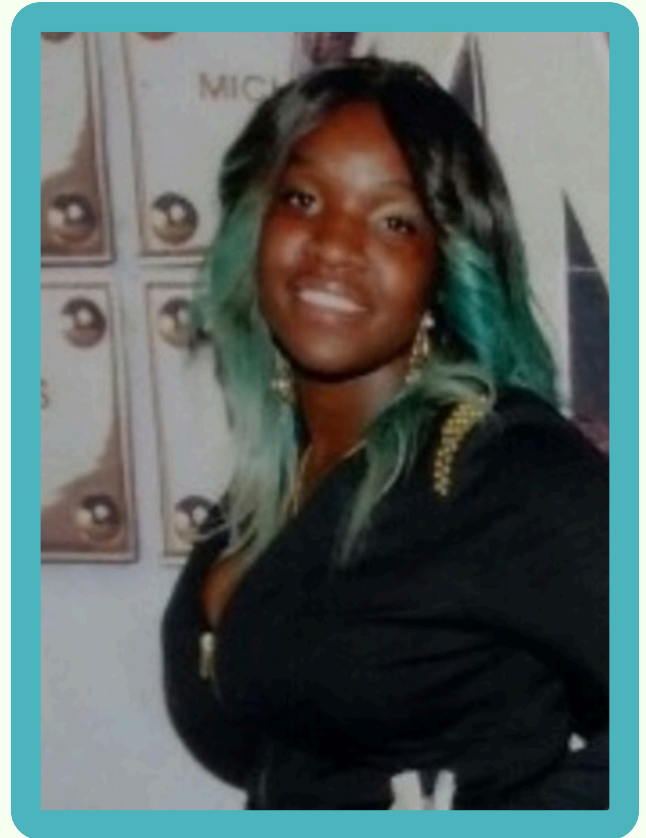
A Child's Place, PA celebrated its 25th anniversary on Friday, June 21st with an Open House at our Allegheny County location. In attendance were long time multidisciplinary partners and collaborators, as well as current and former ACP staff. We received a wonderful turnout and would like to thank those who stopped by to share this important moment with us!

It is an honor to say that we have been able to do the work that we do for a quarter of a century. It takes a village to cultivate a safe community for children and we are grateful for each individual's role in making our mission possible.

A big shoutout to the Open House planning committee for all of the tireless effort they put into making this event special. You rock!

Mom's Turn Success Story

Desmonique initially took parenting classes at the Allegheny County Jail offered by A Child's Place, PA through our *Mom's Turn* program. *Mom's Turn* helps incarcerated women in the Allegheny County area with parenting classes, case management services, and family reunification assistance. Upon her release in August 2023, Desmonique reached out to us for additional support. Desmonique is a mother to four children, and her kids are her motivation behind asking us for assistance. To this end, she has taken additional classes with our *Healthy Parenting Program*. She has remained diligent to her goal, touching base with *Mom's Turn* staff weekly since her enrollment in August.



"I am grateful for all your agency has done for me. It has helped me to have others' advice and opinions this year."

Desmonique has also had the ability to explore employment opportunities through our *Mom's Turn* program. Most recently she has worked in the fast food industry. Desmonique shared that she loves math, and expressed an interest in being an accountant if she had the proper training. On behalf of Desmonique, *Mom's Turn* reached out to Dr. Ashley Clark Ferrainolo, a professor of business at CCAC. Dr. Ferrainolo personally met with Desmonique to discuss her options of studying accounting at CCAC. Dr. Ferrainolo was very encouraging, and even took the liberty of enrolling Desmonique at the college herself. Desmonique is currently in her first semester of classes and is doing well in her studies.

Desmonique reflected on her time working with the *Mom's Turn* program as a supportive experience while she takes her next steps, stating, "I am grateful for all your agency has done for me. It has helped me to have others' advice and opinions this year."

Thank you for sharing your story with us, Desmonique. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your studies!



Hi, I'm Tiffani!

- **Position:** *Forensic Interviewer*
- **Team Start Date:** March 2022
- **Office Location:** Westmoreland County
- **What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?:** I like getting to see that weight lifted off of a kid's shoulders after their forensic interview. Whenever I see a kid come in anxious and leave feeling relieved, I feel that I made a difference by sitting down and talking with them.
- **What are you looking forward to most this year at ACP?:** Continuing to make connections with law enforcement at upcoming trainings. I'm not a public speaker, but I'm excited to continue the work that we've been doing and I feel supported as I continue to give presentations.
- **What is your definition of success?:** Being comfortable and happy as you are in life.
- **What do you like to do in your spare time?:** Spend time with my family.
- **If you were to write a self-help book, what would the topic be?:** "Don't Think: Breathe." I would write about the importance of staying in the moment and being present, especially in stressful situations.
- **Favorite go-to Pittsburgh spot:** Phipps Conservatory
- **Favorite movie and/or book:** Secondhand Lions. There are a lot of different movies that I could consider to be my favorite, but if Secondhand Lions is on TV it's one that I will always sit down and take the time to watch.
- **If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?:** My top bucket list item is to visit Venice, Italy. I would love to go during the Carnival of Venice and get to see the Venetian masks and costumes.

Get to know [Tiffani](#) better and reach out!

Welcome to the Team!

Lloyd

Parent Educator, Triple P

Amy

Parent Educator, Parents as Teachers

Brooke

Parent Educator, Triple P

welcome back!

We're so happy
you're here!

Work Anniversaries

Ann*Law Enforcement Liaison***9 Years****Dee Dee***Director of Programming***7 Years****Vicki***Mom's Turn Program***5 Years****Angel***Parent Educator***2 Years****Melissa***Healthy Parenting Intake**Coordinator***2 Years**

Golfing for Allegheny County Police

On June 17th, The Allegheny County Police Association hosted a Golf Fundraiser Event at Treesdale Country Club in Gibsonia, PA. The association is an independent union responsible for representing the over 200 Police Officers who serve Allegheny County. They provide investigative services and other assistance to local, state, and federal agencies throughout all of Allegheny County.



ACP Intake Coordinator/Law Enforcement Liaison Leah in a golf cart with Detective Ken Scanlon, General Investigations, and his wife Lindsay Scanlon.

A Child's Place acted as one of the event sponsors, in addition to offering Koozies to give away in golfer gift bags. As The Allegheny County Police Association is one of the largest investigative agencies in the county, the event was a great opportunity to connect with each other and take some time off from these difficult cases.



Healthy Parenting Spotlight

Parents as Teachers - Fayette Team

— On June 24th, Parents as Teachers hosted a “Behavior Boot Camp” group connection. Guest speaker Jessica Bolyard, a behavioral analyst with over 15 years of experience working with kids in both school and therapy settings, discussed strategies on how to manage behavior. Some of the topics covered included how to keep your little ones from running off, tantrums, and also a deeper insight into why children may behave the way they do and constructive replacement behavior. The participating families were thoroughly engaged with the session, and we received positive feedback expressing interest in more group connections that cover behavioral management strategies for kids.



— The PAT & Triple P teams in Fayette County tabled the Uniontown Public Library’s Backyard Carnival Event to kick off their summer reading program. Both groups also attended the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program’s 50th anniversary celebration! Great teamwork and turnout on both fronts!

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

— Parent Educator, Megan S., and Law Enforcement Liaison, Ann, have continued their outreach in Allegheny County speaking at Police Departments. Megan has also continued making connections with Magistrates. This program collaboration has proved to be very successful in spreading awareness of what we do here at A Child’s Place. Thank you so much Megan & Ann!!

— Parent Educator Christine attended a block party with Ross Housing Authority in Beaver County and luckily did not melt in the 100-degree weather! These block parties are organized to offer resources to the families living at these sites. Megan C. also attended a block party in Freedom however the attendance was very low.

— Parent Educator Greg met with Beaver County Truancy team at CYS and will be collaborating with them to offer parenting support for families dealing with Truancy.

All team members were working to keep engagement with families high as the end of the school year can be a challenging time!



Birthday Crew!

Heidi

Forensic Interviewer

Rich

Law Enforcement Liaison

Vicki

Mom's Turn Program

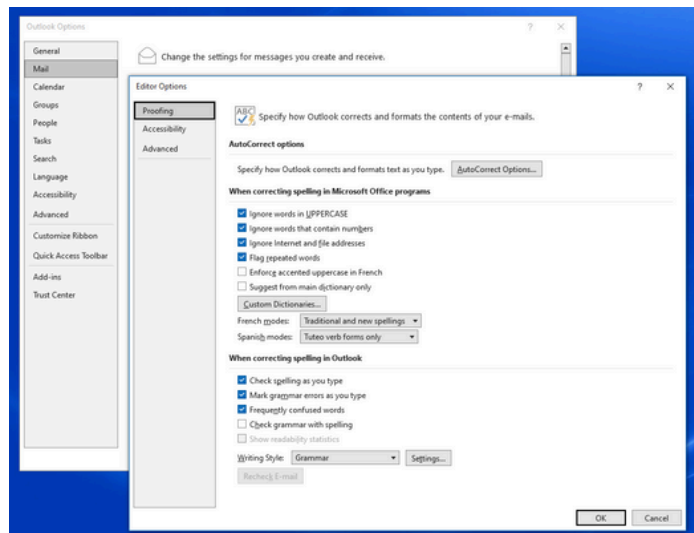


ACP Open Positions

- Family Advocate - All Sites
- Nurse Practitioner - All Sites
- PAT Parent Educator - Beaver County
- Triple P Parent Educator - Fayette County
- Triple P Parent Educator - Westmoreland

Tech Tip: Autocorrect Settings

Outlook Autocorrect can be a very useful tool when drafting emails. However, sometimes it can change things that don't need to be changed, or flag that a person's name is spelled incorrectly simply because that name is not in their dictionary. To customize your Autocorrect settings to better suit your needs go to File -> Options -> Mail -> Spelling and Autocorrect. Here you can enable and disable specific autocorrect features, and also add exceptions for spellings that do not need altered.



“If I am worth anything later, I am worth something now. For wheat is wheat, even if people think it is a grass in the beginning.”

- Vincent Van Gogh