

Carbon County Interagency Collaborative Minutes

September 8, 2021, 9:00AM

Attendance: sent as an attachment with minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion/updates/action
1. Welcome	Minutes approved: Sue Ziegler
2. Approval of May 12th Minutes:	Second: On video Opposed: no one
3. Treasurers Report: Cindy Lynd (AHEC):	Balance: \$2,499.64 Motion accepted: Sue Ziegler Second: Gary Wentz
4. Speakers Darryl Lightner , Marketing and Outreach Coordinator & AJ Jordan , Manager of Planning and Scheduling, LANTA Sam Hellen , CareerLink	LANTA: Manages Carbon Transit, provided overview of transportation services such as 3 in the carbon area: CT bus, CT flex, CT shared-ride; pushing to bring services in Carbon County to the 21 st century; more information available at www.carbontransit.com CareerLink: Located in Nesquehoning, provide career services all under one roof: comprehensive employment, training services for job seekers, employers, youth, and veterans; offer career advisors to help with one-on-one support for job searching, resume assistance, etc.; conducting in-person workshops two days a week for resume assistance, career decision making, interview skills; more information on www.pacareerlink.pa.gov ; sign up for the mailing list at: www.carboncareerlink.org
5. Old Business Annual Human Service Breakfast Committee Updates	Annual Human Services breakfast for 2021 was cancelled. Non-tentative date for 2022 will be April 22 nd Strategic Planning Committee- Gina Nichols to serve as chair of the committee, Dana Stebelski reached out to Gina to offer to assist Child and Family Committee- looking to begin planning the bi-annual state of the child and family report
6. New Business Funding and webpage opportunities discussion update: Sharon Alexander Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group State of the County	Carbon County Community Foundation: The Foundation is currently accepting applications for a grant from our 20/20 Fund. The grant amount will be \$3,000. Applications are due 9/30. https://cccfoundpa.org/20-20-circle-now-accepting-grant-applications/ Please register for the Carbon County Nonprofit Forum on 9/21. Info can be found here: https://cccfoundpa.org/nonprofit-forum/ It will be a great day of networking and professional development with sessions on leadership, strengths,

	<p>and fundraising for small shop organizations. The afternoon will be a forum about issues facing Carbon County.</p> <p>Keri Ann Byrne shared that Howard J. Grossman oversees Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. Next meeting will be September 14th. Open to enrollment.</p> <p>State of the County April 2021 was cancelled but have not heard an update from the Chamber about it.</p>
7. Self-Introductions and Agency Reports	<p>Chat updates: can be placed in meeting chat and then saved into minutes</p> <p>Email updates: include "Carbon Interagency Update" in title</p>
<p>MHDS: Currently open for management referrals.</p> <p>Jen Drake: still trying to recruit for caregivers and provide services.</p> <p>United Way: In 2023, UW will be launching a new request for applications for funding called Bold Goals that will run until 2030 with organizations receiving funding for about three and a half years at a time. In preparation, there will be three partner feedback sessions to gain input and suggestions on what those next set of Bold Goals should be. For more information: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eid6oscjea2aa5ae&llr=qrij5g9cab</p> <p>Right from the Start: There are several openings and are accepting referrals of families living in Carbon County with a child/ren aged prenatal to kindergarten entry. Call 570-249-8560 or email Evalynn Kuehner at ekuehner@jtasd.org ; the Affiliate Program Report was completed for 2020-21. During the program year, 24 families with 38 children were served via 684 personal (virtual) visits. Continuing to do virtual visits. Looking to maybe go back into the homes, but unsure due to COVID-19 cases rising.</p> <p>Saint Peters Community Resource Center: Completed an audit of previous reports of launch in March until the end of July and have encountered and supported 49 different individual situations of people struggling with homelessness.</p> <p>Kerry Byrne: offering virtual fishing classes for free for any agency that helps parents of children ages 19 or younger.</p> <p>Larissa Kimmel: Survey results from Transportation Committee were shared with Lanta and Carbon County Taxi; found that community members are not knowledgeable about the transportation services that are available or how to use them; focusing on how to move forward with committee; next meeting will discuss how accurate information is to the public and identify the needs that are using the taxis to transition them to using the Lanta bus services. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Monday, September 13th will be doing a movie screening of "My Ascension" about a young woman telling her story about overcoming her attempt at suicide. The event will also include a panel discussion and support available. All are encouraged to come out and attend and the event will be held at the Leighton Recreation Center. The Make and Take Care event is promoting</p>	

individuals to come out and learn about self-care for suicide prevention (family friendly night). The event will also be held at the Lehigh Recreation Center on September 20th from 6:30-8:30pm.

Carbon County Community Foundation's Dolly Parton Imagination Library: Currently 587 children enrolled in the program (0-5 years old). Please help us continue to spread the word!

Kid Zone: Hosting a free Car Seat Check on Friday, September 24th from 10am-2pm at the Walmart parking lot.

Lehigh Valley Health Network: Look forward to free flu clinics starting up as well as the continuation of the COVID-19 vaccine clinics and testing sites.

Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania (SDHP): focuses on trainings, specifically train the trainer. Purpose is to navigate low income housing, housing crisis to train people who work with people with disabilities and seniors who have housing issues. Include a home modification program which is statewide as well as a landlord engagement program on how to train landlords on issues tenants are having. For more information: <https://www.inglis.org/programs-and-services/inglis-community-services/self-determination-housing-of-pennsylvania-sdhp/sdhp-calendar>

St. Luke's: Thank you for being a part of our Community Health Needs Assessment. 706 surveys were completed in Carbon County alone. Forum from April has been summarized and information has been received. Hoping to share information at the non-profit forum coming up. New Hospital in Carbon scheduled to open November 20th. If looking for a tour, please give the office a call. The new building in Parryville has become a family practice center with four providers. It is a teaching site for the St. Luke's Rural Family Practice Residency and will be placing a licensed psychotherapist to work collaboratively with the four family doctors. Welcome Dana Stebelski!

Sue Ziegler: September is Senior Center month. Events are being held at each Senior Center. Farmer Market vouchers for people 60 and older are coming to an end. Last date to get a voucher is September 15th call our office for more information.

LCCC: Ribbon tying ceremony for new expanded simulation lab on Monday, 9/13. Also working on a makerspace that will be used for training for Carbon and Schuylkill teachers in the Shine program. Open positions at Tamaqua Site: PT Enrollment Generalist- <https://www.lccc.edu/about-lccc/employment/pt-enrollment-generalist-northern-tier>; PT Financial Aid Generalist- <https://www.lccc.edu/about-lccc/employment/pt-financial-aid-generalist-lccc-tamaqua-morgan>

Penn State Extension: For free nutrition classes for your families, please contact Keri Byrne: (570)-420-7011, kab62@psu.edu

EastCentral AHEC: Community Health Worker Virtual Information Sessions on September 13th at 10am and 15th at 6pm via Zoom. Registration: info@ecneahec.org; SAT/ACT prep courses being offered for \$60 through AHEC. New quarterly newsletters will be coming out in the next few months. BOLO for the EC AHEC Quarterly newsletter coming soon! Keep up-to-date with training opportunities and ways to connect. Contact Lori Chaplin Masterson at lmasterson@ecneahec.org

Theresa Hall: Carbon County Senior Expo was a success. Thank you to all the vendors who came. Looking to hold Drug and Alcohol Prevention Expo in October.

Pennsylvania Department of Health Carbon office: Holding an event on Saturday, 9/11 from 10-4 out of Beltsville for free Moderna vaccines. The governor will be attendance.

8. Next meetings: Secretary RL set up reoccurring meeting invite	Every other month, the second Tuesday of each month at from 9-10am as follows: Nov 10, 2021 Jan 12, 2022 Mar 9, 2022
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Please email Carbon Interagency Secretary rosemarie.lister@sluhn.org with any clarifications/corrections

Thank you!



CARBON COUNTY
“RIGHT FROM THE START”
Parents as Teachers Program
410 Center Avenue
Jim Thorpe PA 18229
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ekuehner@jtasd.org

LEAD SHEET / REFERRAL

(Internal Use: Date Lead _____ Date Given to HV/PE: _____)

Parents' NAME(s):		
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	Cell Phone	Do you text?
	Home Phone	Email:
ADDRESS:		
NAME & Date of Birth OF CHILD(REN):		
REFERRAL FROM:		
CONCERN - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:		
CCRFTS CONTACTS MADE AND BY WHOM:		
RESULT OF FOLLOW-UP:		

Reopening
A Support Group for
Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren

**The group is offered on Wednesdays at 9:30am
here in the Provider 50 Conference Room.**

413 Bridge St.

Weissport, PA 18235

610.379.9304

**The group has been designed to offer support and
education while addressing feelings and concerns
related to raising grandchildren. The group is
facilitated by a staff psychologist. Please call the
office for more information or come in and sign up
to participate.**



IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?

Come find out at a

FREE

car seat check at:



1731 Blakeslee Blvd.
Drive East
Lehigh Valley, PA 18235

When: Friday, September 24, 2021
10 AM – 2 PM

Masks are required & COVID guidelines followed.

Sponsored By:

St. Luke's University Health Network Kids Zone
Lehigh Valley Health Network
Highway Safety Network
PA State Police



Pennsylvania AHEC

SEARCH Academy

Students Exploring And Researching Careers in Health

UPCOMING DATES

**Mental and Behavioral
Health**

Oct. 12, 2021 | 6:30-8:30pm

**Physicians and
Physician Assistants**

Nov. 9, 2021 | 6:30-8:30pm

Occupational Therapy

Jan. 11, 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm

Dentistry and Oral Health

Feb. 8, 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm

Nursing

March 8, 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm

Pharmacy

April 12, 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm



**Are you a high school student
interested in a future in
healthcare?**

Apply today for the 2021-2022 SEARCH Academy! This free virtual program gives students the chance to learn from health professionals across Pennsylvania about a variety of careers.

Each session will include a hands-on learning activity that will be mailed home before the event. Parent/guardian permission required.

To apply, visit

www.paahecsearch.org



Carbon County Right From the Start

2020-2021 Affiliate Performance Report



Parents as Teachers®

Parents as Teachers is an evidence-based parent education and family engagement model serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. Below is a summary of services that were provided by the PAT Affiliate - Carbon County Right From the Start

Population Reach

Families Served



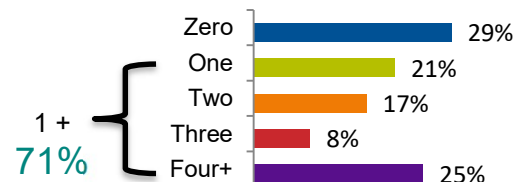
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Children Served

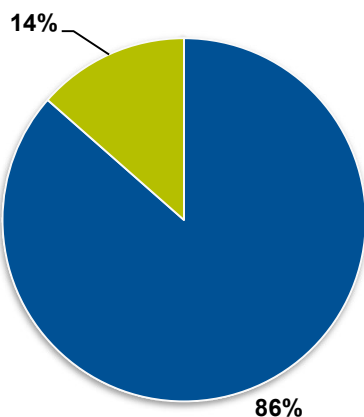


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Families with Stressors (%)



Race



- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Multi-racial
- Other
- Not Answered

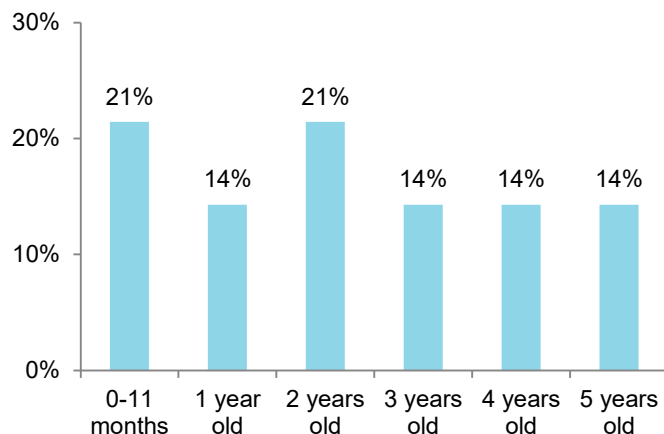
Ethnicity

13.2% Hispanic or Latino

84.2% Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

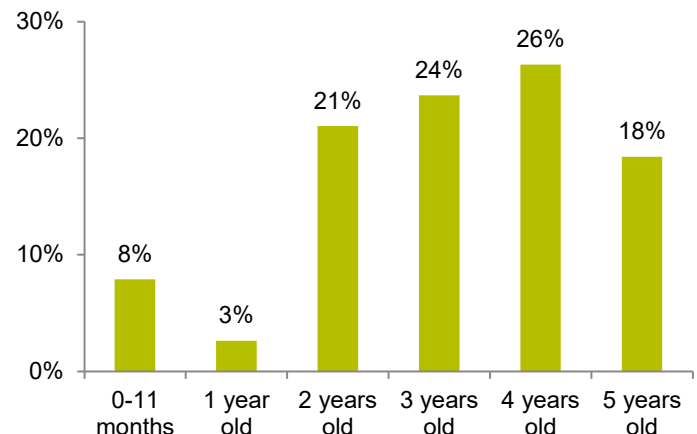
2.63% Not Answered

Child Age at Enrollment



• 0.0% Enrolled Prenatally

Child Age at End of Program Year



Accuracy of the data presented in this report is contingent upon the accuracy of APR data submitted by affiliates.

Program Services and Impact

Personal Visits

684



Group Connections

Average # of group connections per affiliate = 16

8 enrolled families attended

Immunizations



75%

of 19–35 month olds reported up-to-date

Family-Centered Assessment



Resource Connections



Goals Documented



Developmental Screenings and Health Reviews



11 referred this program year for further assessment based on screening/review

8 received follow-up services this program year

28 Potential delays/concerns identified

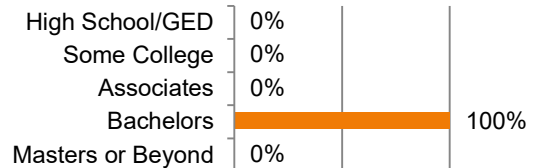
Developmental 10
Social-emotional 3
Hearing 5
Vision 4
Physical Health 6

Parent Educators

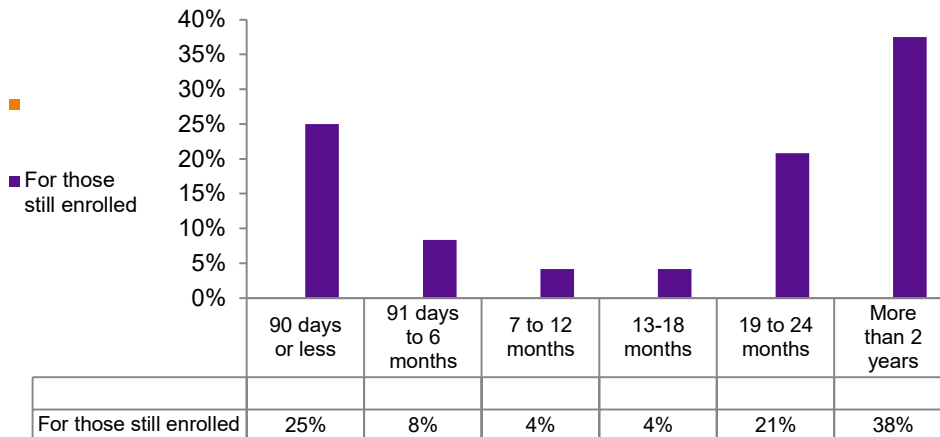


Total 2
Full-Time 0
Part-time 2

Parent Educator Level of Education



Length of Time Enrolled in Program



Waitlist and Family Retention

100% Family Retention Rate

100% Family Retention Rate (excluding families who moved out of service area)

0 Families on waitlist

NOTE: Retention rates are based on one year of data.

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FREE Virtual Information Session

Accredited Community Health Worker Training Program

Relationship Building
Motivational Interviewing

Wednesday, September 15th @ 6 pm

Registration:
info@ecneahec.org

Zoom meeting details will be sent after registration

Health Literacy
Communication

Personal Safety

Join Us to Learn More

Boundaries

Networking

Chronic Disease



Accreditation by
Pennsylvania
Certification Board



www.pachw.org





Carbon County

50 E Locust St Suite 1
Nesquehoning, PA 18240

A proud partner of the American**Job**Center[®] network

Who We Are

- A Career One Stop Cooperative Partnership
 - A partnership of organizations that operate under one roof to provide Career Related Services to Carbon County.
- Provide comprehensive employment and training services for job-seekers, employers, and youth within Carbon County.
- Our Mission:
 - To provide coordinated and comprehensive services to all job seekers.
 - To meet the labor and skill needs of our area's employers.
 - To coordinate service that will enhance the economic development efforts in our area.
- Our Vision:
 - To establish a unified and integrated approach to satisfy the labor and training needs of local and regional employers, and meet the needs of all segments of our area's labor pool, including youth and adults seeking to enter or re-enter the job market, incumbent workers, and job seekers in transition.

Partners

- Carbon County Workforce Training
- Bureau of Workforce Partnership and Operations (BWPO)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- Bureau of Workforce Development Administration (BWDA)
- Veterans Employment and Training
- Non-Operating Partners
 - Carbon Career and Technical Institute – Adult Education Center
 - Carbon County Assistance Office
 - Workforce Information and Analysis
 - Unemployment Compensation

Funding

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 - Designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support activities
 - Title I – Workforce Development - CCWT
 - Title III – Employment and Career Services – BWPO & BWPA
 - Title IV – Vocational Rehabilitation - OVR
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – EARN (CCWT)
 - Assists families with children when the parents or other responsible relatives cannot provide for children's basic needs.
- Unemployment Compensation
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program
- Jobs for Veterans State Grant – Veterans Employment and Training
- Carl D Perkins Career & Technical Education Act - CCTI

Where We Are Located

- Address:
 - 50 E Locust St, Suite 1, Nesquehoning, PA 18240
 - Next to MapleShade Meadows on Locust Steet in Nesquehoning, near CVS and Panther Valley Elementary School.
- Formerly located on Broadway in Jim Thorpe.
 - Moved in February 2021.
 - Same office and offer the same services, just in a new location.
- New Location
 - Improved Parking
 - Improved ADA accessibility
 - Overall newer facility

Services

- Jobseeker and Career Services
- Workshops
- Training and Tuition Assistance
- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Employer Services
- Rapid Response
- Veterans

Job Seeker and Career Services

- Career Advisors
 - One on one job search and resume assistance, orientation of services, and career and occupational information to help leverage all resources to job seekers in the area.
- Career Resource Center
 - Computers, printer, fax machine, and educational material available to the public for the purposes of finding employment
 - Free Public WIFI
- PA CareerLink® Website
 - Register, build a resume, search for jobs, search for training programs.
 - Online career assessments
 - New online career training program - Metrix
- Referral to other services
 - Occupational training and tuition assistance
 - GED Program
 - Workshops
 - Public Assistance and Community Resources

Workshops

- In-person and Virtual Workshops with Educational Opportunity Center (EOC).
- In-person Workshops
 - Resume Workshop
 - Career Decision Making
 - Interviewing Skills
 - Matching My Skills to Today's Workforce
- Virtual Workshops
 - Resume Workshop, Career Decision Making, Interviewing Skills, Matching My Skills to Today's Workforce
 - Hot Jobs of the Future, Financial Aid Basics, Writing the College Essay, College Applications, Paying for College.
 - Careers in the Medical Field, Careers in Manufacturing and Logistics.

Training and Tuition Assistance

- We offer various opportunities for Occupational Training and Tuition Assistance
 - Funded through US Department of Labor & Industry under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Training Tuition Assistance
 - Assistance in paying tuition and additional costs for a variety of classroom training in High Priority Occupations
 - Medical Field (Nursing, Medical Assistants, Medical Billing and Coding), CDL, Welding, Heavy Equipment Operations etc.
- On-the-Job Training
 - WIOA eligible applicants can be eligible for half of training wages reimbursed.
- Incumbent Worker Training
 - Reimbursement for the costs of training by an employer or training provider for established employees of a company.
- Apprenticeships
 - Support participants through registered apprenticeships and apprenticeship models including Classroom and On the Job Training services
- Eligibility can be based on income, employment status, public assistance status, barriers to employment, as well as other factors
 - The only way to determine eligibility is to start the application process within the PA CareerLink® office.

Summer Youth Employment Program

- Provide qualified youth within Carbon County with employment experience while not in school over the summer.
- Designed to give youth between the ages of 14 and 24 a chance to gain work experience, earn money, and contribute to their community by working with various local organizations and businesses.
- Open to eligible Carbon County Youth, lasts 8 to 10 weeks, and participants usually work 30-40 hours per week at \$9.00 per hour.
- Eligibility is based on several factors including family size, income, barriers to employment, as well as other factors.

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)

- Pennsylvania's version of the federally mandated Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services system.
- Meeting and orientation for profiled individuals currently collecting Unemployment Compensation with PA CareerLink® Career Advisors.
- Introduce UC claimants to PA CareerLink® services and programs
- Offers assessment of occupational needs, career planning assistance, job match and referral to other CareerLink® services.
- Mandatory Follow Up Activities for all participants
 - Workshops, training referrals, etc.
- Can lose up to two weeks of Unemployment Compensation if they do not attend.

Employers

- Hiring
 - Job Postings – PA CareerLink® Website
 - Job Fairs – Help organize, support, or provide resources for hiring events
 - Interview Space – interview potential candidates for positions within companies
- Training Services
 - On the Job Training
 - Incumbent Worker Training
- Employer Resources
 - Labor Market Information
 - Tax Credit Information
 - Apprenticeships
 - Federal Bonding
 - Referral to Other Resources

Rapid Response

- Service with PA Department of Labor and Industry.
- Offers outreach and a full range of information, networking, as well as employment and training assistance for workers being dislocated.
- Dept of Labor and Industry Rapid Response services can include assistance in business partnerships in competitive markets, layoff aversion, coordination of business closure to maximize public and private resources, or re-employment of impacted workers.
- PA CareerLink® Carbon County works with this process, and provides resources and assistance to workers involved in large layoffs or downsizing.
- If you know of any businesses closing within Carbon County, please reach

Veterans

- Provide career services to Veterans with specific barriers to employment.
 - Homelessness
 - Disability
 - Criminal Background
 - Substance Abuse
- Transition Assistance Program Services (TAPS)
 - Individuals transitioning out of military services
- Veterans Priority of Service
 - Veterans and eligible spouses are given priority over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under a qualified job training program

Other Services

- CCTI – GED Program
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- Employment, Advancement and Retention Network (Earn)

Unemployment Compensation

- PA CareerLink® is not the Unemployment Compensation Website
 - PA CareerLink® Staff are not trained in UC Law and Practices
- What We Can Do
 - Allow Access to the computers in the CRC to complete UC requirements
 - Provide resources and guides on how to complete UC tasks
 - Fax Paperwork to the UC office
 - Make copies of UC documents
 - Provide contact information for Unemployment Compensation
 - When available, provide access to UC Compensation direct phone
 - Has been turned off since March 2020, no information on when it will be re-activated
 - Assist with ID.Me
- What We Can't Do
 - Access the UC System to provide information on a claim or to correct problems with a UC account
 - Physically assist with navigating or filing a claim on the UC Website
 - Physically create or sign into an individuals UC account
 - Interpret the contents of the UC Handbook, UC website questions, and/or any UC Documents

Contact Us

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- Unemployment Compensation: 888-313-7284
 - uchelp@pa.gov
- Website and Resources:
 - PA CareerLink Website: www.pacareerlink.pa.gov
 - Career One-Stop: www.careeronestop.org
 - Unemployment Compensation: www.uc.pa.gov
 - PA CareerLink Carbon County: www.carboncareerlink.org
 - Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Area: www.pcwia.org

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