Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
Arthur J. Edmonds Center
Northview Heights Family Support Center
101 Hazlett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Mail To:

**Women's Group**

**Thursday’s in May**
**from 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
**Thursday May 5th, 12th, & 26th.**

Bank On Greater Pittsburgh
BOGP

Do you have financial questions? **Bank on Greater Pittsburgh (BOGP)** has the answers!

Bank on Greater Pittsburgh, develops pathways for heads of households to access basic, low-cost financial services and financial education. The “Bank On” program negotiates with banks and credit unions in local communities to assist low-income unbanked and under banked people with free or low-cost starter or “second chance” bank accounts.

**Why are bank accounts important?**

Utilizing traditional financial products and services can be the first steps in saving and building credit. Can help you plan for a stable financial future.

Financial Education Topics:

- Budgeting & Savings
- Managing Accounts
- Managing Personal Credit

**Parent Council**

Please join us at our Monthly Parent Council meetings, held the first Saturday of each month 11:00am to 12:30pm. Childcare provided. Please join us in developing activities to better meet the needs of your family and community.
## Staff

**Project Director**
- Sara Nevels  
- FDS  
- Sara Green  
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- Faith Harfield  
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- Kim Fairley  

**Family Center Worker/Van Driver**
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**Data Entry Specialist**
- Jade Hackett  

**Executive Director of The Door Campaign**
- Quincy Swatson

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Discipline

All children misbehave it is part of exploring and testing their limits, capabilities and abilities and the world around them, it is part of learning.

**Respectful Reasoning**: using behaviors as an opportunity for a teachable moment to explain why the behavior is unacceptable and what needs to be done differently. This approach teaches respect, positive values and character development.

Discipline is about teaching. Teaching and reinforcing good behavior will have better and more lasting results than punishment.

Discipline should be done with teaching in mind, not revenge, or anger.

In today’s world our children are surrounded by violence and aggression, if we can make home a safe, nurturing and positive environment our children will grow into happier healthier more appropriate self-regulated adults.
Comcast Cares Day of Caring was a huge success with over 100 community, Comcast staff, enrolled families, Urban League Black Female Leadership Institute Youth, AAAT, Techno Teens, Urban League Youth Employment Program and Urban League staff volunteers cleaning up garbage, weed whacking, clearing debris, planting flowers, disinfecting toys, cleaning the kitchen, stocking and organizing the food bank and pantry and beautifying the center. The afternoon included a canvass art voice project sponsored by Painting with a Twist, where participants could express the importance of community and giving back on canvass and Cleaning Green workshops, where participants could learn about herbal and natural ways to clean and disinfect your home.
Kids Google Search

Google is one of the most popular search engines worldwide and has over 400 million queries per day. What's alarming is many kids are using Google without any filtering protection and can easily stumble across adult websites, videos and images. Luckily, there is a feature within Google called Safe Search and it will block adult websites from your search results.

How do I enable Safe Search?

Simple - When you perform a search in Google, there is an option to turn it on and off at the top of the results page. This is good, but how do we keep it turned on for our kids? There are specialized websites that enable Google Safe Search by default. This means any search you perform through their website will lock Safe Search on and it cannot be turned off. In addition, some websites will utilize their own database of adult keywords, phrases and URL's. With the extra protection of a database your search results will be filtered better than with just Safe Search alone.

With all the different types of Google Search engines around, it's hard to choose the right one for your children. There are many Kids Search engines that will filter adult websites from their results. A problem we found with a lot of the search engine's is they are either too strict and don't show many results, or the filter is not strict enough.
Family Support

What is Family Support
Allegheny County (Northview Heights) Family Support nurtures children, strengthens families, and aids in building the community. We are committed to a strengths-based approach that recognizes parents as their child’s first and most important, teacher. We empower parents to advocate for their children, and to achieve their own educational and financial goals. We are governed and designed by participants, based on relationships, respectful of different cultures, enhanced through evaluation and completely voluntary.

Northview Heights provides service in 4 key areas: 1) health and well being 2) positive parenting and child development (including school readiness) 3) keeping children safe at home/family preservation 4) economic self sufficiency
Family Support uses Parents as Teachers – evidenced-based home visiting program recognized by the federal government. Parents in Family Support have reported and increased ability to meet their family’s basic needs, improved parenting skills, and greater confidence advocating for their children.

Family Support Principles
*Family Support is strengths based, building on existing individual, family and communities cultural abilities and vitalities.
*Family Support services are based in the community, serve the entire family without eligibility requirements and are voluntary.
*Family Support is governed, designed and improved by participants and community members.
*Family Support is relationship based, fostering respectful partnerships between and among parents, peers and professionals.
*Family Support services are enhanced through program evaluations that reflect family support principles and that contribute to continuous program improvement.
*Family Support services are designed by and for participants to meet their priorities and are collaborative among agencies to insure easy access and use.
*Family Support reflects, respects and enhances the cultures of the neighborhood through the staff it hires, the materials and activities it provides.

The Role of your FDS
The Family Development Specialist is responsible for providing direct service to intensive families who have children ages 0-5. This service helps parents in dealing with difficult life events and setting personal goals. This direct service will include home-visits, goal planning, advocacy and referral to link the family with any needed outside services. The individual will keep accurate case notes and files on each family, demonstrate a practical knowledge of child development and understand that relationship building is the key to successful progress.