TLCC / Justice and Advocacy and First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem

Mental Health Challenges for Children and Youth facing Homelessness

Saturday, November 15, 2025
8:30 - 11:30 am
First Presbyterian Church
2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA

- **What are the crucial mental health needs of kids? How does homelessness impact these needs?**
- **How can the community provide for needs when kids' own parent(s) are overwhelmed by lack of housing, etcetera ? How do schools do this?**
- **What does it mean to a child to be homeless for a short time? Chronically?**

Event Program:

- Panel presentations, discussion,and response to audience questions
- Resouce tables with staff of organizations that provide support sevices

Light refreshments will be provided.
Registration is *free,* but donations to cover our costs will be welcome.

For further information and pre-registration (by **November 8**),
visit *mental-health.ppjr.org* or contact us at *ja-mh@ppjr.org* .

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9:30-11:30 Panel Discussion followed by response to audience questions

11:30-12:00 Resource Tables

Panelists will include:*

• Rosa Carides-Hof, Community School Coordinator at Donegan Elementary School in the Bethlehem Area School District
• Michelle Connor, Regional ECYEH Coordinator, (Colonial Intermediate Unit #20)
• Christina DiPierro, Program Coordinator for Transitional Living and Street Outreach (Valley Youth House)
• Danielle Rumore,Rapid Rehousing/Transitional Living (Valley Youth House)
• Dr. Henry Gursky (Psychologist, Private Practice with specialization in youth mental health)
• Mary McGonigle, Lehigh County Integrated Services Director (Lehigh County Human Services)

The following organizations will set up Resource/Information Tables:

• Family Promise
• Magellan Health
• Bread for the World
• KidsPeace
• NAMI Lehigh Valley
• Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley
• OATH OF THe Lehigh Valley (Operation Address the Homeless)
• Salvation Army

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* This is a preliminary schedule; please check the web announcement for additional program details, updates, and registration at http://*mental-health.ppjr.org*
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