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Men's Group Offers Space for Connection and Support

PCSI's Men's Group provides a safe, open, and respectful space for men from all walks of life to talk about challenges, share experiences, build connections, and support one another.

The next gathering will be held Thursday, October 22, from 6:00-8:00 PM at PCSI, 249 N. Craig Street. Dinner will be provided.

Men who are navigating life's challenges and could benefit from a supportive group environment are encouraged to participate. For more information about joining the group, contact PCSI at 412-904-4700.

Free Tax Preparation Coming to PCSI in 2027

PCSI is preparing to open a new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site in January 2027. The program will help eligible individuals and families prepare and file federal, state, and local tax returns at no cost.

Caitlyn Crowder, PCSI's new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site Coordinator, is leading preparations for the program, including recruiting and training volunteers. PCSI interns will also have opportunities to learn through the new program.

Watch our website, newsletter, and social media channels for more information about eligibility and how to receive free tax preparation as tax season approaches.



Caitlyn Crowder

Upcoming PCSI Events

OCTOBER 5-9
9:30 AM-3:00 PM
ServSafe Manager Certification Class

OCTOBER 12-16
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Pre-Employment Preparation (Prep) School

OCTOBER 15
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Drop-in Record Review Clinic
Carnegie Library of Pgh-Downtown, 612 Smithfield St.

OCTOBER 20
12:00 PM start
PCSI Quarterly Board Meeting

OCTOBER 21
10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Blended CPR Class

Visit our Events Calendar for more details:

pghcsi.org/events

Other Events of Interest

OCTOBER 13
1:00-3:00 PM | Ages 18-21
5:00-7:00 PM | Ages 14-17
Pittsburgh Next: Youth Career Resource & Opportunity Fair, Acrisure Stadium, RSVP by October 5

Follow @workforcePCSI on Facebook for employment opportunity posts!

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Customer Success Story

Felix H. had not worked in more than 15 years and faced literacy challenges that made returning to the workforce difficult. With support from PCSI, he developed a gradual employment roadmap and began through the Urban League Senior Program, where he received training, earned a stipend, and built confidence and workplace skills.

Felix later progressed from working 10 hours per week to 20 hours per week before securing a full-time position with the same employer. Today, he works full time as a manager and continues making progress toward the personal and professional goals he set for himself.

Prep School Returns Oct. 12-16

PCSI's Prep School helps City of Pittsburgh residents build the skills and confidence they need to find and keep a good job.

The next one-week, 20-hour session will be held Monday through Friday, October 12-16, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. The program is free, refreshments are provided, and participants can earn up to $100 for completing the program, or $20 per day.

Space is limited. Apply at https://form.jotform.com/260644708182156 or call Mark Petrovich at 412-904-4712 with questions.



Resume and Interview Help, Now by Appointment

PCSI's Resume Building and Interview Prep services are now available as free, one-on-one clinics by appointment, giving job seekers more flexibility to get help when they need it. Get personalized support creating or updating a resume, preparing for interviews, and building confidence for your job search.

Clinics are open to City of Pittsburgh residents ages 18 and older. To schedule an appointment, call 412-904-4700 or learn more at pghcsi.org/interview-prep-resume-building-clinics/.

Reggie Says...

"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

Halloween Fun at Knoxville Community Block Party

The Knoxville Community Block Party will take place Saturday, October 24, from 1:00-5:00 PM at Knoxville School, 90 Georgia Avenue. This Halloween-themed event will include a trunk-or-treat and other activities for neighborhood children and families. Come say hello to PCSI at our table while you enjoy the afternoon! Learn more on Facebook.