

INNOVATIONS PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Category: Education - presented to an individual or entity that increases understanding of behavioral health in adults, children, adolescents or older adults.

Considerations:

- promotes the newest, most innovative information about mental health issues
- takes creative approaches to behavioral training for professionals and/or human resource development
- maximizes the use of MHA-SWPA educational programming

Past Recipients:

2002 – Seton Hill University Art Therapy and Marriage and Family Therapy Programs

2003 – Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention Center and YMCA Emergency Youth Shelter

2004 – KDKA-TV

2005 – PNC Financial Services Corporation Grow Up Great Program

2006 – Staunton Farm Foundation

2007 – Jeffrey Mansfield, Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, Greensburg Salem School

2008 – Mary Jane Betz, Director of Special Education - Westmoreland Intermediate Unit VII

2009 – Blackburn Center Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

2010 – Dr. Carol Utay and Dr. Joe Utay - Total Learning Centers

2011 – Diane Sturnick, RN, MSN Intervention Specialist, Norwin School District

2012 – Diane T. Marsh, PHD., Professor Emerita, Psychology, University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

2013 – Matt Zamosky, Director - Westmoreland County Veterans Affairs Office

2014 – Joan Smeltzer, Community Volunteer and Advocate

2015 – Tony Marcocci, Detective –Westmoreland County

2016 – Society for Contemporary Craft

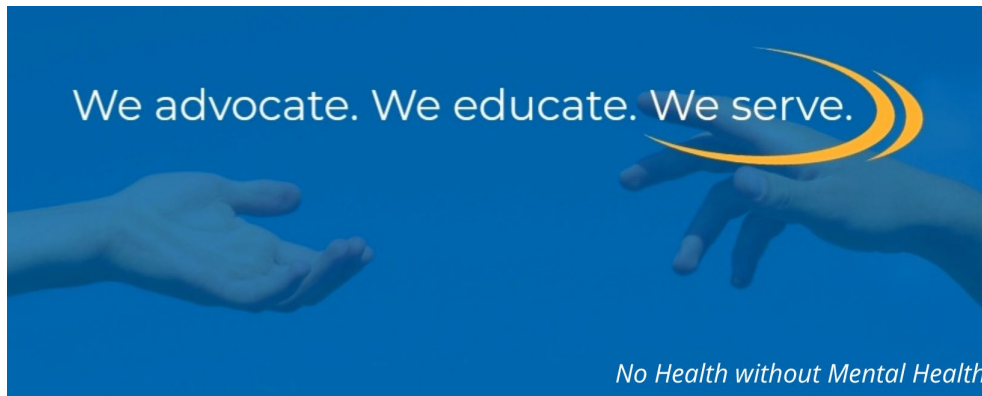
2017 – Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership

2018 – Jonathan Han, MD–UMPC St. Margaret, New Ken Family Health Center

2019 – Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

2020 – Fred Rogers Center

2021 – Phil Koch, Vice President of Policy and Community Impact, The Pittsburgh Foundation



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Category: Prevention - presented to an individual or entity that promotes early identification, intervention, and prevention for community and/or individual behavioral health.

Considerations:

- recognizes that mental and/or emotional disabilities are closely interrelated with issues of overall health, substance abuse, poverty, adolescent pregnancy, school dropout, unemployment, delinquency and other social problems
- focuses on the continuum mental wellness and building individual and/or community assets and strengths
- modifies risk factors or stressors, develops competence and ensures support

Past Recipients:

2003 – Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects

2004 – HERO Project

2005 – ParentWISE, Inc.

2006 – Excelsa Health's Partners Advocating Total Health (PATH) Program

2007 – Geyer Performing Arts Center

2008 – Rosine Dull, Co-owner, Never Enough! Boutique

2009 – accessAbilities, Inc.

2010 – Jennifer Antkowiak, Jennifer Cares

2011 – The Bethlehem Project, A Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

2012 – CASA of Westmoreland County, Court Appointed Special Advocates

2013 – Pressley Ridge

2014 – Adelphoi Parent Mentor Program

2015 – Dana Elmendorf, Assistant Professor – Art Therapy Seton Hill University

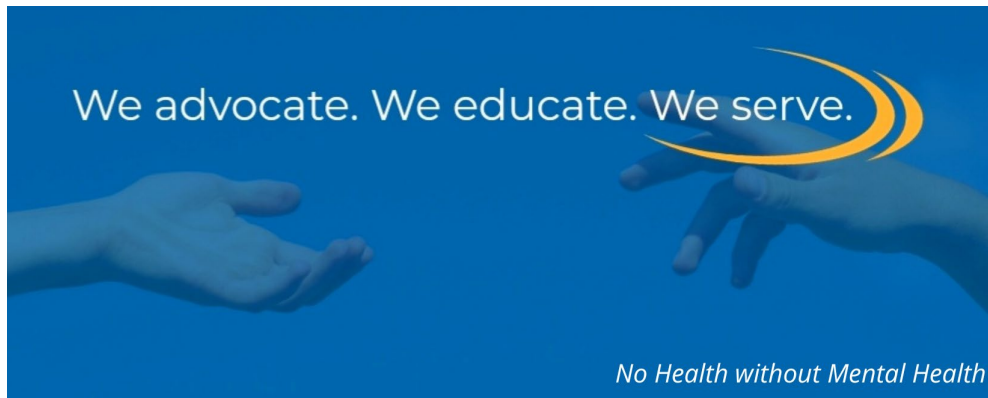
2016 – Trooper Stephen Limani, Pennsylvania State Trooper

2019 – Deb Thackrah, Founder & President of Feeding the Spirit

2020 – Barbara Ferrier, Community Volunteer

2021 – Aavidum – Greater Latrobe School District

2022 – Ann Emmerling, Executive Director, Blackburn Center



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Category: **Business/Workplace** - *presented to an individual or entity that promotes mental wellness in the workplace.*

Considerations:

- demonstrates outstanding promotion of mental health and wellness within the workforce, provides insight and willingness to offer reasonable accommodations for persons with psychiatric disability
- experiences low employer turnover as the result of job satisfaction

Past Recipients:

2002 – Westmoreland Bar Association Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers

2004 – Saint-Gobain Ceramics

2005 – Adelphoi Village

2006 – Kennametal Inc.

2007 – Joyce Bucchi, Director of Human Resources, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

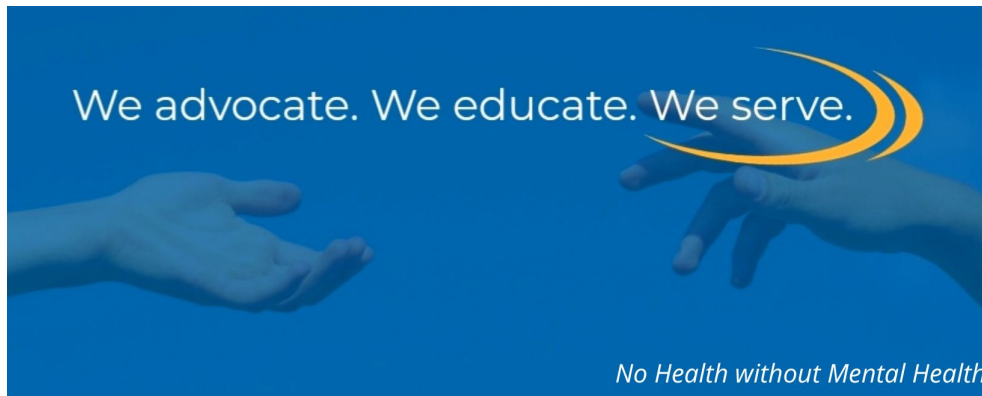
2008 – Respironics Inc. of Murrysville

2009 – Allegheny Power CARES Program, for the outstanding work of KJ Collamer, MSW

2010 – Ray T. Charley, Shop 'n Save

2011 – The Delligatti Family, M&J Management Corporation/McDonald's Franchise

2014 – Giant Eagle



INNOVATIONS PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Category: **Curtis Upsher Jr. Recovery Award** - *presented to an individual or entity that represents advancements in the principles of behavioral health recovery.*

Considerations:

- promotes a process by which people with a behavioral health issue rebuild and further develop personal, social, environmental and spiritual connections and confront the devastating impact of stigma through personal empowerment
- recognizes and promotes the contributions people and communities can make toward their own mental health recovery
- embodies the values of hope, empowerment, choice, strength and personal responsibility

Past Recipients:

2002 – Latrobe Area Hospital Child/ Adolescent Mental Health Services

2003 – Westmoreland Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs, Paula Teacher and Associates, Inc. Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation

2004 – Aestique Medical Center

2005 – Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Mobile Transitional Mental Illness/Substance Abuse Program

2006 – S'eclairer p.c.

2007 – Edna McCutcheon, ACSW, LSW, CEO, Torrance State Hospital

2008 – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg

2009 – Pennsylvania PTSD Project of Westmoreland County Juvenile Court

2010 – Father Vernon A. Holtz, O.S.B. Ph.D., Saint Vincent College and Archabbey

2011 – Cheryl Pomeroy, Social Worker (Retired) Community Volunteer, Torrance State Hospital

2012 – David Solomon, Supervising Producer, WQED

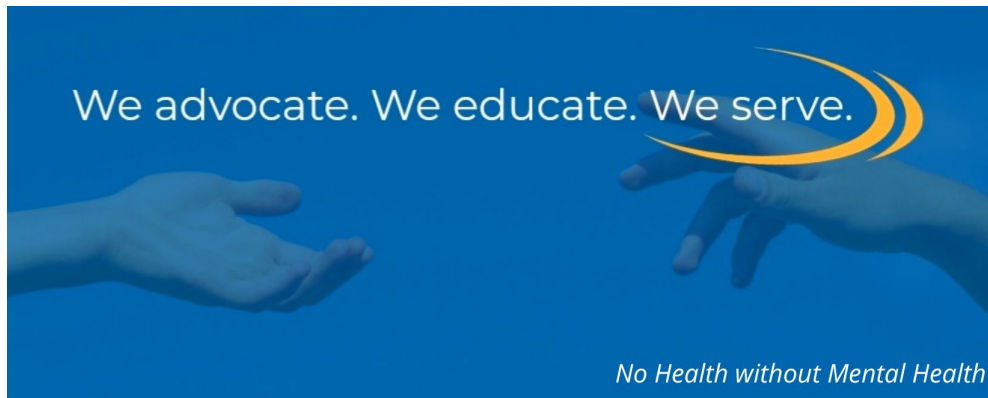
2013 – Union Mission

2014 – Canyon Heroes

2015 – Tim Phillips, C.A.D.C, Director – Community Prevention Services, Westmoreland Community Action

2017 – NHS Westmoreland County Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team (DDTT)

2018 – Excela Health Volunteer Cuddler Program



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Category: **Curtis Upsher Jr. Recovery Award** *(continued)*

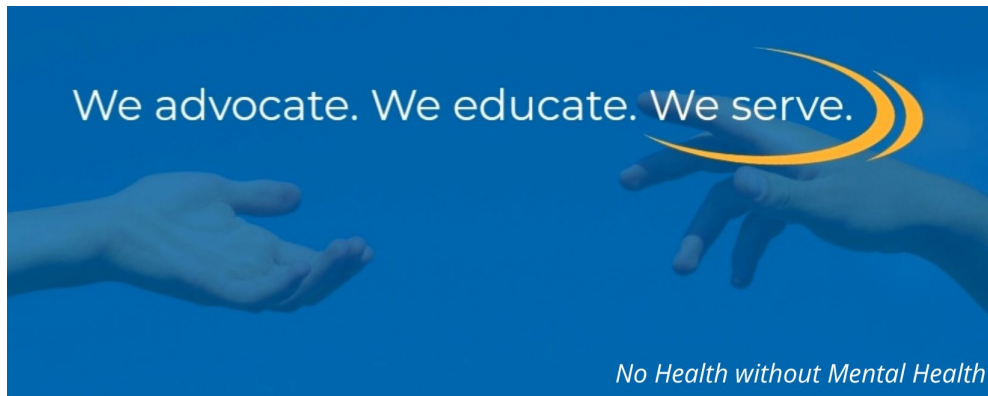
2019 – Sage’s Army, Inc.

2020 – Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS)

2021 – Mark Fuller, MD, FACP, Medical Director, The Center for Recovery Medicine,
Allegheny Health Network

Curtis Upsher Jr. Recovery Award (Award Renamed)

2022 – George Mizikar, Retired Behavioral Health Services Director, Excelsa Health



INNOVATIONS PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Category: Media Excellence – presented to an individual or entity that represents advancements and originality in media, providing a platform to educate the public about behavioral health issues and wellness.

Considerations:

- accurately portrays issues regarding mental health; mental illness & substance use issues
- promotes reporting on behavioral health topics in an educational and compelling manner
- raises awareness of mental health issues & substance use issues by showing that recovery is possible

Past Recipients:

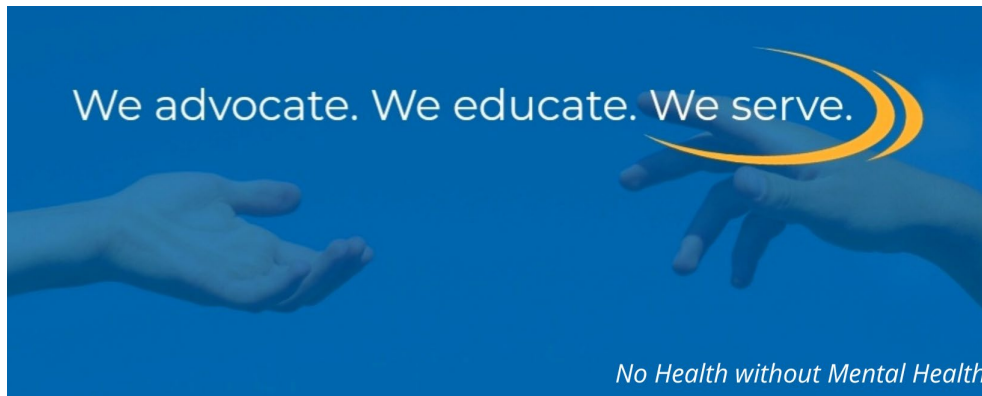
2012 – Susan Brozek Scott, Pittsburgh Regional Director, Entertainment Industries Council, Inc.
President and CEO, Afterschool Buddy, Inc.

2013 – Erika Beras, Behavioral Health Reporter - 90.5 WESA Radio, Pittsburgh's NPR Affiliated News Station

2014 – Michael A. Fuoco and Rebecca Droke

2015 – Paul Peirce, Staff Writer – Trib Total Media

2020 – Maryann Gogniat Eidemiller



INNOVATIONS PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Category: Lifetime Achievement – presented to an individual who has dedicated a lifetime to improving the lives of others impacted by behavioral health issues by promoting recovery, resilience, and hope.

Considerations:

- embodies the values of hope, empowerment, choice, strength and personal responsibility
- promotes recovery and resilience for individuals with mental illness & substance use issues over a lifetime
- advocates to promote mental health issues and treatment throughout the county
- promotes the recognition that there is no health without mental health

Past Recipients:

2012 – Kathy Wohlgemuth, Administrator, Retired, Westmoreland County Behavioral Health & Developmental Services

2014 – Don Goughler, CEO, Family Services of WPA

2016 – Sherry Anderson, Community Volunteer

2017 – Bob Brinker, Parent/WISE Program of Family Service of Western PA

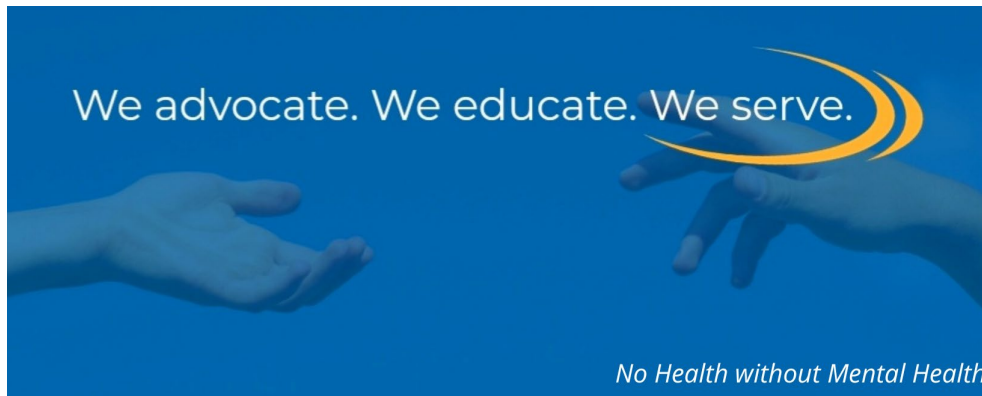
2018 – James Bendel, Community Volunteer

2019 – Loren H. Roth, M.D., MPH, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry Univ. of Pittsburgh

2020 – Stephen Christian-Michaels, CEO of Family Services of Western PA, member of Wesley Family Services

2021 – Pat Valentine, Retired, Executive Deputy Director, Integrated Program Services at Allegheny County Department of Human Services

2022 – Marc Cherna, Retired Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services



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Category: Mental Health Advocate – presented to an individual who is dedicated to improving the lives of others impacted by behavioral health issues by promoting recovery, resilience, and hope.

Considerations:

- embodies the values of hope, empowerment, choice, strength and personal responsibility
- promotes recovery and resilience for individuals with mental illness over a lifetime
- advocates to promote mental health issues and treatment throughout the county
- promotes the recognition that there is no health without mental health

Past Recipient:

2015 – Paul Gionfriddo, President & CEO – Mental Health America

2017 – Dr. Herbert Chissell, Torrance State Hospital

Category: Children's Advocacy – presented to an individual or entity who has been dedicated to improving the lives of children impacted by behavioral health issues by promoting recovery, resilience, and hope.

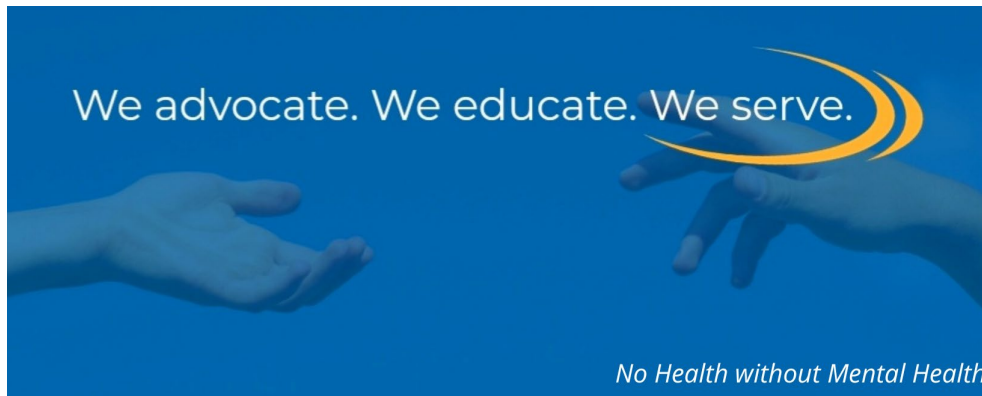
Considerations:

- embodies the values of hope, empowerment, choice, strength and personal responsibility
- promotes recovery and resilience for children impacted by with behavioral health issues
- advocates to improving the lives of children impacted by behavioral health issues

Past Recipient:

2016 – Shara Saveikis, MSW, Director, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau

2017 – Patty Quatrini, Advisory Board / Children's Bureau



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Category: Community Advocate/Advocacy – presented to an individual or entity who is dedicated to improving the lives of others impacted by behavioral health issues by promoting recovery, resilience, and hope.

Considerations:

- embodies the values of hope, empowerment, choice, strength and personal responsibility
- promotes recovery and resilience for those impacted by with behavioral health issues
- advocates to improving the lives of those impacted by behavioral health issues

Past Recipient:

2016 – Jennifer Miele, Vice President, Marketing and Communication Excelsa Health

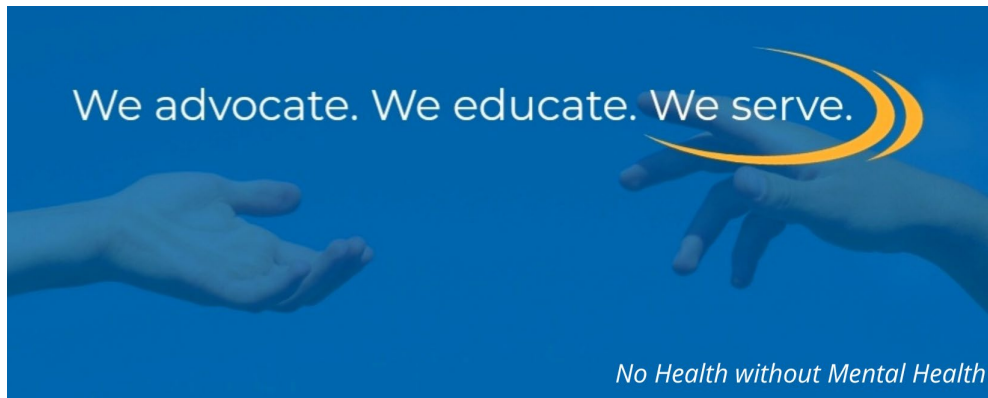
2018 – Kenneth Bacha, Coroner, Westmoreland County

2019 – Tay Waltenbaugh, Former CEO, Westmoreland Community Action

2020 – Sally Anne Novak, Community Volunteer

2021 – Susanne Cole, MA, MBA, President and CEO, Pressley Ridge

2022 – Greater Things



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Category: **Innovations 20th Anniversary Award**

2022 – Molly Robb Shimko, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Seton Hill University