

# Strengthening At-Risk Populations



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*Between 2006 and 2008,  
62% of Luzerne County  
residents were over-  
weight or obese.  
(PA Department of  
Health)*



*In 2009, the average  
annual pay in Luzerne  
County was \$35,463,  
compared to PA's  
average annual pay of  
\$44,829.  
(Bureau of Labor  
Statistics)*



*23.7% of households are  
low-income (less than  
\$20,000)  
(The Center for Rural PA)*



*There were 16 alcohol  
related crash deaths in  
Luzerne County in 2009.  
That number doubled  
from 2008.  
(Institute for Public Policy  
& Economic  
Development)*

## Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 30 programs at 17 agencies that empower at-risk individuals by providing support, education, and intervention to improve their quality of life.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Increasing Financial Stability and Advancing Personal Wellness.

## Increasing Financial Stability

Over 340 consumers received counseling, education, and/or legal advice to promote financial stability and encourage self sufficiency.

Financial support was also provided to almost 6,300 low-income households to meet basic human needs, including food, clothing, shelter, and fuel assistance.

## Advancing Personal Wellness

More than 2,000 low-income youth, adults, seniors, and families were provided with programs designed to decrease obesity and increase cardiovascular and muscle strength through year-long gym memberships, mentorship, socialization, and personal development.

An additional 3,000 people were assisted with addiction counseling, outpatient services, and prevention programs.



# Improving People's Health



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*Of the 62,025 residents under the age of 18 in Luzerne County, 3,468 have a disability. (American Community Survey, 2008)*



*There was a 31% increase over a span of 6 years in the number of individuals seeking treatment at the community Mental Health centers in Luzerne & Wyoming Counties. (Luzerne/Wyoming County MH/MR)*



*Retail prescription prices have increase on average 3.6% annually between 2000 and 2009, much faster than the average inflation rate of 2.5%. (KaiserEdu.org)*



*Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States. (Brookhaen National Laboratory)*

## Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 16 programs at 14 agencies that support individuals with mental and physical needs, including those with disabilities, by facilitating autonomy and wellbeing.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Providing Mental Health Assistance and Supporting Physical & Medical Needs.

## Providing Mental Health Assistance

Over 2,400 people with mental health issues or chronic and severe mental illness received assessment, education, advocacy, socialization opportunities, and counseling sessions.

## Supporting Physical & Medical Needs

Approximately 250 people with chronic health issues and physical disabilities were provided with transportation, guardianship services, socialization opportunities, prescriptions, and job training and employment assistance.



# Building Stable Communities



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*Two inches of flood water can cost a person \$7,800.  
(National Flood Insurance Program)*

*In PA, child abuse and/or neglect occurs 37,599 times a year; 103 times a day; an average of 4 children are abused or neglected every hour.  
(PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency)*

*The first response point for crisis calls in Luzerne & Wyoming Counties reported receiving 69,054 calls in Fiscal Year 2009-2010.  
(Help Line Annual Report)*

*The amount of property crimes in Luzerne County decreased from 7,551 in 2008 to 7,252 in 2009; however, there was an increase in both burglary and arson.  
(The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development)*

## Did You Know?

The United Way of Wyoming Valley funds 8 programs at 5 agencies that promote positive systems and services within our community and improve the safety and security of all residents.

These programs are split amongst two separate impact areas: Revitalizing Neighborhoods and Maximizing Individual Safety.

## Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Almost 2,000 people were provided with emergency service relief, traveler's aid, and community education and outreach opportunities.

## Maximizing Individual Safety

Over 650 victims of violence were supported through services, including emergency shelter, counseling, and court accompaniment; and educated on the prevention of sexual assault situations.

