

The Family Connection

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Welcome

Pittsburgh Pirates Fun!

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Welcome to The Bradley Center Family Connection! We hope that you enjoy reading about all of the wonderful things that are happening here at Bradley.

Inside each edition you will find opportunities to participate in activities, happenings at Bradley and information about our ongoing efforts to partner with you to ensure that Bradley's services are received in the most appropriate manner.

We welcome your feedback. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, we'd like to hear from you! Bailey Goldberger can be reached at 1-877-517-7478 or bgoldberger@thebradleycenter.org.

Beverly's Birthdays and The Pittsburgh Pirates provided an exciting day at PNC Park for 20 of our residents. They watched batting practice, met some of the Pirates, ate dinner, and spent time in the World Series Luxury Suite. Each Bradley child also got to take home a duffle bag full of Pirates merchandise, and one child even got to throw out the first pitch!

FAMILY GROUPS



The Bradley Center regularly offers families, guardians and caregivers a time to come together. The times offered are scheduled around YOU.

If you can not make it in person, we encourage you to participate via speakerphone or teleconference.

Please contact Bailey at extension 5126 or bgoldberger@thebradleycenter.org to express interest.

If you would like, please schedule with your family to therapist have lunch, dinner and/or a visit with your child while you are here for the group!



We're on the web!
www.thebradleycenter.org

Sanctuary

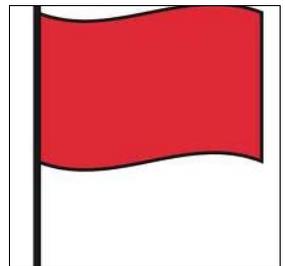
The Sanctuary Institute completed an evaluation toward recertification on site at Bradley. This visit included a site tour, interviews with staff, residents and families as well as observation of daily activities. Based on their visit, we were able to obtain another 3 year certification!

For details on Sanctuary and their processes, please visit <http://andruscc.org>

Below, please find some of the Sanctuary terms you may hear from us and your children!

Red Flag Meeting

A Red Flag Meeting is a team meeting called to respond to any critical incident or concern. Some examples include AWOLs (absent without leave), a rise in physical holds, an incident of aggression, an injury to a client or staff member, a complaint from a client, family members of staff member – basically to any circumstance that arises that the entire community must respond to as a group.



What Is The Purpose?

The purpose is to respond to a problem before it becomes a bigger problem with a collective voice, to learn as much as possible as a mechanism of social learning, and to formulate a plan that will prevent the problem from escalating or spreading.

Red Flag meetings are called by ANYONE in the community to discuss an issue facing the community – and we mean anyone. Please contact your family therapist if you would like to call one.

Safety Plans

A Safety Plan is a list of simple activities that a person can choose when feeling overwhelmed so that the person can avoid engaging in the unsafe behavior he or she may be accustomed to resorting to under stress. Instead, individuals are reminded to use an activity that is safe, effective and self-soothing. The items in a Safety Plan should be simple things that people can do anytime, anywhere without embarrassment. In the Sanctuary Model, everyone has a Safety Plan so that having one and using it become a social norm, not simply an instruction pointed at a client. It is a form of Universal Precautions like washing one's hands. Staff members at the Bradley Center carry their safety plans on the back of their ID badges – always there, always conveniently accessed.

What Is The Purpose?

In Sanctuary, every person – child and staff – must develop Safety Plans for themselves. These plans should be simple and straightforward and provide options for steps that can be taken as soon as the individual finds him or herself in a stressful, challenging, or dangerous situation. Safety Plans can and should be progressive in nature so that each individual is developing an increasing level of skills that rely on his or her own resources and do not necessarily depend on anyone else. Having the staff draft and use their own Safety Plans helps them become more capable in helping the children design and use their Safety Plans.

Affordable Internet for Families

A home without Internet is a home that's out of touch for children and parents alike. With affordable home Internet through the Lifeline program, your family can search for jobs, pay bills online, complete homework assignments and stay connected to family and the outside world. The FCC approved the expansion of the Lifeline program to provide \$9.25 per month broadband and Internet services to low-income families, in addition to the existing Lifeline voice telephone subsidies. You may qualify for Lifeline if your child is eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Help your family get ahead in the comfort and safety of home.

To learn more, visit: www.e-ratepa.org or www.lifelinesupport.org

Or call: 1-888-641-8722

You may also contact Bailey Goldberger at 1-877-517-7478

SHOP AND DO GOOD!

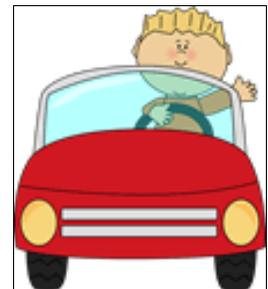
Next time you want to order from Amazon.com, start at smile.amazon.com: The company will donate money for every dollar that you spend. The donation may sound small— it's .05 percent of your purchase price— but it can really add up. Just choose The Bradley Center, then shop as usual! Thank you for your support!

Educational Gardening Program

The Dominion Foundation generously gave The Bradley Center a grant to support the new Educational Gardening Program. We have a group of volunteers coming soon to do the prep for the garden so the students can start planting!

DRIVING TO BRADLEY?

Please use our GPS address:
35 Devassie Rd
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
(412) 788-8219



2016/2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR



2016 ESY Program July 5th-28th

August
22– 1st Day for students
26– Early Dismissal
September
2– Early Dismissal
5– No School
23– Early Dismissal
October
7– Early Dismissal
10– No School
21– Early Dismissal;
End of 1st quarter
24– No School
November
23– Early Dismissal
24-28– No School

December
9– Early Dismissal
22– Early Dismissal
23-30– No School
January
10– End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester
12– Early Dismissal
13– No School
16– No School
February
3– Early Dismissal
17– Early Dismissal
20– No School
March
16– Early Dismissal;
End of 3rd quarter
17– No School

April
3-7– PSSA Testing
7– Early Dismissal
10-17– No School
24-28– PSSA Testing
May
5– Early Dismissal
1-12– PSSA Testing
15-26– Keystone Testing
26– Early Dismissal
29– No School
31– Last Day for Students; End of 4th Quarter
2017 ESY Program
July 3rd-27th

G.R.O.W.

The Bradley Center and Family Guidance, Inc. are excited to inform you that your child has the opportunity to participate in **G.R.O.W.**, an on-site mentoring program at The Bradley Center.

Gain, Realize, Overcome and Win has been designed to provide individual attention to Bradley residents through a friendship with a positive, adult role model.

It is our hope that youth participating in this mentoring program will benefit by increased self-esteem, improved relationships with peers and adults, and a decrease in unhealthy activities.

All G.R.O.W. mentors are volunteers who have been recruited from the local community and are intensely screened, thoroughly trained and carefully supervised in accordance to Family Guidance and Bradley Center policies.

A mentor will visit with their "mentee" for approximately one to two hours per week on-site at The Bradley Center. Their time will be spent in fun and creative activities such as playing games, making crafts, talking / listening, engaging in physical activities such as walking and even sharing a meal together.



Please contact the Greg O at our main number for additional information about this program.

Help Make a Difference!

Help make a difference for the students enrolled at The Bradley Center School by participating in the programs below. Don't forget to ask friends and family to participate too! All labels collected can be brought in or mailed to The Bradley Center.

LABELS AND E-LABELS FOR EDUCATION

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

From soup, cereal and snacks to dairy products, beverages and food storage – your kitchen's probably full of eligible *Labels for Education*® items. Get clipping and start earning free stuff for your school!

Check your local grocery store to see if they participate in the e-labels program and start earning with a swipe of your loyalty card.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Box Tops for Education® is one of the nation's largest school fundraising loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need.

- Over 90,000 K-8 schools participate nationwide
- Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they add up fast!
- Schools can use their Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need most, from books to field trips to playgrounds.

So far, America's schools have earned over \$600 million from Box Tops...and counting

You can also shop at over 400 online stores at the Box Top Marketplace. Visit btfe.com, choose a store, click on its logo and shop as usual. You'll automatically earn eBoxTops for your school with every qualified purchase.

Please help us keep residents, students, staff and visitors safe!

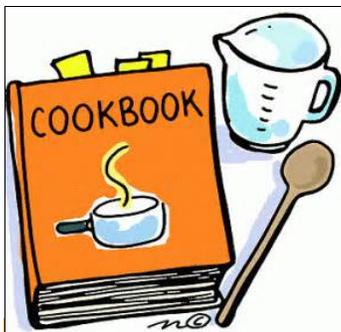
The Bradley Center kindly requests that when you visit our campus that you refrain from bringing personal items into the building when possible. For safety and security, you may be asked to show identification. The Bradley Center is a drug free, weapon free environment. If you have any questions or need further direction, please contact your family therapist.

Also, in an attempt to be more beneficial to those visiting us, we have a color coded badge system where each color will identify the visitor as being a family member, an agency worker, or vendor.

Red – Vendors,

Blue – Agencies and those who are working with the residents

Green - Families



The Sanctuary Core Team is offering the Sanctuary Cookbook for sale again. The cookbook was created from recipe submissions and our residents created most of the artwork in the book. The cost of one cookbook is \$8.00, or three for \$20.00. The profits from the sale supports the Core Team in its efforts to raise monies for the advancement of Sanctuary at The Bradley Center. Orders can be placed with Patty at extension 5115.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The Bradley Center strives to promote the physical, social, emotional, educational and spiritual growth of the children, youth and families that we serve. We also are committed to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste and abuse.

If you have any suspicions of a case of fraud, waste or abuse, we strongly encourage you to contact our compliance officer via email—complianceofficer@thebradleycenter.org, phone, mail, fax or in person to the addresses/numbers listed below.

Do you need help determining your child's eligibility for Medical Assistance? Benefits?

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project can help!

Contact their helpline at

800-274-3258 or

215-625-3663

you can also visit them at www.phlp.org.



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