

GUEST SPEAKERS/COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Guest speakers are available to speak in class from the following local community partner organizations. Please reach out to the listed contact directly for more information or to arrange for a presentation for your students.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association offers several presentation options for classes including:

- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research
- Effective Communication Strategies for Alzheimer's

Full presentation details: [Alzheimer's Association Presentation Details](#)

Website: [Alzheimer's Association](#)

Contact: Jeff Dauber, jdauber@alz.org, 570 822 9915

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross offers two presentation options for classes:

- The Red Cross and You introducing the Red Cross, their history, services, and how you can get involved.
- Red Cross Ready discussing emergency preparedness at home.

Both talks include information on how homeowners can have free smoke alarms installed by the Red Cross

Website: [American Red Cross](#)

Contact: Grace Palmer, grace.palmer@redcross.org, 570 234 2703

ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM & ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE

The Anthracite Heritage Museum and Eckley Miners' Village sites of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission offers the following presentation options:

- Anthracite history, immigration, mining, industry, heritage, and archeology
- Eckley Miners' Village
- Anthracite communities
- Huber Breaker preservation efforts
- Iron and steel heritage, copper mining and smelting, and Detroit landscapes

Website: [The Anthracite Museum](#) and [Eckley Miners' Village](#)

Contact: Bode J. Morin, PhD, bmorin@pa.gov, 570 963 4804

CARING COMMUNITIES

Caring Communities offers several presentation options for classes. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a cost associated with some of the Caring Communities sessions.

- HIV Basics - transmission, development, symptoms, testing, and treatment options
- HIV 101 – prevention education
- HIV 201 – connection with current drug trends, mental health issues, correctional systems, aging, and Hep. C
- Link-to-Care HIV education – impact on care provision and HIV programs in northeastern and central PA

Full presentation details and pricing: [Caring Communities Presentation Details](#)

Website: [Caring Communities](#)

Contact: Sharon Whitebread, swhitebread@caringcommunitiespa.org, 570 829 2700

CHILDREN'S SERVICE CENTER – DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

The Children's Service Center – Drug and Alcohol Services offers the following presentation option:

- Overview of child, adolescent, and adult integrated care for substance abuse issues.

Website: [Children's Service Center](#)

Contact: Jessica Budzack, 570 881 0087

CLEANSLATE CENTER

The CleanSlate Center offers the following presentation option:

- Discussion of Medication Assisted Treatment for addiction and its use as a pathway to recovery.

Website: [CleanSlate Centers](#)

Contact: Kara Capozzi, kcapozzi@cleanslatecenters.com, 570 854 5791

CONCERN

CONCERN offers the following presentation option:

- Awareness of the foster care process, children in foster care (abuse, neglect, trauma, separation from birth families, previous placements, and multiple losses), and the services provided by CONCERN for both foster children and foster families.

Website: [CONCERN](#)

Contact: Melinda Holmes, mholmes@concern4kids.org, 570 876 3800

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

The Luzerne County CASA program offers the following presentation option:

- Child abuse and neglect, advocating for children in foster care, and the challenges faces by children in foster care in the court system.

Website: [Luzerne CASA](#)

Contact: Sarah Mule, office@luzernecasa.org, 570 855 2247

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER

The Domestic Violence Service Center offers two presentation options for classes

- DV 101 – what is domestic violence, warning signs, characteristics, impacts, and services available to support victims and their families.
- Medical Advocacy for DV – recognizing and responding to DV for healthcare professionals.

Website: [Domestic Violence Service Center](#)

Contact: For DV 101 contact Chandra Breese, cbreese@dvsclc.org, 570 823 7312, and for Medical Advocacy for DV contact Lori Ianni, lianni@dvsclc.org, 570 823 7312

GIFT OF LIFE DONOR PROGRAM

The Gift of Life organ donor program offers two presentation options for classes:

- General overview of Gift of Life and organ/tissue donation suitable for any audience (including personal perspective of a local transplant recipient or donor family member)
- Clinical presentation on Gift of Life and the donation process for nursing, physician assistant, and other medical students who may work with potential organ/tissue donors and donor family members in a hospital setting.

Website: [Gift of Life](#)

Contact: Susan Koomar, skoomar@donors1.org

MAKE-A-WISH

Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia (Scranton Office) offer the following presentation option for classes:

- Make-A-Wish enhances the lives of children with critical illnesses through its wish-granting work. Learn more about the life-changing impact of wishes, current research into the positive impact of wishes on a child's healing journey, dispel common myths around wish recipient eligibility and the various types of wishes granted, and hear about the long-lasting impact on wish children and their families in our local area.

Website: [Make-A-Wish](#)

Contact: Maggie O'Brien, mobrien@pawv.wish.org, 570 341 9474

PA LYME RESOURCE NETWORK

The PA Lyme Resource Network offers the following presentation option for classes:

- Dare 2B Tick Aware – The goal of this program is to improve prevention awareness, reduce tick bites, and improve early diagnosis and treatment of Lyme and tick-borne illnesses. As Pennsylvania has led the nation in confirmed cases of Lyme Disease for several years, with confirmed cases in all 67 counties, tick-borne illnesses are a serious public health concern. This program uses the most current research available and standardizes prevention messages across the State.

Website: [PA Lyme Resource Network](#)

Contact: Michele Cassetori, michcassot@comcast.net or mcasseto@misericordia.edu

PENNSYLVANIA CAREERLINK

Pennsylvania Careerlink offers the following presentation option for classes:

- How the Pennsylvania CareerLink at Wilkes-Barre acts as the connecting link between hundreds of county residents who come to the PA CareerLink weekly to search for jobs, upgrade their skills and look for new careers and Wilkes-Barre businesses that want to hire them.

Website: [Pennsylvania Careerlink](#)

Contact: Christine Jensen, christinejensen@lswib.org, 570 822 1101 x.3057

RESIDENTIAL HEALTHCARE (HOSPICE, PALLIATIVE, HOME HEALTH)

Residential Healthcare offers the following presentation option for classes:

- Hospice is not a place; it is a philosophy of care. Introduce students to the philosophy of hospice, what hospice provides for patients and families, why and when a patient chooses hospice. Provide information on volunteering with hospice and the different roles of the treatment team, the impact of hospice on community and medicine, and bereavement process.

Website: [Residential Healthcare](#)

Contact: Martha (Marty) Carr, carrm@celtichealthcare.com, 888 923 5842

VICTIMS RESOURCE CENTER

Victims Resource Center offers several presentation options for classes:

- Acquaintance Rape
- Preventing Sexual Violence
- Bystander Intervention
- Mentors in Violence
- Human Trafficking

Website: [Victims' Resource Center](#)

Contact: Trudy Eslin, teslin@vrcnepa.org, 570 823 0766 x.213

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

Volunteers in Medicine offers the following presentation option:

- Services provided by the VIM free clinic in Wilkes-Barre, the uninsured population in Luzerne County, barriers that low-income, uninsured people encounter when trying to access care, and the importance of free clinics.

Website: [Volunteers in Medicine](#)

Contact: Amanda Anker, Amanda-vimwb@hotmail.com, 570 970 2864
