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## 2016-2017 Annual Report

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*We give people, especially youth, the knowledge and tools they need to make better-informed and more positive life choices'* 

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Resiliency*..... I know it sounds so simple, but for many people the ability to recover quickly from life's difficulties is not easy.

I encourage you to take the time to listen to a child and hear about the pain inflicted by the bullying of peers. Then, look beyond the poor attendance, behavior and grades of some of our young people and see the yearning for a caring adult to provide them with the skills and encouragement needed to make positive change. And, hold the hand of a recovering addict and feel their grip for support in addressing their disease. Ultimately, look within your heart and find your capacity to provide hope for others. For it is when we reach out to help, that we open a window of opportunity for others.

Opportunity is what we provide at the Center for Humanistic Change through prevention and life skills education. We invest ourselves in our work because we believe that individuals equipped with knowledge and life skills are more likely to make positive, healthy choices in their lives. They become resilient. This is why I serve as the President of the Board.

This Annual Report serves as a window into the hope we provide to people of all ages who live in the Lehigh Valley. I encourage you to read and reflect upon it. Use it to open up conversations about how each one of us can contribute to giving others the knowledge and tools needed to make better informed and more positive choices; therefore, improving the quality of life for all in our community.

### Abigail Goldfarb President

Participant Totals 2016-2017					
Population	Lehigh County	Northampton County	Other Counties	TOTAL	
Elementary	2,394	5,245		7,639	
Secondary	13,120	5,658	1,662	20,440	
Adults	8,686	4,096	895	13,677	
TOTAL	24,200	14,999	2,557	41,756	

#### **IDENTITY STATEMENT**

The Center for Humanistic Change prepares people to meet life's challenges.

We believe that individuals equipped with knowledge and life skills are more likely to make positive, healthy choices in their lives.

We offer evidence-based and custom-designed education focused primarily on building resiliency and preventing substance abuse that gives people the knowledge and skills they need to make better choices.

> We serve elementary-, middle-, and high school-aged youth; parents and educators; and employees at workplaces throughout Lehigh Valley, PA.

Although primarily school-focused, we serve people wherever they are –in schools, neighborhoods, community-based organizations, communities of faith, and worksites.

#### **WE EDUCATE**

We "train the trainers" and offer programs especially designed for parents and educators.

We teach parents how to communicate more effectively with their children and to recognize the signs of alcohol and substance abuse, dating violence, and cyberbullying.

We also offer custom-designed training for schools, businesses, and community organizations on topics ranging from alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use prevention, relationship and family skills, personal life skills, and violence and bullying prevention.

#### WE SUPPORT

We support at risk students by teaching them the necessary skills to cope with challenges they face.

The staff of our **Crossroads/Project SUCCESS** program mentored 978 students in 26 schools throughout the Lehigh Valley. The 2016-17 results :66 percent maintained or improved grades; 55 percent of students maintained or improved in attendance, and 71 percent maintained or improved behavior.

We also work with schools to identify students whose alcohol, substance abuse, or mental health issues are becoming barriers to their success – and then help these students get back on track.

# Heroin & Opioid Addiction: Yes, it CAN happen to you.

If you or anyone you know has a drug problem, there is help:

Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol 610-782-3555 Northampton County Drug & Alcohol 610-829-4725



WE LEAD

We track local and national trends to ensure our programs are relevant and reflect evidence-based best practices.

For example, in response to the growing concern about the Lehigh Valley's heroin and opioid epidemic, we developed the HOPE (Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education) program for high school students, educators, and other community members.

We also take a leadership role in bringing together people from all sectors of the Valley to collectively address the issues of alcohol and substance abuse.



Joe, Person in Recovery Lehigh University Masters Candidate

## **PROGRAMS AND RESULTS**

## YOUTH: Student Assistance Program

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is designed to assist school personnel in identifying issues which pose a barrier to a student's educational success including alcohol, tobacco, and drug issues and mental health issues. The primary goal of SAP is to help students overcome barriers to success in order that they may achieve, remain in school, and advance.

This year CHC expanded Student Assistance Program (SAP) services from 47 to 52 schools where we provide liaison services, technical assistance, material dissemination, newsletters, team maintenance, and evaluation services. Our Commonwealth Approved Trainer certified 141 new SAP professionals.

## ADULTS: Mock Teen Bedroom

An interactive display for parents, grandparents, guardians, and any professionals who work with adolescents, young adults, and/or their families to learn: how to identify drug paraphernalia; the many ways drugs and drug use can be disguised; current drug trends in the local area; the most up-to-date information on those trends/ drugs; ways to talk to children about drugs and alcohol; and how/where to find help.

## **BUSINESS/COMMUNITY: HOPE**

Opioids are a health and safety issue in the workplace. *At no cost to businesses in the Lehigh Valley*, the Center for Humanistic Change, Inc. is available to pro-

vide prevention education and materials.

## Our on-site program includes:

- Our interactive presentation called HOPE, 'Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education' for employees
- Center for Humanistic Change and PAStop.org (statewide campaign) educational materials and items for employees
- The PAStop.org Workplace Toolkit for employers
- Real-time resources to help employers and employees



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Program	% of People	
	Demonstrating	
	Improvement of	
	Knowledge	
Anger Management	70.31%	
Tobacco Prevention	66.92%	
Cyberchoices	65.02%	
Too Good for Drugs	63.98%	
Alcohol Drugs and Tobacco Education	62.11%	
Lifeskills for Adults	58.62%	
Too Good For Violence	53.62%	
Parenting/STEP	52.94%	
Relapse Prevention	43.26%	
Bullying	41.30%	
Lifeskills for Teens	40.76%	
Second Step	37.28%	
Conflict Resolution	36.67%	
Weekday Club	35.43%	



CHC facilitates interactive experience-based trainings and small groups that engage participants in meaningful learning. Many of our programs have been designed in response to the specific needs of schools and communities in the Lehigh Valley. We also offer many evidencebased programs that have been approved by the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NRE).

# Clients Served in 2016 –2017

ES = Elementary School MS = Middle School HS = High School

♦ Robert Clemente Charter School

◆ Robert Clemente Elementary

♦ Saint Francis of Assisi Church

♦ Saint Luke's Health Network

◆ Saint Luke's Visiting Nurses

Salvation Army Children's

Schnecksville Fair

♦ School Nurse Institute

♦ Slate Belt Senior Ctr.

South Mountain MS

Southern Lehigh HS

Southern Lehigh MS

Program Task Force

◆ Treatment Trends, Inc.

(Early Childhood)

Allentown Group

Springhouse MS

♦ STRIVE

♦ Tracy ES

♦ Trexler MS

Partner

• Spring Garden Childrens Ctr.

◆ Statewide Gambling Prevention

Truancy Educational Roundtable

♦ United Way GLV- Education

United Way GLV-Mentoring in

♦ Valley Preferred Cycling Center

Walnutport Playground

Western Salisbury ES

Whitehall-Coplay HS

Whitehall Partner Project

♦ William Penn Building – HS

♦ Whitehall-Coplay CTC

Whitehall-Coplay MS

Wind Gap Boro Park

♦ William Allen HS

Wilson Area HS

Wind Gap MS

Yosko Park

Zephyr ES

AEDY

♦ Wheels for HOPE

United Way GLV - LEARN Group

♦ Sands Casino Event Center

♦ Seven Generations Charter ES

♦ Saint Luke's Neighborhood Center

Charter School

Roosevelt ES

Association

Salisbury MS

Salisbury HS

Services

♦ Shawnee ES

Siegfried ES

♦ Slatington ES

South Mall

- ♦ AARP Chapter 2144
- ♦ AHEPA 60 Senior Apartments
- ♦ Allentown Central Catholic HS
- ♦ Allentown Health Bureau
- Allentown Learning And Achievement School
- Allentown Rotary Club
- ♦ Allentown YMCA
- Arts Academy Charter School ES Inc.
- ♦ Arts Academy Charter School HS Inc.
- Bangor CTC
- ♦ Bangor HS
- Bangor MS
- ♦ Basilio Huertes Sr. Center
- ♦ Bethlehem Catholic HS
- ♦ Bethlehem YMCA
- Blue Valley Farm Show Bldg.
- ♦ Boys & Girls Club of Allentown
- Boys & Girls Club of Easton
- ♦ Broughal MS
- ♦ Building 21 Allentown
- ♦ Bushkill ES
- Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire
- ♦ Calypso ES
- Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
- Career Institute of Technology
- Career Link of the Lehigh Valley (Private Industry Council)
- ♦ Caron Lehigh Valley Parent Group, GRASP
- ♦ Catasauqua HS
- ♦ Catasauqua MS
- ♦ Cedar Crest College
- ◆ Cedar View Senior Home (SH)
- ♦ Cement Belt Fair
- ♦ Central ES
- ♦ Central Park SH
- ♦ Cheston ES
- ♦ Clearview ES
- ♦ Cleveland ES
- ◆ Colonel John Siegfried ES
- ♦ Colonial I. U. #20
- ♦ Community Services for Children
- ♦ Concern
- ♦ Confront
- ♦ Coopersburg SH
- Country Meadows
- ◆ CPA -- Commonwealth Prevention Alliance Member
- Days Hotel
- DeSales University
- ♦ Donegan ES
- Dual Language Charter School

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- ♦ DUI Task Force
- ♦ East Hills MS
- ♦ Easton Area Academy
- ◆ Easton Area HS
- Easton Area MS
  Easton Community Center
- ◆ Easton YMCA
- Educational Subcommittee of the Children's Roundtable of Lehigh County
- Emmanuel Assembly of God Church
- Emmaus Community Park
- ♦ Emmaus HS
- Executive Education Academy Charter School
- ♦ Eyer MS
- First Presbyterian Church
- ♦ Forks ES
- ♦ Fountain Hill ES
- ♦ Fountain Hill Towers
- ♦ Francis D. Raub MS
- ♦ Francis H. Sheckler ES
- ♦ Freedom HS
- ◆ Freemansburg Fire Hall Co.
- Freemansburg ES
- ♦ George D. Steckel ES
- Greater Lehigh Valley Nurses Association
- ♦ Gross Towers SH
- ♦ Harrison-Morton MS
- ♦ Harry S. Truman ES
- ♦ Haven House
- ♦ Heroin Task Force
- ♦ Hiram W. Dodd ES
- ♦ Inner City Faith Collaborative
- ◆ I.U. 21 Lehigh Learning Achievement School
- ◆ Jackson Building Middle School AEDY
- ♦ James Buchanan ES
- ♦ James Lawson Freedom School
- ♦ Jefferson ES (ASD)
- ♦ Justice Works
- ♦ Kalmbach Park
- ♦ KidsPeace
- Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Academic Center
- Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Career Academy
- Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Performing Arts
- ♦ Lehigh County Jail
- ◆ Lehigh County Adult Probation
- Lehigh County Children and Youth
- Lehigh County Community College

- ♦ Lehigh County Conference of Churches
- Lehigh County Corrections

School

Lehigh Parkway ES

♦ Lehigh Valley Mall

♦ Louis E. Dieruff HS

Lower Macungie MS

Moravian Academy Lower

Moravian Academy Upper

Moravian Historical Society

♦ Luis A. Ramos ES

♦ Macungie Park

♦ Macungie VFW

Moravian College

♦ Muhlenberg College

Newcomer Academy

♦ Northampton Area HS

Northeast Ministries

♦ Northern Lehigh HS

Northern Lehigh JHS

♦ Northwestern Lehigh HS

♦ Northwestern Lehigh MS

♦ Old York Road Senior Ctr.

Phillipsburg School District

♦ PPDA -- Pennsylvania Prevention

Director's Association Member

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Portland Walk & Park

♦ Northeast MS

♦ Notre Dame HS

♦ Orefield MS

Paxinosa ES

Parkland HS

Pen Argyl HS

♦ Plainfield ES

♦ PTM One Church

♦ Ridge Manor SH

♦ Palmer ES

♦ Northampton Community College

♦ Northampton County D&A

♦ Nazareth Area MS

♦ Nazareth Area HS

♦ Nitschmann MS

Moravian MS

♦ March ES

♦ Liberty HS

♦ Lincoln ES

Center

- ◆ Lehigh County Courthouse
- Lehigh County Government CenterLehigh County Juvenile Probation

Lehigh Learning & Achievement

◆ Lehigh Valley Active Life

Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

♦ Lehigh Valley Health Network

♦ Lincoln Elementary Early Child

Lincoln Leadership Academy CS

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