

STEP TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATED STOP PROGRAM

Three new
routes anyone
can ride!

Only **\$2** per trip.

- Mill Hall to Lock Haven
- Renovo to Lock Haven
- Lock Haven to Williamsport



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STEP INC. *Star Awards*

STEP recognizes its employees year-round through a peer recommendation and recognition program called the STEP Star Awards.

Employees are encouraged to submit the names of fellow coworkers who are going above and beyond to make STEP's mission and vision a reality. Employees nominated for a STEP Star Award are recognized with a personalized STEP Star certificate and a STEP Star pin. Each month a name is drawn from that month's recipients for a \$25 gift card of their choosing.



August, September, and October STEP Star award winners are:

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| Toni Troxell
Fiscal
AP/Payroll Coordinator | Jackie Ellsworth
Head Start
Early Intervention Mental Health Manager | Tammy Winder
Head Start
Teacher Assistant | Patricia Hutchinson
Head Start
Classroom Aide |
| Kirsten Steinbacher
Early Head Start
Teacher | Wendy Hunter
Head Start
Early Intervention Mental Health Specialist | Madison Snyder
Head Start
Classroom Aide | Ashley Askey
Early Head Start
Teacher |
| LaRhonda Young
Service Navigation
Customer Service Specialist | Balinda Edmond
Head Start
Early Intervention Mental Health Specialist | Paulette Hensler
Transportation
Eligibility & Data Entry Specialist | Rachel Kinley
Service Navigation
Family Navigator |
| Jessica Kuzio
Head Start
Teacher Assistant | Mikaela Smith
Head Start
Family Advocate | Aubry Soanes
Head Start
Teacher | Michelle Anderson
Head Start
Teacher Assistant |
| Tanya Hower
Head Start
Family Advocate | Diana Lynch
Head Start
Family Advocate | Jamey Williams
Administration
Executive Assistant | Tasha Tressler
Head Start
Classroom Aide |
| Brenda Geyer
Head Start
Teacher Assistant | Jennifer Sweet
Early Learning Resource Center
Intake Specialist | Dana Cain
Administration
Multimedia Specialist | Sierra Stevens
Head Start
Teacher Assistant |
| Sunshine Kustaborder*
Head Start
Family Advocate | Amy Bower
Head Start
Teacher | Natasha English
Head Start
Teacher Assistant | Kara King
Service Navigation
Family Navigator |
| Jordan McCoy
Head Start
Early Intervention Mental Health Specialist | Trena Paxton
Head Start
Teacher | Jessica Bartlow
Head Start
Teacher Assistant | |

Individuals indicated with an asterisk () were awarded more than once.*



The winner of August's gift card drawing was Toni Troxell!

The winner of September's gift card drawing was Jessica Kuzio!

The winner of October's gift card drawing was Aubry Soanes!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT

PBIS FALL FEST 2022

STEP Head Start classrooms in Lycoming and Clinton counties opened their doors to parents and caregivers of Head Start children for Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Fall Fest October 3 – 7. The celebrations offered a hot meal and a wide variety of activities including pumpkin decorating, calm down bottles, play dough feeling faces, and a turtle technique craft. STEP's PBIS mascot, Phoebe, provided a dance party video for all children to watch and join in with a fun dance!



PBIS is being implemented agency-wide in all STEP Early Learning programs. The event engaged children and families in a variety of activities to promote social-emotional development based on three Program-Wide Expectations: Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be Responsible. PBIS promotes positive interactions and behavior in all settings. It provides a framework for parents and staff to work together to prevent and address challenging behavior.

STEP TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATED STOP PROGRAM

STEP Transportation now offers a new Designated Stop Program serving popular locations within Clinton and Lycoming counties. Anyone can ride for only \$2.00 per trip, but reservations are required. The tiered launch of three new routes will expand STEP's ability to help community members reach more of Clinton County and destinations in neighboring Lycoming County. The three new routes are described below.

- **Mill Hall to Lock Haven** route launched on October 3, 2022. Service runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Key stops include Mill Hall Senior Center, Walmart, Central Mountain High School, UPMC Lock Haven, and Lock Haven University Main Campus.
- **Renovo to Lock Haven** route launched on November 14, 2022. Service runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Key stops include the Renovo Senior Center, UPMC Lock Haven, and Clinton County Community Center.
- **Lock Haven to Williamsport** route will launch on January 9, 2023. Service will run from Monday through Thursday from 6:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Key stops will include UPMC Lock Haven, Jersey Shore Hospital, UPMC Williamsport, and Divine Providence Hospitals.

"STEP has been serving the residents of Clinton and Lycoming counties since 1966. As part of our mission of pursuing social and economic success, we seek to provide individuals and families with increased mobility throughout the region," said Jim Plankenhorn, STEP President & CEO. "We are extremely excited to offer this new service and look forward to the success of our three new routes."



Mill Hall to Lock Haven | Monday - Friday

Eastbound Mill Hall to Lock Haven											Westbound Lock Haven to Mill Hall										
Central Mountain High	Mill Hall Senior Center	Mill Hall Community Pool	Mill Hall Walmart	High & Allison	UPMC Lock Haven	Bellefonte & Commerce	CCCC	Church & Vesper	LHU East	LHU Main	LHU Main	LHU East	Church & Vesper	CCCC	Bellefonte & Commerce	UPMC Lock Haven	High & Allison	Mill Hall Walmart	Mill Hall Community Pool	Mill Hall Senior Center	Central Mountain High
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
-	8:00	-	8:05	8:11	8:14	8:19	8:24	8:27	8:31	8:35	10:00	10:04	10:08	10:11	10:16	10:21	10:24	10:30	10:33	10:35	-
-	12:00	12:02	12:05	12:11	12:14	12:19	12:24	12:27	12:31	12:35	2:00	2:04	2:08	2:11	2:16	2:21	2:24	2:30	2:33	2:35	-
4:00	-	4:06	4:09	4:15	-	4:19	-	4:22	4:26	4:30											

Timetable Notes: Shaded areas denote PM. **Bolded italic underline** denote School Year Only. **Bolded** denotes Memorial Day through Labor Day Only.

Renovo to Lock Haven | Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Southbound Renovo to Lock Haven								Northbound Lock Haven to Renovo							
Renovo Senior Center	Renovo Recreation Center	UPMC Lock Haven	High & Allison	Bellefonte & Commerce	Church & Vesper	CCCC	County Admin Building	County Admin Building	CCCC	Church & Vesper	Bellefonte & Commerce	High & Allison	UPMC Lock Haven	Renovo Recreation Center	Renovo Senior Center
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8:00	8:03	8:39	8:43	8:46	8:48	8:52	8:58	11:30	11:36	11:40	11:42	11:45	11:49	12:25	12:28
1:00	1:03	1:39	1:43	1:46	1:48	1:52	1:58	3:00	3:06	3:10	3:12	3:15	3:19	3:55	3:58

Timetable Notes: Shaded areas denote PM.

Lock Haven to Williamsport | Monday - Thursday | **Coming soon!**

Eastbound Lock Haven to Williamsport														Westbound Williamsport to Lock Haven													
UPMC Lock Haven	High & Allison	Bellefonte & Commerce	Church & Vesper	CCCC	Bald Eagle & Hanna	Fullmer's Personal Care Home	UPMC Bald Eagle Court	Brady & W. Central	Jersey Shore Hospital	NCSS	UPMC Williamsport	Trade & Transit Center	Divine Providence Hospital	Divine Providence Hospital	Trade & Transit Center	UPMC Williamsport	NCSS	Jersey Shore Hospital	Brady & W. Central	UPMC Bald Eagle Court	Fullmer's Personal Care Home	Bald Eagle & Hanna	CCCC	Church & Vesper	Bellefonte & Commerce	High & Allison	UPMC Lock Haven
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
6:00	6:03	6:07	6:09	6:12	6:17	6:21	6:29	6:36	6:45	7:05	7:14	7:21	7:30	8:00	8:09	8:16	8:25	8:45	8:54	9:01	9:09	9:13	9:18	9:21	9:23	9:27	9:30
10:00	10:03	10:07	10:09	10:12	10:17	10:21	10:29	10:36	10:45	11:05	11:14	11:21	11:30	12:00	12:09	12:16	12:25	12:45	12:54	1:01	1:09	1:13	1:18	1:21	1:23	1:27	1:30
2:00	2:03	2:07	2:09	2:12	2:17	2:21	2:29	2:36	2:45	3:05	3:14	3:21	3:30	4:00	4:09	4:16	4:25	4:45	4:54	5:01	5:09	5:13	5:18	5:21	5:23	5:27	5:30

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DESIGNATED STOP PROGRAM
BUS ROUTES



HUNGER ACTION MONTH



STEP AmeriCorps partnered with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPAFB) and Feeding America for their service project during Hunger Action Month in September. Hunger Action Month raises awareness on the issue of hunger in our communities by raising our collective voices to advocate, educate, and work together to end hunger and food insecurity.

STEP AmeriCorps members packed 200 boxes for the Food Bank's PA Senior Food Box Program. Each box contained shelf-stable pantry items including green beans, peas, corn, black beans, canned chicken, yams, pears, peanut butter, broth, cereal, rice, and juice. These boxes of nutritious food are distributed monthly to low-income seniors to improve the health, nutrition, and wellbeing of their lives.

For more information on STEP AmeriCorps or to become a member, visit www.stepcorp.org/AmeriCorps



Caregiver Support Program



Grandparents and older-relative caregivers of minor children in STEP Office of Aging's Caregiver Support Program will be featured on Wyrope Williamsport Federal Credit Union's first annual Angel Tree! The Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for local children in need. Once a child is accepted as an Angel, their ornament with name, age, and wish list is hung on the Angel Tree at Wyrope Williamsport Federal Credit Union (FCU) for donors in our community to sponsor. For those who don't have time to purchase gifts but would like to participate, a donation jar will be on site for monetary contributions.

This portion of the Caregiver Support Program (CSP) is provided to clients 55 years and older that have guardianship, custody, or are informally the primary caregiver for children under the age of 18-years-old. Many of the program participants have more than one child in their care and have established guardianship or custody through the court. Often, the children's biological parents are incarcerated, in active addiction, or deceased. Currently there are 16 clients enrolled in the program with a combined total of 29 children in their care. The clients enrolled in this program meet the Pennsylvania Department of Aging income eligibility guidelines and many are living on solely social security.

CSP reimburses for many costly and necessary expenses monthly, however, Christmas aide for clients must come from alternative sources. While compiling a master list of resources that clients may qualify for, Wyrope FCU, graciously volunteered to add all 29 of the CSP children to their Angel Tree. Wyrope FCU is located at 1536 Riverside Drive in South Williamsport for anyone interested in sponsoring an Angel!

For additional information regarding the Caregiver Support Program, contact STEP Office of Aging.



Mark Your Calendar!



STEP Head Start Mitten Tree Project Now through December 14

STEP Head Start will be collecting infant and child size mittens, gloves, hats, coats, and scarves for Head Start children this year from October 14 through December 14.

Over the years, this project has been able to keep more than 1,000 infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children's hands and hearts warm with your generous donations.

If interested in donation, you can send or drop off mittens to:

STEP Head Start | 2138 Boyd St., Williamsport

STEP, Inc. | 2138 Lincoln St., Williamsport

Clinton County Community Center | 124 E. Walnut St., Lock Haven

Santa's Seniors

Santa's Seniors Now through December 14

Help us fill bags for seniors! We are focusing on donations of individually wrapped items: snack packs of pudding, gelatin, and/or fruit cups, cereals such as oatmeal and/or dry/cold cereal cups, macaroni & cheese, snack size packs of crackers, pretzels, chips, and/or cookies, cup of soup, ramen noodles, and breakfast/granola bars.



Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the following locations:

Backyard Broadcasting | 1685 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport

STEP, Inc. | 2138 Lincoln Street, Williamsport

Clinton County Community Center | 124 E. Walnut St., Lock Haven



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