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## **Notice of Received Contracted Funding FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Auberle Awarded County Contract to Support Summer Work and Vocational Programs**

**McKeesport, Pa.**— Auberle, a social service organization dedicated to helping youth and families heal themselves, received a contract agreement from Allegheny County DHS OCS Bureau of Employment & Training for up to \$178,769. This funding opportunity allows Auberle to engage residents and community youth in a six-week summer work-study program that combines education, vocational programming and meaningful work experience.

Students who enter this program will receive Title I classroom education two days a week and then work in their chosen vocational program for two and a half days. Bringing education and career training together in meaningful work experience are two fold: youth will learn the work readiness, punctuality, work ethic and leadership skills associated with work experience, while increasing their exposure to future career options and skills.

Below are the following career opportunities available:

- **A+ Certification Program:**  
This program is a six-part educational experience designed for youth ages 16-21. Three programmatic parts provide the computer technology, networking and security fundamentals required to identify hardware peripheral, networking and security components.
- **Computer Graphics and Design Program:**  
Teaches youth the critical computer and business skills they will need to succeed at the high school level and later in post-secondary education. The skills and experience that children learn in this program are intended to help them consider careers in graphic design and related businesses. Children in the program use the latest graphic design software to develop fliers, brochures, business cards, calendars and special promotional items.
- **Culinary Arts Program:**  
Offered to children between the ages of 16-18 who are interested in pursuing careers in the food service industry. Graduates earn their ServSafe, a food safety and sanitation certification, making them sought after by food service employers. Youth learn food preparation, food safety and gain a working knowledge of the day-to-day operations in a food service department.
- **OSHA 10/Environmental Studies:**  
Youth will increase their awareness through involvement with various environmental and landscaping projects that will culminate in having Auberle's campus designated as a National Wildlife Federation Urban Habitat site. Youth who enroll this program will help with the construction of an environmentally friendly retention/fish pond as well as the surrounding landscape. Youth will work under the guidance of professional vendors who agree to allow our youth to play an active role in pond's construction. Environmental Studies participants will also receive an online Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification. OSHA is a construction training course designed for construction workers, foremen, job supervisors and anyone involved in the construction industry.



For more information about Auberle or this unique summer opportunity call Annie Schultheis at (412) 673-5856 x1317.

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Auberle, winner of the Alfred W. Wishart, Jr Award for Excellence and recognized by the National Alliance of children and families as a *Top Ten Performer* in the nation, has been inspiring youth and delivering excellence in the region for nearly 60 years. Auberle's mission is to help troubled youth and their families heal themselves. Family preservation, the reuniting of families in a positive home environment and preparing children to be responsible adults are the ultimate goals of the organization. In 2009, the organization served nearly 2,000 youth and families through sixteen different programs that cater to a wide range of at-risk youth.

Also, in concordance with future trends identified by the Alliance for Children and Families, Auberle is on the cutting edge of the social service industry by addressing the future needs for leadership, expertise, mental health support, preventative training, educational support and youth aging out of foster care. Learn more at [www.auberle.org](http://www.auberle.org)!



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