



SPRINGING FORWARD



As spring rolls in, plans for Keystone SMILES CLC are being finalized for many service events. We are very excited to share a few of the events that will be taking place in the month of May.

REMAKE LEARNING DAYS

Keystone SMILES recently received 5 mini grants through Remake Learning to host five events. Keystone SMILES staff and AmeriCorps members will be hosting 3 of the events in Oil City and 1 event in Knox. The "Mega Event" will be the Clarion County Keystone SMILES Agriculture Safety Day. Please take a minute to read the details. Please plan on participating in one or all of these family activities.

Remake Learning events are taking place in 15 regions across the world. These opportunities are made possible through the efforts of local Intermediate Units for Pennsylvania. Events are hosted by non-profits and schools. Events are designed to bring educational experiences for children of all ages and their families outside of the school day. Keystone SMILES is excited to be part of the Remake Learning Events taking place from May 3rd through May 23rd. These events will provide learning activities in excess of 752 youth during the month of May.



PUPPET SHOW! Venango County

Date: May 3, 2025
Place: Bethel United Methodist Church
486 Colbert Ave,
Oil City, Pa 16301
Time: 2:00 pm

Oil City AmeriCorps members and Youth Philanthropy are having a puppet show for the children in their community.

"Dragon of Kindness: The Battle Against Greed!"

Light refreshments will be provided.

STEM FAMILY EVENT Clarion County

Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Place: 518 Main Street Knox, Pa

AmeriCorps members will have STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) stations set up and children will be able to participate in hands-on activities.



VENANGO County VARIETY VENTURES

Date: May 16, 2025

Place: TBD

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

New Service Project for the community, a lending library is being initiated by AmeriCorps members in Oil City. They will be accepting book donations and community members will be able to "give and take" books.

COMMUNITY COOKOUT Venango county

Date: May 23, 2025

Place: 486 Colbert Ave, Oil City, Pa

Time: 4:00-8:00 pm

This exciting event is a free cookout available to families in the Oil City area. There will be free food and drinks, carnival games and crafts for the kids, a basket raffle and music!





AGRICULTURE SAFETY DAYS

Clarion, Forest and Venango Counties

Second grade students in Clarion, Forest, and Venango counties will come together to learn about safety on the farm and their outdoor environment. The highlight of the day is to demonstrate why agriculture plays a very important role in our lives. Students will rotate through 22 "hands on" learning modules in which SMILES staff, AmeriCorps members and community volunteers will teach relating to safety, health and agriculture.

This is the 18th year Keystone SMILES has participated in Progressive Agriculture Safety Days. There are 752 students registered to attend from 40 classrooms in Clarion, Forest and Venango Counties. Along with 40 teachers and 78 chaperones.

96 AmeriCorps members and Keystone SMILES staff and an estimated 39 Community volunteers will come together to make these events successful.



- Clarion County event will take place at Clarion County Park on May 8th.
- Venango County, May 21st at the Fair Grounds in Franklin, PA.

Summer Programs Clarion, Venango and Mercer Counties

Keystone SMILES is preparing for summer children's programs and meal deliveries.

In Knox, children K-6th grade can come and learn about the environment and participate in STEM and physical fitness activities.

In Clarion, Keystone SMILES partners with Clarion Housing Authority to provide breakfast and lunch to the children in their housing developments as well as provide activities.

In Oil City, the staff and AmeriCorps members will be delivering breakfast and lunch to children in the community and in the afternoon they will provide STEM activities.

Finally in Mercer County, SMILES has partnered with Mercer County Housing Authority and will provide breakfast and lunch to the children in their housing developments as well as activities.

A total of 680 students were served by our AmeriCorps members during the summer of 2024. We are looking forward to a fun, busy and exciting summer full of SMILES!





Summer Food Program

Clarion, Mercer and Venango Counties

Keystone SMILES participates in the Summer Food Program which is funded through the Department of Education. We deliver meals to children in three different counties who may not otherwise have a healthy meal during the summer. And we also provide onsite feeding sites to children who are able to attend our summer programming. In 2024 we delivered/served over 16,806 meals!

- Clarion county - 7,506 meals
- Venango county - 4,625 meals
- Mercer county - 4,675



We couldn't have done this without the support of our staff, AmeriCorps members, Clarion and Mercer County Housing Authorities and The Crossing Free Methodist Church in Oil City and a grant from No Kids Hungry. Plans are underway in preparation of feeding just as many, if not more children this summer.



Community/ Senior Brunch & BINGO Clarion County

Keystone SMILES PreK AmeriCorps members serving in Knox host a Community brunch and BINGO every third Wednesday of the month. It is a \$3.00 donation for the meal and \$.25 per card or 3 cards for \$.50 for BINGO.

Bingo starts at 9:45 and brunch will follow. It is located in our main office building at 525 Main Street Knox.

The proceeds from bingo benefit Horsethief Days in Knox.

This event is open to anyone in the community.

AmeriCorps Youth Graduating Class

Clarion, Venango, Erie, Jefferson Counties

Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps Youth members will soon be graduating. Youth members are serving at AC Valley, Fairview, General McLane, Girard, Punxsutawney and Union City School Districts.

Keystone SMILES will be honoring these members with a cord representing service to wear at graduation and the AmeriCorps graduation certificate as a member of the 31st Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps class.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Gigi's House - Mercer County

The House of Trades is continuing to work on Gigi's House in Farrell, PA. This house was purchased by Zion Education Center and will be become an infant center.

The team has been working on wiring, drywalling, new ceiling and floors and installing a new bathroom and laundry.

Not only is the House of Trades supporting Zion Education Center's dream of providing an infant center for their community, the HOT team is learning many new skills to enhance their portfolios for their future endeavors.



Environmental Center Clarion County

The House of Trades has also been focusing on Keystone SMILES CLC's vision for a Youth Environmental Center in Knox. This facility will be use for preschool and school aged children to learn how to take care of and protect our environment in a unique and convenient setting.

The team has been installing an outside fence recently. Preparations for the inside include rewiring and installing a new bathroom and kitchen.

End of School Year - Allegheny, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer Counties

As the school year is nearing the end, we would like to send a special "Thank You" to all of our school based AmeriCorps members. They have spent many hours tutoring, mentoring and providing emotional support for the students in their classrooms. Thank you for all you do through service!



Keystone SMILES CLC Summer AmeriCorps Recruitment

If you or a friend would like to learn more about AmeriCorps or would like to apply go to our website www.keystonesmiles.org or find us on [Indeed](#), [Zip Recruiter](#) or [Glassdoor](#).

We are looking forward to an exciting summer of service. Current nonprofits and school districts include the following locations:

Clarion County:

- Keystone SMILES Summer and Meal Programs
- Scenic Rivers YMCA, Camp Coffman (**Also serving Venango County**)
- Clarion County Community Center on 2nd St Projects

Erie County:

- Iroquois School District, Erie
- Regional Science Consortium located at the Thomas Ridge Environmental Center
- Fairview School District

Mercer County:

- Mercer County Summer and Meal Programs
- Zion Education Center

Venango County:

- Boys and Girls Club Along the Allegheny
- Weed and Seed Program
- Oil City Summer and Meal Programs

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UP TO \$1,956 FOR EDUCATION

450 Hour Education Award: \$1,956 • 300 Hour Education Award: \$1,565

SERVICE DUTIES AS A KEYSTONE SMILES AMERICORPS SUMMER MEMBER:

Serve your country by supporting local communities, non-profits, or schools. Members may tutor and provide academic support for children's summer activities in Clarion, Venango, Mercer, or Erie Counties, or join the House of Trades Program in Venango and Clarion Counties. Applicants must be 17 or older and pass required clearances before starting service.



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