



The McKean County Collaborative Board

Who we are

The McKean County Collaborative Board is a community-improvement partnership comprised of citizens, elected officials, and representatives from the health, business, human service, and education sectors. It was established in 1996 with the following vision:

- All children will be healthy and start school ready to learn.
- Families will provide a stable, supportive environment for their children.
- Children and youth will be involved in healthy behaviors and not engaged in high-risk behaviors.
- The McKean County Collaborative Board will work together to improve the lives of its citizens.

State issues we care about

- **Avoiding a state budget impasse.** Protracted budget stalemates hurt nonprofits and the citizens they serve—often forcing organizations to take out loans for months, furloughing workers and/or stopping services.
- **Critical safety-net services.** Services that help families remain not only self-sufficient but also safe (i.e. domestic violence/sexual assault services, Family Centers, homeless assistance, food banks, legal services, housing subsidies, and child welfare services) are too valuable to face funding cuts.
- **Human Service Development Fund.** Each year the Human Service Development Fund faces grave under funding. HSDF is flexible funding and a key component to assuring a human services safety net is ready to address increasing service delivery demands that accompany the economic downturn.
- **Early Learning and Child Care Programs.** Children need resources through the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program, Early Intervention, Pre-K Counts and the Keystone Stars programs, so that they have access to high quality early care and education.

Federal issues we care about

- **Housing.** Low cost quality rentals, rental subsidies, home ownership options, and home repair subsidies are desperately needed in McKean County.
- **Health Care Reform.** The McKean County Collaborative Board would like to more fully understand the local impact of the recently passed federal health care reform bill.
- **Transportation.** Increasing numbers of public transportation users are qualifying for subsidized transportation at the same time that Pennsylvania is facing budget shortfalls. Federal financial resources are needed to help fulfill this demand.

McKean County Collaborative Board Membership

Adagio Health Bradford, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of McKean County, Bradford Area United Way, Bradford Regional Medical Center, Bradford SALSA Club, Area School Districts, C.A.R.E. for Children, EMMCO East, Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Life and Independence for Today, McKean County Assistance Office, McKean County Commissioners, McKean County Department of Health, McKean County Family Centers, McKean County Juvenile Probation, McKean County Department of Human Services, PA CareerLink-McKean County, Northwest AIDS Alliance, Northern Tier Community Action Corporation, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Pennsylvania State Police, Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9, The Guidance Center, University of Pittsburgh Center for Rural Health Practice, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, YWCA.