A History of Service

Wesley Family Services is a comprehensive human service agency that provides a wide variety of programs, services and activities for children, families, and adults living in the Western Pennsylvania region. We remain committed to our mission...

To empower children, adults and families by providing transformational care..

Our services are developed in accordance with national service organizations, the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, and the National Council for Community Behavioral Health and are accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Certification by the Council on Accreditation means that Wesley Family Services meets the highest national standards for professional performance in human services.

Personnel policies, procedures, and practices are designed and implemented to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

Empowering People. Strengthening Communities. Transforming the Future.

Every day, the caring, highly-trained staff of Wesley Family Services empowers children, adults and families to overcome challenges so that they can be part of a stronger community with a brighter future. When you or a loved one needs help, we'll be there.



For more information about our Drug & Alcohol Teen Education program,

or to make a referral, call: **724-335-9883**

www.wfspa.org

Providing real world current education for youth age 12 to 20 aimed at increasing awareness of substance use and risk while promoting discussion of healthy habits and change.



Program Overview

Wesley Family Services Drug and Alcohol Teen Education (DATE) program serves adolescents between the ages of 12 and 20 who meet the following criteria:

- Adolescent that is at high risk and could benefit from educational interventions.
- Adolescent has violated the school substance use policy.
- Adolescent has violated Pennsylvania state laws related to substance use possession and consumption by individuals under 21 years of age.
- Loved ones who are concerned about an adolescent's substance use or related high risk behaviors.

Knowledge is power! By providing accurate up to date information about substances and their effects on the adolescent brain and body we provide the platform for participants to make informed decisions and promote healthy change.

DATE Goals and Objectives

Drug and Alcohol Teen Education program participants will:

- Develop increased awareness of the legal, physical, psychological, and social consequences of substance use.
- Develop an understanding of the addiction process with specific focus on drugs, alcohol, and gaming.
- Improve decision making skills to achieve behavior modification.
- Gain support from peers going through similar situations.

Note: Upon completion of the Drug and Alcohol Teen Education program, further recommendations may be made as deemed clinically appropriate.

When/Where are DATE Sessions Held?

Drug and Alcohol Teen Education groups are being held at Wesley Family Services offices.

To receive a certificate of completion, each participant must complete an 8 hour, evidencebased program.

Cost: \$125

Referrals

Referrals will be accepted from all sources including, but not limited to, Student Assistance Program liaisons, health care professionals, family and friends, schools, self-referral, parents, law enforcement officials, and District Magistrates.

We are currently offering DATE in Allegheny, Armstrong, and Westmoreland Counties.

For Additional Information

For more information regarding the Drug and Alcohol Teen Education program, please contact: **Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs** Ph: (724) 335-9883, ext. 564



Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out