

# FCP NEWS

FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP | WINTER 2015

## ABOUT FCP

Foundations Community Partnership was formed in July 2007, as a result of the sale of Foundations Behavioral Health. Foundations Community Partnership is a philanthropic grant-making foundation supporting the behavioral health and human service needs of children and young adults in Bucks County. Foundations Community Partnership provides grants and technical assistance to non-profit organizations, awards scholarships to Bucks County high school seniors, subsidizes service learning internships for college students, underwrites community education programs and supports behavioral health education and research.

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## Dear Friends and Colleagues...

We are pleased to announce our commitment for continued grants and services during the next six months. Please note that FCP now administers all grants through the online application system. The FCP web site includes a tutorial for grant applications. This tutorial can be found on our website at [www.fcpartnership.org](http://www.fcpartnership.org).

### GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE

With the exception of PYS applications (see below) FCP's grant process begins with a Letter of Inquiry (LOI), which is submitted online. To submit an LOI, grant applicants will create an account in our online grant management system and fill out an LOI form. After the LOI form has been submitted, FCP will schedule a "pre-grant" meeting to discuss proposed grant projects.

- ▶ **Bucks Innovation and Improvement Grants (BIIG)** Typically \$10,000 to \$25,000, BIIG applications are accepted throughout the year. Review of the application for either the spring or fall grant cycle will depend on the date that the completed application is accepted. BIIG grants are reviewed in two cycles each year:

**Spring 2015:** LOIs due no later than March 16th; Applications due by April 1st.

**Fall 2015:** LOIs due no later than October 1st; Applications due by October 15th.

BIIG grants are awarded in June and December of each year.

- ▶ **Capital Grants** Applications will be accepted throughout the year for capital projects including structural improvements to the facility (bricks & mortar, such as new buildings or additions to existing buildings), or extensive renovation or addition of durable equipment to an existing structure. Capital Grant applications will be reviewed during the spring or fall grant cycle depending on the date the submitted. As with BIIG grants, LOIs must be submitted ten days prior to the application deadline to be considered in that cycle:

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Lauren Henicle (left) and Britton Miller representing the Pennsylvania Association for Nonprofit Organizations (PANO) at FCP's Fall Luncheon.

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## FALL 2014 GRANTS AWARDED

FCP's Board of Directors approved \$100,000 in program grants, \$60,000 in capital grants, and a \$50,000 Target Funding grant at the December 11, 2014, Board meeting.

### TARGET FUNDING GRANT

- **Bucks County Housing Group**  
Transition Age "Shared Living" pilot program

### BUCKS INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (BIIG)

- **Network of Victims Assistance (NOVA)**  
Mandated Reporter Training program
- **Access Services**  
Enriching Lives with Bucks Life program
- **Family Service Association**  
Call Center
- **The Aldie Foundation**  
Adolescent Counseling program
- **Bucks County Health Improvement Project (BCHIP)**  
Mental Health Counseling
- **Central Bucks Family YMCA**  
Ability Summer Camp
- **Lower Bucks Family YMCA**  
Special Abilities Building Bridges program
- **Snipes Farm and Education Center**  
Farm to School program
- **NHP Foundation**  
Operation Pathways
- **YWCA**  
Girls Circle program
- **Chandler Hall**  
Intergenerational Education and Outreach program
- **ATG Learning Academy**  
ATG Together program

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- **Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center**  
Tack Room
- **Valley Youth House Emergency Shelter**  
Furnishings
- **Christ's Home for Children**  
Van for Client Transport
- **Peaceful Living**  
Renovations for Acoustic Modifications
- **Potential Inc.**  
Security System & Furnishings
- **Council Rock School District**  
Van for ACHIEVE Program

- **Emergency Grants** As described in the "Grants" section of our website, Emergency Grant requests are reviewed on an "as needed basis" and can be submitted anytime during the year.
- **Partnership in Youth Services (PYS)** Applications for PYS grants (\$3,000 - \$5,000) will be accepted for review beginning **July 1, 2015**. The deadline for PYS grants is **September 1, 2015**. PYS grants are awarded at FCP's annual luncheon in October.
- **Technical Assistance** FCP offers "Technical Assistance" (TA) funding support opportunities for Bucks County non-profit organizations in the areas of capacity building, business management, business planning, strategic planning, board development, and training workshops. Please refer to the website for more information about technical assistance.

## Educational Programs Update

### Workshop for Grant Writers

FCP plans to offer a special workshop for non-profits titled "Writing Behavioral Health Grants – Evaluating Impact and Measuring Goal Attainment." Presented by Dr. Dan Weldon, the workshop will be held on February 25, 2015, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the FCP office. In addition, our Associate Director, Caroline Sinton, will follow the workshop with a Q&A session on using FCP's Online Grant Management system. Look in the "What's New" box on our web site for more information.

### Spring 2015 Professional Education Workshops

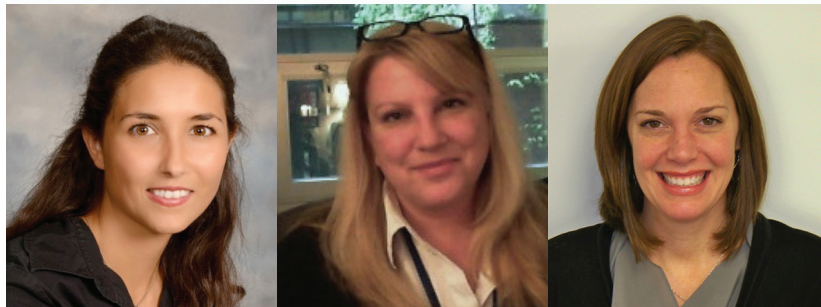
See the "Save the Date" information on page 4 for topics and dates. Registration is now open on our web site!

### 2015 Partnership in Education Scholarships

Selected Bucks County high school seniors will receive college scholarships. Applications will be available to Bucks County public high schools in March 2015.

### 2015 Summer Youth Corps

In June 2015, FCP will again subsidize a ten-week service learning program for college students matched with non-profit human service organizations in Bucks County. FCP screens and recruits college students, provides credentialing, training and supervision as required by most organizations. Students are matched with host agencies for the 10-week program. Host agencies report that our Summer Youth Corps Program is a great success. Please contact us if you are interested in serving as a Host Agency for a college intern.



Spring Professional Education Series presenters left to right:  
Conor Morrow Kerns, Ph.D.; Kelly Drake, Ph.D.; Mandy Mundy



# DREXEL STUDY REVEALS KEY ISSUES FACING BUCKS COUNTY

In September 2014, the Drexel University School of Public Health presented to the FCP Board results from the second part of an evaluation study of the impact of FCP's grantmaking since the Foundation's inception. The first phase of the evaluation study was completed through a quantitative online survey of past and current grantees and grant applicants, and the second focused on qualitative interviews of key FCP stakeholders, including community leaders, grantees, Board members, Summer Youth Corps (SYC) participants, and SYC host agencies.

Among other questions, respondents were asked to identify what they viewed as major issues affecting Bucks County. "One theme discussed across participant groups was county-wide economic and geographic disparities.



Many participants referred to the regional perception of Bucks County as a wealthy area, which masks the pockets of need that have been neglected by services and programs," according to the report.

Affordable housing was another area of concern for respondents, who noted that local service agencies are strained by rising rates of homelessness in the County caused by inflated housing costs. "Participants described how the lack of affordable housing affects not just disadvantaged Bucks County residents, but also has a major impact on the future growth of the area as well," the study stated.

To view the full text of the FCP Grantee Survey Report and Key Informant Interview Report, go to [www.fcpartnership.org/about/fcp-overview/](http://www.fcpartnership.org/about/fcp-overview/), and scroll to "Evaluating Our Progress and Impact."

## FCP WELCOMES AMY CONTE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Foundations Community Partnership welcomes Amy Conte to its Board of Directors for a three-year term.



Conte, a resident of Morrisville, PA, is the former Program Coordinator of AACES (Autism Awareness, Community Education, Support) at the Family Service Association in Langhorne, PA. Before leading the AACES program, she was a teacher in East Stroudsburg, PA, Easton, PA, and Japan. Conte earned a Master of Science in Clinical Counseling Psychology from Chestnut Hill College and a Bachelor's degree in Education from Villanova University.

"We are delighted to welcome Amy to our Board of Directors," says Joseph Stella, M.D., Chairman of the Foundations Community Partnership Board of Directors. "Her experience working with young people, students and parents in Bucks County will help us make informed decisions in addressing human service needs in our community."

"I'm looking forward to helping Foundations continue its mission to make a difference in the community and advance the lives of the young people in Bucks County, especially among children, adolescents and their families facing difficult challenges," says Conte.



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# TARGET FUNDING GRANT SUPPORTS TRANSITION-AGE SHARED LIVING PROGRAM

For more information,  
visit [fcpartnership.org](http://fcpartnership.org)

FCP awarded a \$50,000 Targeted Funding Grant to the Bucks County Housing Group for its Transition Age Shared Living program. This pilot program will help facilitate community integration of transition age youth, to help them establish themselves as independent community members through a shared living model. This program is an important next step for transition age youth with behavioral health problems.

Whether aging out of foster care, having poor family support, or living in troubled family situations, young adults contending with behavioral health issues need

financial and social supports to transition to living independently in the community. Through the combined assets of the partners in this proposed program, clients will have a network of support through which to safely work towards their common goal to live as productive, independent adults.

“The grant from Foundations is a wonderful opportunity for us to help fulfill a need for housing among transition aged youth with behavioral health issues,” says Tracy Mellor, Executive Director, Bucks County Housing Group (BCHG). “This infusion of funding will be used to



finance our collaborative initiative between BCHG, the Bucks Co. Department of Mental Health/Developmental Programs and Access Services, Inc. to provide affordable housing for young people who are ready for more independent living.”

Find out more about Bucks County Housing Group’s programs and services, visit their web site: [www.bchg.org](http://www.bchg.org).

## SYC Intern Zachary Yingling Awarded Scholarship for Outstanding Work

The Morris M. Davis Award is an award and \$1,500 scholarship given annually to a Summer Youth Corps intern whose contributions to the community are judged to be an outstanding example. The 2014 award was presented to Feasterville/Trevose resident Zachary Yingling, who worked at The Conservatory – Music, Art, Drama in Doylestown.

Yingling, currently a junior at West Chester University, collaborated with Conservatory executive director Chris Dwyer and program director Rachael Gallagher in day-to-day operations, such as managing the front desk and registering students for lessons and camp. Zach also acted as program designer and stage manager for many of the Conservatory’s numerous recitals, concerts, and community events.

Zach also joined in and led private lessons and classes there – from individual special needs students to summer camp groups.

As The Conservatory’s Executive Director, Chris Dwyer summed up: “You could not have selected a more deserving recipient of this year’s scholarship/award. Zach is an outstanding student, worker, team member and a terrific human being. The Conservatory is very proud of Zach and pleased that he is being recognized.”



Rachael Gallagher (left), program director at The Conservatory, with Zachary and Joanne Yingling

## Save the Dates! Spring 2015 Workshops

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

*Assessment and Treatment of Anxiety Disorders in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Presented by Connor Morrow Kerns, Ph.D., assistant research professor at the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

*Identification and Treatment of Childhood Anxiety Disorders*

Presented by Kelly L. Drake, Ph.D., assistant professor at the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

*Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse*

Presented by Mandy Mundy, Director of Education and Training at Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) in Bucks County

### Workshop Location

Doylestown Health and Wellness Center Auditorium  
847 Easton Rd./Rt. 611, Warrington, PA 18976

All workshops held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

For more information,  
visit [www.fcpartnership.org](http://www.fcpartnership.org)