PIC receives over \$25,000 for Youth Mentoring Program for Fayette and Westmoreland Young Adults

In-School young adults between the ages of 16 and 18 who were recently incarcerated or subjected to the juvenile justice system may be eligible for the "**On the Right Track Program**." The Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. recently received funding from the Staunton Farm Foundation to work with young adults along with existing support systems and provide a wraparound approach to support young adults and encourage them to complete school, plan their future after high school, and find meaningful employment.

Shujuane Martin, CEO/President of PIC said "For over 38 years PIC has served individuals who are underrepresented and underserved. Funders like Staunton Farm Foundation make programs like On the Right Track Program possible, and PIC is excited to be able to continue to help young adults in the region.

"This Youth Mentoring program gives the youth a chance to set attainable goals and will receive cash incentives for reaching their goals, completing pre and post program surveys and meeting with their mentor. Giving them an opportunity to earn up to \$350.00" says Amy Goulding, Program Manager for PIC. She further states, "This program also helps young adults who find employment with work clothes and tools they need to be successful."

The Staunton Farm Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of people who live with mental illness and substance use disorders. The Foundation works to enhance behavioral health treatment, support, and recovery through grant making to nonprofit organizations in 10 southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

For details on the program and to sign up to participate, contact Amy Goulding, Program Manager at 724-836-2600 ext 202 or check out the website at <u>www.privateindustrycouncil.com.</u>

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