

# PENN-YORK OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

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Dear Community Members, Providers, Supporters, Family and Friends of Penn-York Opportunities, Inc. -

I wanted to reach out and let you all know that Penn-York has been going through some changes. As of the end of June, we will no longer be providing Family Service programs to Bradford County families and children. This change affects our staffing and the families we have served over the past 6 years through Bradford County Children and Youth Services.

However, Penn-York is still here proudly serving the Intellectually Disabled community as we have for the past 50+ years and have no intentions of stopping now or in the future. Our work includes providing employment opportunities to Individuals with Disabilities across the county. This includes Sweet Sharlene's Ice Cream Shop and our newest venture, the Java Junction coffee shop. Both are inclusive work environments focused on teaching skills needed to obtain and maintain meaningful employment. Our workers would be glad to serve you a coffee or some ice cream, as their work there is something they are very proud of.

These are just two examples of the many supports and services we provide. Other services include, but are not limited to, supporting people in their own homes, assisting people as they navigate obtaining driver's training and licensing, how to get and maintain housing, how to navigate the community and many other program areas. We also work at the local Veteran's Clinic and have been doing so for over twenty years. Penn-York is a multi-faceted organization with a focus on how to assist with filling gaps in service and supports for those who often need it the most. We often ask ourselves how we can be a part of a solution.

As we face these changes and challenges, rest assured that our hearts and minds immediately return to our mission of service. PYO will endeavor to evolve when necessary and continue to be a strong partner and community leader for the betterment of our Individuals and the community. Stay tuned for other updates as they develop.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. I am more than happy to discuss with you the direction Penn-York is heading and what our future holds.

In your service,



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