



**Berkshire Children  
& Families**

BERKSHIRES • PIONEER VALLEY

# JANUARY 2019

At Berkshire Children and Families

## Berkshire Children and Families' Programs

- Adoption Services
- Community Based Family Supports
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Early Education and Out of School Care
- Family Networks
- Family Resource Center
- Fathers and Families Network
- Healing Homes Comprehensive Foster Care
- Kids 4 Harmony
- Parents as Teachers
- Pittsfield Community Connection
- Tree House
- Young Family Health and Wellness
- Young Parent Support
- Youth Permanency Connections



## January is Youth Mentoring Month!

### ABOUT PITTSFIELD COMMUNITY CONNECTION (PCC)

**Pittsfield Community Connection** works with young people in Pittsfield to build a life of possibility and hope. Many of the young people we work with are paired with a volunteer mentor from the community. Mentors meet with young people weekly. Through **SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, and ADVOCACY** new doors open and possibilities become realities for the next generation of Pittsfield youth.

### WHY I MENTOR

It has been an amazing privilege and a pleasure to be a Mentor. Being paired with my mentee has been a joy. She is intuitive, funny and has a keen sense of style. I applaud her for setting goals and reaching for them. She has worked hard and received her GED. I was able to help her work toward her other goal of getting her license by providing driving time. **I encourage anyone with a heart to become a mentor and invest in a precious life.** The program is helpful in both support and training. Together we can add hope and bring benefit to our community.

*~Lisa  
Mentor*

*Pittsfield Community Connection*

**Interested in being a MENTOR?**  
Contact Gail at 413-822-4196  
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Berkshire Children and Families promotes the well-being of children and the strength of families to build better communities in the Berkshires and Pioneer Valley. We provide education, parenting skills and support, prevention and intervention, advocacy, and life skills across a spectrum of program serving children and families in four areas: early education and care; foster care and adoption; child and family well-being; youth and community development.

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\*January 9, 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Ladies Night Out with representatives from JANE IREDALE Cosmetics: Confidence through Make-Up

\*January 17, 11:00 AM - 1:00PM

Father and Family Network with speaker, Nwando Ofookansi  
Daddy Issues: Providing Fair and Empathetic Services for Father

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 For more complete information about each event please visit: <a href="http://berkshirechildren.org/eveningts/">berkshirechildren.org/eveningts/</a>	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR! OFFICES CLOSED</b>	2 10 - 11:30 AM Berkshire Nursing Families 10 AM - Noon English Language Learners 12:30 - 2:00 PM Parenting Journey - FULL 5:30 - 7:00 PM Community Parents in Action 5:30 - 6:30 PM Men Who Are Parenting	3 4:00 - 5:30 PM English Language Learners 4:30 - 6 PM Live Out Loud 5:30 - 7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide Loss 5:30 - 6:30 PM Pride Play and Fun	4 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Family Resource Center is OPEN	5 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Family Resource Center is OPEN
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