



## **State Budget Impasse: Impact on Westmoreland County Residents**

The current State Budget Impasse may cause Westmoreland County residents to lose critical mental health and mental retardation services that keep adults, children, and families safe, stable, and healthy. Since over 90% of the funding for most base programs comes from State and Federal funds, Counties are not able to cover this cost. Agencies that provide services have had to take out loans, lines of credit, reduce staff in order to maintain services. They are stretched to the limit. Without the funding many of the following critical programs will not be able to continue.

### **POTENTIAL IMPACT**

- 3435 adults and children may not receive mental health case management services resulting in loss of intake, assessment services, resource linkages, follow-up and intensive case management for those needed higher level services and 80 individuals with developmental disabilities may not receive supports coordination services
- 399 individuals who have no insurance may not receive outpatient mental health services and psychotropic medications needed to keep them stable
- 43 people may not be able to receive partial hospitalization services. This service diverts or reduces the stays at more intensive and costly inpatient hospitalization
- 258 people may not be able to receive the community employment supports to help them maintain employment and 41 individuals may not receive their essential day services
- 729 families may not be able to receive the family support services needed for recovery and to maintain individuals in their homes
- 41 individuals with developmental disabilities may not receive supportive services in nursing homes
- 453 individuals would not have the supports necessary to live in the community. This affects all housing programs including respite, stabilization, and in-home supports.
- 468 individual would not be able to receive the Psychiatric Rehab and Social Rehab, Psychiatric Nursing, programs that promote independence, growth and maintain stability.
- 300 adults and adolescents will not be able to attend 7 Drop-In centers in the County that provide peer services, education, activities, resources and social supports

**This is a Call to Action!!! Contact the Governor's Office or your local Legislator NOW!**