## Carbondale PROSPER To Hold Recognition Press Conference

**Scranton, PA-** The Carbondale Promoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) team will be holding a recognition press conference on Friday, November 18 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Center on Old Plank Rd. in Mayfield. The team will be recognizing members and corporate sponsors of the Strengthening Families program as well as reporting on their recent accomplishments.

The PROSPER project is an innovative model for bringing research-based, scientifically proven prevention programs to communities in order to strengthen youth, families, and the community. The focus is on strengthening parent-child relations and problem-solving, building youth life skills, and teaching youth to avoid peer pressure or dangerous behaviors.

The PROSPER team is a collaborative of community partners who meet regularly to assist in program planning and implementation, help secure funding and resources, and provide support and assistance as needed. Working together, they implement evidencedbased programs that meet the needs of family and youth in the Carbondale and Greater Upper Valley area and facilitate the implementation of these programs.

For more information about PROSPER, call Penn State Cooperative Extension at 963-6842.