

Carbondale Prosper holds Recognition Press Conference

Carbondale, PA-The Carbondale Promoting School-Community-University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) team recently held a recognition press conference at the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Center in Mayfield. The team recognized members and corporate sponsors of the Strengthening Families program as well as reporting on their recent accomplishments. Lackawanna County Commissioner, A.J. Munchak and Judge Chester Harhut made remarks. Commissioner A.J. Munchak presented the group with a proclamation marking November 18, 2005 Prosper Day in Lackawanna County.

Carbondale Prosper Team Members Recognized

Joanne Bogdanovich, Lackawanna County Truancy Coordinator
Dr. Dominick Famularo, Carbondale Area School District
Mr. Joe Farrell, Carbondale Area School District
Joe Gillette, Lackawanna County Commission on Drug and Alcohol
Marie Fetterhoff, EOTC/ Scranton Area Family Center
Dr. Paul Kaczmarcik, Carbondale Area School District
Debbie Krenitsky, parent and facilitator
Elizabeth Krenitsky, youth
Ernie Laskosky, Tri County Human Services
Krista Liparulo, Marian Community Hospital
Debby Mendicino, Pegasus Child Advocacy Center and SFP facilitator
Becky Oakley, Adams Cable and SFP facilitator
Beth Oakley, child care provider
Victoria Pettinato, youth
Samantha Rogowski, youth
Janet Rusnak, Carbondale Area School District
Steven Skeen, youth
Liz Smiley/Laurel Mitchell, Children and Youth
Karen Thomas, Penn State Cooperative Extension
Tammy Usher, parent
Ann Vadella, Carbondale Area Elementary School
Diane Williams, parent
Todd Williams, youth
Brian Bumbarger, Penn State University

Recognition of Sponsors

Ben Mar Restaurant.....Marina Whittington
Carbondale Kiwanis Club.....Tom Fontana

Katri Sales CompanyKaren and Tricia Goskowski
Gateway Health Plan..... Cindy Lombard
Marian Community Hospital..Sr. Mary Alice Jacquinet
Pizza Hut.....Beth Oakley
Scranton Area Foundation.....Jeanne Bovard
Tri County Human Services...George Dermody
The United Way.....Gary Drapek
The Windsor Inn.....Andy Whitiak

Picture left to right. Karen Thomas, Penn State Cooperative Extension Prosper Coordinator, A.J. Munchak, Lackawanna County Commissioner and Ann Vadella, Carbondale Area Elementary School.

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