

“The KEYS Program has assisted me with transportation in the form of a bus pass or gas card when my transportation status changed due to unexpected events. They also provide a safe space that allows me to be myself and express my needs as a student at CCAC.”



—Jennifer H., CCAC Psychology student in 2024, KEYS participant

“Since enrolling in KEYS, I have had more confidence in completing my coursework. KEYS has helped me acquire the necessary textbooks and protective equipment to weld efficiently and also connected me to further resources that will ensure my successful completion of my classes at CCAC.”

—Diane P., CCAC Welding student in 2024, KEYS participant

“I am very grateful and blessed to have been a participant in the KEYS Program at CCAC. Without the KEYS Program, it would have been extremely more difficult, if not impossible, to make it to graduation.”



—Cassandra A., CCAC Class of 2023, former KEYS participant

Notifications of nondiscrimination and contact information can be found at ccac.edu/nondiscrimination.

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KEYS facilitators are available at CCAC’s four campuses and three neighborhood centers across the region to meet your learning needs.

Campus Locations

Allegheny Campus
808 Ridge Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Boyce Campus
595 Beatty Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

North Campus
8701 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

South Campus
1750 Clairton Road
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Center Locations

Braddock Hills Center
250 Yost Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Homewood-Brushton Center
701 North Homewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

West Hills Center
1000 McKee Road
Oakdale, PA 15071

For more information
on the KEYS program, contact:

KEYS Program Coordinator

412.237.2672

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KEYS:

Keystone Education Yields Success

A program of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services



OUR GOAL IS YOUR SUCCESS.

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What is KEYS?

KEYS is a program of the PA Department of Human Services. At CCAC, the KEYS Program serves as a liaison to students.

The KEYS Student Support Specialists at CCAC assist students in achieving their career goals by:

- Advocating for them with the County Assistance Office (CAO)
- Connecting them to supportive services available at CCAC or through the CAO
- Referring them to other community service agencies
- Providing access, when available to KEYS Laptop Loan Program and other KEYS-eligible tools
- Connecting students with eligible educational resources

Statistics show that individuals who earn a credit-bearing certificate or associate degree are better able to obtain employment at family-sustaining wages with benefits and opportunities for advancement.



Who is Eligible for KEYS?

The CAO determines eligibility for a KEYS referral. TANF and SNAP recipients who wish to enroll or are already enrolled at CCAC may be eligible to participate in the KEYS Program.

How to Enroll in KEYS

Students who are currently enrolled at CCAC and receive TANF or SNAP benefits should contact the KEYS Program Coordinator at 412.237.2672 or keys@ccac.edu. Students who receive TANF or SNAP benefits and are not currently attending CCAC should talk to their CAO Caseworker or contact the KEYS Program Coordinator.

Supportive Services

Supportive services may be available to KEYS students from the CAO and/or CCAC KEYS Program:

- Child care
- Transportation costs (public transit, mileage, car repair)
- Books and/or training supplies
- Test fees
- Clothing and uniforms



CCAC is Here to Help

CCAC offers many free services. The financial aid staff is committed to helping students with the financial aid application process. Last year, CCAC students received \$40 million in financial aid through scholarships, grants, loans and work-study employment.

Workforce & Job Readiness team members provide guidance in establishing career goals, building interview skills, gaining work experience and obtaining employment. They also promote employer hiring events, interview days, and local and regional job fairs, and maintain an online job bank of local employment openings.

CCAC offers more than 130 programs of study and has articulation agreements with many colleges and universities in Western Pennsylvania and the surrounding area. These agreements enable academically qualified CCAC students to gain admission as juniors after completing their associate degree.

CCAC also offers developmental courses designed to teach students the essential skills required for academic, personal and professional success. Tutoring is available both online and in person, and many services are available to any student who is in need of them.