

MON VALLEY PROVIDERS COUNCIL

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The Mon Valley Providers Council Annual Breakfast Meeting Friday, November 2, 2018 Auberle

1101 Hartman St, McKeesport, PA 15132
(Note the location change)

8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m. Breakfast
9:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Meeting and Special Presentation

**R.S.V.P. using the attached form (with payment)
by Wednesday, October 31, 2018.**

After a brief business portion and an update on our current 2018 priorities, there will be a special presentation:

Engaging Dialogue: Understanding and Navigating the Current Political Environment

Panelists will discuss the temperament in today's society for the work service providers do, the places for opportunity in Pittsburgh, and what we, as everyday people, can do to make a difference.

Dr. Jeffrey Shook, Associate Professor and Doctoral Program
Director-University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

Khalif Ali, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy-The Pittsburgh
Foundation

Dr. Trisha Gadson, Executive Director-Macedonia Family and
Community Enrichment Center

Biographies of panelists are attached.

Recommended advanced reading:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/sep/06/5>

<https://themassesareangry.blogspot.com/2011/05/book-review-deer-hunting-with-jesus.html>

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/08/trump-white-blue-collar-supporters/>

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A buffet breakfast will be provided.

The cost for staff of paid member agencies
 (those listed on this letterhead) is \$20.00 per person.

The cost for all others is \$25.00 per person.

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 Wednesday, October 31, 2018.**

Make checks payable to MVPC and return to:

MVPC Attn: Elizabeth Fries

519 Penn Avenue

Turtle Creek PA, 15145

You CANNOT make a phone reservation and/or pay at the door.

Person Making Reservation: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____

Total # of Attendees for Breakfast and Panel: ____

Name(s) of Attendees:

Payment must be sent for all attendees. If necessary, please use the reverse side or attach a sheet of paper to list the names of all expected to be present.

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The following agencies already sponsored the event when they completed their 2018 Membership Application (with the additional financial support paid at that time) and others paid to date:

Annual Meeting Sponsors as of August 8, 2018:

Major Partner: \$500

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Jeffrey Shook

Associate Professor and Doctoral Program Director Jeffrey Shook received a PhD in social work and sociology and an MSW, both from the University of Michigan; a JD from American University; and a BA in economics from Grinnell College. His primary appointment is in the School of Social Work and he holds affiliated appointments in the School of Law and Department of Sociology.

His research examines the intersection of law, policy, and practice in the lives of children and youth. Specifically, his research focuses on the transfer of juveniles to the adult criminal justice system, the administration of juvenile justice, the movement of youth across child and youth serving systems, and the experiences of youth “aging out” of the child welfare system. Jeff also is involved in efforts to end the sentencing of juveniles to life sentences without the opportunity for parole both in Pennsylvania and nationally.

Khalif Ali

In partnership with residents, grassroots activists and political leaders, Khalif works to craft and advance a policy and advocacy agenda for the Foundation. Low-income people, youth, single parents and the African American community are at the center of his work to remove the barriers preventing people from truly taking part in the new prosperity and improved quality of life in Pittsburgh. He comes to the Foundation from The Sprout Fund, where as program manager, he led an initiative to increase understanding and use of digital badges as alternative forms of assessment. He was also director of recruitment/faculty at the CORO Center for Civic Leadership, developed outreach strategies and agency relationships at Pittsburgh Community Services Inc. and was a community organizer with Operation Better Block in Homewood, Pennsylvania. He has a graduate degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh with a concentration in community organizing. When he's not at the Foundation, he is a volunteer with the Reaching Back Program, coaching male Pittsburgh Public School students in health, wellness, nutrition, exercise and meditation.

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Trisha M. Gadson, Ph.D.

Dr. Gadson is an accomplished, mission driven nonprofit executive with more than 25 years of experience. Her leadership, operational and strategic skill sets combined with her training and experience support organizational growth.

Dr. Gadson's background in the advocacy and service of vulnerable populations while excelling in the area of strategic planning and leading highly productive teams is demonstrated through her leadership outcomes. She was recently described by 12 colleagues in a 360 evaluation as a "strategic, passionate and vastly competent professional with a unique skill in developing and maintaining relationships that best position the organization to accomplish its mission."

Dr. Gadson earned a Ph.D. in community engagement from Point Park University; a Master's of Science in professional leadership from Carlow University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Syracuse University. She also holds a national certification as a Bullying Prevention Program Trainer and Consultant from the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University and a Leadership Credential for Strength Based Family Workers from Temple University. In addition, Dr. Gadson is a recognized diversity and inclusion facilitator obtaining training from the National Multicultural Institute. She has supported more than 25 schools in 10 districts throughout Pennsylvania in the implementation of violence prevention and diversity services.

She began her career at the Newport News, Virginia, Department of Social Services as a Child Protective Service Worker. Following her relocation to Pennsylvania, she served with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Family Services as an Intake Caseworker and later an Intake Supervisor.

In addition to her county protective service experience, Ms. Gadson implemented a medical foster care case management program at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, now UPMC Mercy. She also served as the Training and Best Practice Technical Assistant for the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network.

Dr. Gadson is currently the Executive Director of Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center, a community based social service organization that specializes in engaging and partnering with at risk communities. She has authored human service articles, published a novel and conducted research on the topic of community engaged racialized conversations.

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