***William Paxton,***

***Outreach Coordinator***

Paxton works tirelessly to provide resource and referral coordination for clients and their families. This includes providing education and connections for clients and their families to take advantage of community resources and He will personally provide advocacy and support for individuals through the problem-solving processes to eliminate challenges and barriers that helps them improve their quality of life.

Paxton completed a number of continuing education programs and certifications through the Community College of Allegheny and other professional development programs such as

* + Building Collaborations and Finding Resources,
	+ Recovery Workshop,
	+ Language and Practice,
	+ Sexual Abuse,
	+ Homeless integrated Delivery System,
	+ Fire Safety Training,
	+ Professionalism and Boundaries,
	+ HIV/AIDs Awareness in the Mon Valley,
	+ Psychopharmacology,
	+ Transportation,
	+ Demand Treatment, and Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery.

Paxton has also received awards and recognitions for his dedication and community service.

Paxton is enthusiastic about cooking and producing new and fascinating foods and he immediately realized the need to follow at what he was naturally good. In his 60 years of cooking experience, he has gained a thorough understanding of culinary techniques, food safety requirements, and kitchen operations. During his experience in the culinary sector, he has had the pleasure to work for First Step Recovery Homes for 20 years, providing meals for participants and cooking for all business functions. He has also had the pleasure of learning and working at Cavanaugh's Restaurant and Banquet Hall. He’s worked closely with Pittsburgh's winter shelter program, YMCA Housing for the Homeless, Birmingham Women's Place, and Sulivan's Steakhouse.