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**PATHWAYS PA TO OPEN ITS NEWEST OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CHESETER**

*Transitional Living Program will give teen girls a new chance at self-sufficiency*

**WHO:**

- Mayor John A. Linder
- Delaware County Elected Officials
- Carol Goertzel, CEO of PathWays PA

**WHAT:**

- Grand Opening of PathWays PA's Newest Office

**WHEN:**

- Friday, June 28, 2013; 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Remarks to Begin at 11AM Followed by a Tour of the Facility

**WHERE:**

- 419 Ave of the States, Chester, PA
- Remarks will be held in adjacent park (weather permitting)

Tomorrow, PathWays PA will hold an Open House to introduce the PathWays PA Transitional Living Program (TLP) and our clients to the community. We hope members of the public will take the opportunity to see, first-hand, the wonderful people who make the TLP program possible and the positive effect it has on the neighborhood.

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides furnished apartments for homeless young women over an 18-month period while they continue their education, maintain a job or receive skills training. Group and individual counseling to pregnant adolescents and teen moms between the ages of 16 and 21 is also available. TLP assists young women in their transition to independence and is available to those who are not clients of the child welfare or juvenile justice system. Post discharge, PathWays PA provides aftercare services to all young women and their children for up to one year.

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*PathWays PA was founded in 1978 as the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives. It served as one of Pennsylvania's first residential programs to keep low-income, vulnerable women together with their children and has grown to become one of the Greater Philadelphia Region's foremost providers of residential and community-based services for women, children and families. Each year over 6,000 women, children and families benefit from our full complement of social services; job training and employment assistance; as well as outreach and residential programs as they move along the path to self-sufficiency.*