



## Upper Perkiomen Valley Community Services Coalition

The Open Line – YMCA of the Upper Perkiomen Valley - Upper Perkiomen School District  
The Lincoln Center - Youth and Family Services - Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce  
United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania - Upper Perkiomen Library  
Upper Perkiomen Valley Ministerium - Upper Perkiomen Senior Center – Montgomery County

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You know what it is like to be included or not included in a decision about the future that will impact you. When you are included, your input improves the decision quality. When you participate, none of your time gets wasted reworking agreements after the fact, none of your energy gets consumed adapting to a change you did not help craft, and none of your most important priorities get ignored.

We want to include you in shaping the future of Upper Perkiomen Valley Community Services (UPVCS). The goal of the Summit is to produce a clear, exciting, shared vision for the future of not-for-profit organizations in the Upper Perkiomen Valley and then to develop specific action plans for fulfilling that vision. The action plans will define in detail the new ways we will organize, manage and deliver services so that our programs survive and thrive. We want to improve lives and create an even stronger community.

You have been selected because of specific strengths and insights you can bring to the work of defining and planning a desired future for the Upper Perkiomen Valley. We believe that your investment of time and experience will be critical in producing successful Summit outcomes. Please join us and let your voice be heard.

As a key stakeholder in our community's future, you are invited to participate in...

### **Upper Perkiomen Valley Community Services Summit**

***“Committed to Caring, Stronger by Sharing, Forging Partnerships for a Brighter Tomorrow”***

***Friday, October 1, 2010 (3:45 to 8:30 p.m.)***

***Saturday, October 2, 2010 (8:30 am to 4:30 p.m.)***

***Saturday, November 6, 2010 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)***

***Hosted at Marlborough Elementary School***

***Stakeholder groups will include: Community-based organizations and the people they serve, active community investors, government and municipal representatives, media representatives, concerned citizens, corporate partners, business leaders, service organizations, faith community leaders, teen and young adult community members.***

Too often, change efforts fail to realize their full potential. There's too much talk and not enough action. We chose Appreciative Inquiry (Ai) as our change process because of its proven record of producing results that are high quality, actionable and sustainable. Ai spawns innovation teams that continue working after the Summit until the actions plans for change have been fully implemented.

To keep our Summit work on target, professional facilitation will be provided by our project consultants, Ray Wells and Jane Dolente of Wellbeing Systems.

There is a separate Response Form that can be used to confirm your attendance at the Summit. RSVPs are requested by Friday, September 10, 2010.

Many months of planning have led to your receiving this personal invitation. We are excited to have you participate in this crucial Summit that will produce meaningful, positive and long lasting changes in the lives of the people this community serves.

Thank you and see you at the Summit!

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