

# Crawford Community Center

*A partnership with*

- Keystone SMILES
- Emlenton Community Council
- Venango Economic Development Council
- Emlenton Borough

*For Child Care,  
Community  
Programming,  
Community Pride*



# A Community Effort

- Community Volunteers
- NTPC Summer Youth Corps
- SMILES Youth Service Corps
- AmeriCorps Members
- SMILES Staff
- Crawford Community Council



# Crawford Community Center, Emlenton, PA

- Teams were to assist with the renovations, implementation and creation of a Community Center
- Renovation of a unused school building to become a community asset
- Childcare programming
- Community Center for the public
- Project began in March, 1997

# Building a Children's Center

- Cleaning
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Wiring
- Cabinets
- Construction
- Phone Lines
- Bulletin Boards



The project involved many community volunteers, AmeriCorps members and Keystone SMILES staff with concentrated efforts to open the facility for families before school would start in the fall.

## What it took -- 4,000 hours

• Emlenton Community Volunteers..	355
• Summer Youth Corps.....	1,459
• SMILES Youth Service Corps.....	475
• SMILES/AmeriCorps .....	324
• Area Volunteers.....	207
• Crew Leader Libby Hansford.....	<u>1,172</u>
	3,992

The facility is still used today with the addition of the Boys and Girls Club Along the Allegheny.



# The Crawford Children's Center

- The mission and objectives of the children's center were to concentrate on educational, developmental and school readiness skills for children up to 12 years old
- Center was licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through Department of Welfare.
- New facility opened August 25, 1997