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## COMMUNITY ISSUES & OUTCOMES

### Caring for People in Crisis

*People experiencing a crisis, disaster or emergency will have their basic needs appropriately met, ensuring their safety and security.*

#### Basic Needs

- ❖ Disaster victims and people in crisis, throughout Berks County, have their basic needs quickly met
- ❖ People who are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis have their emergency housing needs met
- ❖ Families and military personnel who are separated in time of war have access to communication and other support services

#### Interpersonal Violence

- ❖ Domestic and sexual violence is reduced through effective, research-based prevention education programs
- ❖ Victims of interpersonal violence are ensured of safety and supportive services

#### Children and Youth in Crisis

- ❖ Runaway and homeless youth have access to safe, adequate emergency housing and support services
- ❖ Youth “aging out” of foster care are appropriately prepared and supported to successfully live independently as young adults
- ❖ Families with truant youth are quickly identified and participate in appropriate services for successful reconnection with schools
- ❖ More children declared dependent receive consistent and effective advocacy for their interests, throughout the length of their case