

Monroe County Is Celebrating The Success It's Seen In The First Year Of Its "Fighting Fentanyl"

By Rob Manch 69 News

MONROE COUNTY - The program uses \$7.1 million from a settlement with opioid companies to fund drug treatment and recovery programs in the county. It's an effort made possible by organizations like Justin's House, the county's only licensed recovery home.

"Justin's House is in honor of my brother. My brother Justin overdosed and died from a fentanyl overdose in Suffolk County, New York, in Patchogue a few years ago," said CEO Kenneth Ramirez.

Ramirez said he's 15-years sober himself, and he's using the new funding to help others in their recovery.

"They were able to give us opioid settlement grant money to purchase a van, and now we're able to take the guys to community meetings. We're driving to Scranton, we're driving to different counties to go to recovery events," said Ramirez.

The Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission is also putting that funding to good use.

"Last year, Carbon-Monroe-Pike provided 25% more people the opportunity to get help inpatient," said Executive Director Jamie Drake. "We gave out over 2,500 Narcan kits last year, and over 1,000 prescription disposal products."

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office said it's using the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative, or LETI, to help low-level drug offenders.

"They have a police interaction. Well, instead of necessarily charging them with a criminal offense, they could offer them a way to avoid that whole process by signing up for treatment," said District Attorney Michael Mancuso.

"We had 136 people signed up for LETI last year in 2024, and we had 71 people that had completed treatment," said Certified Recovery Specialist Stan Lewandowski.

But Ramirez said there's always more to be done.

"We definitely need more safe housing. We also need more safe housing for women," said Ramirez.

The opioid settlement funding will be paid out over the course of 18 years, so counties like Monroe will have the chance to review the data and expand the programs that are working to help more people recover from drug addiction.



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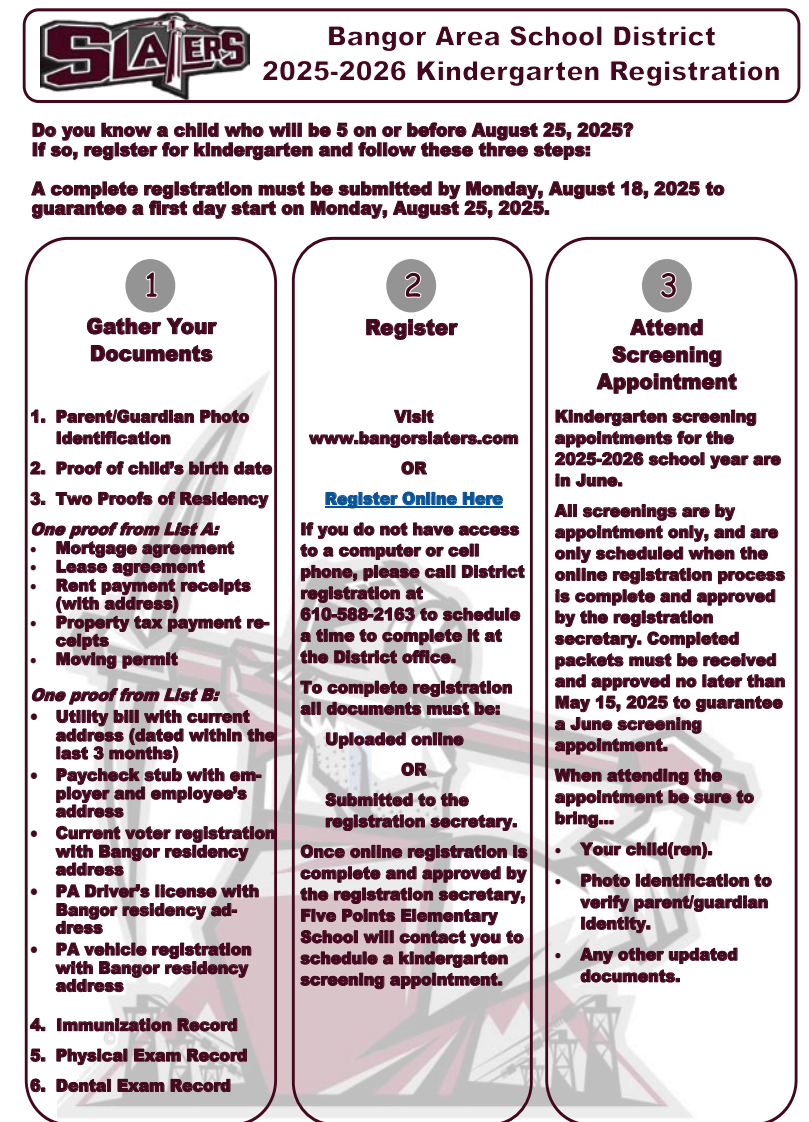


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2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration

Do you know a child who will be 5 on or before August 25, 2025? If so, register for kindergarten and follow these three steps:

A complete registration must be submitted by Monday, August 18, 2025 to guarantee a first day start on Monday, August 25, 2025.

1 Gather Your Documents

- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Proof of child's birth date
- Two Proofs of Residency

One proof from List A:

- Mortgage agreement
- Lease agreement
- Rent payment receipts (with address)
- Property tax payment receipts
- Moving permit

One proof from List B:

- Utility bill with current address (dated within the last 3 months)
- Paycheck stub with employer and employee's address
- Current voter registration with Bangor residency address
- PA Driver's license with Bangor residency address
- PA vehicle registration with Bangor residency address

- Immunization Record
- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

2 Register

Visit www.bangorslaters.com OR [Register Online Here](#)

If you do not have access to a computer or cell phone, please call District registration at 610-588-2163 to schedule a time to complete it at the District office.

To complete registration all documents must be:

- Uploaded online OR Submitted to the registration secretary.

Once online registration is complete and approved by the registration secretary, Five Points Elementary School will contact you to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment.

3 Attend Screening Appointment

Kindergarten screening appointments for the 2025-2026 school year are in June.

All screenings are by appointment only, and are only scheduled when the online registration process is complete and approved by the registration secretary. Completed packets must be received and approved no later than May 15, 2025 to guarantee a June screening appointment.

When attending the appointment be sure to bring...

- Your child(ren).
- Photo identification to verify parent/guardian identity.
- Any other updated documents.