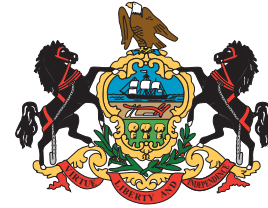


Special Needs Resource Guide
Where to Call for Help



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Dear Friends,

I have gathered the following information with hope that you are able to learn about organizations and services that are available to Pennsylvanians with special needs. It was assembled with your interests in mind.

The wide array of organizations that are listed will be able to assist you with issues relating to your health and wellness; support services; and programs provided by federal, state, and local governments.

I hope that you are able to find the information helpful for your particular needs. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance with any state-related issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan".

Ryan Mackenzie
State Representative, 134th District

Access Services, Inc.

3975 Township Line Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020
610-866-6667
www.accessservices.org

Access Services, Inc. was founded in 1976 by a group of Christian social workers and their vision was to create an organization whose focus was to develop innovative social services to fulfill unmet needs in their communities. Access Services, Inc. now operates in 11 counties in northeastern and southeastern Pennsylvania and offers a wide variety of services to people with developmental disabilities and children and adults with mental health, emotional or behavioral issues. Our mission stands to empower and serve people in need of specialized supports by providing innovative services that improve their ability to live fulfilling lives in the community.

AMS Caregivers, Inc.

32 North Third Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
610-966-7033
www.amscaregivers.com

AMS Caregivers provides healthcare and home assistance services in client's homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Our services are always available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays and unlike many other agencies, our minimum is only one hour of service per visit.

Autism Resource Community Hub of the Lehigh Valley- Elwyn

1347 Hausman Road
Allentown, PA 18104
610-573-2500
www.archoflv.com

The ARCH of Lehigh Valley is a professional and community collaborative that blends sound fiscal management practices with behavioral health care services and supports. The ARCH of Lehigh Valley will work in collaboration with individuals on the spectrum, families, county representatives, providers, experts in the field and other stakeholders to coordinate a continuum of services for individuals whose lives are touched

by autism. This “one-stop shopping” model integrates clinical and non-clinical approaches and training to the individuals who have a diagnosis on the autism spectrum or to family members touched by this diagnosis.

Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training Collaborative

1-877-231-4244
www.PaAutism.org

ASERT is a statewide initiative funded by the Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare. The ASERT Collaborative is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities and other providers of services involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. The ASERT Collaborative has been designed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide.

Autism Society of the Lehigh Valley

P.O. Box 267
Coopersburg, PA 18036
610-778-9212
www.asalehighvalley.org

ASA-LV is a volunteer parent organization dedicated to supporting individuals with autism and their families who live in the Lehigh Valley.

Bayada Home Health Care- Pediatrics

317 South Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18103
610-766-7000
www.bayada.com

Bayada Home Health Care provides nursing or personal care aides to disabled adults, seniors, and special needs children in the comfort of their homes.

Capital Blue Cross- CHIP

1221 West Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101
610-820-2700
www.capbluecross.com/chip

CHIP provides free or low cost health insurance to uninsured children and teens up to age 19 who are not eligible for medical assistance.

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

4210 Independence Drive
Schnecksville, PA 18078
610-769-4111
www.cliv.org

The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit # 21 (CLIU) is an Educational Service Agency which provides a broad range of services to the 14 public school districts, nonpublic schools and 2 vocational technical schools located within Carbon and Lehigh counties.

Caring Grace Home Care Agency

881 Third Street, Suite B-2
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-443-1850
www.caringgracehomecare.com

Caring Grace Home Care Agency offers social skills training sessions for children ages 3-12. This new program adds on to our existing services for the elderly and will give parents and caregivers of young children the opportunity to help build social skills and improve daily interactions with family members, peers, and members of the community.

Casa Guadalupe WIC Center

218 North 2nd Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-435-9902
www.casalv.org

The Casa Guadalupe WIC program offers supplemental food vouchers to infants, toddlers, expecting mothers, and non-breastfeeding or breastfeeding mothers. We offer nutrition education and breastfeeding support as well.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps

4300 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
610-398-0239
www.cetronia.org

Cetronia Ambulance Corps is the regional leader in emergency medical services, transportation, and community health resources.

Community Partners 4 Kids

P.O. Box 3432
Allentown, PA 18106
610-762-8054
www.cp4kids.org

Community Partners 4 Kids provides Amber Alert Certified child identification. We also offer a family website, www.cp4kids.org, which contains information on education/developmental resources in the community.

Concern Professional Services

90 South Commerce Way
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-691-8401
www.concern4kids.org

CONCERN, a nonprofit child welfare agency, has provided foster care, and delinquency services to over 16,000 children and teens since 1978. Founded with three foster parents and eight foster children, CONCERN has grown to 17 office sites with a range of children and youth services, ranging from foster care to delinquency services and counseling.

Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern PA

919 Walnut Street, Suite 700
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-629-5003
www.efepa.org

The EFEPa is dedicated to meeting the non-medical needs of people affected by epilepsy/seizure disorder to enhance their lives and build supportive communities.

Easter Seals Eastern PA

1501 Lehigh Street, Suite 201
Allentown, PA 18103
610-289-0114
www.easterseals.com/ese/

Easter Seals Eastern Pennsylvania provides several programs beneficial for children with unique needs. We are an Early Intervention provider in Lehigh County, serving eligible children ages birth to three. We also offer a preschool program for children with special needs ages 3 to 5 years. Whether your child's goal is to increase communication, enhance social skills, learn to walk, or improve feeding skills, our qualified educators, physical and occupational therapists, and speech pathologists are experienced in working with young children with special needs and abilities. In addition, our camp, respite, and recreation programs give our local youth with disabilities an opportunity to learn new skills, socialize, and enjoy community activities.

Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center

6900 Hamilton Boulevard
Trexlerstown, PA 18087
610-402-0184
www.epdsc.net

Our mission is to equip families and individuals influenced by Down syndrome with the latest medical advancements, social, emotional and education support in order to maximize each individual's potential.

Easton Coach Company

1200 Conroy Place
Easton, PA 18040
610-253-4055
www.eastoncoach.com

Easton Coach Company provides a door to door shared ride service to individuals who are in need of transportation and are unable to take the curbside bus service provided by LANTA. This is a unique service in which individuals are able to maintain their independence. Our buses are wheelchair accessible; each bus is equipped with a lift to assist individuals who may have difficulty maneuvering up and down steps.

Firely Pediatric Services

364 Maple Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-513-7455
www.firelypediatric.org

Firely Pediatric Services is committed to meeting the needs of medically fragile children and their families.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network

850 South 5th Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-776-3501
www.GoodShepherdRehab.org

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, based in Allentown, Pennsylvania, is a nationally recognized rehabilitation leader, offering a continuum of care for people with physical and cognitive disabilities and specializing in assistive and rehabilitation technology. For more information, visit www.GoodShepherdRehab.org.

The Hillside School

2697 Brookside Road
Macungie, PA 18062
610-967-3701
www.hillsideschool.org

The Hillside School is the leading independent school in the Lehigh Valley that is dedicated to educating children with language based learning disabilities.

KidsPeace

5300 KidsPeace Drive
Orefield, PA 18069
610-799-8348
www.kidspeace.org

KidsPeace is a private non-profit organization dedicated to servicing the behavioral and mental health needs of children, families, and communities. Founded in 1882, KidsPeace provides a unique psychiatric hospital, a comprehensive range of residential treatment programs, licensed educational services and a variety of foster care and community programs.

Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANta)

1060 Lehigh Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-776-7433
www.lantabus.com

LANta is the transit provider for Lehigh and Northampton Counties. We provide fixed route and demand responsive transit in the Lehigh Valley.

Lehigh County Children's Mental Health & Integrated Services

17 South 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18104
610-782-3523
www.lehighcounty.org

Lehigh County Children's Mental Health works with children and families to achieve positive change and recovery. This office believes that people with mental illness can best achieve change and recovery when treatment and supportive services are guided by each person's goals, preferences, strengths and needs.

Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services

17 South 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18101
610-782-3034
www.lehighcounty.org

The Office of Aging and Adult Services is committed to supporting and empowering the wellbeing of adults of all ages, residing in Lehigh County. Information and assistance is provided to enable individuals to remain active, healthy, productive and independent in their community.

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living

713 North 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-770-9781
www.lvcil.org

The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) is a non-profit organization based in Allentown, PA that provides information, services and support for people with all types of disabilities.

Lehigh Valley Children's Centers

1501 Lehigh Street, Suite 208
Allentown, PA 18103
610-820-5333
www.LVCCOnline.org

LVCC provides high quality early education and child care at 21 locations in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Meeting the needs of families since 1970, LVCC promotes healthy child development and encourages children to discover the joy of learning.

Lehigh Valley Health Network

1200 South Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18103
610-402-CARE (2273)
www.lvhn.org

If your child needs physical therapy, occupational therapy or audiology services, you can find it close to home. Lehigh Valley Health Network's rehabilitation services provide skilled therapy for children from birth through adolescence. Our experienced, caring therapists evaluate and treat children with a wide range of diagnoses, including gross and fine motor delays, balance and coordination disorders, sensory processing disorders, speech and language delays and feeding issues. The network also features the Children's Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital, where you will find the most wide-ranging, specialized health care services of any facility in the region. The Children's Hospital is unique and is home to the region's only Children's ER and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. It is the only associate member of the Children's Hospital Association (CHA), the organization that recognizes children's hospitals in the United States. If you want the most comprehensive medical attention for your child close to home, you want Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

1 West Broad Street, Suite 210
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-814-8009
www.magellanofpa.com

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc., established in 1996 for the sole purpose of serving the behavioral health needs of Pennsylvania's HealthChoices Program membership, serves as the partner of choice for Northampton and Lehigh County clients in a collective effort to facilitate

and accelerate the transformation of their behavioral health systems so that individuals and families are assisted and supported on their journey toward recovery, building resilience in their lives and securing a healthier future.

Manito Life Center

2160 North Cedar Crest Boulevard
Allentown, PA 18104
610-433-3707
www.manitoequestriancenter@live.com

Therapeutic Equestrian Riding (Horseback riding).
Equine Assisted Learning.
Equine Assisted Psychotherapy.

MassMutual Financial Group Eastern Pennsylvania

3701 Corporate Parkway, Suite 350
Center Valley, PA 18034
610-798-2567
www.easterpa.massmutual.com

The Special Care Program's holistic approach begins with a foundation of the key areas of traditional financial strategies including financial position, protection, investments, tax reduction strategies, retirement planning and estate planning. The MassMutual Financial Group Eastern Pennsylvania, Special Care Planners specialize in addressing the additional planning dynamics that special needs' families face including: Life Care Planning, Government Program Integration, and Family Dynamics & Financial Resource Management. Our process encourages communication among the family's network of advisers, provides information, education, resources and specialists, and offers customized options that create financial and legal strategies unique to an individual's situation.

Mercy Special Learning Center

830 South Woodward Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-797-8242
www.mercyspeciallearning.org

Mercy Special Learning Center is the only private school for children and young adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. We offer an integrated pre-K program for children ages 3-5 with special needs as well

as typical needs, school-age program exclusively for students with special needs ages 6-21, and a state-licensed community habilitation program for adults over 21 with disabilities who are unable to gain meaningful employment.

Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

P.O. Box 180
Whitehall, PA 18052
484-707-5746
www.miracleleagueofLV.org

Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley is a baseball program for those with special needs, and an inclusive cheer team. The program is open from May-October with various winter activities. Ages 4 and above welcome. There is no age of cut off.

MobilityWorks

6475 Ruch Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-837-0707
www.mobilityworks.com

MobilityWorks is a national chain of wheelchair accessible van providers. MobilityWorks serves the disabled community with wheelchair-accessible minivans, full-sized vans with lifts and commercial fleet vehicles. With 35 consumer showrooms in 13 states, we are one of the largest adaptive van providers in the United States. For more information, please call 877-275-4907 or visit www.mobilityworks.com.

Music Therapy Associates, LLC.

3437 MacArthur Road
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-740-9890
www.musictherapyassociates.com

With a dozen board-certified Music Therapists on staff, Music Therapy Associates provides individual and group music therapy for individuals of all ages and abilities throughout Eastern PA and Western NJ. Music Lessons on most instruments and voice as well as entertainment for birthday parties, family reunions and special events are provided.

Nami Lehigh Valley

802 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-882-2102
www.nami-LV.org

We provide free education, support and advocacy for individuals with mental health disorders and their family members who are often the caretakers.

Pennsylvania Department of Health Northeast District

665 Carney Avenue, Suite 5
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706
570-826-2062
www.health.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Community Health Systems provides many public health services including health promotion and education, immunization and the monitoring, tracking and investigation of communicable diseases. STD and HIV testing provides at local offices.

Pre-K for PA: All Children Ready to Succeed

909 Red Maple Lane
Easton, PA 18040
610-253-5376
www.prekforpa.org

The goal of the campaign is to ensure that all children in the Commonwealth are ready for succeed in school by making the high-quality pre-k accessible to every 3- and 4-year-old, focusing on the most at-risk first. While Pennsylvania's high-quality pre-k programs have been proven effective, they are currently reaching just one in six children. You can also find more information and sign on as a campaign supporter by visiting our website, prekforpa.org and click on the "take action" tab.

Progressions Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

881 Marcon Blvd, Suite 3900
Allentown, PA 18109
610-266-2656
www.pbhsi.com

PBHSI focuses on providing behavioral rehabilitative health services to children and adolescents with mental, emotional, and behavioral health

concerns. Our teams of therapeutic staff (Behavior specialist Consultant; Mobile Therapist; Therapeutic Support Staff) work with our clients and their families in the home, school, and community environments in order to maximize their potential and autonomy.

Project Lifesaver/TRIAD

333 Ridge Street, Apt. 301
Emmaus, PA 18049
610-966-8511
www.projectlifesaver.org

Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's, dementia, Autism, Down syndrome and any other cognitive condition that causes wandering. There are no boundaries- no one is immune! Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999, as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. There are 6 bracelets in Allentown and 2 in Bethlehem since October of 2014.

Private Industry Council of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.

72 North Second Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-829-1244
www.piclv.com

Private Industry Council Supported employment Program serves individuals with disabilities who want to work. Program staff matches individuals to appropriate jobs which are determined through our community assessment process. We can then provide the one-on-one training and support necessary for them to remain successfully employed. Long-term follow-along or job retention assistance may be provided if needed.

PSA Healthcare

1605 North Cedar Crest Boulevard, Suite 109
Allentown, PA 18104
610-439-6700
www.psahealthcare.com

CARING FROM THE HEART....When you choose PSA Healthcare, you get the very best. Our home healthcare professionals (nurses and aids) are highly skilled, passionate about working with families and caregivers and dedicated to treating each patient with the same care they would want

their own loved ones to receive. Our supervisors are on call 24/7 to ensure that our patient and families have the support they need to deliver Trusted, Quality care our patients deserve!

Quality Progressions

65 East Elizabeth Avenue, Suite 410
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-691-0215
www.qualityprogressions.org

Quality Progressions is a supports coordination organization (case worker) who supports and advocates for the independence of those with an intellectual disability.

Rejoicing Spirits

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 South Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA 18049
610-967-2220

Rejoicing Spirits is a nondenominational worship service for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers. Services are held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Special Olympics of Lehigh County

Park Professional Building
2200 Hamilton Boulevard, Suite LL-4
Allentown, PA 18102
610-432-5346

Special Olympics provides year round training for sports and athletic competitions for individuals with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy. The athletes participate in a sharing of gifts and skills, they develop friendships with other athletes, family members, and members of the community.

Step by Step, Inc.

623 West Union Boulevard
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-867-0688
www.stepbystepusa.com

Step By Step, Inc. a community based, Human Service Agency is committed to enhancing the quality of life and personal growth of those we serve. Our vast array of services focuses on meeting the needs of individuals.

Valley Youth House

524 Walnut Street
Allentown, PA 18101
610-432-6481
www.valleyyouthhouse.org

Valley Youth House is a non-profit agency that provides prevention and intervention services, counseling, life skills, and behavioral health services to youth and families. We provide respite care to families in need. BHRS services are also available.

Via of the Lehigh Valley

336 West Spruce Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-317-8000
www.vianet.org

Via provides services to children and adults with disabilities in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding counties. Services offered are Early Intervention, Community Habilitation/ Integration, Supported Employment, Pre-vocational Adult Training, and Summer Camp for Transition Age Students. Services are funded through ODP, BAS, OLTL, OVR and private pay.



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