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Advocacy for Special Health Care Needs		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Beaver County Collaborative Action Network</u>	The mission of the Beaver County Collaborative Action Network is to unite community leaders through collaboration, networking and quality trainings to improve the organizations that positively impact Beaver County.	http://bccan.org/ 1-724-846-6400
<u>The Arc of Pennsylvania</u>	The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh offers services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	http://thearcpa.org/welcome.html The ARC of Greater Pittsburgh serves Allegheny and Beaver counties. 1-412-995-5000
<u>Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</u>	Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (formerly known as Beaver County MH/MR/D&A/HC) is charged with the responsibility to encourage a seamless system of care that is accessible, continuously available, and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation.	http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/BH/Pages/default.aspx 1-724-891-2827
<u>Juvenile Law Center</u>	The Juvenile Law Center seeks to advance the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy and serves as a resource for older youth and young adults in Pennsylvania who are aging out of the foster care system.	http://jlc.org/resources/countyy-resource-guide/beaver 1-888-864-6393
<u>Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service</u>	Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service matches clients to a Pennsylvania lawyer in a specific area of law.	http://www.pabar.org/public/localbar/index.asp 1-800-932-0311
<u>Community Resources for Independence, Inc. (CRI)</u>	CRI is a community based, non-residential, non-profit corporation that provides services to individuals with disabilities to maximize their independence and the accessibility of the communities in which they live.	http://www.crinet.org/ 1-800-530-5541 1-814-838-7222 TTY: 1-814-838-8115
<u>Beaver County Assistance Office</u>	Pennsylvanians can seek assistance and a range of services for themselves and their families from professionally trained staff members at county assistance offices.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/countyyassistanceofficecontactinformation/ Toll Free: 1-800-653-3129 1-724-773-7300

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<u>Disability Options Network</u>	<p>The Disability Options Network mission is to empower people with disabilities to live as independently as they choose in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. They are an advocacy organization concentrating on disability rights issues, as well as skills training, peer support, and information and referral services.</p>	<p>http://doninc.org/company/disability-options-network/ 1-724-652-5144</p>
<u>Office of Vocational Rehabilitation</u>	<p>The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provides assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment to individuals with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.dli.pa.gov/Page/default.aspx 1-800-541-0721 or 1-814-871-4551</p>
<u>Special Kids Network</u>	<p>The Special Kids Network is a statewide referral service designed to serve families of children with chronic health or disabling conditions through information and service coordination.</p>	<p>www.gotoskn.state.pa.us 1-800-986-4550</p>
<u>Disability Rights Pennsylvania</u>	<p>Disability Rights Pennsylvania has helped tens of thousands of children and adults with disabilities to access special education services, obtain needed health and mental health care, gain access to employment and housing, and provide intervention to stop the abuse, neglect and rights violations of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://disabilityrightspa.org Harrisburg: 1-800-692-7443 or 1-717-236-8110; Philadelphia: 1-215-238-8070; Pittsburgh: 1-412-391-5225</p>
<u>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) National Help Center</u>	<p>The LGBT National Help Center serves gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning people by providing free and confidential peer support and local resources.</p>	<p>http://www.youthtalkline.org/ Youth Talkline: 1-800-246-7743 National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564</p>
<u>HAVIN, Inc.</u>	<p>The mission of HAVIN, Inc. is to provide supportive services and advocacy for survivors (and their significant others) of domestic violence and sexual assault; increase public awareness; and effect critical changes in public policy in response to sexual and domestic violence.</p>	<p>http://www.havinpa.org/ 1-724-548-8888 or 1-800-841-8881</p>
<u>United States Department of Labor Disability Resources</u>	<p>These resources are available to help foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.</p>	<p>https://www.disability.gov/ 1-866-487-2365 1-866-4-USA-DOL</p>

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<u>Pennsylvania Client Assistance Program (CAP)</u>	<p>CAP is an advocacy program for people with disabilities seeking services in employment and housing.</p>	<p>http://www.equalemployment.org/ 1-888-745-2357 TTY 1-215-557-7112</p>
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Disability Rights and Special Needs Resources		
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<u>Pennsylvania Families, Inc.</u>	<p>Pennsylvania Families, Inc. (PFI) is the statewide family network that convenes families of children in child-serving systems, connects them to information and resources to maximize their quality of life, and collaborates to improve community supports, services and family outcomes.</p>	<p>http://pafamiliesinc.org/ 1-800-947-4941</p>
<u>Social Security Administration</u>	<p>The Social Security Administration offers a listing of local offices and resources where individuals can apply for Social Security benefits.</p>	<p>https://www.socialsecurity.gov/ 1-800-772-1213</p>
<u>Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services</u>	<p>The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services assists Pennsylvanians who are blind or visually impaired gain the skills necessary to live and work independently in their communities.</p>	<p>http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/bbvs/Pages/default.aspx 1-412-565-5240</p>
<u>Bureau of Autism Services (BAS)</u>	<p>BAS is contained within the Department of Human Services, specifically addressing the needs, issues and concerns of people with autism spectrum disorders in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/autismservices/index.htm 1-866-539-7689</p>
<u>Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services</u>	<p>Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (formerly known as Beaver County MH/MR/D&A/HC) is charged with the responsibility to encourage a seamless system of care that is accessible, continuously available, and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation.</p>	<p>http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/BH/Pages/default.aspx 1-724-891-2827</p>
<u>Northwest Human Services</u>	<p>The Northwest Human Services is a provider of education and human services to individuals with special needs.</p>	<p>http://www.nhsonline.org/ 1-888-647-0020</p>

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<u>Goodwill Industries International, Inc.</u>	<p>Goodwill Industries International, Inc. works to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping people in need reach their full potential through learning and the power of work.</p>	<p>http://www.goodwill.org/fi nd-jobs-and-services/ (Refer to website for local sites and phone numbers.)</p>
<u>Lifesteps, Inc.</u>	<p>Lifesteps, Inc. helps individuals and families with life's changing needs by developing programs and providing services that will improve their quality of life.</p>	<p>http://www.lifesteps.net/index.jsp 1-800-225-2010</p>
<u>AHEDD, Inc.</u>	<p>The mission of AHEDD is to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of people with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.ahedd.org/ 1-866-902-4333</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Association for the Blind</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Association for the Blind provides a span of services to help Pennsylvania's residents prevent, prepare for and manage vision loss.</p>	<p>http://www.pablind.org/ 1-717-766-2020</p>
<u>United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)</u>	<p>UCP educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.</p>	<p>http://ucp.org/ Johnstown: 1-877-371-1110 Washington: 1-724-229-0851 Greensburg: 1-724-832-8272</p>
<u>Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (BCRC)</u>	<p>Beaver County Rehabilitation Center offers a school-to-work transition program, a pre-vocational program, supported employment, supported work program and vocational assessment for people with disabilities in Beaver County.</p>	<p>http://www.bcrc.net/ 1-724-847-1306</p>
<u>AccessAbilities</u>	<p>AccessAbilities provides services for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, including support coordination, personal care and assistance, independent living/community integration skills, and specialized therapies.</p>	<p>http://www.accessabilities.org/ Greensburg: 1-724-832-8272</p>
<u>National Runaway Safeline</u>	<p>The National Runaway Safeline is a toll-free, nationwide hot-line for runaways and troubled youth. It provides information and referral for shelter, counseling, medical and legal services and transportation back home.</p>	<p>https://www.1800runaway.org/ 1-800-786-2929</p>
<u>Supportive Services Harbor Point Housing, Inc.</u>	<p>Supportive Services Inc./Harbor Point Housing, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving the mental health needs of the residents of Beaver County, Pennsylvania since 1978. It is devoted to the provision of a safe, comfortable, therapeutic and progressive living environment for residents.</p>	<p>http://www.supportive.org/ 1-724-847-2103</p>

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Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.	Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc. is a Medicaid approved provider that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	http://kfamilysolutions.org/services/ 1-877-384-1729
Pennsylvania (PA) Elks Home Service Program	Since 1963, the PA Elks Home Service Program has been helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of children and adults throughout Pennsylvania. The PA Elks Home Service Program provides support and advocacy services to individuals of any age who have a developmental disability.	http://www.paelkshomeservice.org/index.php For children under 21, call the Special Kids Network helpline at 1-800-986-4550. For adults over 21, contact program director at 1- 814-781-7860
The Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL Center)	The mission of the PEAL Center is to educate and empower families to ensure that children, youth and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs lead rich, active lives as full members of their schools and communities.	https://pealcenter.org/ 1-866-950-1040
Pennsylvania Care Planning Council	The Pennsylvania Care Planning Council lists companies and individual providers on this website who help families deal with the crisis and burden of long-term care.	http://www.carepennsylvania.org/a2_PA_members.htm 1-800-989-8137

Assistive Technology		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation	Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation is a statewide, non-profit organization that helps individuals with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians acquire the assistive technology devices and services they want and need.	http://patf.us/ 1-888-744-1938
Allegheny County Family Resource Guide	The Allegheny County Family Resource Guide lists a variety of Allegheny County resources. Assistive technology is the name for the wide range of technology that helps individuals perform functions that might be otherwise difficult or impossible.	http://www.familyresourceguide.org/family-support/assistive-technology.aspx Mobility Works: 1-877-275-4907 or 1-412-824-8091
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)	United Cerebral Palsy educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.	http://ucp.org/ Johnstown: 1-877-371-1110 Washington: 1-724-229-0851 Greensburg: 1-724-832-8272

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<u>Free Library of Philadelphia, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped</u>	<p>The Free Library of Philadelphia's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped , as part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress , serves Pennsylvania residents who have difficulty reading due to a physical impairment, a reading disability or a vision challenge.</p>	<p>http://www.freelibrary.org/lbph/ 1-800-222-1754 1-215-683-3217</p>
<u>Variety -- the children's charity</u>	<p><u>Variety</u> strives to enable kids with disabilities to live life to the fullest with a focus on mobility, communication and social inclusion/interaction. Variety believes that no child should be left out, left behind or isolated, and, through its programs, Variety strives to give children opportunities to discover the possibilities for their own lives and be kids, first and foremost.</p>	<p>https://www.varietypittsburgh.org/ 1-724-933-0460</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Care Planning Council</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Care Planning Council lists companies and individual providers on this website who help families deal with the crisis and burden of long-term care.</p>	<p>http://www.carepennsylvania.org/list14_PA_disability_transportation_senior_services.htm Beaver County: 1-724-847-1980</p>

Counseling for Special Healthcare Needs

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<u>Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh</u>	<p>It is the aim of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh, Family Counseling Center, to provide respectful and courteous service to the public, to enhance each person's sense of value and self-esteem, and to foster self-acceptance, self-reliance, empowerment and recovery.</p>	<p>http://www.fccac.org/ Beaver County Outreach: 1-724-775-0758</p>
<u>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</u>	<p>SAMHSA offers a Behavioral Health Treatment Locator through which the user can search for a provider by address or zip code. The agency also offers a national helpline that provides free and confidential information in English and Spanish for individuals and family members facing substance abuse and mental health issues. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	<p>https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/ 1-800-662-4357 TDD:1-800-487-4889</p>

Early Childhood and Child Care

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Pennsylvania Department of Human Services	<p>The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania’s individuals and families. It promotes opportunities for independence through services and supports while demonstrating accountability for taxpayer resources.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/ 1-800-692-7462</p>
Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care	<p>The Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care Program helps low-income families pay their child care fees. The state and federal governments fund this program, which is managed by the Child Care Information Services office located in each county.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childcarearlylearning/childcareworkssubsidizedchildcareprogram/ 1-724-847-0145 1-800-322-8504</p>
Beaver County Head Start	<p>Head Start of Beaver County meets the unique needs of children ages 3 to 5 and their families by providing quality education, health services, and experiences that promote parent involvement, school readiness and community engagement.</p>	<p>http://privateindustrycouncil.com/head-start-of-beaver-county/ 1-724-728-2110</p>
Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	<p>Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (formerly known as Beaver County MH/MR/D&A/HC) is charged with the responsibility to encourage a seamless system of care that is accessible, continuously available, and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation.</p>	<p>http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/BH/Pages/default.aspx 1-724-891-2827</p>

Early Intervention

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Community Care Connections, Inc. (CCC)	<p>The CCC Infant-Toddler Therapy Services Program provides early intervention services to children birth to 3 years of age who have a developmental delay or disability. Therapies and instruction that are provided include physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, special instruction and nutrition services.</p>	<p>http://communitycareconnect.org/Infant-Toddler_Therapy_Service_Programs.html 1-724-283-3198</p>
Easter Seals Western and Central Pennsylvania	<p>Easter Seals Western and Central Pennsylvania provides programs and services to ensure that people with disabilities or other special needs, as well as their families, have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities</p>	<p>http://www.easterseals.com/wcpenna/our-programs/childrens-services/ 1-412-281-7244</p>

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PA Department of Education Early Intervention Program	<p>The Pennsylvania Early Intervention program provides support and services to families with children, from birth to age 5, with developmental delays and disabilities.</p>	<p>www.education.pa.gov : select EARLY Learning. CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288</p>
Allegheny County Family Resource Guide/Early Intervention	<p>The Allegheny County Resource Guide offers early intervention information and resources in Allegheny County and neighboring counties.</p>	<p>http://www.familyresourceguide.org/early-intervention/index.aspx 1-412-885-6000</p>
CONNECT Helpline:	<p>The CONNECT Helpline assists families in locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children ages birth to age 5. In addition, CONNECT can assist parents by making a direct link to their county early intervention program or local preschool early intervention program.</p>	<p>1-800-692-7288</p>

Health Insurance

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	<p>CHIP puts health coverage within reach for all uninsured kids and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.</p>	<p>http://www.chipcoverspakids.com/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-986-5437</p>
COMPASS	<p>COMPASS is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.</p>	<p>www.compass.state.pa.us</p>
APPRISE	<p>Pennsylvania offers a free health insurance counseling program (APPRISE) designed to help older Pennsylvanians, 65 or above, with Medicare.</p>	<p>http://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/insurance/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-783-7067</p>
Beaver County Office on Aging	<p>The Beaver County Office on Aging is committed to identifying the diverse needs of the aging population, providing quality services, preserving the dignity of the individual and advocating for the older person's rights.</p>	<p>http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/OOA/Pages/default.aspx 1-724-847-2262 1-888-548-2262</p>
Medicare Part D	<p>Information about the Part D prescription drug benefit available to individuals enrolled in Medicare can be found on this site.</p>	<p>https://www.medicare.gov/part-d/</p>

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HealthCare.gov	HealthCare.gov is the health insurance exchange website operated under the United States federal government under the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act .	https://www.healthcare.gov/ 1-800-318-2596
HealthChoices	HealthChoices provides access to quality medical care through Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program, connects people who receive Medicaid benefits to mental health and drug/alcohol services and serves more people in the community rather than in facilities.	http://www.healthypa.com/ 1-866-550-4355
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Medical Assistance (MA)	Medical Assistance, also known as Medicaid, and sometimes referred to as MA, pays for health care services for eligible individuals.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm 1-866-550-4355.
Presumptive Eligibility	Presumptive Eligibility provides insurance coverage for pregnant woman who have applied for Medicaid but are still under eligibility review.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/healthybeginnings/index.htm
Pennsylvania-Health-Coverage.com	This privately-owned website is a place to compare affordable maternity health insurance options.	http://www.pennsylvania-health-coverage.com/maternity?sid=SEM-H-AIW-G-4Zjq7ehl&c2=32268938927&c1=c&gclid=CPWZqKS2hr4CFYtDMgodS0cATQ 1-877-536-4809
Resource Guide to Healthcare Options in Pennsylvania	The Resource Guide to Healthcare Options in Pa. allows extension educators and others to locate programs for low-income individuals seeking access to health care services.	http://www.porh.psu.edu/project/a-resource-guide-to-healthcare-options-in-pennsylvania/

Housing		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
The Community Services Program of Beaver County	The Community Services Program of Beaver County is committed to providing the support necessary to assist eligible Beaver County residents in becoming self-sufficient. Services include emergency shelter, case management, transitional housing and rental assistance.	http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/CommDev/Pages/CommServPrograms.aspx 1-724-770-2040

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<u>Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh</u>	<p>The mission of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh Beaver County Outreach is to restore hope to the homeless and others in need.</p>	<p>https://www.ccpgh.org/page.aspx?pid=357 Beaver County Outreach: 1-724-775-0758</p>
<u>Housing Authority of the County of Beaver</u>	<p>The mission of the Housing Authority of the County of Beaver is to assist low income families with safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives.</p>	<p>https://www.beavercountyhousing.org/ 1-724-775-1220</p>
<u>Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</u>	<p>HUD is a federal program that provides housing support for individuals in need like rental programs (including Section 8) and home ownership assistance programs. HUD also provides a Hotline service for individuals to report incidences of housing discrimination.</p>	<p>http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/pennsylvania/offices Philadelphia: 215-656-0500; Pittsburgh: 412-644-6428 Hotline: 1-800-799-2085</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Housing Search.com</u>	<p>PAHousingSearch.com is a free resource to help individuals find a home that fits their needs and budget. Property providers can list available apartments or homes at any time, which means their listings are current.</p>	<p>http://www.pahousingsearch.com/index.html 1-877-428-8844</p>
<u>Northwest Human Services</u>	<p>Northwest Human Services provides residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.nhsonline.org/services-idd.html 1-888-647-0020</p>
<u>PathStone</u>	<p>PathStone Housing Services promotes access to personal counseling and financial resources designed to stabilize living environments and support economic security.</p>	<p>http://www.pathstone.org/ 1-800-888-6770</p>
<u>Making Homes Affordable</u>	<p>Making Homes Affordable offers Housing and Urban Development-approved housing counseling agencies to help individuals understand their options, prepare applications and work with mortgage companies.</p>	<p>https://www.makinghomesaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx 1-888-995-4673</p>
<u>Salvation Army</u>	<p>The Salvation Army is dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry and educating our youth. They respond to emergencies, shelter the homeless, reunite families and renew health to addicts. Wholistic service is the goal -- to meet physical, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of families and individuals. It provides innovative, affirmed and successful programs and services to bring hope, strength and success to people throughout Western Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>http://wpa.salvationarmy.org/WesternPennsylvania/beaver-falls Beaver Falls: 1-724-846-2330</p>

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City Rescue Mission	Since 1911, the City Rescue Mission has offered a hot meal, and a place to sleep.	http://cityrescuemission.org/ 1-412-652-4321
Women's Center of Beaver County	The Women's Center of Beaver County advocates for ALL victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault without regard to status, race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical ability or language.	http://womenscenterbc.org/ 1-724-775-0131 1-877-629-1841
Lifesteps, Inc.	Lifesteps, Inc. helps individuals and families with life's changing needs by developing programs and providing services which will improve their quality of life.	http://www.lifesteps.net/index.jsp 1-800-225-2010

Medicaid Waivers for Children Under 21

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Pennsylvania Department of Human Services	The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania's individuals and families. It promotes opportunities for independence through services and supports while demonstrating accountability for taxpayer resources.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/ 1-800-692-7462
Attendant Care/Act 150	The Attendant Care/Act 150 enables individuals ages 18-59 with a physical disability, but mentally alert, to continue to live in their homes with support and services.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/attendantcare/attendantcareact150/#.Vp5N28tliUk Long-Term Living Helpline: 1-800-753-8827
Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/OBRA Waiver	The OBRA Waiver provides services to people 18 or older with severe developmental and physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy or similar conditions (onset prior to age 22).	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/obrawaiver/ Long-Term Living Helpline, 1-800-753-8827

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Pennsylvania Consolidated Waiver	<p>The Pennsylvania Consolidated Waiver is designed to help individuals with an intellectual disability, autism or developmental disability to live more independently in their homes and communities and to provide a variety of services that promote community living, including self-directed service models and traditional, agency-based service models.</p>	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/consolidatedwaiverforindividualswithintellectualdisabilities/S_000989
Pennsylvania Person/Family Directed Support Waiver	<p>The Pennsylvania Person/Family Directed Support Waiver is designed to help individuals with an intellectual disability, autism or developmental disability to live more independently in their homes and communities and to provide a variety of services that promote community living, including self-directed service models and traditional, agency-based service models.</p>	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/personfamilydirectedsupportwaiver/index.htm
Independence Waiver	<p>The Independence Waiver may be able to help adults with a severe physical disability live or remain in the community and remain as independent as possible.</p>	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/independencewaiver/ 1-717-787-8091
Infant, Toddlers and Families Waiver	<p>The Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver provides services to children from birth to age 3 who need early intervention services and would otherwise require the level of care provided in an intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities or other related conditions (ICF/MR-ORC).</p>	http://dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/infanttoddlersandfamilieswaiver/index.htm 1- 717-346-1119

Respite Care		
<p>Respite is planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with special needs to provide temporary relief to family caregivers who are caring for that child or adult.</p>		
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ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center	<p>The mission of the ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is to assist and promote the development of quality respite and crisis care programs, to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities, and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums.</p>	https://archrespite.org/respitelocator 1-919-490-5577

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The Arc of Pennsylvania	<p>The Arc of Pennsylvania promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.</p>	http://www.thearc.org/Pages.aspx?&pid=327
Community Living and Support Services (CLASS)	<p>The mission of CLASS is to support people with disabilities as they explore options, participate in the community and strive toward equality. This site offers some respite information.</p>	<p>https://www.classcommunity.org/search/node/respite 1-412-683-7100 1-888-954-2424 TTY: 412-246-2255</p>

Special Education		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education Consult Line	<p>The ConsultLine is designed to assist parents and advocates of children with disabilities or children thought to be disabled. If individuals have any questions concerning their child's special education program or the laws relating to the provision of services in their child's Individualized Educational Program, the special education specialists at ConsultLine may be able to assist them.</p>	<p>http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Special%20Education/Pages/Special-Education-in-PA---Consult-Line.aspx 1-800-879-2301</p>
Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU)	<p>Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania are part of the governance structure of public education and promote educational collaboration between state education agencies and the local school districts. They provide specialized services to local school districts that can be operated more effectively and efficiently on a regional basis.</p>	<p>https://paiu.org/ius.php 1-717-732-8463</p>

Support Groups		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania	<p>In Pennsylvania, the "Parent to Parent" model is a one-to-one match between an experienced mentor parent, called a peer support parent, and a parent seeking individualized support from another parent who has been there.</p>	<p>http://www.parenttoparent.org/ 1-888-727-2706</p>

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Pennsylvania Families, Inc.	Pennsylvania Families, Inc. (PFI) is the statewide family network that convenes families of children in child-serving systems, connects them to information and resources to maximize their quality of life, and collaborates to improve community supports, services and family outcomes.	http://pafamiliesinc.org/ 1-800-947-4941
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The Healthy Baby Information Helpline 1-800-986-2229		
Breastfeeding		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Department of Health	The Pennsylvania Department of Health recognizes breastfeeding as the ideal nutrition for infants.	http://www.health.pa.gov/ Breastfeeding Handouts for Parents: Choose-Go TO- My Health, Women’s Health, Breastfeeding Awareness, Handouts for Parents 1-877-PA-HEALTH
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Referral Guide	The Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Referral Guide contains county-specific individuals and organizations that can provide breastfeeding awareness, support and assistance. It includes information on lactation specialists, community programs, support/mother groups, community coalitions, breast pump rentals and retail purchases, and local, state and national help lines.	http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Womens%20Health/Breastfeeding%20Awareness/Documents/PA%20Bfg%20Referral%20Guide%20Rev%20Aug%202017.p df 717-346-3000
Womenshealth.gov	The mission of Womenshealth.gov is to provide national leadership and coordination to improve the health of women and girls through policy, education and model programs. Specific to breastfeeding, the website provides information and support to help women breastfeed successfully.	http://www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/common-challenges/index.html 1-800-994-9662
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	WIC has improved the nutrition and health of families in Pennsylvania since 1974 by providing nutrition services, breastfeeding support, health care and social service referrals, and healthy foods.	http://pawic.com/ (1-800-WIC-WINS) 1-800-942-9467

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Car Seat Safety		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania (PA) Child Passenger Protection Act	<p>The Pennsylvania Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all drivers transporting children ages birth – 4 years use an approved child safety seat. Children ages 4 to 8 must wear a seat belt and be in a booster seat. Children with medical conditions or disabilities may require special considerations or adaptations for transportation safety.</p>	http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiopbvom47WAhUCyoMKHUhVAaIQfggwMAI&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pakidstravelsafe.org%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2Fitem%2Fdownload%2F369_a828d49458bafd9461e78fc6b5cde1b6&usg=AFQjCNHc3MeVHe-zqiddenQJFN0cliX5rg
The Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project	<p>Materials available through the Traffic Injury Prevention Project cover a range of traffic safety areas. These areas include: child passenger safety, seat belt safety, air bag safety, school bus safety, transporting special needs children, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and youth driving safety and awareness.</p>	http://pakidstravelsafe.org/ 1- 800-CAR-BELT (227-2358)
Car Seat Loan Program by County	<p>Active Car Seat Loan Programs allows individuals search programs by county.</p>	http://www.pakidstravelsafe.org/resources/car-seat-loan-programs?view=Profiles&layout=search
National Highway Safety Transportation Administration (NHTSA)	<p>The NHTSA works to prevent injuries and fatalities for all road users -- including children, teens, older drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers with disabilities. The NHTSA is available for information and resources to keep individuals safe on the road, and in and around cars.</p>	http://www.nhtsa.gov/
National Easter Seal Society	<p>Easter Seals Western and Central Pennsylvania provides programs and services to ensure that people with disabilities or other special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.</p> <p>Referrals and Information about car seats can be found on this site.</p>	http://www.easterseals.com/ 1-800-221-6827

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The American Academy of Pediatrics	The American Academy of Pediatrics is dedicated to the health of all children. Referrals and information about car seats can be found on this website.	https://search.aap.org/find?source=aap.org&k=car%20seats 1-800-433-9016
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Counseling		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
text4baby	This entity provides free text messages to keep you and your baby healthy throughout your pregnancy and the baby's first year.	Registration is free @ https://text4baby.org/ .
Choices Pregnancy Services	At Choices Pregnancy Services, individuals find caring client advocates and medical staff who listen and offer accurate information on all available choices. This allows individuals to make the decision that is best for them.	http://www.pregnancychoices.org/ Monaca, PA: 1-724-728-5550
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	The Pennsylvania WIC has improved the nutrition and health of families in Pennsylvania since 1974 by providing nutrition services, breastfeeding support, health care and social service referrals, and healthy foods.	http://pawic.com/ (1-800-WIC-WINS) 1-800-942-9467

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Uninsured Pennsylvania children and teens who are not eligible for Medical Assistance have access to affordable, comprehensive health-care coverage. CHIP is there for your kids with quality, comprehensive health insurance coverage for routine doctor visits, prescriptions, dental, eye care, prescriptions and much more.	http://www.chipcoverspkids.com/ 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

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Resource	Description	Contact Information
Presumptive Eligibility	Presumptive Eligibility provides insurance coverage for pregnant woman who have applied for Medicaid but are still under eligibility review.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/healthybeginnings/index.htm
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Benefits Helpline	The Human Services Benefits Helpline services inquiries about public assistance programs in Pennsylvania, including (but not limited to) cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid eligibility and energy assistance (LIHEAP).	1-800-692-7462
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information	Pennsylvanians can seek assistance and a range of services for themselves and their families from professionally trained staff members at county assistance offices.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/countyassistanceofficecontactinformation/ Toll Free: 1-800-638-6816 or 1-717-334-6241
COMPASS	COMPASS is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.	www.compass.state.pa.us
Pennsylvania HealthOptions.com	This resource will help to compare insurance carriers online.	http://www.pahealthoptions.com/ 1-877-881-6388

Lead Health Information for Parents, Homeowners, Contractors, and Health Care Professionals

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Lead Poisoning	Lead can do great harm, especially to young children. The leading cause of lead poisoning is lead dust from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes until 1978. Young children are exposed to lead dust in older homes through normal everyday activities, such as crawling on the floor and putting their hands, toys or other objects in their mouths. Lead can also be found in bare soil, some imported spices, home remedies and cosmetics. Go to MY HEALTH, INFANT AND CHILDREN, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control, LEAD POISONING.	http://www.health.pa.gov/ 1-800-440-LEAD (5323)

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<u>Elevated Lead Blood Level Case Management Guidelines</u>	<p>These are recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.</p>	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/CaseManagement/casemanage_main.htm</p> <p>1-800-CDC-INFO 1-800-232-4636 TTY: 888-232-6348</p>
<u>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lead</u>	<p>The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment.</p> <p>The EPA provides many useful links for families.</p>	<p>http://www2.epa.gov/lead</p> <p>1-800- 424-5323</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program (SHHP) seeks to provide education and interventions to promote healthy homes and prevent problems and injuries. When hazards are present in a home, they can have a profound effect upon the health of the occupants, particularly children who are most vulnerable.</p>	<p>http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Infant%20and%20Childrens%20Health/Lead%20Poisoning%20Prevention%20and%20Control/Pages/Safe-and-Healthy-Homes-Program.aspx</p> <p>1-717-772-2762</p>

Information for Families, Contractors and Property Managers

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).gov - Lead</u>	<p>EPA has two programs for certifying contractors and accrediting training providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Renovation, Repair and Painting Program •Lead Abatement Program for permanent elimination of lead-based paint hazards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program-contractors 2. https://www.epa.gov/lead/evaluating-and-eliminating-lead-based-paint-hazards
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry lists accredited trainers and certified contracting firms.</p>	<p>http://www.dli.pa.gov/Pages/search.aspx?searchBox=accredited%20trainers%20and%20contractors</p>

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<u>Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)</u>	<p>For information about regulations regarding work on facilities which are non-residential, contractors should contact the appropriate Occupational Safety and Health Administration Pennsylvania area office.</p>	<p>https://www.osha.gov/</p>
<u>Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Lead Disclosure Rule</u>	<p>Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, also known as Title X, to protect families from exposure to lead from paint, dust and soil. Section 1018 of this law directed HUD and EPA to require the disclosure of known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before the sale or lease of most housing built before 1978. If you did not receive the Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards form when you bought or leased pre-1978 housing, contact 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).</p>	<p>http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/healthy_homes/enforcement/disclosure</p> <p>1-800-424-LEAD (5323)</p>

Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and Their Families

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania</u>	<p>The mission of the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania is to foster a community of education, advocacy, support and research to maximize the quality of life for those with brain injuries and their families.</p>	<p>http://www.biapa.org/site/c.iuLZJbMMKrH/b.1760731/k.BD3E/Home.htm</p> <p>1-800-444-6443</p>
<u>Head Injury Program</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Head Injury Program (HIP) was created in 1988 by the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985 and pays for head injury rehabilitation services for people who qualify. The goal of the program is to help individuals with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) live independently in their homes and communities.</p>	<p>www.health.pa.gov</p> <p>Go to MY Health, A-Z Topics, E-H, Head Injury</p> <p>1-717-772-2763</p>
<u>Brain Injury Help Line</u>	<p>To learn more about services available for individuals with brain injury and their families, please contact the toll-free Brain Injury Help Line.</p>	<p>1-866-412-4755</p>
<u>Independent Enrollment Broker</u>	<p>Office of Long-Term Living launched the PA Independent Enrollment Broker, a contracted statewide entity, to facilitate and streamline the eligibility/enrollment process for applicants seeking services for several Pa. waivers/programs.</p>	<p>1-788-550-4227</p>

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COMMCARE Waiver	<p>This is a home and community-based services waiver for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI). The COMMCARE Waiver can help individuals, 21 years of age or older, with medically determinable diagnosis of traumatic brain injury remain as independent as possible.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/commcarewaiver/ 1-717- 787-8091</p>
Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/OBRA Waiver	<p>The OBRA Waiver provides services to people 18 or older with severe developmental and physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy or similar conditions (onset prior to age 22).</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/obrawaiver/ Long-Term Living Helpline, 1-800-753-8827</p>
Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania	<p>This is a nonprofit organization of brain injury survivors, family members and friends dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and families who care for them.</p>	<p>http://www.abin-pa.org/ 1-888-308-3848</p>
Brainline.org	<p>BrainLine is a national multimedia project offering information and resources about preventing, treating and living with traumatic brain injury (TBI).</p>	<p>http://www.brainline.org/ 1-703-998-2020</p>

Immunizations/Vaccinations		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunizations	<p>The Division of Immunizations, in the Pennsylvania Department of Health, focuses on the reduction or elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases. The primary goal of the division is to achieve maximum immunization coverage to eliminate the occurrence of vaccine preventable diseases in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>www.health.pa.gov Go to My Health, Immunizations. 1-717-787-5681</p>
Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children Program	<p>The Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children (PA VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. CDC purchases vaccines at a discount and distributes the vaccine to grantees -- i.e., state health departments and certain local and territorial public health agencies -- that in turn distribute the vaccine at no charge to those private physicians' offices and public health clinics enrolled as PA VFC providers. Children who are eligible for VFC vaccines are entitled to receive vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.</p>	<p>www.health.pa.gov Go to My Health, Immunizations, Vaccines for Children 1-717-787-5681</p>

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Pennsylvania Department of Health, Health Services Locator	The Health Services locator is available to assist in finding Pennsylvania health care facilities within your county or region.	http://www.health.pa.gov/ Go to Healthcare Facilities, Laws and Regulations, Outpatient Facilities, Health Care Facility Locator
Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers	As the state primary care association , the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers represents and supports the largest network of primary health care providers in the commonwealth.	http://www.pachc.org/AboutPACHC 1-866-944-2273

Legal Advocacy for the Disabled in Pennsylvania

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Disability Rights Pennsylvania	Disability Rights Pennsylvania has helped tens of thousands of children and adults with disabilities to access special education services, obtain needed health and mental health care, gain access to employment and housing, and intervene to stop the abuse, neglect and rights violations of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.	http://disabilityrightspa.org Harrisburg: 1-800-692-7443 or 1-717-236-8110; Philadelphia: 1-215-238-8070; Pittsburgh: 1-412-391-5225
Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP)	PHLP offers free legal advice to low-income people with insurance problems. They also help people who do not have health insurance	http://www.phlp.org/ 1-800-274-3258
Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate -- Locate a Victim Service Agency	The Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate is dedicated to representing, protecting and advancing the individual and collective rights and interests of crime victims.	http://www.ova.pa.gov/Services/Resources/LocateaVictimServiceAgency/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-563-6399

Transportation Assistance for the Disabled

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Brain Injury Association Transportation Resource List	The Brain Injury Association Transportation Resource list offers a variety of transportation resources.	http://www.biapa.org/site/c.iuLZJbMMKrH/b.1841193/k.A621/Transportation.htm

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<u>Community Disability, Assistive Technology & Transportation Service</u>	<p>Seniors who wish to age-in-place in their own homes face a dilemma when it comes to disability. Seniors with disabilities may face problems with mobility, poor eyesight, hearing, use of their hands or memory. Special disability support devices such as handrails, scooters, stair lifts, bathroom aids, special clothing, adaptive devices and so forth are available, but seniors often don't know about these assistive technology aids and may not have the resources to obtain this support.</p>	http://www.carepennsylvania.org/list14_PA_disability_transportation_senior_services.htm
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Medical Assistance Transportation Program</u>	<p>The Medical Assistance Transportation Program, also known as MATP, provides transportation to medical appointments for Medical Assistance recipients who do not have transportation available to them. The individual's county of residence will provide the type of transportation that is the least expensive while still meeting their needs.</p>	http://matp.pa.gov/ 1-800-632-9063

Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance and Job Training for the Disabled

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Vocational Rehabilitation Services Website</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain or maintain employment. OVR provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities, both directly and through a network of approved vendors. Services are provided on an individualized basis.</p>	http://www.dli.pa.gov/individuals/disability-services/ovr/pages/default.aspx
<u>Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Office Directory (OVR)</u>	<p>The OVR Office Directory will help you find an OVR district office near you.</p>	http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/OVR-Office-Directory.aspx