

Elk County Resource Guide

Advocacy for Special Healthcare Needs		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
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
The Arc of Pennsylvania	The Arc of Pennsylvania promotes the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.	http://thearc.org/welc 1-717-234-2621 Toll Free: 1-800-692-7258
Juvenile Law Center	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/county-resource-guide/elk 1-888-864-6393
AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania	Founded in 1988, the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania is a nonprofit public-interest law firm providing free legal assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS and those affected by the epidemic.	http://www.aidslawpa.org/about-alpp/ 1-215-587-9377
Kids As Self Advocates	Kids As Self Advocates is a national, grassroots project created by youth with disabilities for youth. Activities include representing the voice of youth living with disabilities and chronic health conditions by speaking to policy makers at public events and hearings, and educating communities, including students, teachers, administrators, medical students and physicians.	http://fvkasa.org/index.php 1-207-458-1009
Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service	Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service matches clients to a Pennsylvania lawyer in a specific area of law which may include education and disability-related issues.	http://www.pabar.org/ 1-800-932-0311

Elk County Resource Guide

<u>Northwestern Legal Services</u>	<p>Northwestern Legal Services is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to providing free legal representation to low income people with civil legal problems. In addition to direct representation, they offer private attorney involvement programs, a telephone advice program, conduct self-help and pro se (representing self without an attorney) clinics, and provide community education.</p>	<p>https://www.nwls.org/Default.htm 1-814-452-6957 1-800-665-6957</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/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-541-0721 or 1-814871-4551</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>http://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 access special education services, obtain needed health and mental health care, and gain access to employment and housing. It has also intervened 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: 1-215-2388070 Pittsburgh: 1-412-391-5225</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Client Assistance Program</u>	<p>This is an advocacy program for people with disabilities seeking services in employment and housing.</p>	<p>http://www.equalemployment.org/ 1-888-745-2357</p>
<u>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender National Help Center</u>	<p>The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender 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: 1-800-2467743 National Hotline: 1-888843-4564</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/a2_PA_members.htm 1-800-989-8137</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

The Advocacy Alliance	<p>The mission of the Advocacy Alliance is to promote mental well-being and support recovery for adults who have a mental illness; resiliency for children and adolescents who have emotional/behavioral disorders; everyday lives for individuals who have developmental disabilities; and independence for older adults and individuals with physical disabilities, by providing advocacy and culturally competent services.</p>	<p>http://theadvocacyalliance.org/index.html 1-877-315-6855</p>
AHEDD	<p>AHEDD's mission 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>
United States Department of Labor Disability Resources	<p>The purpose of the United States Department of Labor Disability Resources is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of 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>
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information	<p>Pennsylvanians can seek assistance and a range of services for themselves and their families from professionally trained staff members at county assistance offices.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/countyasistanceofficecontactinformation/ 1-800-847-0257 1-814-776-1101</p>

Disability Rights and Special Needs Resources

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Families, Inc.	<p>Pennsylvania Families, Inc. 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>
Social Security Administration	<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>

Elk County Resource Guide

<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 1-717-787-7500</p>
<u>Bureau of Autism Services</u>	<p>This is a department 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>Cameron and Elk Counties Behavioral and Developmental Program</u>	<p>This organization offers behavioral, developmental, mental health, early intervention, and housing services in Elk and Cameron counties.</p>	<p>http://www.cemhmr.org/ 1-814-772-8016 Crisis Hotline: 1-800-652 - 0562</p>
<u>Dickinson Center, Inc.</u>	<p>Dickinson Center, Inc. is committed to helping individuals reach their full potential by providing a comprehensive spectrum of behavioral health, intellectual disability, and prevention services.</p>	<p>https://www.dickinsoncenter.org/ 1-877-364-2178</p>
<u>Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living of North Central Pennsylvania</u>	<p>The mission of the Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living of North Central Pennsylvania is to empower people with all disabilities by providing resources, options, and disability related services needed to obtain individual freedom in their lives.</p>	<p>http://cilncp.org/ 1-570-327-9070 1-800-984-7492</p>
<u>Goodwill Industries International, Inc.</u>	<p>Goodwill 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/find-jobs-and-services/ (Refer to website for local sites and phone numbers.)</p>
<u>Lakeshore Community Services, Inc.</u>	<p>The mission of Lakeshore Community Services, Inc. is to enhance the ability of persons with mental and physical disabilities to live as independently as possible by acquiring skills and utilizing services that promote each individual's self-direction, personal worth, and value.</p>	<p>https://www.lakeshorecs.org/ 1-814-772-1921</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Association for the Blind</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Association for the Blind provides a span of services to help Pennsylvania's citizens prevent, prepare for, and manage vision loss.</p>	<p>http://www.pablind.org/ 1-717-766-2020</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

<u>Special Olympics Pennsylvania-Local Programs</u>	<p>Special Olympics Pennsylvania has 56 active county and city programs across Pennsylvania, serving a growing body of nearly 20,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.specialolympicspa.org/local-programs 1-814-290-7818</p>
<u>National Runaway Safeline</u>	<p>The National Runaway Safeline is a toll-free, nationwide hot-line for runaways and troubled youth. 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>Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.</u>	<p>Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc. is a Medicaid approved provider who supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p>	<p>http://kfamilyolutions.org/services/ 1-877-384-1729</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program</u>	<p>Since 1963, the Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program has been helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of children and adults throughout Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program provides support and advocacy services to individuals of any age who have a developmental disability.</p>	<p>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</p>
<u>The Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center</u>	<p>The mission of the Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership 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.</p>	<p>https://pealcenter.org/ 1-866-950-1040</p>

Assistive Technology		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation</u>	<p>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.</p>	<p>http://patf.us/ 1-888-744-1938</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

<u>Caroline's Cart</u>	<p>Caroline's Cart was created for special needs individuals. It provides caregivers a viable option to transport a special needs individual through a store while shopping, without having to maneuver a wheelchair and a traditional shopping cart at the same time.</p>	<p>https://technibilt.com/carolines-cart/ 1-828-464-7388 See website for store locations.</p>
<u>Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped</u>	<p>The Free Library of Philadelphia's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves Pennsylvania residents who have difficulty reading due to a physical impairment, a reading disability, or a vision challenge.</p>	<p>https://libwww.freelibrary.org/locations/library-for-the-blind-and-physicallyhandicapped 1-215-686-5322</p>
<u>Life and Independence for Today</u>	<p>Life and Independence for Today offers accessibility guidance, assistive technology, disability awareness, nursing home transition services, the Reuse Program, and Project Lifesaver to people with disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.liftcil.org/index.html 1-814-781-3050 1-800-341-5438</p>

Counseling for Special Healthcare Needs

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</u>	<p>This organization 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 which 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

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Human Services</u>	<p>The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania's individuals and families. They promote 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>

Elk County Resource Guide

<u>Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care</u>	<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 <u>Child Care Information Services</u> office located in each county.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childcareearlylearning/childcareworkssubsidizedchildcareprogram/ 1-814-486-1974 1-800-638-4670</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Head Start</u>	<p>Head Start helps young children from low-income families prepare to succeed in school through local programs. Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote children's development through services that support early learning, health, and family wellbeing.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childcareearlylearning/headstart/ 1-814-486-1161</p>

Early Intervention

Resource	Description	Contact Information
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Early Intervention</u>	<p>Early Intervention supports and services are designed to meet the developmental needs of children with a disability as well as the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/earlyinterventionservices/ CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288</p>
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Education Early Intervention Program</u>	<p>The Pennsylvania Early Intervention Program provides support and services to families with children, from birth to age five, with developmental delays and disabilities.</p>	<p>http://www.education.pa.gov/Early%20Learning/Early%20Intervention/Pages/default.aspx CONNECT Helpline at 1800-692-7288</p>
<u>CONNECT Helpline:</u>	<p>The CONNECT Helpline assists families in locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children from birth to age five. 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

Elk County Resource Guide

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program	Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance program provides health insurance to uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.	http://www.chipcoverspaki ds.com/Pages/default.aspx
COMPASS	COMPASS is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.	www.compass.state.pa.us

APPRISE	This free health insurance counseling program is designed to help Pennsylvanians who are 65 years of age or older with Medicare.	http://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/insurance/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-783-7067
Office of Human Services Services for Older Adults in Cameron, Elk, and McKean Counties	Office of Human Services provides services to approximately 4,000 persons over age 60 residing in Cameron, Elk or McKean County in a typical year. Office of Human Services does this through cooperative relationships with 13 senior centers and over 50 health and human service organizations.	http://www.ohsaging.com/ 1-800-672-7145
Medicare Part D	Information about the Part D prescription drug benefit available to individuals enrolled in Medicare can be found at this site.	https://www.medicare.gov/part-d/
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 people more in the community rather than in facilities.	http://www.healthypa.com/ 1-866-550-4355
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Medical Assistance	Medical Assistance, also known as Medicaid, pays for health care services for eligible individuals.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm 1-866-550-4355.

Elk County Resource Guide

Presumptive Eligibility	<p>Presumptive Eligibility provides insurance coverage for pregnant woman who have applied for Medicaid but are still under eligibility review.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/healthybeginnings/index.htm</p>
Pennsylvania-Health-Coverage.com	<p>This privately-owned website is a place to compare affordable maternity health insurance options.</p>	<p>http://www.pennsylvaniahealthcoverage.com/maternity?sid=SEM-H-AIW-G-4Zjq7ehl&c2=32268938927&c1=c&gclid=CPWZqKS2hr4CFYtDMgodS0cATQ 1-877-536-4809</p>
Resource Guide to Healthcare Options in Pennsylvania	<p>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.</p>	<p>http://www.porh.psu.edu/project/a-resource-guideto-healthcare-options-inpennsylvania/</p>

Housing		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Juvenile Law Center	<p>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.</p>	<p>http://jlc.org/resources/courty-resource-guide/elk 1-888-864-6393</p>
The US Department of Housing and Urban Development	<p>The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development is a federal program that provides housing support for individuals in need such as rental programs (including Section 8) and home ownership assistance programs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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: 1-888-799-2085</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

PAHousingSearch.com	<p>PAHousingSearch.com is a free resource to help you find a home that fits your needs and budget. Property providers can list available apartments or homes at any time, which means the listings are current.</p>	<p>http://www.pahousingsearch.com/index.html 1-877-428-8844</p>
PathStone	<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>
Housing Authority of the County of Elk County	<p>The Housing Authority of the County of Elk is a Section 8 and Public Housing Agency and serves Elk County, Ridgway, Weedville, and Saint Marys.</p>	<p>https://affordablehousingonline.com/housingauthority/Pennsylvania/Housing-Authority-of-theCounty-of-Elk/PA054 1-814-965-2532</p>

Medicaid Waivers for Children Under 21		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
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. They promote 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>
Attendant Care/Act 150	<p>The Attendant Care/Act 150 waiver enables individuals with a physical disability, ages 18-59, who are mentally alert to continue to live in their homes with support and services.</p>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/attendantcare/attendantcareact150/ Long-Term Living Helpline: 1-800-753-8827</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

<u>Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Waiver</u>	<p>The Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act 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>
<u>Consolidated Waiver</u>	<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>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/consolidatedwaiverforindividualswithintellectualdisabilities/S_000989</p>
<u>Person/Family Directed Support Waiver</u>	<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>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/personfamilydirectedsupportwaiver/index.htm</p>
<u>Independence Waiver</u>	<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>	<p>http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/independencewaiver/ 1-717-787-8091</p>
<u>Infant, Toddlers, and Families Waiver</u>	<p>The Infants, Toddlers, and Families Waiver provides services to children from birth to age three 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.</p>	<p>http://dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/infanttoddlersandfamilieswaiver/index.htm 1- 717-346-1119</p>

Respite Care

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.

Elk County Resource Guide

Resource	Description	Contact Information
ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center-A Consumer Guide For Family Caregivers	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 in the United States; to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums.	https://archrespite.org/consumer-information 1-919-490-5577
The Arc of Pennsylvania	The Arc 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.	http://www.thearc.org/Page.aspx?&pid=327

Special Education		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education Consult Line	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.	http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Special%20Education/Pages/Special-Education-inPA---Consult-Line.aspx 1-800-879-2301
Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units	Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania are part of the governance structure of public education and are located between the state education agency 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.	http://www.iu9.org/ 1-814-887-5512

Support Groups		
Resource	Description	Contact Information

Elk County Resource Guide

Pennsylvania Families, Inc.	Pennsylvania Families, Inc. 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
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania	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.	http://www.parenttoparent.org/ 1-888-727-2706
The Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center	The mission of the Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership 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

The Healthy Baby Information Helpline 1-800-986-2229

Breastfeeding

Resource	Description	Contact Information
National Diaper Bank Network	The goal of the National Diaper Bank Network is to ensure that every child in the United States has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy.	http://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/members/
Pennsylvania 2-1-1	Pennsylvania 2-1-1 is a free, accessible, 3-digit telephone number available to everyone, giving residents easy access to health, housing and human services information in one place.	http://pa211.org/
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.pdf 717-346-3000

Elk County Resource Guide

Womenshealth.gov	<p>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.</p>	<p>http://www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/common-challenges/index.html 1-800-994-9662</p>
Women, Infants and Children	<p>Women, Infant and Children has improved the nutrition and health of families in Pennsylvania since 1974 by providing nutrition services, breastfeeding support, health care, healthy foods, and social service referrals.</p>	<p>http://pawic.com/ (1-800-WIC-WINS) 1-800-942-9467</p>
KellyMom Parenting Breastfeeding	<p>The KellyMom.com website was developed to provide evidence-based information on breastfeeding and parenting.</p> <p>Online information is NOT a substitute for an inperson evaluation by a qualified, independent International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant or your health care provider.</p>	<p>https://kellymom.com/</p>

Car Seat Safety		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
PA Child Passenger Protection Act	<p>The PA Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all drivers transporting children up to age 4 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>	<p>http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiopbvom47WAhUCyoMKHUhVAalQFggwMAI&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pakidstravelsafe.org%2Fnewsevents%2Fnews%2Fitem%2Fdownload%2F369_a828d49458bafd9461e78fc6b5cde1b6&usg=AFQjCNHc3MeVH e-zqjddenQJFN0cljX5rg</p>
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,</p>	<p>http://pakidstravelsafe.org/ 1- 800-CAR-BELT (227-2358)</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

	bicycle safety, and youth driving safety and awareness.	
Car Seat Loan Program by County	Active Car Seat Loan Programs allow individuals to search by county.	http://www.pakidstravelsafe.org/resources/car-seatloan-programs?view=Profiles&layout=search
National Highway Safety Transportation Administration	This group works to prevent injuries and fatalities for all road users-including children, teens, older drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers with disabilities. The administration makes available information and resources to keep individuals safe in and around cars and on the road.	http://www.nhtsa.gov/
National Easter Seal Society	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. Referrals and Information about car seats can be found on this site.	http://www.easterseals.com/ 1-800-221-6827
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

Counseling		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
text4baby	Free text messages are sent to help keep you and your baby healthy throughout your pregnancy and the baby's first year.	Registration is free. https://text4baby.org/ .

Elk County Resource Guide

Medical Assistance		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
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. They promote opportunities for independence through services and supports while demonstrating accountability for taxpayer resources.	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/ 1-800-692-7462
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information	Residents of Pennsylvania 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/coun tyassistanceofficecontactinf ormation/ 1-800-847-0257 1-814-776-1101
COMPASS	COMPASS is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.	www.compass.state.pa.us
PennsylvaniaHealthOptions.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

Elk County Resource Guide

Lead Poisoning	<p>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.</p> <p>Go to MY HEALTH, INFANT AND CHILDREN, LEAD POISONING PREVENTION and CONTROL, LEAD POISONING.</p>	<p>http://www.health.pa.gov/ 1-800-440-LEAD (5323)</p>
Elevated Lead Blood Level Case Management Guidelines	<p>Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.</p>	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/CaseManagement/casemanage_main.htm 1-800-CDC-INFO 1-800-232-4636 TTY: 888-232-6348</p>
Environmental Protection Agency, Lead	<p>The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. Provides many useful links for families.</p>	<p>http://www2.epa.gov/lead 1-800- 424-5323</p>
Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program	<p>The Pennsylvania Safe and Healthy Homes Program 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 those most vulnerable such as children.</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#.WiFaXqMo6po 1-717-772-2762</p>

Lead Information for Families, Contractors, and Property Managers

Resource	Description	Contact Information
----------	-------------	---------------------

Elk County Resource Guide

Environmental Protection Agency.gov - Lead	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency has two programs for certifying contractors and accrediting training providers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renovation, Repair and Painting Program 2. 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-andpainting-programcontractors 2. https://www.epa.gov/lead/evaluating-andeliminating-lead-basedpaint-hazards
Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry	<p>The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry lists accredited trainers and certified contracting firms.</p>	http://www.dli.pa.gov/Page/s/search.aspx?searchBox=accredited%20trainers%20and%20contractors
Occupational Safety and Health Administration	<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>	https://www.osha.gov/
Housing and Urban Development– Lead Disclosure Rule	<p>This resource, for landlords and sellers, is based on the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, also known as Title X. It is intended to protect families from exposure to lead from paint, dust, and soil. Landlords and sellers are required to disclose 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>	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/healthy_homes/enforcement/disclosure 1-800-424-LEAD (5323)

Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and Their Families

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania	<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>	http://www.biapa.org/site/c.iuLZJbMMKrH/b.1760731/k.BD3E/Home.htm 1-800-444-6443

Elk County Resource Guide

Head Injury Program	<p>The Pennsylvania Head Injury Program 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 live independently in their homes and communities.</p>	<p>www.health.pa.gov Go to MY Health, A-Z Topics, E-H, Head Injury 1-717-772-2763</p>
Brain Injury Help Line	<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>
Independent Enrollment Broker	<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>
Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Waiver	<p>The Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act 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>The Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania 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 their families.</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.</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>

Elk County Resource Guide

Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children Program	<p>The Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children 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. Children who are eligible for Vaccines for Children 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>
Pennsylvania Department of Health, Health Services Locator	<p>The Health Services locator is available to assist in finding Pennsylvania healthcare facilities within your county or region.</p>	<p>http://www.health.pa.gov/ Go to Healthcare Facilities, Laws and Regulations, Outpatient Facilities, Health Care Facility Locator</p>
Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers	<p>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.</p>	<p>http://www.pachc.org/About-PACHC 1-866-944-2273</p>

Legal Advocacy for the Disabled in Pennsylvania

Resource	Description	Contact Information
Disability Rights Pennsylvania	<p>Disability Rights Pennsylvania has helped tens of thousands of children and adults with disabilities access special education services, obtain needed health and mental health care, and gain access to employment and housing. It has also helped 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>
Pennsylvania Health Law Project	<p>The Pennsylvania Health Law Project offers free legal advice to low-income people with insurance problems. The Pennsylvania Health Law Project also helps people who do not have health insurance.</p>	<p>http://www.phlp.org/ 1-800-274-3258</p>
Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate-Locate a Victim Service Agency	<p>The Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate is dedicated to representing, protecting and advancing the individual and collective rights and interests of crime victims.</p>	<p>http://www.ova.pa.gov/Services/Resources/LocateaVictimServiceAgency/Pages/default.aspx 1-800-563-6399</p>

Elk County Resource Guide

Transportation Assistance for the Disabled		
Resource	Description	Contact Information
<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>	<p>http://matp.pa.gov/ 1-800-632-9063</p>

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

Elk County Resource Guide

<p><u>United States Department of Labor Disability Resources</u></p>	<p>The purpose of the United States Department of Labor Disability Resources is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of 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><u>https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability</u></p> <p>1-866-487-2365</p>
--	--	---