

# Lawrence County Resource Guide

## Children and youth with special healthcare needs and their families

The Special Kids Network Helpline – 1-800-986-4550

- Advocacy for special healthcare needs
  - [Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#) [Select 'Resources for Neighboring Countis' link on home page for referrals for Lawrence County.]  
Resources for children birth to 21 with developmental delays, disabilities or special health care needs.
  - [The Arc of Pennsylvania](#) [Website link]  
The largest advocacy organization in the United States for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities containing 34 local chapters serving 56 counties across Pennsylvania.
  - [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Select Lawrence County then 'Advocacy and Legal Services' or 'Disability Rights and Special Needs Resources'. ]  
Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy. 1-888-864-6393  
Advocacy and Legal Services
    - [Community Resources For Independence, Inc](#) 1-800-530-5541 or 814-838-7222  
Offers independent living services to people with disabilities along with accessibility education, waiver information, independent living services, attendant care service coordination, assisting technology, and information and referral
    - [Disability Options Network](#) New Castle: 724-652-5144  
DON provides services for individuals with physical disabilities such as independent living skills training, peer support, advocacy, information and referral
    - [Three Rivers Center for Independent Living](#) New Castle: 724-598-7533; Pittsburgh:412-371-7700;Washington, PA:724-222-2910;Greensburg:724 420-5841  
TRCIL provides services for individuals with disabilities such as Independent living skills training, advocacy, peer support, assistance in finding housing, personal assistance services, service coordination, information and referral
    - [Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service](#) 1-800-932-0311  
Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service matches clients to a Pennsylvania lawyer in a specific area of law.
    - [Neighborhood Legal Services Association](#) New Castle: 724-658-2677  
Provide legal services to low-income individuals in the areas of Protection From Abuse orders, custody, landlord/tenant matters, public assistance (food stamps/Medicaid/cash assistance), unemployment compensation, bankruptcy, supplemental security income, security foreclosures; Provide reduced-fee referrals in custody, divorce, support and bankruptcy matter through clinic settings
    - [Lawyer Referral Service at Lawrence County Government Center](#) 724-656-1921  
Some pro bono legal representation/legal help available for low-income individuals
    - [Office Of Vocational Rehabilitation](#) See directory on website for the 21 District Office locations and phone numbers. 1 800-541-0721 or 814-871-4551

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OVR provides assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment to individuals with disabilities.

- Special Kids Network 1-800-986-4550  
Statewide referral service designed to serve families of children with chronic health of disabling conditions through information and service coordination
- Disability Rights Network Of Pennsylvania Pittsburgh: 412-391-5225;  
Harrisburg: 717-236-8110; Philadelphia: 215-238-8070  
Provide legal consultation and representation for individuals with disabilities and their families who are facing discrimination on the basis of disability and access to needed services along with providing information, referral and technical assistance to Pennsylvania residents with disability issues.
- Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network 1-800-692-7443  
The Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network provides information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide.
- PA Client Assistance Program 888 745-2357; or 800-323-6060  
Philadelphia: 215-557-7112; Camp Hill: 717-731-1077  
PA's Client Assistance Program is an advocacy program for people with disabilities seeking services in employment and housing
- LGBT Youth in Crisis Hotline 800-246-7743  
Youth serving youth through age 25. Peer counseling, information, and local resources.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Helpline 888 843-4564  
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Hotline provides telephone and email peer counseling, as well as factual information and local resources for cities and towns across the United States.

## Disability Rights and Special Needs Resources

- Pennsylvania Families Incorporated See website for additional information.  
PFI is a resource database that that empowers PA families of children with special needs by linking them to support and information.
- Social Security Administration 800-772-1213  
Local office where individuals can apply for Social Security benefits
- Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services 814-871-4401; 717-787-6176  
Provides services to to assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired in areas of specialized children services, finding employment, starting a business, gaining independent living skills
- Bureau of Autism Services 866-539-7689  
Bureau of Autism Services is a department within the Department of Human Services specifically addressing the needs, issues and concerns of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Pennsylvania. BAS provides information on available services and waiver funding.
- County MH/MR/DS See website for locations and phone numbers.  
The Home and Community Services Information Systems offers a directory of all of PA's county MH/MR/DS. The Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Mental Development administers services and programs for individuals with mental and developmental disabilities
- Good Will Industries See website under "Goodwill Locator" for list of  
Good Will Industries locations and phone numbers.  
provides supported employment program for adults with disabilities.

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Greensburg: 724-420-5841  
TRCIL provides services for individuals with disabilities such as Independent living skills training, advocacy, peer support, assistance in finding housing, personal assistance services, service coordination, information and referral
- Human Services Center New Castle: 724-658-3578  
Behavioral health services for Lawrence County including outpatient services, housing, case management, mental retardation services, and resource coordination.
- Pennsylvania Association For The Blind Refer to website for contact information  
Providing services to prevent, prepare for, and manage vision loss with programs and services for both children and adults such as vision screenings, residential and vocational rehabilitation, transportation, transitional and Braille instruction, information and referral, support and advocacy
- National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-786-2929  
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.
- Kaleidoscope Family Solutions Inc. Autism, IDD & Behavioral Team 877-384-1729;  
Kaleidoscope Family Services (KFS) is School Division: 800-908-0546  
a specialized provider of clinical and therapeutic services directly to individuals as well as education-system staffing services. Services are delivered through its specialty division outlined below.
  - KFS Behavioral Therapeutic Services
  - KFS Autism Services
  - KFS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services
  - KFS School Staffing Services
  - KFS Training Services
- **Lawrence County Children’s Commission** New Castle: 724-658-7874  
Helps children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbances gain access to needed services. Services are planned collaboratively with the child or adolescent’s family, the mental health system, school and other agencies.
- Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program 724-283-3198 ext 225  
Providing support and advocacy services to individuals who have a developmental disability.
- Assistive Technology
  - Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation [Webpage Resource] 888-744-1938  
Foundation’s mission is to provide financing opportunities to people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians helping them to acquire the assistive technology devices and services that improve the quality of their lives.

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- [Three Rivers Center for Independent Living](#) 412-371-7700  
Three Rivers Center for Independent Living (TRCIL) is a non-residential, non-profit, community-based human service organization. Our purpose is to assist people with disabilities to lead self-directed and productive lives within the community.  
[Select 'Services and Programs' from the home page for information on the TRCIL Assistive Technology program.]
- Counseling for special healthcare needs
- Day Care
  - [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-692-7462  
Child Care and Early Learning services.
    - [Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care](#) 724-658-8874  
if your household income is no more than twice of the FPIG and your child is 13 or younger and you are a working parent or you are going to school.
    - [Pre-school Programs](#) 1-866-214-5437  
if your household income is no more than the FPIG and your child is five years old or younger.
    - [Online Child Care Provider Search](#) Website address  
The search will help you locate a child care provider that meets your needs and offer information on Early Learning programs. The Online Child Care Provider Search offers a portion of the wide spectrum of child care services offered by Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies. For additional assistance in locating a child care arrangement, [contact your local CCIS](#).
- Early Intervention
  - [Easter Seals Western and Central Pennsylvania](#) 412-281-7244  
Easter Seals Western and Central PA is committed to providing exceptional programs and services for children with disabilities or other special needs.
  - [PA Department of Education Early Intervention Program](#) 1-800-692-7288.  
The Pennsylvania Early Intervention program provides support and services to families with children, from birth to age five, with developmental delays and disabilities.
  - [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Early Intervention Services Website](#)  
While all children grow and develop in unique ways, some children experience delays in their development. Children with developmental delays and disabilities benefit from the Pennsylvania Early Intervention program, a state supported network of parents, service practitioners, and others which builds upon the natural learning opportunities that occur within the daily routines of a child and their family.
- Health Insurance
  - [CHIP](#) [Web Page link] 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)  
Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program.

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Covers all uninsured PA kids under 19.

- [COMPASS](#) [PA Dept. of Human Services benefits online application Web Page link]  
[Select *Apply for Any Benefits* link to begin.]
- *Help with Medicare*
  - [APPRISE](#) 724-658-3729 or 1-800-783-7067  
a free health insurance counseling service  
for individuals 60 and over.
  - [Lawrence County Area Agency on Aging, APPRISE](#) 724-658-3729
  - [Medicare Part D](#) [Website link]  
Information about the Part D prescription drug  
benefit available to individuals enrolled in Medicare.
- [HealthCare.gov](#) [Federal Health Insurance Enrollment Website] 1-800-318-2596
- [HealthChoices](#) [Website]  
*HealthChoices* will provide low-income Pennsylvanians with the opportunity to purchase private health insurance at affordable rates through a network of eight insurance private insurers, offering three or more health insurance plan options per region. Coverage will begin Jan. 1, 2015. Apply online at [www.COMPASS.state.pa.us](#) and learn more at [www.healthypa.com](#).
- [Medical Assistance \(MA\)](#) [PA Department of Human Services Web link.]  
Health care services for eligible individuals.
- [Pregnancy Insurance](#)
  - [Presumptive Eligibility](#) [Eligible uninsured pregnant woman should register with Dept. of Human Services, COMPASS and Medical Assistance (MA).] Presumptive Eligibility (PE) provides insurance coverage for pregnant woman who have applied for MA but are still under review.
  - [Maternity Insurance.org](#) [Website link]
  - [Pennsylvania-Health-Coverage.com](#) [Website link] 1-866-589-6215  
Compare affordable maternity health insurance options.
- [Resource Guide to Healthcare Options in Pennsylvania](#)  
For Children, Adults, and Seniors  
The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Pennsylvania State University
- **Housing**
  - [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Lawrence County.]  
Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy. 1-888-864-6393  
Housing
- [HUD](#) Pittsburgh: 412-644-6428; Philadelphia: 215-656-0500  
HUD is a federal program that provides housing support for individuals in need such as rental programs (including Section 8) and home ownership assistance programs.
- [Pennsylvania Affordable Apartment Locator](#) 1-877-428-8844  
PAHousingSearch.com is a website in which affordable housing can be searched and located within in PA.
- [Catholic Charities Diocese Of Pittsburgh](#) New Castle: 724-658-5526  
CCDP is a social service agency offering services in housing, adoption, counseling, safety and stability, health care for the uninsured, housing and

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homeless, pregnancy and parenting, refugee and senior services. For housing, mainly serving residents of Bulter County, programs such as Safe Harbor Program, HOPE Program, PATH Transitional-Age Project for Young Adults and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality are offered, serving individuals with supportive and transitional housing with a shelter up to two months. For additional information, please refer to [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) to contact CCPGH at [info@ccpgh.org](mailto:info@ccpgh.org)

- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity at HUD 1-800-799-2085;Pittsburgh:412-644-5449  
Hotline service for individuals to report incidences of housing discrimination
- Making Homes Affordable 888-995-4673  
National nonprofit organization aiming to prevent home foreclosure and reduce monthly payments for eligible individuals and families
- Shelters
- City Rescue Mission New Castle: 412-652-4321  
City Rescue Mission is a Christian ministry providing services in housing, food banks, and spiritual services. Shelters for both men and women/children are provided in which food and shelter is offered from 1-90 days with counseling and recovery.
- Salvation Army New Castle: 724-652-7921  
Programs include emergency food and shelter services.
- Women's Shelter of Lawrence County New Castle: 724-652-9206  
The Women's Shelter provided Hotline: 724-652-9036  
by the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County offers emergency shelter to victims of domestic and/or sexual violence, along with food, clothing, case management and counseling.
- Transitional Housing
- Transitional Housing at Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County 724-652-9206  
Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County Hotline: 724-652-9036  
provides transitional housing for up to 2 years for homeless victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse. Other services with the housing include case management, individual and group counseling, information and referral
- Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence  
It's the mission of the Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence to be a fiscally sound and responsible agency that provides safe quality housing opportunities to eligible residents.  
Public Housing: (724) 656-5100  
Section 8 (724) 656-5106  
Maintenance (724) 656-5108  
Fax (724) 658-7140  
TDD# (724) 658-1388
- Health Waiver Programs
  - **Medicaid Waivers for Children under 21:**
    - Attendant Care/Act 150 Long-Term Living Helpline, 1-800-753-8827  
Enables individuals with a physical disability, ages 18-59, who are

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- mentally alert to continue to live in their homes with support and services.
  - [Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/OBRA Waiver](#)  
Long-Term Living Helpline, 1-800-753-8827  
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).
      - [Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with Mental Retardation](#)  
Provides services to eligible people age three or older with mental retardation so that they can remain in the community.
      - [Person/Family Directed Support Waiver](#)  
Provides services to eligible people age three or older with mental retardation so that they can remain in the community.
      - [Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities/Independence Waiver](#)  
Long-Term Living Helpline, 1-800-753-8827  
Provides services to individuals 18 and older with severe physical disabilities to allow them to live in the community and remain as independent as possible.
      - [Infant, Toddlers, and Families Waiver](#) 717-346-1119  
Supports Early Intervention services to children up to age three who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Mental Retardation of Other Related Conditions.
- Respite Care
  - [ARCH National Respite Network](#) [Website]  
for help with the Respite Locator Service please contact Mike Mathers at: [mmathers@chtop.org](mailto:mmathers@chtop.org) or by phone at 1-919-490-5577.  
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.
  - [Community Living and Support Services \(CLASS\)](#) [Select 'How We Help' link then select 'Alliance for Community Respite Care'.]
    - [ACRC Services](#) [Webpage link]  
[The Alliance for Community Respite Care](#)

*Respite Care Providers:*  
Children

    - [CareBreak-Watson Institute](#) 412-749-2863  
Gift of time and energy given for a few hours a week by a volunteer to a family caring for a child (birth to 16) with special needs.
    - Day and Overnight Respite Program-Watson Institute 412-749-2862
    - [Child's Way-Children's Home of Pittsburgh](#) 412-365-6065  
Pediatric specialty hospital. Respite care offered for parents able to pay through third party providers.
    - [Continuum Pediatric Nursing-Pittsburgh](#) 412-851-8550  
In home nursing
    - Maternal Child Health 412-885-0184 or 800-365-1367
    - [Pediatric Services of America \(Nursing Home Care\)](#) 412-322-4140

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- PSA Healthcare nurses work with the family to build confidence and create and implement care plans that support family involvement. 800-331-1916
- [PLEA Agency](#) 412-243-3464  
Care for children with emotional, behavioral, and developmental disabilities. In home support and relief to families.
- [Ventilator Assisted Program](#) 412-692-6494  
Respite service for families of ventilator assisted children.
- Children and Adults
- [ACHIEVA](#) 412-995-500 x 491 or 412-995-5000 x 476  
Lifelong services for people with disabilities and their families.
- [Bayada Nurses](#) 412-374-0110  
Periodic relief for family members through respite services.
- [Care Unlimited](#) 1-800-535-3747 (for Pittsburgh Region)  
In home respite services. 1-800-828-1813 (for Erie Region)
- [Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh](#) 412-381-0277  
Permanent homes, respite care, in-home services, and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities and autism
- [Extended Family Care](#) 412-241-7292  
Home health care services 800-637-9358
- [Maxim Healthcare Services](#) 412-687-2838  
Home Care and/or In-Home Nurses Respite Care 866-926-2946
- [McGuire Respite Program](#) 724-843-3400 x 142  
McGuire Memorial offers families Respite Care for loved ones with developmental and physical disabilities.
- [Mercy Behavioral Health](#) 1-877-637-2924  
recovery-oriented, community-based programs. 412-253-1250
- [Passavant Memorial Homes](#) 412-820-1010  
private, non-profit, human services provider serving the entire western PA region. Programs include respite services.
- [Personal-Touch](#) 412-681-1044  
home health care and hospice services

*CLASS also provides referrals for respite services for Adults. Contact information is provided on their Alliance for Community Respite Care webpage.*

## ○ Special Education

- [PA Bureau of Special Education Consult Line](#) 1-800-879-2301  
Help for families and advocates of children with special needs can be obtained by calling the Consult Line or with the on-line request form available at: <http://odr-pa.org/contact-consultline/>
- [Intermediate Units in PA](#) [Website Link]  
Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania are part of the governance structure of public education and are located in the middle 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

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- Support Groups
  - [Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania](#) [Select 'P2P Supports Groups' link]  
Linking families of children and adults with disabilities or special needs. 1-888-727-2706
  - [PA Families Incorporated](#) [info@pafamiliesinc.org](mailto:info@pafamiliesinc.org) 1-800-947-4941  
Statewide network providing support to families raising children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and special needs, as well as serving as an advocate in the different child serving systems.  
Updated regularly.
  - [Lawrence County](#) [Select 'Resources' link on main page then select desired County.]

## Women who are or who might be pregnant

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

- Baby Supplies
  - [Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) Lawrence County: 724-658-5526  
[Select 'Services' link on home webpage then select 'Pregnancy and Parenting Services' link for more information.]  
For birth mothers and fathers facing an unplanned pregnancy, help is available at all of our county offices with supportive, nonjudgmental counseling, parenting education, childcare resources, and baby care items
  - [People in Need Incorporated](#) 724-657-3303  
Dedicated to being the “one stop center for social services.” We have a variety of programs that are dedicated to helping anyone in need regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, political affiliation, creed, or handicap. People in Need is a registered 5550001-C(3) non-profit organization.  
For baby supply information please select “Women in Need” link on homepage. All services are confidential.
- Breastfeeding Guides If you need more information visit [Handouts for Parents](#) or call the Healthy Baby line at 800-986-BABY(2229).
  - [Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Referral Guide](#)  
Arranged by County
  - [Womenshealth.gov Breastfeeding Challenges Guide](#) 800-994-9662  
Information regarding common breastfeeding challenges  
Office on Women’s Health, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Car Seats
  - [Car Seat Safety](#)  
The PA Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all drivers transporting children ages birth – four years use an approved child safety seat. Children ages four to eight 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.
    - [The PA Traffic Injury Prevention Project](#)

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- Car Seat Loan Program by County - Information Hotline – 800-CAR-BELT  
Training for school districts and companies 412-885-0266  
on transporting children with special needs.
- [National Highway Safety Transportation Administration](#) – 888-327-4236  
Information on car seat safety and installation inspection.
- National Easter Seal Society [phone listing] 800-221-6827  
Referrals and information about car seats.
- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#) 847-228-5005  
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- Counseling
  - [Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) Lawrence County: 724-658-5526  
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For counseling information please select “Women in Need” link on homepage. All services are confidential.
  - [Nurse-Family Partnership](#) [select 'Find a Local Agency' for access to County list]  
New Castle – 724 658-4688  
A free, voluntary program that partners first-time moms with nurse home visitors. When you enroll in the program, a special trained nurse will visit you throughout your pregnancy and until your baby turns two years old. During these visits, your caring nurse will offer the knowledge and support you need to confidently create a better life for your baby and yourself.
- CHIP
  - [PA Children's Health Insurance Program](#) Call automated phone line at 800-986-KIDS (5437) and a CHIP representative will return your call within two business days.  
Pennsylvania's CHIP program puts health coverage within reach for all uninsured kids and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.
- Pregnancy Insurance
  - Presumptive Eligibility (PE), Medical Assistance (MA)  
Presumptive Eligibility is a temporary program of health insurance coverage for pregnant women who are applying for Medical Assistance.
    - [PA Dep of Human Services Benefits Helpline](#) 1-800-692-7462
    - [PA Dep of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information](#)
  - [COMPASS](#) (PA Dep of Human Services) [Website]

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*Online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs. Click on the 'Apply Now' button to begin or use links on right side for further assistance.*

- [PAHealthOptions.com \(PA Dep of Insurance\)](http://PAHealthOptions.com) 1-877-881-6388  
The Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Unbiased Guide to Understanding Health Insurance.
- [text4baby](http://text4baby.org) Registration is free on the text4baby.org website.  
Free text messages to keep you and your baby healthy throughout your pregnancy and the baby's first year.
- [WIC](http://WIC.org) 800-942-9467  
Through WIC, pregnant women, mothers, and caregivers of infants and young children learn about good nutrition to keep themselves and their families healthy. WIC provides nutrition service, breastfeeding support, health care and social service referrals, and healthy foods to over 250,000 participants every month in PA.

## Lead health information for parents, homeowners, contractors, and healthcare professionals

The Lead Information Helpline – 1-800-440-4323

- [Elevated Lead Blood Level Case Management Guidelines](#) [CDC Web Page]  
Recommendations from the CDC Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- [Environmental Protection Agency, Lead](#) [EPA Web Page]  
Provides many useful links for families including: (800) 424-5323.  
[Lead Hotline – National Lead Information Center](#) link
- [Lawrence County Community Action Partnership](#) 724-656-0090  
LCCAP is made up of three agencies that seek to involve the community in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty. They are: 1. Lawrence County |Social Service, Inc., 2. United Community Services of Lawrence County, Inc., 3. Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.  
Select the "Rehabilitation and LEAD" link on website home page for information on Lead assistance services in the County. Contact the Healthy Homes – Weatherization Program for additional information: 724-656-0090.
- [PA Lead and Healthy Homes Program](#) [Website link] (717) 772-2762  
The Pennsylvania Lead and Healthy Homes Program (LHHP) seeks to create safe and healthy housing by addressing environmental health and safety issues in homes.
- Certified Contractors
  - Locating EPA Certified Lead Contractors and technicians
    - [EPA.gov - Lead](http://EPA.gov)

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- [PA Labor and Industry](#)  
Link to list of accredited trainers and certified contracting firms.
- Information for Contractors
  - [EPA - Lead](#)  
Renovate Right for Contractors and Trainers
  - [PA Labor and Industry](#)  
Certification and Other Requirements for Lead Occupations
  - [OSHA](#)  
For information about regulations regarding work on facilities which are non-residential, contractors should contact the appropriate Occupational Safety & Health Administration Pennsylvania area office.
- Property Managers
  - [HUD – Lead Disclosure Rule](#)  
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).

## Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and their families

The Head Injury Information Helpline – 866-412-4755

- [Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania](#) 1-800-444-6443  
Our mission: to prevent brain injury and improve the quality of life for people who have experienced brain injury and their family members through support, education, advocacy, and research.
- PA Department of Health Head Injury Program
  - [Head Injury Program](#) 866-412-4755  
The goal of the program is to help individuals with a traumatic brain injury live independently in their homes and communities.
- Waiver Programs
  - [Independent Enrollment Broker](#) 788-550-4227  
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.
  - [COMMCARE Waiver](#) 1-800-753-8827  
A Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Individuals with

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- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- [OBRA Waiver](#) 1-800-753-8827  
Home and Community based Waiver program that may help if you have a developmental physical disability to allow you to live in the community and remain as independent as possible.
- Other Information
  - [Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania](#) [info@abin-pa.org](mailto:info@abin-pa.org), 1-800-516-8052  
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.
  - [Brainline.org](#) 703-998-2020  
Preventing, treating, and living with traumatic brain injury (TBI).

## Immunizations/Vaccinations

- PA Department of Health Division of Immunizations
  - [Division of Immunizations](#) 717-787-5681
  - [Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children Program](#) 888-646-6864  
Free vaccines for uninsured children 877-724-3258
- [PA Department of Health, Health Services Locator](#) [Website]  
To find a local health center close to you select your county.

## Legal advocacy for the disabled in Pennsylvania

### [Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania](#)

Harrisburg 1-800-692-7443  
717-236-8110  
717-346-0239 [TDD]  
Philadelphia 215-238-8070  
Pittsburgh 412-391-5225

The mission of the Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania is to advance, protect, and advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

### [PA Health Law Project](#)

1-800-274-3258

Helping People in Need get the Health Care they deserve.

Advocacy on access to health care for low-income consumers, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

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## Transportation Assistance for the Disabled

- **Pennsylvania Care Planning Council** Website address  
[Community Disability, Assistive Technology & Transportation Service](#)
- [PA Dept of Human Services Medical Assistance Transportation Program](#) 724-652-5104  
Toll Free: 888-252-5104

## Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance and Job Training for the Disabled

- [Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#) Website  
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.
  - [OVR Office Directory](#) - Arranged by District Office and by Counties Served
- [Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#) [Select 'Resources for Neighboring Counties' link on home page for referrals for Lawrence County.]  
Resources for children birth to 21 with developmental delays, disabilities or special health care needs.
  - [Lark Enterprises, Inc.](#) New Castle: 724-658-5676; 724-657-2001; 724-656-9339  
Purpose:  
To provide a continuum of rehabilitation services and supports for persons who meet barriers to employment. Lark will continue to be proactive and innovative in delivering quality, cost effective services and supports in order to assist individuals in attaining an improved quality of life.