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Children and youth with special healthcare needs and their families

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

- Advocacy for special healthcare 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.
 - [Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services](#)
[enter 'Advocacy' in Search field] Pike County: 570-296-6484
Mission is to partner with consumers, family members, service providers, and community members to assist individuals with emotional, behavioral, or developmental issues, and their families, in becoming self-sufficient and obtaining an improved quality of life.
 - [The Advocacy Alliance](#) 570-558-3974
Advocacy for children adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities. Independence for older adults and individuals with physical disabilities.
 - [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Select 'Pike' County then select 'Advocacy and Legal Services']
Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy. 1-888-864-6393
 - [Life and Independence for Today](#) 1-800-341-5438
LIFT provides services for individuals with disabilities such as Independent living skills training, peer support, advocacy, 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.
 - [Office Of Vocational Rehabilitation](#) 1-800-541-0721
OVR provides assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment to individuals with disabilities.
 - [North Penn Legal Services](#) 570-784-8760
Legal representation to low-income people. Assistance for the following civil legal problems: consumer, housing, employment, education, utility, family, public benefits, elderly, and domestic violence.
 - [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](#) Harrisburg: 717-236-8110
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.
 - [Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.](#) 570-296-5690
Cost effective alternative community care of youths who are at risk of placement out of the home due to abuse, neglect, delinquency, mental illness, developmental disabilities, mental retardation, or substance abuse. Family Support Program to work with families to support and help them with needs.

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- [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](#) Philadelphia Office: 215-557-7112
Camp Hill Office: 717-731-1077
PA's Client Assistance Program is an advocacy program for people with disabilities seeking services in employment and housing.
- [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
- [Kids as Self Advocates](#) [Website]
[Family Voices](#) project funded by the [U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#)
- [Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program](#) Pike- 570-347-3357 X 27
Providing support and advocacy services to individuals who have a developmental disability.
- [PikePAHelp.org](#) 888-306-6963 or 570-296-9980
Community service information about organizations whose programs are available to the people of Pike County. Funded by United Way of Pike County
- 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.
 - [PikePAHelp.org](#) 888-306-6963 or 570-296-9980
[Select 'Health Services' link. Use Search Box to search 'assistive technology']
Community service information about organizations whose programs are available to the people of Pike County. Funded by United Way of Pike County.
 - [Assistive Technology Resource Center at UCP of NE PA](#) 570-347-3357
Adaptive equipment information and assistance.
- Counseling for special healthcare needs
 - [PikePAHelp.org](#) 888-306-6963 or 570-296-9980
[Select 'Health Services' link. Use Search Box to search 'counseling'. Results can be sorted.]
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 - [A-Counseling-Center](#) 570-828-7050
Community mental health care and support services for individuals (children

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over age five, adolescents, and adults) and families. Individual and group counseling services are available.

- [Catholic Social Services](#) 570-296-1054
drugs, alcohol, counseling, therapy, domestic violence, adoption, children, families.
- [Connections program at Bon Secours Hospital](#) 888-921-5594
Information and referral service to provide assistance in finding out where to turn for counseling services, support groups, advocacy referrals, community agency services, and food pantry information. Open to any area residents.
- Pike County Children & Youth Services 570-296-3446
information and referral, counseling, child abuse investigation, emergency shelter, foster care, adoption services, and in-home services for children newborn to 18 years.
- [Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos](#) 570-424-0373
Free pregnancy tests, counseling, education on pregnancy and abortion alternatives, baby and maternity clothes, baby furniture, referrals, childbirth classes, parenting skills, and post abortion counseling. Services are confidential.
- [Safe Haven of Pike County](#) 570-296-4357
Services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse.
- [Voluntary Action Center of NEPA](#) 570-347-5616
non-profit umbrella organization dedicated to the concept of people helping people. The center provides both direct and indirect services to community organizations in areas of volunteerism, information and referral, and prevention.

- Day Care
 - [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-692-7462
Child Care and Early Learning services.
 - [Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care](#) 570-226-6200
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 570-420-1900 X 3723
 - [Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services](#)
[Select 'Early Intervention Services' link on home screen.]
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community members to assist individuals with emotional, behavioral, or developmental issues, and their families, in becoming self-sufficient and obtaining an improved quality of life.

- [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.

- Health Insurance
 - [CHIP](#) [Web Page link] 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)
Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program.
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](#) 1-800-783-7067
a free health insurance counseling service
for individuals 60 and over.
 - [Pike County Area Agency on Aging](#) 570-775-5550, 800-233-8911
 - [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

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- Housing

- [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Pike County.]

Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy.

- [HUD](#) Philadelphia Office, 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](#) [Webpage link] 877-428-8844
A free service to list and find affordable homes and apartments across PA.
- [Northwest Human Services](#) [Webpage link] 1-800-647-0020
Residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity at HUD 1-800-799-2085
Hotline service for individuals to report incidences of housing discrimination.
- [Crossroads Supportive Housing Program](#) 570-476-9228
Provides services to homeless individuals who have serious and persistent mental illness.
- [Safe Haven of Pike County](#) 570-296-HELP
Services for victims of domestic violence such as emergency shelters, 24 hour hotline, individual counseling, legal advocacy.
- [Pike County Human Development](#) 570-296-3434
Pike County Human Development offers Emergency rental assistance, mortgage, utility, food and shelter, Pike County Housing Rehab Program, referrals, funding, and information source for local human service agencies.
- Survivors' Resources 570-296-2827
Open to any individual or family that have been victim to domestic violence.
- [Catholic Social Services of Scranton](#)
Multiple housing programs including shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing. Honesdale: 570-253-1777, Milford: 570-296-1054
Stroudsburg: 570-476-6460
- [Human Resources Center](#) Pike County: 570-775-6144
Services for individuals with physical disabilities and mental illness including community residential facilities, life sharing homes, supported independent living, vocational services, and day treatment programs. Residential programs include Community Homes and Transitional Living.
- [Wayne-Pike County Housing Authority](#) 570-488-6069
Public housing program that connects income-eligible individuals and families with public housing or section 8 vouchers.

- [PikePAHelp.org](#) [Use Search Box on main page to search 'housing'.]

888-306-6963 or 570-296-9980

Community service information about organizations whose programs are available to the people of Pike County. Funded by United Way of Pike County.

- [Crossroads Supportive Housing Program](#) [phone contact] 570-476-6500
service to homeless individuals who have serious and persistent mental

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illness. Services include rental subsidy; case management; individualized treatment and goal planning; referral and linkage to community resources; life skills training; coordination of educational and vocational training services; and coordination of medical, dental and mental health services. This program serves persons located in Carbon, Monroe, and Pike counties of northeastern Pennsylvania.

- 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 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 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.

- 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]

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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

- 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 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.
[Pike 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
- 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](#)
Car Seat Loan Program by County - Information Hotline – 800-CAR-BELT
Training for school districts and companies on transporting children with special needs. 412-885-0266
 - [National Highway Safety Transportation Administration](#) – 888-327-4236

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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
Referrals and information about car seats.

- Counseling

- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#) [select 'Find a Local Agency' for access to County list]
Pike County – 570-426-1688

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.

- [PikePAHelp.org](#) [Enter 'Counseling' in the Community Services Directory search box.]
Pike County On-line Information and Referral system.
Funded by United Way of Pike County.
- [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) 570-296-5344
Alcoholics Anonymous is an international support system comprised of men and women who have had a problem with alcohol. Their primary goal is to help people achieve sobriety and stay sober.
- [Burnley Workshop Employment and Rehabilitation Services](#) 570-992-6616
Employment options for persons with physical or mental disabilities, including vocational training, community-based work assessment, job placement, job coaching, vocational counseling, a sheltered workshop, and a food services program which trains individuals with disabilities for careers in food services and also offers catering.
- [Catholic Social Services](#) 570-296-1054
Drug and Alcohol Program, Anger Management Program, Family and Individual Counseling, Parent/Child, Aging, Pregnancy Counseling, Post-Abortion Counseling, Domestic Violence, Licensed Adoption Agency, Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN), Material Assistance Program and DUI Education Services. No specific eligibility requirements.
- [Connections Program at Bon Secours Hospital](#) 888-921-5594
Information and referral service to provide assistance in finding out where to turn for counseling services, support groups, advocacy referrals, community agency services, and food pantry information. Open to any area residents. Program supported by the Orange County Department of Mental Health.

- 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.

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- **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 [phone] 1-800-692-7462
 - [PA Dep of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information](#)
 - [COMPASS](#) (PA Dep of Human Services) [Website]
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 \(PA Dep of Insurance\)](#) 1-877-881-6388
The Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Unbiased Guide to Understanding Health Insurance.
- [text4baby](#) 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](#) 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 - 1-800-440-5323

- [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:
[Lead Hotline – National Lead Information Center](#) link (800) 424-5323.
- [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](#)
 - [PA Labor and Industry](#)

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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, 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
 - Pike County State Health Center 570-296-5552
Childhood and some adult immunizations

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](#) 570-296-3408
866-681-4947