

# Schuylkill 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
  - [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 Schuylkill 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
    - [Schuylkill Community Action](#) Pottsville: 570-622-1995  
Services range from basic food and shelter needs to services which encourage long-term self-sufficiency such as case management, financial counseling, housing rehabilitation and home ownership assistance
    - [Association of Retarded Citizens \(ARC\)](#)  
See website listed for PA locations and phone numbers  
Offers services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as early intervention, supported employment, job training, transition planning, respite care, supported living and transportation
    - [Community Resources For Independence, Inc](#) 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
    - [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.
    - [Mid-Penn Legal Services](#) State College: 814-238-4958 or 800-326-9177  
Legal services for income eligible individuals
    - [Office Of Vocational Rehabilitation](#) 1-800-541-0721 or 814-871-4551  
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](#) Harrisburg: 717-236-8110  
Philadelphia: 215-238-8070; Pittsburgh: 412-391-5225  
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.

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- MidPenn Legal Services State College: 800-326-9177  
Family law, custody, domestic violence, housing, foreclosures, access to medical care, public benefits, unemployment, barriers to employment, consumer law, elder law.
- 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: 215-557-7112  
Camp Hill: 717-731-1077 ; Toll-Free: 888-745-2357 or 800-323-6060  
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 Please look at website which will give locations, phone numbers, support groups and additional information  
PFI is a resource database that empowers PA families of children with special needs by linking them to support and information.
- Social Security Administration Allentown: 610-433-3237  
Local office where individuals can apply for Social Security benefits
- Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services Harrisburg: 717-787-6176  
Wilkes-Barre: 570-826-2361  
Provides services 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 Public Welfare 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 Please look at 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
- The Advocacy Alliance Please refer to website under "Contact Us" for Community-based supportive locations and phone numbers services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or mental illness.
- Northwest Human Services Please see website under "locations" for contact information.  
NHS provides residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals

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- with disabilities.
- AHEDD, Inc. Pottsville Office: 570-622-9711  
Customized employment for people with developmental disabilities. Also services for youth in their transition from school to careers & work.
- Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living Hazleton: 570-455-9800  
ARCIL provides services for Toll free: 800-777-9906  
individuals with disabilities such as independent living skills training, attendant care services, transportation services, information and referral. The VITAL program (Vocational and Independence Training for Adult Life) helps high school students with disabilities learn skills necessary to make a successful transition from school to adult life.
- Good Will Industries Refer to website under “Goodwill Locator” listed for complete list of locations and phone numbers.  
Good will Industries provides supported employment program for adults with disabilities.
- Special Kids Network 800-986-4550  
Statewide referral service designed to serve families of children with chronic health of disabling conditions through information and service coordination
- Pennsylvania Association For The Blind Please refer to website under “local agencies” for complete list of locations and phone numbers.  
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
- Northwestern Human Services Shenandoah, PA: 570-462-2688  
NHS is a community-based, nonprofit, human services provider offering social services to individuals with mental, developmental and intellectual disabilities, individuals dealing with addiction, seniors and juveniles. Residential services for individuals with mental, developmental and intellectual disabilities include Community Homes, Life Sharing, Transitional Housing, Supported Living
- 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
- Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program Schuylkill County- 570-622-7920 ext 114  
Providing support and advocacy services to individuals who have a developmental disability.

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- [Schuylkill County Human Services Directory Online](#) County Website  
Directory designed to help Schuylkill County residents navigate through the many different human/social service networks to find the program or service that best meets their needs. Schuylkill Community Action, through the generous support of Bank of America, is able to offer the directory online for all County residents. Search by keyword or category.
- Assistive Technology
  - [Free Library of Philadelphia, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#) 800-222-1754 or 215-683-3217  
The Free Library of Philadelphia's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), as part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves Pennsylvania residents whose low vision, blindness, or disability makes reading a regular printed page difficult.  
The LPBH mails books and magazines in audio, large-print, and Braille formats directly to enrollees at no cost. Selected materials are also available online for download, and are accessible through smartphones and other mobile devices. In addition, LBPH staff provides outreach statewide about all of these services.
  - [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.
  - [Temple University Institute on Disabilities Assitive Technology Resource Centers](#)
    - [Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital](#) 888-447-3422  
At Good Shepherd, we want you to be independent, healthy and functional. Above all, we want you to Be Well, and we have a variety of outpatient programs, services and wellness initiatives to help you.  
Try our interactive [Find a Service](#) feature, to learn more about programs and services.
- Counseling for special healthcare needs
- Day Care
  - [Avenues](#) 570-622-7920 or 1-800-928-7920  
Avenues, formerly United Cerebral Palsy, has been serving Schuylkill County and the surrounding areas since 1952. As a human service organization, we are committed to providing quality services that enhance the lives of individuals with developmental and/or acquired disabilities. In doing so, we offer a wide variety of programs that reach people from birth to an elderly age.
  - [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-692-7462  
Child Care and Early Learning services.
    - [Child Care Information Services, Schuylkill County, PA](#)  
Please continue on through our website to see how the dedicated staff at Child Care Information Services of Schuylkill County can serve you. 570-624-7950  
1-800-216-1938

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- [Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care](#) 570-624-7950  
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. 1-800-216-1938
- [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 link  
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 Eastern Pennsylvania](#) Allentown: 610-289-0114  
Easter Seals Eastern 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.  
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.
    - [Schuylkill County Area Agency on Aging, APPRISE](#) 570-624-3026
    - [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

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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](http://www.COMPASS.state.pa.us) and learn more at [www.healthypa.com](http://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
- [Schuylkill Alliance for Health Care](#) 570-628-5515  
Linking uninsured Schuylkill county residents to affordable healthcare services and the medicines they need. Services for those without insurance including:
  - Low cost doctor visits to Schuylkill County doctors and hospitals
  - Low-cost blood work, X-rays, and other testing
  - Access to free or low-cost medicine
  - Enrollment in the program for \$25
- **Housing**
  - [Juvenile Law Center](#) Schuylkill County  
Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy. 1-888-864-6393  
Housing
    - [HUD](#) Philadelphia: 215-656-0500; Pittsburgh: 412-644-6428  
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.
    - [Northwest Human Services](#) 1-888-647-0020  
NHS provides residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.
    - [Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity at HUD](#) Philadelphia: 215-861-7637  
Hotline service for individuals to report incidences of housing discrimination. Pittsburgh: 412-644-5449
    - [Making Homes Affordable](#)  
National nonprofit organization aiming to prevent home foreclosure and reduce monthly payments for eligible individuals and families

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## Shelters

- [Schuylkill Women in Crisis](#) Weblink  
Schuylkill Women in Crisis provides emergency shelter, information and referral, legal advocacy to individuals and families who have been victims of domestic violence
- [Schuylkill Community Action](#) 570-622-1995  
Schuylkill Community Action provides emergency shelter to anyone who is experiencing homelessness

## Transitional Housing

- [Association of Retarded Citizens \(ARC\)](#) Please look at website for PA locations and phone numbers  
Offers services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as early intervention, supported employment, job training, transition planning, respite care, supported living and transportation
  - [Community Services Group](#) Pottsville: 570-389-1600  
Services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and mental health diagnoses including residential services, employment services, adult day programs, outpatient treatment, peer support, and psychiatric rehabilitation. Residential services include Community Residential Rehabilitation, Enhanced Personal Care Home, Supported Housing and Long Term Structured Residence
  - [Northwestern Human Services](#) Shenandoah, PA: 570-462-2688  
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  - [Recovery At Our House, Inc](#) Quakertown: 267-784-3335 or 215-852-4256  
Recovery At Our House, Inc provides transitional housing for individuals recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Residents must go through 12 Step process and follow all house rules. Locations in Pottstown, Morrisville, Phoenixville, Croydon and Bristol
  - [ReDCo Transitional Living Program](#) Pottsville: 570-628-5215  
ReDCo offers a transitional living program for youth between the ages of 16-21 including vocational, educational, mental health, drug and alcohol, and life skills management.
  - [Bridge Housing Program](#) Pottsville: 570-624-7764  
Schuylkill Community Action offers the Bridge Housing Program in which victims of domestic violence, persons with low income, and individuals recovering from drug and alcohol addiction can stay from 3-12 months and are provided meals, showers, case management, educational and vocational support, life skills and parenting support, counseling and 12 step programs
- [Schuylkill County Housing Authority](#) Schuylkill Haven: 570-385-3400  
The mission of the Schuylkill County Housing Authority is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

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- [Special needs Registry](#) [Website link]  
The Registry is a planning tool to allow individuals with special needs the opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergencies. The East Central PA Counter Terrorism Task Force (ECPCTF) is a cooperative effort of Berks, Columbia, Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Wyoming counties.
- 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](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.
- 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/>



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- [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
- 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.
  - [Schuylkill County](#) [Select 'Resources' link on main page then select desired County.]
  - [Schuylkill County Human Services Directory Online](#) County Website  
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## Women who are or who might be pregnant

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

- Baby Supplies
  - [Birthright](#) Frackville: 570-874-2621  
Birthright services are always free, non-judgmental and confidential. We can also provide information, referrals, and resources to help the woman help herself.
  - [Catholic Charities](#) Pottsville: 570-628-0466  
free confidential counseling, referrals, material assistance, baby items and free pregnancy testing to women in need. Adoption planning is also available
- 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

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- 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 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  
Referrals and information about car seats.
- Counseling
  - Care Net Pregnancy Center of Schuylkill County 570-624-7244  
Whether parenting as a single mom or with the father of you baby. Care Net of Schuylkill County offers free services designed to assist you. The center offers classes and a peer counselor during your pregnancy and until your baby is 24 months old. Your counselor will be compassionate, caring and most important she will respect your privacy, keeping your visits confidential
  - [Nurse-Family Partnership](#) [select 'Find a Local Agency' for access to County list]  
Pottsville – 570-628-2611  

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.
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    - [Catholic Charities](#) Pottsville: 570-628-0466  
The Pregnancy Support program provides confidential counseling, referrals, material assistance, baby items, and free pregnancy testing to women in need. Adoption planning is also available.
- CHIP
  - [PA Children's Health Insurance Program](#) Call automated phone line at 800-986-KIDS (5437) and a CHIP representative will

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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]  
*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 – 1-800-440-4323

- [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:  
[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. Program contact list provided by County.

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- Certified Contractors
  - Locating EPA Certified Lead Contractors and technicians
    - [EPA.gov - Lead](#)
    - [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 866-412-4755
  - [Head Injury Program](#)  
The goal of the program is to help individuals with a traumatic brain injury live independently in their homes and communities.
  
- Waiver Programs 788-550-4227
  - [Independent Enrollment Broker](#)  
Office of Long-Term Living launched the PA Independent Enrollment Broker,

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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 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).
  - [Schuylkill Medical Center Concussion Management Program](#) 570-621-5175  
Schuylkill Health offers a Concussion Management Program through the Physical Therapy Department at Schuylkill Medical Center South Jackson Street, 420 South Jackson Street, Pottsville, PA

## 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 or 717-236-8110  
717-346-0239 [TDD]  
Philadelphia 215-238-8070  
Pittsburgh 412-391-5225

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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.

## Transportation Assistance for the Disabled

- **Pennsylvania Care Planning Council** Website address  
[Community Disability, Assistive Technology & Transportation Service](#)  
The Pennsylvania Care Planning Council lists companies and individual providers who help families deal with the crisis and burden of long term care.
- [PA Dept of Human Services Medical Assistance Transportation Program](#) 570-628-1425 or 888-656-0700  
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.
- [Schuylkill County Human Services Directory Online](#) County Website  
Directory designed to help Schuylkill County residents navigate through the many different human/social service networks to find the program or service that best meets their needs. Schuylkill Community Action, through the generous support of Bank of America, is able to offer the directory online for all County residents. Search by keyword [transportation] or category.

## 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

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## Information and Referral

- [2015 Schuylkill County Homeless Resource Guide](#) [pdf file link]  
Referrals for food, temporary housing, and information for residents of Schuylkill County, PA.
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- [Schuylkill United Way Community Resource Guide](#) [10/14 pdf directory]  
This **“Guide to Community Resources”** is compiled for people who may be facing a variety of circumstances in their life. Please take advantage of the community services that are available to you right here in Schuylkill County. If you or your family members have questions about community services or require further information, please call the Schuylkill United Way at (570) 622-6421 or on the web at [www.schuylkillunitedway.org](http://www.schuylkillunitedway.org).