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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 Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#) [Website link]
Resources for children, birth–21, with developmental disabilities or special health care needs.
[Helpful links are listed on Home Page. Also select ‘Resources for Neighboring Counties’ link on top of home page for list of referrals in Westmoreland County.]
Westmoreland County:
 - [The Arc/Achieva](#) 724-837-8159
 - [Behavioral Health & Disability Services](#) 800-353-3467
 - [Case Management & Supports, Inc. \(Referral & Early Intervention Assistance\)](#) 724-837-1808
800-836-6010 – V, TTY
 - [Community Action](#) 724-834-1260
800-816-0022
724-834-3256 – TTY
 - [Child Care Assistance Program](#) 800-548-2741
724-836-4580
 - [Community Living Care](#) 724-836-8747
 - [County Assistance Office](#) 724-832-5200
800-905-5413
 - [East Suburban Citizen Advocacy](#) 724-325-3344
 - [Intermediate Unit \(IU 7\)](#) 724-836-2460
 - [Office of Vocational Rehabilitation](#) 866-412-4072 – V
877-255-5082 – TTY
 - [Passavant Memorial Homes](#) 724-853-1950
 - [Westmoreland County Children’s Bureau](#) 724-830-3000
 - [Social Security ACCESS Plus](#) 800-772-1213
Social Security information for 43 counties outside Allegheny County

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- [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 'Westmoreland' 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:
 - [Three Rivers Center for Independent Living](#) Pittsburgh: (412) 371-7700
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
 - [Blackburn Center](#) Greensburg: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272
Blackburn Center responds to the issues of physical and emotional abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse. All client services are free and confidential. Services include 24 hour Hotline, Emergency Shelter, Counseling and Therapy, Support Groups, Medical and Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment.
 - [Laurel Legal Services](#) Greensburg: (724) 836-2211 or (800) 253-9558
Free civil legal representation and advice to low-income clients.
 - [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](#) 1-800-762-4223 or 814-255-6771
OVR provides assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment to individuals 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
 - [Disability Rights Network Of Pennsylvania](#) Harrisburg: (717) 236-8110;
Pittsburgh: (412) 391-5225; 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
PA's Client Assistance Program is an advocacy program for people with disabilities seeking services in employment and housing
 - [The Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights](#) 215) 731-1447 or (866) LGBT-LAW
The Center advocates equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Pennsylvanians through direct legal services, education and policy reform.

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- [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 phone contacts.
PFI is a resource database that empowers PA families of children with special needs by linking them to support and information.
 - [Social Security Administration](#) Blair County: (866) 592-3622
Fayette County: Uniontown; (724) 439-3544, Belle Vernon; (866) 931-4826
Local office where individuals can apply for Social Security benefits
 - [Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services](#) Harrisburg: (717) 787-6176
Pittsburgh: (412)565-5240
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](#) Harrisburg: (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
 - [Threshold, Inc.](#) Greensburg: (724) 837-9348 or (724) 837-6649
Full assistance and half assistance residential living options for individuals with chronic psychiatric disability.
 - [Life's Work](#) Pittsburgh: 412 471-2600
Life'sWork provides programs and services of job training, placement and career development needs for individuals with disabilities.
 - [Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services](#) Charleroi: 724-489-9100
Services for individuals with mental health needs including clinical, partial hospitalization and residential programs, and adult day programming. Services for individuals with developmental disabilities including residential living options.
 - [AHEDD, Inc.](#) Allegheny Office: (412) 381-3313
Customized employment for people with developmental disabilities. Also services for youth in their transition from school to careers & work.
 - [AccessAbilities](#) Greensburg: 724-932-8272
Services for individuals with physical and/or cognitive disabilities including supports coordination, personal care and assistance, independent

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- living/community integration skills, and specialized therapies.
- [Northwest Human Services](#) 1-888-647-0020
NHS provides residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.
- [Good Will Industries](#) Refer to website under “locator” for locations and contacts
Good will Industries provides supported employment program for adults with disabilities.
- [Lifesteps, Inc.](#) Kittanning: (724) 545-8289
Lifesteps provides services such as residential living and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities with community homes and life sharing in seven counties
- [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
- [Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program](#) Westmoreland- 724-523-0865
Providing support and advocacy services to individuals who have a developmental disability.
- [Westmoreland Community Action Resource Directory](#) 724-834-1260 ext 350
1-800-816-0022
Directory listing many useful organizations and contact information. Originally compiled for families in Head Start – though it contains information useful to many.
- 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.
 - [Three Rivers Center for Independent Living](#) 412-371-6230 or
Toll Free (PA only) 1-800-633-4588
Ensuring equality...Expanding opportunities...Increasing independence...for People

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with Disabilities

- Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, [All Abilities, Inc.](#) (724) 832-8272
Service Coordination program assists with establishing a service plan that meets an individual's specific needs, and helps the consumer to choose a Home and Community Based Service Provider to provide personal assistance services. The Service Coordinator also helps to coordinate other types of services to meet specific individuals' needs such as environmental modifications, linkage to transportation services, prevocational services, and specialized therapies, assistive technology, personal emergency response systems. As the consumer's needs change, so does the consumer's service plan.
- Counseling for special healthcare needs
- Day Care
 - [Child Care Information Services of Westmoreland County](#) 1-800-548-2741 or 724-836-4580
The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, through its Child Care Information Services Agencies, administers the Subsidized Child Day Care Program for low-income families and makes resource and referral services available to all citizens of Pennsylvania.
 - [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-692-7462
Child Care and Early Learning services.
 - [Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care](#) 724-836-4580
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.
 - [Pathways of Southwestern Pennsylvania](#) Westmoreland County: 724-223-7803 x640 or 800-835-4140
Early Intervention – Pathways' Early Intervention Program offers support and services

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designed to assist families with infants and toddlers (birth through age three), with special needs, to promote the development of their children. Pathways of Southwestern PA provides EI services to over 600 children residing in Washington County, Greene County, Fayette County, & Westmoreland County. All services are available year round and are provided at no cost to families.

- [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.
- [Westmoreland County Early Intervention Program](#) 724 837-1808
Contact Westmoreland County Early Intervention directly or 1-800-353-6467 through Westmoreland Case management & Support, Inc.
An early Intervention Service Coordinator from Westmoreland Case management & Supports, Inc. will be assigned to assist the family OR The CONNCET helpline 1-800-692-7288 assists the families in locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children ages birth to age 5. In addition, CONNCET can assist parents by making a direct link to the local Early Intervention program.
- 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.
 - [Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, APPRISE](#) 724-925-4213
 - [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).]

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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](#) [Westmoreland County.]

Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy

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; 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

- [Blackburn Center](#) Greensburg: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272
Blackburn Center responds to the issues of physical and emotional abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse. All client services are free and confidential. Services include 24 hour Hotline, Emergency Shelter, Counseling and Therapy, Support Groups, Medical and Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment.

- [Salvation Army](#) Monessen: 724-684-4282
The Salvation Army provides services for disadvantaged families and individuals. Services include temporary shelter for emergency and disaster situations, food and clothes assistance, etc.

Transitional Housing

- [Westmoreland Community Action](#) Greensburg: 724-834-1260
WCA provides housing services such as Transitional Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Housing Counseling & Money Management

- [Threshold, Inc.](#) Greensburg: 724-837-9348 or 724-837-6649
Full assistance and half assistance residential living options for individuals

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- with chronic psychiatric disability.
- [Next Steps Supportive Housing Program](#) Greensburg: 724-837-6339 ext 32
The Next Steps Housing Program provides transitional housing to homeless parents or guardian of at least one child. Services include Temporary Transitional Housing, Job Search Assistance, Life Skills Training, Budgeting, Community Linkages and Basic Parenting.
- [Oxford House for Women](#) Greensburg: 724-217-0621
Oxford House is a self-run, self-supported recovery house for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts in which shelter, food, case management, individual counseling and group support are provided
- [Westmoreland Community Action](#) Greensburg; 724-834-1260 or 800-816-0022
Westmoreland Community Action provides a variety of programs and services to aid thousands of families and individuals in Westmoreland County, PA.
[Select 'Housing Programs' link on home page for County Housing Program information.
- [Westmoreland County Housing Authority](#) 724-832-7248 or 1-800-924-2669
The Westmoreland County Housing Authority is committed to providing, managing and maintaining quality, affordable housing that is safe to all eligible families in Westmoreland County. Our goal is to manage our units in a manner that is consistent with good financially sound property management practices. We are committed to serving our residents and this entire county in a manner that demonstrates professionalism, courtesy and respect. We Care!
- 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.

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- [Westmoreland County, PA Website Medicaid Waiver Information](#) [web link]
Westmoreland County, PA Medicaid Waiver descriptions and information.
- 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]
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 1-888-727-2706
or special needs.
 - [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.
[Westmoreland 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
 - [Birthright International, Greensburg, PA Chapter](#) 1-800-550-4900
Support for women facing unplanned pregnancies.
 - [Tri-City Life Center](#) 724-339-9399 x 110

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Tri-City Life Center, Inc. is a life-affirming pregnancy and family resource center dedicated to promoting physical, emotional, financial and spiritual well-being of impoverished families through confidential counseling, education and material support.

- **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 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**
 - [Birthright of Central Greensburg, PA](#) 1-800-550-4900
Birthright has been providing love, support and hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies for over 45 years. We operate nearly 300 locations, and have a 24/7 toll-free Helpline so help is only a phone call away. Free and confidential.

- **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.

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- [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 - 1-800-440-5323

- [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](#)
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](#)

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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
 - [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 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.

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- Other Information
 - [Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania](http://www.abin-pa.org) 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](http://www.brainline.org) - 703-998-2020
Preventing, treating, and living with traumatic brain injury (TBI).
 - [BrainSTEPS School Re-Entry Program, Westmoreland Intermediate Unit 7](#) [Web link](#)
The Westmoreland Intermediate Unit BrainSTEPS Consultation Team is committed to the successful school re-entry of children and adolescents within Westmoreland County who have experienced brain injury, mild to severe. Our goal as a multidisciplinary team is to work cooperatively with families, medical facilities, school districts and community agencies in the provision of outreach services including, but not limited to: the training of key personnel; liaison/family support; educational needs identification; educational plan development; educational plan implementation; and the monitoring/trouble shooting of educational service delivery. It is our fervent belief that through the pooling of interdisciplinary resources within our service area, it will be possible to maximize positive outcomes for our students, both now and in the future.

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

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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](#)

- **Westmoreland Transit Authority Special Services** Website address
The Westmoreland County Transit Authority was formed by the county commissioners in 1978 to combine service that was being provided by a number of private bus companies throughout the county

[Community Resource Directory Family and Community Partnership
2014-2015](#)

[Westmoreland Community Action Resource Guide](#)

Directory listing many useful organizations and contact information. Originally compiled by people in the Head Start program, it is a guide frequently used by families in Head Start - though it contains information useful to many