

# Beaver County Resource Guide

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

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

- Advocacy for special healthcare needs
  - [Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#) [Select 'Resources for Neighboring Counties' link. Referrals are under 'BEAVER COUNTY'.] Publicly-Funded Programs. Free developmental evaluation, birth to age three.
    - [Beaver County Behavioral Health & Developmental Services](#) 1-800-400-6180 and 724-775-5208  
Do you or someone you know need assistance with a mental health crisis? If so, please call the helplines to get help. Someone is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you, your friends or family.
  - [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.
  - [Beaver County Collaborative Action Network](#) [Website Link]  
Improving Beaver County Through Collaboration, Cooperation, Networking, and Information.  
Resources and referrals for various services are listed throughout the website. See 'Bookshelf' link for referrals for Special Needs.
  - [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Select Beaver County then 'Advocacy and Legal Services' or 'Disability Rights and Special Needs Resources'. ]  
Advancing the rights and well-being of children in jeopardy. 1-888-864-6393  
Advocacy and Legal Services
    - [Community Resources For Independence, Inc](#)  
See website under "Office Information" for contact information.  
Offers independent living services to people with disabilities along with accessibility education, waiver information, independent living services, attendant care service coordination, assisting technology, and information and referral
    - [Disability Options Network](#) New Castle: 724-652-5144  
DON provides services for individuals with physical disabilities such as independent living skills training, peer support, advocacy, information and referral
    - [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 or 814-871-4551  
OVR provides assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment to individuals with disabilities.
    - [Public Defenders Office](#) Beaver: 724-728-3521  
Public Defenders office for those who have been charged with a crime/delinquent act, cannot afford a private attorney, and are looking for legal representation.

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- 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 Pittsburgh: 412-391-5225  
Harrisburg: 717-236-8110; Philadelphia: 215-238-8070  
Provide legal consultation and representation for individuals with disabilities and their families who are facing discrimination on the basis of disability and access to needed services along with providing information, referral and technical assistance to Pennsylvania residents with disability issues.
- Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network 1-800-692-7443  
The Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network provides information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. All services are at no cost.
- 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
- 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 contact 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 National: 1-800-772-1213  
Local office where individuals can apply for Social Security benefits
- Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services Pittsburgh: 412-565-5240  
Harrisburg: 717-787-6176  
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 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 see website listed for contact information.]  
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
- Northwest Human Services Please see website under "locations" for contact information. Toll-Free: 1-888-647-0020  
NHS provides residential living options, case/care management, and

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therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.

- 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.
- Lifesteps, Inc. Beaver County Program Center: 724-774-6494  
Lifesteps provides services such as residential living and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities with community homes and life sharing in seven counties
- Supportive Services, Inc.. Beaver Falls: 724-843-8802  
Supportive Services, Inc. offers supportive housing program for mental health consumers.
- Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (BCRC) New Brighton: 724-847-1306  
Prepares individuals with disabilities (physical, mental, co-occurring) for the workforce. Also, has services specially designed for those who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- Harbor Point Housing Beaver Falls: 724-847-2103  
Harbor Point Housing enables persons with mental health issues to live on their own by providing help with finding housing and by assisting with basic tasks such as grocery shopping. Programs include Community Residential Rehabilitation, Young Consumer, Melrose Place, Stone Harbour
- Pennsylvania Association For The Blind 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
- Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network 1-800-692-7443  
The Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network provides information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide.
- Northwestern Human Services Beaver, PA: 724-774-4414  
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.
- o 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

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- KFS School Staffing Services
- KFS Training Services
- o [Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program](#) Beaver County- 724-283-3198 ext 225  
Providing support and advocacy services to individuals who have a developmental disability.
- Assistive Technology
  - o [Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#) [Website link](#)  
[Select 'Family Support' link then select 'Assistive Technology' link. Referrals are under Allegheny County.]  
Assistive technology is the name for the wide range of technology that helps individuals perform functions that might be otherwise difficult or impossible.
  - o [The Arc/ACHIEVA](#) [Select 'Resources' link on main page then select 'Assistive Technology and Accessibility' link.] 724-775-1602  
ACHIEVA, serving southwestern Pennsylvania, has led the way in protecting the rights of and promoting opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
  - o [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.
  - o [Pennsylvania Care Planning Council](#) Butler: 724-282-6060  
Pennsylvania Community Disability, Assistive Technology, & Transportation Services
  - o [Three Rivers Center for Independent Living](#) Pittsburgh: 800-633-4588 ext 140  
Counties Served: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Lawrence, Westmoreland  
Three Rivers Center for Independent Living (TRCIL) is a non-residential, non-profit, community-based human service organization. Our purpose is to assist people with disabilities to lead self-directed and productive lives within the community. TRCIL is a Center for Independent Living (CIL), as defined from Section 702 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.  
For questions regarding Assistive Technology services contact: 412-371-7700 or TTY 412-371-6230.
- Counseling for special healthcare needs
  - o Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh – Beaver County: 724-775-0758  
Counseling for various family needs. Some services are funded via government or private grants.
- Day Care
  - o [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-692-7462  
Child Care and Early Learning services.
    - [Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care:](#) 800-322-8504; 724-847-0145  
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

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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

- o [Allegheny County Family Resource Guide](#)

[Select 'Resources for Neighboring Counties' link. Referrals are under 'BEAVER COUNTY'.]

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- o [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.

- o [Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) 1-800-400-6180 and 724-847-6229

Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (formerly known as Beaver County MH/MR/D&A/HC) is charged with the responsibility to encourage a seamless system of care that is accessible, continuously available and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation.

- o [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.

- o [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

- o [CHIP](#) [Web Page link] 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program.

Covers all uninsured PA kids under 19.

- o [COMPASS](#) [PA Dept. of Human Services benefits online application Web Page link]

[Select *Apply for Any Benefits* link to begin.]

- o *Help with Medicare*

- [APPRISE](#) 1-800-783-7067

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a free health insurance counseling service  
for individuals 60 and over.

- [Beaver County Area Agency on Aging, APPRISE](#) 724-728-7707
- [Medicare Part D](#) [Website link]

Information about the Part D prescription drug  
benefit available to individuals enrolled in Medicare.

- o [HealthCare.gov](#) [Federal Health Insurance Enrollment Website] 1-800-318-2596
  
- o [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](http://www.COMPASS.state.pa.us) and learn more at [www.healthypa.com](http://www.healthypa.com).
- o [Medical Assistance \(MA\)](#) [PA Department of Human Services Web link.]  
Health care services for eligible individuals.
- o [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.
- o [Resource Guide to Healthcare Options in Pennsylvania](#)  
For Children, Adults, and Seniors  
The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Pennsylvania State University
  
- Housing
  - o [Beaver County Collaborative Action Network](#) [Website Link]  
Improving Beaver County Through Collaboration, Cooperation, Networking, and Information.  
Resources and referrals for various services are listed throughout the website. See 'Housing' link for housing referrals.
  - o [Beaver County Community Services Program](#) Beaver Falls: 724-770-2040  
The Community Services Program of Beaver County is part of a nationwide community services network. This network is made up of more than 1,150 local, private and non-profit and public agencies that work to eliminate poverty and empower low-income people and families in communities throughout the United States.  
The Homeless Assistance Program makes available a continuum of services to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The services may include: Emergency Shelter, Case management, Transitional housing, Rental assistance, and Information and referral.
  - o [Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) – Beaver County 724-775-0758

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Serving individual and family human needs. Resources listed in 'Services' link. Help with rental assistance through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) when funds are available and referrals to other social service agencies to address needs for services not provided by Catholic Charities.

All calls are free and confidential.

- o [Juvenile Law Center](#) [Beaver County.]  
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## Housing

- [HUD](#) Pittsburgh: 412-644-6428; Philadelphia: 215-656-0500  
HUD is a federal program that provides housing support for individuals in need such as rental programs (including Section 8) and home ownership assistance programs.
- [Pennsylvania Affordable Apartment Locator](#) 1-877-428-8844  
PAHousingSearch.com is a website in which affordable housing can be searched and located within in PA.
- [Northwest Human Services](#) 1-888-647-0020  
NHS provides residential living options, case/care management, and therapeutic services for individuals with disabilities.
- [Catholic Charities Diocese Of Pittsburgh](#) Beaver, PA: 724-775-0758  
Pittsburgh: 412-456-6999; Butler: 724-287-4011; Waynesburg: 724-627-6410  
CCDP is a social service agency offering services in housing, adoption, counseling, safety and stability, health care for the uninsured, housing and homeless, pregnancy and parenting, refugee and senior services. For housing, mainly serving residents of Bulter County, programs such as Safe Harbor Program, HOPE Program, PATH Transitional-Age Project for Young Adults and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality are offered, serving individuals with supportive and transitional housing with a shelter up to two months. For additional information, please refer to [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) to contact CCPGH at [info@ccpgh.org](mailto:info@ccpgh.org)
- [Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity at HUD](#) Pittsburgh: 412-644-5449  
Hotline service for individuals to report incidences of housing discrimination.
- [Making Homes Affordable](#) 888-995-4673  
National nonprofit organization aiming to prevent home foreclosure and reduce monthly payments for eligible individuals and families

## Shelters

- [City Rescue Mission](#) New Castle: 412-652-4321  
City Rescue Mission is a Christian ministry providing services in housing, food banks, and spiritual services. Shelters for both men and women/children are provided in which food and shelter is offered from 1-90 days with counseling and recovery.
- [Covenant House](#) New Castle: 724-652-4349  
City Rescue Mission provides a shelter for homeless women and families. Families may be accepted if they have proof of marriage and all shelter guests are required to participate in daily devotions, bible studies and spiritual counseling.
- [Women's Center of Beaver County](#) 724-775-0131  
Services for victims of domestic violence and or sexual assault- emergency shelter (up to 30 days) and transitional housing, 24 hour hotline, counseling services, legal and medical advocacy

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- [Crossroads Shelter Program](#) New Castle: 724-652-4321 ext 116  
The Mission's Crossroads Program provides men shelter, food and casework for up to 90 days.
- **Transitional Housing**
- [Lifesteps, Inc.](#) Beaver, PA: 724-774-6494; Butler, PA: 724-283-1010  
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- [Beaver County Housing Authority](#) 300 State Ave, Beaver, PA 15009; 724-775-1220  
HACB offers affordable living for families and elderly residents who want safe, decent housing in Beaver County. Call, apply online or stop by our office today!
- Health Waiver Programs
  - o **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.



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- [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**
  - o [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.
  - o [Community Living and Support Services \(CLASS\)](#) [Select 'How We Help' link then select 'Alliance for Community Respite Care'.]  
[Webpage link]
    - [ACRC Services](#) [Webpage link]  
[The Alliance for Community Respite Care](#)

*Respite Care Providers:*

Children

  - [CareBreak-Watson Institute](#) 412-749-2863  
Gift of time and energy given for a few hours a week by a volunteer to a family caring for a child (birth to 16) with special needs.
  - Day and Overnight Respite Program-Watson Institute 412-749-2862
  - [Child's Way-Children's Home of Pittsburgh](#) 412-365-6065  
Pediatric specialty hospital. Respite care offered for parents able to pay through third party providers.
  - [Continuum Pediatric Nursing-Pittsburgh](#) 412-851-8550  
In home nursing
  - Maternal Child Health 412-885-0184 or 800-365-1367
  - [Pediatric Services of America \(Nursing Home Care\)](#) 412-322-4140  
PSA Healthcare nurses work with the 800-331-1916  
family to build confidence and create and implement care plans that support family involvement.
  - [PLEA Agency](#) 412-243-3464  
Care for children with emotional, behavioral, and developmental disabilities. In home support and relief to families.
  - [Ventilator Assisted Program](#) 412-692-6494  
Respite service for families of ventilator assisted children.

Children and Adults

  - [ACHIEVA](#) 412-995-500 x 491 or 412-995-5000 x 476

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Lifelong services for people with disabilities and their families.

- [Bayada Nurses](#) 412-374-0110  
Periodic relief for family members through respite services.
- [Care Unlimited](#) 1-800-535-3747 (for Pittsburgh Region)  
In home respite services. 1-800-828-1813 (for Erie Region)
- [Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh](#) 412-381-0277  
Permanent homes, respite care, in-home services, and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities and autism
- [Extended Family Care](#) 412-241-7292  
Home health care services 800-637-9358
- [Maxim Healthcare Services](#) 412-687-2838  
Home Care and/or In-Home Nurses Respite Care 866-926-2946
- [McGuire Respite Program](#) 724-843-3400 x 142  
McGuire Memorial offers families Respite Care for loved ones with developmental and physical disabilities.
- [Mercy Behavioral Health](#) 1-877-637-2924  
recovery-oriented, community-based programs. 412-253-1250
- [Passavant Memorial Homes](#) 412-820-1010  
private, non-profit, human services provider serving the entire western PA region. Programs include respite services.
- [Personal-Touch](#) 412-681-1044  
home health care and hospice services

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

- Special Education

- o [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/>
- o [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

- o [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.
- o [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.  
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- [Western PA Parents of Autism and Learning Differences \(WPAL\)](#) [Website]  
an ABOARD Autism Connection of PA sponsored local parent support group. We network with understanding parents and professionals. We welcome anyone connected with Asperger's, Autism, PDD- NOS, ADHD, or Learning Differences. We meet locally and online to discuss real issues, resources and provide a place to relax and share our journeys without judgement.

## Women who are or who might be pregnant

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

- Baby Supplies
  - [Choices Pregnancy Services](#) Monaca, PA: 724-728-5550  
At Choices Pregnancy Services you will find caring client advocates and medical staff who are ready to listen and offer assistance. You can trust us if you need someone to talk to. We want you to have accurate information on all of your available choices, in order for you to make the decision that is best for you. We are staffed with trained personnel who care about you and what you are going through. All of our services are completely free and confidential.
  - [Lifeline \[of Southwest PA\]](#) Beaver, PA: 724-728-5651  
Free pregnancy testing and counseling. Maternity and Baby needs. Referral agency. No cost.
- 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.

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- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#) 847-228-5005  
Referrals and information about car seats.
  
- Counseling
  - [Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh](#) – Beaver County 724-775-0758  
Serving individual and family human needs. Resources listed in ‘Services’ link.
  - [Lifeline \[of Southwest PA\]](#) Beaver, PA: 724-728-5651  
Free pregnancy testing and counseling. Maternity and Baby needs.  
Referral agency. No cost.
  
- CHIP
  - [PA Children’s Health Insurance Program](#) Call automated phone line at  
800-986-KIDS (5437) and a CHIP representative will  
return your call within two business days.  
Pennsylvania’s CHIP program puts health coverage within reach for all uninsured kids  
and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.
  
- Pregnancy Insurance
  - Presumptive Eligibility (PE), Medical Assistance (MA)  
Presumptive Eligibility is a temporary program of health insurance coverage  
for pregnant women who are applying for Medical Assistance.
    - [PA Dep of Human Services Benefits Helpline](#) 1-800-692-7462
    - [PA Dep of Human Services County Assistance Office Contact Information](#)
  - [COMPASS](#) (PA Dep of Human Services) [Website]  
*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

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- [Elevated Lead Blood Level Case Management Guidelines](#) [CDC Web Page]  
Recommendations from the CDC Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- [Environmental Protection Agency, Lead](#) [EPA Web Page]  
Provides many useful links for families including: (800) 424-5323.  
[Lead Hotline – National Lead Information Center](#) link
- [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.
- 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).

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## 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

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experienced brain injury and their family members through support, education, advocacy, referrals and research. [E.g. – see ‘Resources’ ‘Transportation’ link on website for transportation referrals.]

- 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 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 Beaver/Butler County Health District](#) 724-774-1385  
The Department supports outreach, education, prevention and treatment services across a variety of program areas. Grants and subsidies to community-based groups are used to provide essential services to the Commonwealth's citizens including programs for women and children, nutrition, immunization, diagnosis and treatment of certain blood and communicable diseases, cancer control and prevention, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

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

## Legal advocacy for the disabled in Pennsylvania

[Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania](#) Harrisburg 1-800-692-7443  
717-236-8110  
717-346-0239 [TDD]  
Philadelphia 215-238-8070  
Pittsburgh 412-391-5225

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

[PA Health Law Project](#) 1-800-274-3258

Helping People in Need get the Health Care they deserve.

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

## 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](#)  
Beaver County: 724-375-2895 ; Toll Free: 800-262-0343
- [Brain Injury Association Transportation Resource List](#) Website address  
Part of the Brain Injury Association of PA

## Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance and Job Training for the Disabled

- [Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#) Website

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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