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The Derry Township School District Community Resource Fair started as a one time event several years ago In an effort to connect our families with children wltH special needs to area resources. It was a great success and we soon realized opening this event to our neighboring districts would make It even better. Enclosed you will find all the agecies that were at the October 2023 event. We hope this resource and event will be benficial.

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AARON'S ACRES

All children, regardless of ability and disability, should have the opportunity to engage in recreational activities with their peers, separate and apart from a school setting. Splashing in the pool with friends, riding a horse for the first time, playing a game of kickball, seeing a magician, petting a bunny or even a snake... these are all activities that occur, in addition to trips to Hershey Park, bowling and miniature golf. At Aaron's Acres, we can make that happen due to having professional supervisory staff and our low staff to child ratio. We are able to accept all children and meet their needs accordingly. The child who has a seizure disorder or the child who is older and still wearing diapers can participate in all of our activities and receive the appropriate support and accommodations.
www.aaronsacres.org

CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT



The mission of CMU is to plan with and support adults and children with mental disabilities, and their families when appropriate, to live full and inclusive lives within their communities. This will be achieved by providing support to access resources, both within the community and within the public systems for mental health, intellectual and developmental disability programs and early intervention services.
<https://www.cmupa.org/>



CATHERINE HERSHEY SCHOOL FOR EARLY LEARNING

Catherine Hershey School for Early Learning creates high-quality learning communities that nurture, educate, and empower children and their families in social and financial need to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

<https://www.chslearn.org/>

COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP

CSG provides behavioral health services to children, youth and adults. Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) services offer a variety of programs and resources tailored to the individual's specific needs. Services can span from assistance with daily living activities such as cooking, cleaning, bathing, and getting dressed, to working on communication and social skills, or finding and maintaining employment.

<https://csgonline.org/>



FAMILIES TO THE MAX

FAMILIES TO THE MAX (F2MAX) is the Pennsylvania Statewide Family Network made up of both parents and professionals. The network came out of an educational initiative based on the idea of presuming competence and fostering high expectations for students of all abilities. FAMILIES TO THE MAX is a collaboration between Pennsylvania families, individuals, PaTTAN, PEAL and HUNE.

<https://www.pealcenter.org/families-to-the-max-pennsylvania-statewide-family-network/>



FITNESS 4 FOCUS


An adaptive and inclusive fitness program affecting change in the lives of those impacted by intellectual, physical, mental and/or sensory delays. We provide support and experience to enable impaired individuals to become comfortable with the fundamentals of functional movement. Athletes are seeing themselves for their abilities not disabilities. By mastering tasks and overcoming obstacles, our athletes develop the confidence they need to thrive in the gym and beyond. Participants: We serve all individuals who are impacted by intellectual, physical, mental and/or sensory diagnosis that affect their ability to perform certain activities from 4 years old through adulthood. Contact Info: Contact Chris Russell at 717-508-4015 or centralpa@fitness4focus.com





HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HACC is a community college and educates all students while meeting their needs for academic and personal success.





HERSHEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB – HERSHEY TWIZZLES



Skating is great exercise, but it can be especially beneficial to those with developmental disabilities, physical challenges, or who are recovering from an injury. In overcoming the restrictions of their handicaps through pleasant recreation, the skaters tend to become more outgoing and confident builds significantly! They are provided opportunities to meet new friends with common interest and to identify with a group. They encounter fun as they develop confidence and self-respect, not only among the skaters in their group, but also among family and friends. In ice skating, an individual sport, skaters can progress at their own rate. Each skaters is paired with their own volunteer "buddy" and work at their own pace under the guidance of our United States Figure Skating Association certified coaching staff. <https://www.hersheyfigureskating.org/page/classes/therapeutic-adaptive--wheels-on-ice>



HERSHEY HEROES SPECIAL HOCKEY



We teach individuals with special needs to skate and play ice hockey. We are always looking for players and on-ice buddies to assist in skating.

www.hersheyheroesspecialhockey.com

KEYSTONE HUMAN SERVICES; EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SERVICES



Keystone Human Services is an agency that provides a variety of services to support people to live and work in their communities. Please check our website at KeystoneHumanServices.org.



LONE OAK ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY AND EDUCATION CENTER

Over the last decade, professionals across disciplines, including neurobiology, psychiatry, psychology, and social work, have confirmed what our ancestors have always known: humans and horses are meant to partner, learn, and survive—together. Horses teach us to be present and require us to be honest about who we are and what we are feeling. Their ways of relating to others in their herd teach us about human relationships. Their sensitivity to body language and things unsaid make them a mirror of sorts, allowing us to see ourselves more clearly. Horses have something to offer all of us. <https://www.loneoaktherapeutic.org/>



LOVE 2 BEE FIT



We do cardio drumming, Zumba, and group outings/activities. We strive to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where people of all ages and abilities can improve and maintain positive mental and physical health.

<https://love2beefit.com/>



Office of Vocational Recreation

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain or maintain employment. "

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/pages/default.aspx>



PA REVS ALL STARZ (ADAPTIVE FIELD HOCKEY)

PA Revs All Starz is a disability-inclusive, adaptive field hockey teams for anyone 6 years old or older (no upper age limit). We pair our athletes with high school field hockey players to share the love of the game, teach field hockey skills, and foster friendships and teamwork. We host 5-week seasons in the fall, winter, and spring. There are opportunities to play recreationally and compete against other adaptive field hockey teams. Any athlete who identifies as having a disability is welcome to join, there are no limitations and we will collaborate to best support you!

<https://parevsfh.wixsite.com/website>



PARENT TO PARENT OF PA

At Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania, when someone asks what we do, we say we empower and support parents throughout our great state. We connect them with families of children & adults with special needs or disabilities who've had similar journeys. The peaks and valleys they experience along the way might sometimes feel a little overwhelming. So, we're driven to ensure no parent feels alone. Ever. How? By providing the emotional support they need to help overcome whatever life throws at them. Share our own experiences and let them know, whatever happens, they've got this. <https://www.parenttoparent.org/>



PENN STATE THINK FIRST AND RECFEST

Injury prevention & Adapted Sports Event. Activities feature adaptive sports, including cycling, tennis, field hockey and soccer, and wheelchair sports such as basketball and fencing. Attendees also learn about resources including service dogs and driving programs.

yourcare.pennstatehealth.org/acton/media/34718/pennstatehealthrecfest2023



SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA

We provide year round sports training and competition for children and adults with ID. The mission of Special Olympics PA is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

www.specialolympicspa.org

TOPSOCCER

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girls, age four & older, who has a mental or physical disability. Our goal is to enable the thousands of young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer & US Youth Soccer families.

<https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/topsoccer/>

VISION RESOURCES OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

A nonprofit agency offering services to the blind and visually impaired, as well as employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities. <https://vrocp.org/>



VISTA AUTISM SERVICES

We believe every person's life journey should involve meaningful experiences and relationships. Through our comprehensive programs and specialized services, we empower adults with autism spectrum disorder or comparable symptomology to reach their unique potential and find their place in the community. BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES , ADULT DAY SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, INTENSIVE IN-HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICES Check us out at www.vistaautismservices.org.

3.21 FOR LIFE PA



3.21 FOR LIFE is a non-profit organization that was created by a group of individuals in the Hershey/Hummelstown area who have personal connections to individuals with Down syndrome. Our goal is to raise awareness and opportunities for these individuals, as well as, funds to provide scholarships for college, continued education, camps, therapeutic programs and more.

<https://www.321forlife.com/>