

A.C.C.E.S.S.

Services no longer available

Crisis services are no longer available through A.C.C.E.S.S. For access to counseling services twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, please refer to the listing under Schuylkill County WE HELP, a Crisis Hotline and Mobile Crisis Intervention Program described on page 79.

Access Services

340 South Liberty Street

Orwigsburg, PA 17961

570-366-1154 or Outpatient 570-366-5096

Fax : 570-366-7711 or Outpatient 570-366-8755

Outpatient Hours - Monday-Thursday 8:00am-8:00pm

Office Hours – Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

E-mail: lsmith@accessservice.org

To empower or serve persons with cognitive, emotional and behavioral disabilities through innovative services which enable them to live rich and fulfilling lives with positive family and community relationships.

Program Name: Individual, group, family martial therapies **Contact:** Staff

Program Name: Respite Care Services **Contact:** Staff

Program Name: Pharmaco Therapy **Contact:** Staff

Program Name: In-Home Supports **Contact:** Staff

Program Name: Lifesharing through family living (foster-care) **Contact:** Staff

Program Name: L.I.F.E. Day Support Program **Contact:** Staff

Adult Higher Education

Schuylkill Community Education Council (SCEC)
Higher Education and Job Training Resource in Schuylkill County
Information on all education programs are provided on this website:
www.schuylkillvission.com

Alvernia College Schuylkill

2650 Woodglen Road
Pottsville, PA 17901

www.alvernia.edu

570-628-4011
888-ALVERNIA

Empire Beauty School

324 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

www.learnbeauty.com

570-622-6060
800-260-5881

Lehigh Carbon Community College

234 High Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252

www.lccc.edu

570-668-6880

McCann School of Business

2650 Woodglen Road
Pottsville, PA 17901

www.mccannschool.edu

570-622-7622
888-779-2985

Penn State Schuylkill Campus

200 University Drive
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

www.sl.psu.edu

570-385-6252

Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing

450 Washington Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

www.pottsvillehospitalsof nursing.com/index.php

570-621-5027

Schuylkill Technology Centers

North Campus – Frackville
South Campus – Mar Lin
Airport Campus - Minersville

www.stcenters.org

570-874-1034

Advocacy Alliance

116 South Claude A. Lord Blvd.

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-2401

Fax: 570-628-4913

Monday-Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm

Website: www.theadvocacyalliance.org

E-mail: Info@advocacyalliance.org

The Alliance's mission is to promote mental well-being, prevent mental illness, advocate for the rights of and provide services to persons who are mentally ill, and persons who are mentally retarded.

Program Name: Advocacy for Adults & Children

Contact: Receptionist

Advocates serve as spokespersons and problem-solvers for persons in the community with mental illness in various life situations such as mental health services, housing, and employment. Advocates work on behalf of children and adolescents with mental illness in asserting and protecting their rights in the mental health and other various child-serving systems of care.

Program Name: Social Club

Contact: Receptionist

Advocacy Alliance offers a safe, supportive environment for persons in the community with mental illness or emotional problems to come together.

Program Name: Drop-In Centers

Contact: Receptionist

"The Doorway," consumer driven drop-in centers, provides an opportunity for persons receiving mental health services to come together in an atmosphere of acceptance and mental support.

Program Name: Financial Management

Contact: Receptionist

The representative payee service is a comprehensive system of financial and budgetary management for persons who are mentally ill, mentally retarded, or elderly who are unable to manage their monthly Social Security benefits and financial affairs.

Program Name: Community Education

Contact: Receptionist

The Alliance promotes public awareness of mental health/mental retardation issues, problems, and service/treatment. The Alliance advocates on behalf of the consumers by keeping local, state, and federal elected officials informed of mental health/mental retardation issues and legislation.

Program Name: Direct Client Services

Contact: Receptionist

Assisting mentally ill clients with basic life sustaining needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter for persons in the communities. Advocacy Alliance also helps organize and sponsor self-help groups for persons in the community coping with specific aspects of mental illness.

Program Name: Health Care Quality Units

Contact: Receptionist

The Alliance also serves as facilitator of the Health Care Quality Units (HCQUs), the responsible entities to the County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Programs for monitoring the overall health status of individuals with mental retardation who are receiving services. The HCQUs work to support and improve the mental retardation community service systems by building capacity and competency to meet the physical and behavioral health care needs of persons with mental retardation.

Program Name: Consumer Satisfaction Teams

Contact: Receptionist

To facilitate teams of mental health services consumers and their families whose expressed purpose is to visit both adult and children consumers and assess their level of satisfaction with the mental health services they receive, to inquire as to their wants and needs, and to learn what they think would help in the delivery of services to them as individuals.

Program Name: Independent Monitoring Teams

Contact: Receptionist

Facilitate teams of consumers of mental retardation services, their family members, and community volunteers who are dedicated to the continuous improvement of the quality of service and support for persons with mental retardation. The teams conduct surveys of consumers, facilitate self-advocacy groups, speak with consumers and family members to determine their levels of satisfaction with services, and educate the community.

AHEDD

101 North Centre Street, Suite 405
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-9711
Fax: 570-622-9716

E-mail: Kathy.couch@ahedd.org
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

AHEDD is a private non-profit organization with a mission to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of persons with a disability. Founded in 1977, AHEDD is:

- An outcome-focused agency which has pioneered performance based contracting in the provision of employment services to increase industry wide accountability;
- An influential advocate promoting the culture of employment for persons with disabilities in key state and local task forces;
- The coordinator of the Pennsylvania Business Leadership Network, a business-to-business forum;
- A private partner with the Social Security Administration in helping beneficiaries understand the links between work and important benefits;
- An entrusted option among a growing number of schools in assisting youth with a disability in their transition to careers and work in the community;
- A team of professionals with a vision to be the premier agency in its field with a single purpose and focus of improving employment outcomes through exceptional service to each of our business customers.

For more information contact: Kathy A. Couch, Area Manager

Alcoholics Anonymous

Pottsville, PA 17901 - 800-431-9315
Tamaqua, PA 18252 - 570-654-0488
Twenty-Four (24) Hour Answering Service
Website: www.aa.org

The answering service and website provide meeting place information for recovering alcoholics and their families.

Program Name: Referral for Alcoholics

Contact: Receptionist

This program is designed to provide information on group meetings and support services for recovering and recovered alcoholics. There is no cost for this service.

Program Name: Al-Anon Services

Contact: Receptionist

Information on support services for family and friends of the alcoholic is provided. This program has no cost.

American Cancer Society

16 North Fourth Street
Minersville, PA 17954
Fax: 570-622-8549
Mon.-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

33 West Ridge Street
Lansford, PA 18232
Fax: 570-645-8845
Mon.-Fri. 8:30am to 4:30pm

1-888-227-5445

Website: www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Program Name: Referral to Community Resources

Contact: Patient Services

Specialized American Cancer Society staff provide information and referrals to community resources across Pennsylvania including the Society's programs and services, financial assistance, transportation, housing support groups and smoking cessation programs.

Program Name: Reach to Recovery

Contact: Patient Services

A program in which trained volunteers who are breast cancer survivors offer practical tips on self-care and a listening ear to anyone with breast cancer at diagnosis, during treatment, and beyond.

Program Name: Look Better... Feel Better

Contact: Patient Services

A free workshop facilitated by trained cosmetologists who teach women with cancer how to understand and care for changes in skin and hair that may occur during treatment.

Program Name: Road To Recovery

Contact: Patient Services

Trained volunteers provide cancer patients transportation to and from outpatient cancer treatments.

Program Name: Health Insurance Assistance

Contact: Patient Services

This service aims to improve the lives of cancer patients facing health insurance-related problems by offering state-of-the art health insurance assistance through the Society's information delivery channels 1-800-ACS-2345 and www.cancer.org.

Program Name: Hope Lodge

Contact: Patient Services

A free, overnight facility offered to cancer patients and their families needing a place to stay while receiving cancer treatment.

Program Name: Cancer Survivors Conferences

Contact: Patient Services

Conferences designed to address issues for the newly diagnosed, their families and caregivers. Conferences are held once a year.

Program Name: Great American Smokeout

Contact: Patient Services

Held annually on the third Thursday of November, the Great American Smokeout aims to give smokers a day to focus on when they can begin a new, smoke-free life.

Program Name: Relay for Life

Contact: Receptionist

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. Communities of volunteers and staff "Take up the Fight" to spread potentially life saving messages of early detections and prevention to promote local programs and services offered by the Society, and promote the American Cancer Society's National Cancer Information Center which can be reached twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or logging onto www.cancer.org.

Program Name: Great American Health Check

Program Name: Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Program Name: Breast Cancer Outreach

American Diabetes Association

3544 North Progress Avenue, Suite 101

Harrisburg, PA 17100

1-717-657-4310

Website: www.diabetes.org

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Program Name: Education and Research

Contact: Receptionist

To prevent and cure diabetes.

Program Name: Support Services

Contact: Receptionist

This program offers diabetes classes and summer camps for children and teenagers. It also provides self-help and support groups for children adults and family members.

Program Name: Literature

Contact: Receptionist

Provides information regarding diabetes.

Program Name: Support Groups

Contact: Receptionist

Provides support services to children from ages five (5) to twelve (12) who have diabetes.

American Heart Association

Building A, Suite #10

25 Stevens Lane

West Lawn, PA 19609

1-610-678-8871

Fax: 1-610-678-8845

Website: www.americanheart.org

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Program Name: Professional and Public

Contact: Receptionist

Teaching all of the public about the cardiovascular system. Also offering guidelines for a heart-healthy lifestyle.

American Lung Association

2121 City Line Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
1-610-867-4100
Fax: 1-610-867-0660
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
www.lunginfo.org

The goal of the American Lung Association is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health.

Program Name: Information and Instruction

Contact: Rachel Atwood

This program provides literature and information for both adult and pediatric lung disease. It also provides information on the hazards of smoking. Workers will go into schools throughout the area.

Program Name: Freedom From Smoking

Contact: Rachel Atwood

This is an eight (8) week program designed to help people stop smoking. Please contact agency for beginning dates of session.

Program Name: N-O-T

Contact: Rachel Atwood

Smoking cessation program designed specifically for teenagers.

Program Name: Asthma Camp

Contact: Rachel Atwood

This camp is available to children age seven (7) to thirteen (13) so they can learn how to live with asthma. There is a cost for this program but financial assistance is available for children who qualify.

Program Name: TATU

Contact: Rachel Atwood

Peer education tobacco prevention program in which teens are trained to present their own anti-tobacco message to elementary school students.

Program Name: Asthma Olympics

Contact: Rachel Atwood

Olympic day is held for children ages five (5) to twelve (12) with asthma.

American Red Cross

Schuylkill County Chapter

1402 Laurel Boulevard

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-9550

Fax: 570-622-9654

E-mail: redcrossed@comcast.net

Website: www.redcross.org

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its congressional charter and the fundamental principals of the International Red Cross. All disaster services are free and based on need.

Program Name: Blood Services

Contact: Melissa Darosh

Organizes community blood drives throughout local area to ensure a safe blood supply for residents free of charge.

Program Name: Emergency Military Services

Contact: Janet Curtis

The American Red Cross provides Emergency Communication for military men and women twenty-four (24) hours/seven (7) days a week.

Program Name: Health Safety

Contact: Martha Friday

Provides instruction for the community and emergency responders in CPR, First Aid and AED instruction, swimming instruction, and lifeguard certification.

Program Name: Emergency/Disaster Services

Contact: Tim Firestone

The American Red Cross will assist residents who have been displaced by disasters such as fire, flood or weather emergencies.

Program Name: Community Education

Contact: Tim Firestone

Provides education to local schools and communities on emergency preparedness.

Angel Baby Ministries, Inc.

Hope House Teen Mothers Home
123 W. Market Street
Orwigsburg, PA 17961
570-366-8676
Fax: 570-366-8674

E-mail: angelbabiesinc@verizon.net
Web: angelbabyministries.com
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Angel Baby Ministries programs are designed to help teen girls in need and teen mothers redirect their lives and enable them to continue their education, become healthy, positive members of society. The program enables them to make wise choices and decisions for their lives and that of their children. Phase II offers that continuum of care and support to make it possible.

The staff consists of the CEO, Live-in House parents, and Director of Social and Childcare services, an RN, a GYN serving as a consultant, a Teacher, Nursery attendants and professionals for workshops. The inventory controller helps the public with donations and the secretary is happy to receive calls.

Contact: Dee Gordon, Adm. Assistant
Marty Heard, Director of Social and Childcare Services

Program Name: Residential Care and Support

Support for teen girls in need, pregnant teens and teen mothers and their babies.

Program Name: Social Services to Residents and Family

Residents and families are offered weekly counseling, group sessions and case management to clients.

Program Name: On Ground Cyber Charter School

Nursery is available for babies while mothers attend school.

Program Name: Independent Living Phase

To help residents live independently successfully, prior to leaving they must achieve their goals set forth in their ISP. Clients are given an independent life skills test comprised of 16 components to determine their abilities, and then assisted with career seeking and grant application.

Program Name: Community Outreach

Hope House serves the young parents of the community with free weekly workshops and free baby needs.

Program Name: Crisis Pregnancy Outreach

Free pregnancy test and prenatal vitamins and baby needs.

Program Name: Comprehensive Maternity Program and Service

Program Name: LifeLine Aftercare

The Aftercare offers a continuum of support and services after completion of program.

Avenues

Agricultural Park
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-7920

Fax: 570-622-9271

Website: www.avenuesofpa.org

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Avenues is a private non-profit corporation that serves Schuylkill, Carbon and Northumberland counties. The purpose of this corporation is to promote the general welfare of persons, with developmental and/or physical handicaps or disabilities; to plan, promote and assist in the establishment, maintenance and operation of training centers or clinics for the educational, social and physical betterment of all such persons; to aid in research for prevention and treatment of developmental disabilities and other handicaps to the greatest extent possible; to sponsor an educational campaign whereby the general public will be apprised of the abilities and interests of our program participants and to provide a clearinghouse of information which may be of great value and interest to our clients, their parents, families and friends.

Program Name: PA Elks Home Service Nurse
and Neurology Clinic

Contact: Earlene Lykins

Provides services to individuals who have developmental disabilities and their families. A nurse visits the individual or family, provides services and makes referrals.

Program Name: Adult Training Facility

Contact: Cathy Smink

Provides developmental training, pre-vocational skills to promote independent functioning in both home and community, offers transportation, occupational therapy, speech therapy, diagnostic services, advocacy and referral. Participant must be eighteen (18) years or older.

Program Name: Early Intervention Program
Program Hours: 6:30am-4:00pm

Contact: Dottie Botto

This program is for children who have developmental delays in cognitive, gross and fine motor skills, language and personal/social behavioral areas. Teaches parents to follow through on goals at home. This program accepts children up to kindergarten age.

Program Name: Vocational Services

Contact: Maureen
570-628-5316

Provides Work Skills Training, Work Preparation Employment Training, Supportive Employment, Job Placement and Job Coaching in a variety of settings.

Program Name: Horticultural Program

Contact: Sally Morgan
570-622-7368

Offers vocational rehabilitation/production and therapeutic programming, providing a beneficial work setting of functioning ability. Participants must be eighteen (18) years or older and have a learning disability.

Program Name: Eldergarden and Senior Recreation
Program Hours: 8:00am-3:30pm

Contact: Lori McNally

Provides a planned program of socialization, recreational and developmental experiences enabling seniors to have independent functioning. Provides counseling, referral and advocacy services, and offers hot meals and crafts. Applicants must be elderly and have a disability.

Program Name: Adult Socialization

Contact: Sue Griffin

Provides summer camp for children and teens. Offers programs for severely and profoundly disabled children. Provides year-round recreation for adults.

Program Name: First Friends Child Daycare
Program Hours 6:30am-6:00pm

Contact: Dottie Botto

Offers childcare to children age six (6) weeks to twelve (12) years old. This service is open to the public. There is a cost for this service.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters

91 South Progress Avenue

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-0174

Fax: 570-622-2398

E-mail: bbbs.doug@verizon.net

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (Varies)

The mission of Big Brothers / Big Sisters is to assist in the personal development of at-risk youth through the enhancement of skills, interest and mutual trust through a supervised relationship with a carefully screened and trained volunteer.

Program Name: Community Based

Contact: Doug Allen

Adults volunteer their time to work with youth on a one-to-one basis. The goal of BB/ BS is to aid in the personal development of youngsters through the enhancement of skills, interests and mutual trust. Children for this program need to be between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16).

Program Name: School Based

Contact: Doug Allen

This program allows high school students to volunteer as “Bigs” and are paired with elementary school students. This program runs in seven (7) schools throughout Schuylkill County.

Birthright

10 North Lehigh Street

Frackville, PA 17931

570-874-2621

1-800-550-4900

www.birthright.org

Monday 10:00am–1:00pm / Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm /Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm

Thursday 11:00am-3:30pm / Friday 10:00am -2:00pm

Birthright offers practical assistance to low-income expectant mothers.

Program Name: Pregnancy Testing

Contact: Receptionist

Free pregnancy testing is available to area women.

Program Name: Referral

Contact: Receptionist

Birthright makes referrals to the expectant mother regarding financial and medical assistance, counseling, and transportation or adoption information. This program is for expectant mothers facing a hardship.

Program Name: Practical Assistance

Contact: Receptionist

This program offers baby and children's clothing up to size three (3) to needy children. Layette sets are given to needy newborns.

Program Name: Volunteer Work

Contact: Receptionist

Birthright is always looking for caring individuals to volunteer their time.

Catholic Charities

13 Westwood Road

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-0466

Fax: 570-628-3343

E-mail: prusso@allentowndioocese.org

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Counseling by appointment during evenings/Saturdays

Pamela J. Russo, County Supervisor

The mission of the Catholic Charities is to provide compassionate human services with respect for the sanctity of all human life.

Program Name: Case Management and
Food Pantry

Contact: Dave Dagon

Help is available for individuals or families in need of food, emergency shelter, utility or rent assistance. Food pantry is appointment only.

Program Name: Adoption

Contact: Adoption

Department; Allentown Office 1-610- 435-1541

Help is available when a mother is considering placing her child up for adoption. Legal counseling is provided if adoption is considered.

Program Name: Caring Hearts / Pregnancy Support

Contact: Mary Hoben

This program provides free confidential counseling, referrals, material assistance, baby items and free pregnancy testing to women in need. Adoption planning is also available.

Program Name: Foster Care

Contact: Joann Andruchek

Assistance is available to place children in approved foster homes within Schuylkill/Carbon Counties. Most referrals come from the Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services.

Program Name: Counseling

Contact: Sister Kate Bondura

Professional counseling is available to individuals, couples and families. Service is offered on an affordable sliding scale. Outreach sites are located in Tamaqua and Jim Thorpe.

Program Name: Immigration and Refugee Services **Contact:** Catholic Charities
of Berks County, 1-610-376-7144 and Lehigh/Northampton, 1-610-435-1541

This program is called “Welcome the Stranger.” Lehigh Catholic Charities serves refugees fleeing from persecution and terror, as well as immigrants seeking freedom and opportunity to rebuild their shattered lives. Housing, material help, employment, and English language training are provided.

Program Name: Parish Outreach **Contact:** Pamela Russo

This program assists parishes in developing and supporting lay leadership as parish-based social concerns are identified. Outreach to the elderly is ongoing with visits to shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals and hospice patients.

Program Name: Services for Older Adults **Contact:** Dave Dagon

This program is designed to assist older adults in their own or other identified locations who are in need of social services that will enhance the quality of their lives and support physical and emotional independence.

Program Name: Holy Family Adult Day Care **Contact:** Linda Herb
570-366-2924

This program offers organized daytime support services to the elderly with functional impairment, organic brain syndrome, or any individual with a dementia-related disorder while they continue to live in their own home and who do not require twenty-four (24) hour nursing care. Tours may be scheduled by contacting Linda Herb, Program Manager.

Chamber of Commerce- Schuylkill

91 South Progress Avenue

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-1942

1-800-755-1942

Fax: 570-622-1638

E-mail: info@schuylkillchamber.com

Website: www.schuylkillchamber.com

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Purpose/Services:

The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce is organized to develop a competitive business advantage for member companies; and to promote the free enterprise system; the commercial, industrial, or civic interests; and the quality of life in Schuylkill County. Some services include: youth and adult leadership programs, group health insurance, monthly newsletter and email action alerts, networking events and educational seminars.

Chamber of Commerce- Tamaqua

114 West Broad Street

Tamaqua, PA 18252

570-668-1880

Fax: 570-668-0826

E-mail: tamaquachamber@verizon.net

Website: www.tamaqua.net/chamberofcommerce.html

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Executive Director: Linda Yulanavage

The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization developed to achieve the objectives of preserving the competitive enterprise system of business by creating a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of the businessman and a concern for his problems, promoting business and community growth. The Chamber promotes civic, social and cultural programs. Any person, association, corporation or partnership is eligible to apply for membership. Some services include: business mixers, special programs presentations, group health insurance, wireless internet discounts, rental car discounts and business and community listings. The Chamber sponsors the Annual Halloween Parade, Santa Parade, Community Christmas Decorations, Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership and Downtown Tamaqua.

Child Care Information Services Of Schuylkill County

2335 West End Avenue
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-624-7950 or 1-800-216-1938
Fax: 570-624-7955
Website: www.ccis-schuylkill.org
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare 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.

Child Care Information Services Agencies are dedicated to provide all services courteously, to help families receive all of the services for which they are eligible, and to help families access all needed resources in a community.

The Schuylkill County Child Care Information Service is the funding agency for subsidized childcare in Schuylkill County. CCIS will provide information about childcare in the county, act as a resource to childcare providers, and can also make available a listing of childcare, both licensed and registered. All of these services can be accessed through, CCMIS, a web based referral service, which can help families find appropriate, affordable childcare. **Information and referral services are available regardless of family income.**

The Child Care Information Service provides assistance with childcare costs to eligible families residing in Schuylkill County. This subsidy for childcare cost is available to families currently using state licensed or registered providers. Assistance is also available to families using relative/neighbor care. This is care provided in an unlicensed facility (someone's home) for not more than three (3) children.

If you are using a licensed setting for child care, or your friend, neighbor or relative is caring for your child, you may be eligible for help with child care costs. A minimum number of working and/or training hours must be met to be eligible for help with these costs. Certain special circumstances are allowable under the Child Care regulations (e.g. disabled spouse, shared custody, foster parent, Head Start and others); please contact the CCIS directly to see if you qualify.

Schuylkill County Child Care Information Services also administers a small amount of funds, which are "set aside" to provide care for the children of teenaged parents, so they can continue to attend school.

Child Development, Inc.

420 University Drive
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
570-385-3986
1-800-433-3370
Fax: 570-385-2015
Website: www.childdevelopment.org
Monday–Friday 9:00am–4:00pm

Child Development works together with families and the community to enrich the lives of children by providing high quality services.

Program Name: Child Care

Contact: Lori Spotts

This program is designed to meet the needs of parents who are working or are in training. There are three (3) state-licensed centers located throughout the county which provide service Monday through Friday. This twelve (12) month program is open to children six (6) weeks old to kindergarten age, including children with disabilities.

Program Name: Head Start

Contact: Lori Spotts

Center-Based – Part Year

This program is designed to meet the needs of children age three (3) to five (5), including children with disabilities and families who meet the income guidelines.

Locations throughout the county that provide service Monday through Friday, in a nine (9) month program (September to May) for a minimum of four and one half (4.5) hours per day.

Center-Based – Full Year

State-licensed centers located throughout the county provide service Monday through Friday, in a twelve (12) month program for a minimum of four and one half (4.5) hours per day, for eligible children whose parents are working or are enrolled in a training program.

Home-Based

Home visitors throughout the county provide service Monday through Friday in a nine (9) month program (September through May), by one and one half (1.5) hour weekly home visits and bi-weekly group socializations.

Clinical Outcomes Group, Inc.

307 North Second Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-6990

Fax: 570-628-5899

Website: www.coginc.org

Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Clinical Outcomes Group, Inc. offers free and low cost behavioral health counseling services focusing on: tobacco, alcohol, drug mental health, and family issues.

President-Board of Directors: David Zanis, Ph.D

Clinical Outcomes Group, Inc (COGI) is a 501 (c) three (3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of our communities. COGI partners with local schools to provide health education program; businesses and employers to offer employee assistance programs, counseling and wellness services. COGI also collaborates with the criminal justice system to provide rehabilitative services for individuals engaged in violence. COGI utilizes science-based technologies designed to develop the most innovative approaches to helping individuals improve their lifestyles. Confidential services are delivered by trained staff that care about their community and are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Schuylkill and surrounding communities.

Community Volunteers in Action

420 North Centre Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-1426

Fax: 570 628-1099

e-mail: jjohnston@co.schuylkill.pa.us

website: www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/communityvolunteersinaction

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Community Volunteers in Action promotes, recruits, and recognizes volunteerism within the county. CVIA is a county government program.

Program Name: Volunteer Recruitment

Contact: Janice Johnston

The program identifies volunteer needs and collaborates with agencies to meet their volunteer requirements. Recruitment and publicity is done through a news column and by maintaining a volunteer website. CVIA also promotes national days of service. CVIA is a member of the Volunteer Management Association, an organization to enhance local volunteer management.

Program Name: Make A Difference Day Coordination

Contact: Janice Johnston

Coordination of Make A Difference Day promotion, mini-grant allotment, registrations, media coverage, award selection and reception.

Program: Community Resource Referral

Contact: Janice Johnston

Provide referrals to those in need to the agency that could best help them.

Program Name: Community Contacts

Contact: Janice Johnston

Recruitment and training of volunteers who receive instruction in basic Human Services and act as a reliable referral source to residents in time of need.

Program Name: Citizen Corps of Schuylkill County

Contact: Janice Johnston

As a member of Citizen Corps, help the public to be better prepared for emergencies and disasters that could happen in their neighborhoods.

Department of Health

103 One Norwegian Plaza

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-621-3112

Fax: 570-621-3188

Website: www.dsf.health.state.pa.us

Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:30pm

Emergency after Hours call 610-378-4352

The mission of the Department of Health is to provide leadership in a time of industry transition to promote good health and healthy communities, prevent disease and injury, assure the quality and availability of health care services, while managing limited resources for all citizens of the Commonwealth.

Program Name: Child & Adult Immunization Services

Contact: Any Staff

This program provides immunization shots to children and adults. If the children are within the WIC guidelines, there is no cost. For children over WIC guidelines, there is a five-dollar (\$5.00) fee. Appointments are required.

Program Name: Tuberculosis Clinic

Contact: Any Staff

Once a month, a clinic is held for TB patients for diagnosis, treatment, testing and medication. Treatment is free, but if the parent has health insurance, the insurance will be listed as a possible payment source.

Program Name: Health Services / HIV Testing

Contact: Any Staff

The Department of Health provides HIV testing. There is no cost for this service. Call the office for clinic hours, schedule is usually the second (2nd) or fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month.

The Department of Health also provides assistance with animal bite investigations, Lead Poisoning Education and Case Management, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Service and Grief Counseling, and Disease Prevention, Information and Investigations.

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

118 S. Centre Street, Suite 1
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-624-3020 or 1-800-621-6325
Fax: 570-624-3011
Website: www.diakon.org/scss/index.asp
Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries will demonstrate God's command to love the neighbor through acts of service.

Program Name: Meals on Wheels

Contact: Michelle Klusman
624-3015

Meals on Wheels delivers five (5) noon-day meals per week to homebound clients helping them to remain independent and in their own homes. Deliveries are made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers make re-assurance calls on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals on Wheels is funded in part by the Office of Senior Services.

❖ Please note that Tamaqua has its own Meals on Wheels Program.

Program Name: Apprise Health Insurance Counseling

Contact: Debbie Pauzer
624-3026

APPRISE offers free health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Additionally, paid staff and trained volunteers provide consumers assistance with PACE/PACENET applications, Medicare appeals and Medicare Prescription Drug plan comparisons and enrollments. APPRISE is funded in part by the Office of Senior Services.

Program Name: Prime Time Health

Contact: Teddi Cunningham
624-3012

Provides health information to older adults in a way that is upbeat, encouraging and fun. PrimeTime Health works in conjunction with many existing programs and services, reaches hundreds of seniors in Schuylkill County through health screenings, exercise program and nutrition updates. The program is funded in part by the Office of Senior Services.

Program Name: Volunteer Home Care

Contact: Lois Sterling
624-3014

An interfaith outreach ministry offering assistance to individuals and families of all faiths through the support of spiritually-enriched volunteers. VHC assist people of any age who are temporarily or intermittently in need of help in their home. Services may include: companionship, letter writing, telephone assurance, transportation, errands, meal preparation, light household chores, financial/tax/medical/ forms, outdoor chores, and minor repairs. There is no fee for services provided. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Program Name: Senior Community Resource Centers **Contact:** Kathy Leahy
624-3017

Promoting the social, emotional, physical and nutritional well being of older adults through a variety of community-based services and activities. Senior Centers currently serve daily noon-time meals in addition to providing seniors with help completing PACE/PACENET applications, obtaining STS bus passes, etc. This program is funded in part by the Office of Senior Services.

Senior Community Center Locations

Pottsville: 201 N. Centre St. / 570-628-3513	8am-1pm
Mahanoy City: 138 West Centre Street / 570-773-0738	8am-4pm
Schuylkill Haven: Main and Dock Streets / 570-385-5611	8:30am-1:30pm
Shenandoah: 116 N. Main St. / 570-462-1965	8am-1pm
Tremont: 34 W. Main St. / 570-695-3500	8am-1pm

Food Distribution Network

The mission of the Schuylkill County Food Distribution Network is to empower the local communities of Schuylkill County in their efforts to provide food for all area residents that find themselves in need.

Food Pantries - Effective July, 2009

Girardville Area Food Pantry

Location: "A" Street School, 200 A Street, Girardville, PA 17935

Primary Site Contact: Joe Chiaretti, (570)276-1034

Area Served: Girardville, Part Butler Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Odd Months, First Thursday, 10 am - 12 pm

Gordon Area Food Pantry

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 216 East Biddle St., Gordon, PA 17936

Primary Site Contact: Jason Schally, SCA, Pottsville, (570)622-1995

Area Served: Ashland, Gordon, Part Butler Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Monthly, Fourth Thursday, 12 pm - 2 pm (SCA food - even months)

Mahanoy Area Food Pantry

Location: First United Methodist Church of Mahanoy City, 400 E. Mahanoy Ave., Mahanoy City, PA 17948

Primary Site Contact: Greg Reser, (570)462-2322

Area Served: Mahanoy City, Mahanoy, Ryan, & Delano Twps.

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, Last Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

McAdoo Area Food Pantry

Location: Van Hoekelen Greenhouses, Inc., 220 S. Hancock Street, McAdoo, PA 18237

Primary Site Contact: Kelly Hoherchak, (570)929-1429

Area Served: McAdoo & Kline Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Odd Months, Third Saturday, 9am - 11am

Minersville Area Food Pantry

Location: Zion Lutheran Church, Fourth & Lewis St's. Minersville, PA 17954

Primary Site Contact: Joan Berner (570)544-4993

Area Served: Minersville, Cass, Foster & Branch Twps.

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, Third Tues., 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

Location: Good Intent Fire Co., 15 McComb St., New Philadelphia, PA 17959

Primary Site Contact: Rip Rowan, (570)277-6326

Area Served: New Philadelphia, Middleport, Blythe Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Odd Months, Third Wednesday, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

New Ringgold Area Food Pantry

Location: United Methodist Parsonage, Royer & Kelm St's, New Ringgold, PA 17960

Primary Site Contact: Kay Brown, (570)385-3360

Area Served: New Ringgold, McKeansburg, Port Clinton, Drehersville, Snyder, Andreas, East Brunswick Twp, Part West Penn Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, First Wednesday, 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Nuremburg Area Food Pantry

Location: North Union Twp Building, Nuremberg, PA 18241

Primary Site Contact: Joe Markoskie (570)384-4130 & Susan Driscoll (570)384-4342

Area Served: Ringtown, Union, North Union & East Union Twps

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, Third Saturday, 9 am - 11 am

Pine Grove Area Food Pantry

Location: PGACC Church School, 200 School St., Pine Grove, PA 17963

Primary Site Contact: Brian Lengel, (570) 345-3401

Area Served: Pine Grove Borough & Twp, All of Washington Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, Last Saturday, 10 am - 11 am

Port Carbon Area Food Pantry

Location: Avenues, Agricultural Park, Pottsville, PA 17901

Primary Site Contact: Nancy Bigg and Ginny Wallace, (570)622-7920

Area Served: Port Carbon & Mechanicsville

Distribution Schedule: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, by appointment

Pottsville Area Food Pantry

Location: John O'Hara Roundhouse, 7th & Laurel Blvd., Pottsville, PA 17901

Primary Site Contact: Jason Schally, SCA, (570)622-1995

Area Served: Pottsville, Mt. Carbon, Palo Alto, St. Clair, Frackville, Norwegian, East Norwegian & New Castle Twps.

Distribution Schedule: Monthly, Last Tuesday, 9 am - 11 am - Pre-Registration Required! (Pre-registration is held the Tues. before distribution from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Ringtown Valley Food Pantry

Location: East Union Township Building, 155 Zion Grove Road

Primary Site Contact: Jason Schally, (570) 622-1995

Area Served: Ringtown, and part of East Union Township

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, Third Saturday, 9am - 11am

Schuylkill Haven Area Food Pantry

Location: Walk-In Shoe Factory, Parkway - Rear Entrance, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Primary Site Contact: Howard Fessler, (570)385-4367

Area Served: Auburn, Cressona, Deer Lake, Landingville, N. Manheim Twp., Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Haven, South Manheim, Wayne, and West Brunswick Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Monthly, Third Friday, 1 pm - 4 pm (SCA food - Odd Months)

Shenandoah Area Food Pantry

Location: St. Stephen's Hall, Main & Oak Streets, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Primary Site Contact: Jason Schally, Schuylkill Community Action, 570-622-1995

Area Served: Shenandoah, Gilberton, West Mahanoy Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Odd months last Wednesday, 10 am - Noon - Pre-Registration Required!
(Pre-registration is held the Wed. before distribution from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Tamaqua Area Food Pantry

Location: Salvation Army, 105 West Broad St., Tamaqua, PA 18252

Primary Site Contact: Esther Stofocik, (570)668-0410

Area Served: Tamaqua, Coaldale, Rush, Schuylkill, Walker & Part West Penn Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, by appointment

Tremont Area Food Pantry

Location: Tremont Borough Municipal Building, 139 Clay St., Tremont, PA 17981

Primary Site Contact: Jim Robinson, 570-695-2131

Area Served: Tremont Borough & Twp, Frailey & Reilly Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, second Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am.

Tri-Valley Food Pantry

Location: Hegins Twp. Building, Gap St., Valley View, PA 17983

Primary Site Contact: Craig Coleman or Lee Bowman, (570) 682-9133

Area Served: Hegins, Barry, Eldred, Upper Mahantongo & Hubley Twp.

Distribution Schedule: Odd Months, Third Wed., 8am - 10am

Williams Valley Food Pantry

Location: 800 East Grand Avenue, Tower City, PA 17980

Primary Site Contact: Donna Hunter, (717)647-9486 (SFPP)

Area Served: Tower City, Porter Twp.

Distribution Schedule: 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Gaudenzia-Fountain Springs

95 Broad Street
Ashland, PA 17921
570-875-4700
Fax: 570-875-4260

Website: www.gaudenzia.org
Open twenty-four (24) hours a day

Gaudenzia at Fountain Springs is a residential drug and alcohol treatment program for pregnant/parenting women and their children. Treatment, based on the therapeutic community model, is done in a homelike environment with mothers as the principal caregivers for their children. Fountain Springs provides unique services to pregnant/parenting women and their children through a combination of diverse therapeutic activities and supportive services. Women who enter treatment may bring two (2) children with them. Their stay at Fountain Springs is from ninety (90) to one hundred eighty (180) days.

Goodwill Industries- Mideastern Pennsylvania

An Affiliate of Goodwill Industries Keystone Area

91 South Progress Avenue
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-9090
Fax: 570-622-1638
E-mail: lmelia@yourgoodwill.org
Website: www.yourgoodwill.org
Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm

Goodwill Industries actively strives to provide employment, training and rehabilitation programs to people with physical, mental and social disabilities by expanding their vocational opportunities and occupational capabilities.

Program Name: Goodwill Employment Services

Contact: Laura Mealia
570-628-9090

This program assists individuals with disabilities in locating, obtaining and maintaining employment within their community. Individuals are referred to this service through the *Schuylkill County Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Reading Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and SSA “Ticket to Work.”* Services provided by Goodwill Employment Services are: job finding skills, interview skills, resume preparation, and job coaching.

Program Name: LifeWorks

Contact: Kelly Gauker
570-622-3409

LifeWorks, provides transitional work services and life skills training to individuals referred to this program from the *Schuylkill County Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation.*

Program Name: Mail Options

Contact: Kelly Gauker
570-622-3409

Automated USPS bar-coded bulk mailing service available to area businesses. This business service provides transitional work skills to individuals served by Goodwill Industries. For more information on business services call 570-622-3409.

Program Name: Cartridge King

Contact: Kristy Carduff
1-800-590-6865

High quality, compatible to new, remanufactured Laser Toner Cartridges for all brands of laser printers. This business service provides transitional work skills to individuals served by Goodwill Industries. Laser Toner Cartridges can be purchased directly from Cartridge King, and Cartridge King will accept your donation of empty laser toner cartridges. Just call 1-800-590-6865 for more information.

Habilitation, Inc.

(Subsidiary of Avenues)

1755 West Market Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-5316

Fax: 570-628-3703

Website: www.avenuesofpa.org

Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm

Program Name: Sheltered Employment

Contact: Maureen Denapoli

E-mail: mdenapoli@avenuesofpa.org

Habilitation's goal is to provide work experience opportunities for individuals with disabilities while assisting businesses with their production and manufacturing process in a cost effective manner.

Provides comprehensive vocational services and experiences in a sheltered and supportive work environment to individuals with disabilities.

These services include extensive case management services, supportive employment, job placement, vocational evaluations, adult recreational experiences, work skills training program and time study analysis.

The range of vocational experiences include, but are not limited to, small assembly production, large assembly production, food services, retail goods, horticultural and janitorial services.

Home Health and Hospice Care

Covenant Home Care
1510 Highway 61 South
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-385-5522

Schuylkill Health Home Health Care
420 South Jackson
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-621-5050

Pinnacle Health Home Care/Hospice
301 One Norwegian Plaza
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-2290 or 1-800-222-5236

Schuylkill Nursing Association
12 St. John Street
Schuylkill Haven PA 17972
570-385-2818

Saint Luke's Miners Memorial Home Care
801 E. Broad St
Tamaqua PA 18252
570-952-8219

Hospitals

Schuylkill Health
www.schuylkillhealth.com

St. Catherine Medical Center
101 Broad Street
Ashland, Pa. 17921
570-875-2000
www.stchc.com

Schuylkill Medical Center East Norwegian
700 East Norwegian Street
Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Schuylkill Medical Center South Jackson
420 South Jackson Street
Pottsville, Pa. 17901
570-621-5000

Saint Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital
360 West Ruddle Street
P.O. Box 67
Coaldale, Pa. 18218
570-645-2131
www.mystlukesonline.org

Libraries

Ashland Public Library

1229 Centre Street

Ashland, PA 17921

570-875-3175

www.ashland.lib.oh.us

Frackville Free Public Library

56 North Lehigh Avenue

Frackville, PA 17901

570-874-3382

www.frackvillelibrary.com

Mahanoy City Public Library

19 West Mahanoy Street

Mahanoy City, PA 17948

570-773-1610

www.iu29.org/mahpl/

Minersville Public Library

220 South Fourth Street

Minersville, PA 17954

570-544-5196

Orwigsburg Free Public Library

214 East Independence Street

Orwigsburg, PA 17961

570-366-1638

www.orwigsburglibrary.org

Port Carbon Public Library

11 Pike Street

Port Carbon, Pa.

570-622-6115

www.iu29.org/ptcpl

Pottsville Free Public Library

215 West Market Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-8880

www.pottsvillelibrary.org

Ringtown Area Library

132 West Main Street

Ringtown, Pa. 17967

570-889-5503

Schuylkill Haven Free Library

104 Saint John Street

Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

570-385-0542

www.haven.k12.pa.us/havenpl/

Shenandoah Library

15 West Washington Street

Shenandoah, PA 17976

570-462-9829

Southside Branch Library

15 Kelayres Road

Mcadoo, Pa. 18237

570-929-1120

www.hazletonlibrary.org

Tamaqua Public Library

30 South Railroad Street

Tamaqua, PA 18252

570-668-4660

www.taplpa.info/

Tower Porter Community Library

230 E. Grand Avenue

Tower City, Pa. 17980

717-647-4900

www.iu29.org/towpl/

Tremont Area Public Library

19 North Pine Street

Tremont, PA 17981

570-695-3325

Tri Valley Free Public Library

633 East Main Street

Hegins, Pa. 17938

570-682-8922

www.iu29.org/tripl/

Lifelong Learning Center

438 Schuylkill Mall

Frackville, PA 17931

570-874-0137 or Toll Free: 1-888-945-1333

Fax: 570-874-1213

E-mail: narab@iu29.org

Website: www.iu29.org

Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

Site Administrator: Barbara Naradko - Coordinator of Special Services
Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29

The mission of the Lifelong Learning Center is to deliver free, high quality, comprehensive literacy services to Schuylkill County adults that address their individual personal and workplace needs. Those services include: individualized and/or group instruction which enables the high school dropout to attain a GED or a regular High School Diploma; instruction to help adults whose native language is not English to speak, read and write using the English language; and the education of adults to achieve success in the modern workplace by learning the basic academic, computer, and life skills required for employment today.

Program Name: GED Preparation

Contact: Kim Sutter

Classes provide assistance to individuals in obtaining their high school equivalency diploma. There is a cost for the test but the classes are free for anyone who has dropped out of high school.

Program Name: Adult Diploma

Contact: Kim Sutter

County adults twenty-one (21) years of age and older have the opportunity to earn a regular high school diploma from participating school districts.

Program Name: Workforce Education

Contact: Kim Sutter

Adults can develop and enhance the skills they need in the modern workplace such as Computer Literacy; Interviewing and Communication Skills; Resume Writing; Math and Technical Reading.

Program Name: English As a Second Language
Language

Contact: Kim Sutter

Teaching English to non-English speaking adults.

Program Name: SELECT

Contact: Kim Sutter

Schuylkill Education Leading to Employment and Career Training provides educational and supportive services to pregnant and parenting youth (males and females through age twenty-one (21))

Program Name: Distance Learning

Contact: Kim Sutter

Adults can earn a GED from their home through the use of computer or videos.

Program Name: Family Literacy

Contact: Kim Sutter

Under educated parents of young children can work on completing their GED and receive parenting instruction.

Program Name: 21st Century Community Learning
Centers

Contact: Kim Sutter

Providing after school programs for middle aged children.

Literacy Council for Schuylkill County

1500 Rockwood Center
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-385-4225 or 1-800-460-3840
Fax: 570-385-4786
E-mail: literacycouncil@comcast.net
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

The Literacy Council for Schuylkill County is a state-funded program that provides one-on-one tutoring to individuals who are seventeen (17) years of age or older and who need assistance with basic reading, writing or math skills, need help obtaining a GED or need tutoring in English as a second language.

This service is free and confidential.

Contact: Stacy A. Murphy, Executive Director

Make-A-Wish

Wachovia Bank Building
101 North Centre Street, Suite 308
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-6962/1-888-545-9474
Fax: 570-622-3644
E-mail: msalm@wishworld.org
Website: www.wishgreaterpa.org
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–5:00pm
Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

The purpose of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is to grant the wish of each child who has reached the age of two and one half (2 ½) and is under the age of eighteen (18) who has a life-threatening medical condition, i.e., a progressive, degenerative or malignant condition that has placed the child's life in jeopardy.

Program Name: Make-A-Wish Foundation

Contact: Marisa A. Salm
Regional Manager

This service provides a wish to children ages two and one half (2 ½) to eighteen (18) who suffer a life-threatening medical condition. Children must be referred prior to their eighteenth (18) birthdays.

Maternal and Family Health Services, Inc.

2510 West Market Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-5250 or 622-1244
Fax: 570-628-2227
Website: www.mfhs.org

Family Planning: Monday 9:00am-3:00pm Tuesday 9:00am-4:45pm, Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm, Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
WIC Services: Monday 8:00am-4:00pm, Tuesday 9:30am-5:30pm Wednesday 9:00am-5:00pm, Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm, Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Maternal and Family Health Services offers a wide range of nutritional and family planning services.

Program Name: Birth Control

Contact: Stacy Hollenbach
LPN

Provides females with birth control medicine and necessary examinations. The program also offers information on spacing children and/or limiting family size. There is a sliding fee for services, which is based on family size and income.

Program Name: Pregnancy Testing

Contact: Stacy Hollenbach
LPN

The agency will test females for pregnancy. Females under eighteen (18) are free, and for others there is a sliding fee based on family size and income.

Program Name: Cancer Screening

Contact: Diane Barton

This service provides a test for cancer to women forty years (40) or older. Women need to meet certain income guidelines to be eligible for the service and have no, or limited, income.

Program Name: STD Testing

Contact: Anne Gober

Testing for males and females for HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia.

Program Name: Teen Night

Contact: Stacy Hollenbach
LPN

First Wednesday of each month. Starts 2:30pm and runs until 5:30pm. The program is for teens between the ages of thirteen (13) years and nineteen (19) years of age. This program offers yearly pelvic exams, pap smears and pill refills.

Program Name: Supplemental Food &
Nutrition Program

Contact: Marcie Harner, RN
Rita Nosal, RN

Maternal and Family Health Services provides supplemental nutritious foods and offers education on nutrition to pregnant women and infant children (WIC). To be eligible for this service, women must be residents within the WIC area, children must range from birth to age five (5), and family must meet the income guidelines.

Other Locations for the Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program are:

139 West Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-4699

17 North Main Street
Shenandoah, PA 17976
570-462-3323

Meals on Wheels- Tamaqua

228 West Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-6954

Monday–Friday 10:00am-12:00pm

Meals on Wheels offer nutritious meals to individuals who are unable to leave their homes.

Program Name: Meals on Wheels

Contact: Coordinator

Meals are delivered to homebound individuals every weekday between 11:00am–12:00pm. Three (3) meals are brought to the home at one (1) time-one (1) hot platter for lunch, a cold meal for supertime and milk and cereal for the next morning. The cost is twenty-nine dollars (\$29.00) a week. This service is for homebound residents living within the Tamaqua Area School District.

MidPenn Legal Services

315 North Centre Street

Suite 201

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-3931 or 1-866-638-0606

Fax: 570-628-9697

Website: www.midpennlegal.org

Legal Services by appointment only

Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

MidPenn Legal Services provides free legal assistance to financially eligible residents of Schuylkill County.

Program Name: Legal Assistance

Contact: Intake Paralegal

MidPenn provides free legal representation, information and advice to low-income individuals in civil cases (do not handle any criminal cases). Cases MidPenn assists with protection from abuse, custody, visitation, landlord-tenant disputes, evictions, bankruptcy, collection-debtor advice and welfare problems.

Program Name: Long Term Care Ombudsman

Contact: Eileen Barlow

Long Term Care Ombudsman can provide information regarding long-term care services in the county (nursing home, personal care, adult day care); can provide information regarding research resources available to potential consumers/families; can investigate concerns regarding the quality of care in local facilities and can provide consultation services to consumers/families regarding self-resolution of concerns.

Services are free and confidential.

NHS Human Services

619 Mahantongo Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-3323

Fax: 570-628- 4103

Office Hours: 9am-5pm

www.nhsonline.org

NHS provides innovative solutions to support the unique needs of the individuals we serve by striving to create a caring and responsive environment that promotes the highest standards of integrity and quality.

Program Name: Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Services: I/DD

619 Mahantongo Street 4th Floor

Pottsville PA 17901

Contact: Michelle Gibson

(570) 628-3323 ext 215

mgibson@nhsonline.org

NHS I/DD Services respectfully partners with people to create meaningful lives and relationships with families, friends, and communities through self-directed supports. Your Life, Your Choice, Our Mission. Currently in Schuylkill County we offer Community Living Arrangements, Life Sharing through Family Living, Home and Community Rehabilitation and Respite Services.

Program Name: Outpatient Program

619 Mahantongo Street, 3rd Floor

Pottsville PA 17901

Contact: Melissa McGoey

(570) 628-3323 ext 210

mmcgoey@nhsonline.org

Mental Health Outpatient counseling for people of all ages. Therapy available for individuals, families, couples, and groups. Counseling available for issues such as depression, family and children's issues, bereavement, anxiety, coping skills. Psychological services available by appointment.

Program Name: Adult Behavioral Health: Community Residential Rehabilitation

209 South Tulpehocken Street

Pine Grove, PA 17963

Contact: Jenn Kramer

(570) 345-8051

jkramer@nhsonline.org

Adult Behavioral Health Program offers residential services to individuals with chronic mental health issues. This is a 24/7 program in a homelike setting. The Residential program helps each individual on their path to recovery. Transitional Living Community Based program offers support to individuals in areas of housing, activities of daily living through a holistic approach to recovery.

Program Name: Therapeutic Family Care & Foster Care Plus
619 Mahantongo Street, 2nd Floor
Pottsville PA 17901
Contact: Shawn Lynch
(570) 628-3323 ext 222
slynch@nhsonline.org

Therapeutic Family Care & Foster Care Plus offer a structured, community based, therapeutic environment for children, who are confronting serious emotional and behavioral health challenges. TFC/FCP provides children with a treatment alternative to hospital and other forms of residential treatment services. In addition, Supports for Permanency Services are provided.

Program Name: Autism Services
619 Mahantongo Street, 3rd floor
Pottsville PA 17901
Contact: Melissa McGoey, MA, BCBA
(570) 628-3323 x 217
mmcgoey@nhsonline.org

NHS Autism Services provides quality care that is individualized to the unique needs of each consumer and their primary support group. NHS achieves this by maximizing the consumer's level of functional independence in systemic, goal-directed steps. A variety of treatment services are available such as but not limited to Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services, Stepping Stones, parent and sibling support groups, specialized outpatient, licensed private academic schools and classrooms, adult autism and I/DD services and consultation and training programs

Nurse-Family Partnership Of Schuylkill County

1851 West End Avenue
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-2611
Fax: 570-628-2616

E-mail: bwp3@verizon.net

Website: www.nursefamilypartnership.org

Office hours are generally

Monday through Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm & Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm.

If there is no answer, leave a message and it will be returned promptly.

Program Name: The Nurse-Family Partnership of Schuylkill County is a home visiting program for first-time mothers. New mothers enroll early in their pregnancies and are seen on a regular basis by a nurse home educator. The visits continue through pregnancy until the child is two (2) years old. The goals of the program are to have healthy pregnancies, healthy babies and healthy, self-sufficient families.

Contact: Barbara Poncelet, RN, CPNP, MSN

Nursing and Rehabilitation Homes

Broad Mountain Manor Nursing Center and Rehabilitation 500 West Laurel Street, Frackville, PA 17931	570-874-0696
Hometown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Route 54 E, Tamaqua, PA 18252	570-668-1775
ManorCare 420 Pulaski Drive, Pottsville, PA 17901	570-622-9582
Orwigsburg Center (Genesis Healthcare) 1000 Manor Drive, Orwigsburg, PA 17961	570-366-2999
Rest Haven Schuylkill County Nursing Home 401 University Drive, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972	570-385-0331
Schuylkill Center (Genesis Healthcare) 1000 Schuylkill Manor Road, Pottsville, PA 17901	570-622-9666
Seton Manor 1000 Seton Drive, Orwigsburg, PA 17961	570-366-0400
Shenandoah Manor Nursing Center 101 East Washington Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976	570-462-1908
Tremont Health and Rehabilitation Center 44 Donaldson Road, Tremont, PA 17981	570-695-3141
Trinity Missions of Shenandoah Heights 200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shenandoah, PA 17976	570-462-1921
York Terrace Nursing Center 24 th and West Market Streets, Pottsville, PA 17901	570-622-3982

Office of Senior Services

110 East Laurel Boulevard

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-3103

570-874-4040

1-800-832-3313

Fax: 570-622-1732

E-mail: seniorsvcs@hotmail.com

Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm

The Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services is a public social service agency which involves itself with all issues concerning persons sixty (60) and older who are residents of Schuylkill County. The agency carries out a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, interagency linkages, information sharing, monitoring, service provision and evaluation. These activities are designed to promote the development and enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community-based geriatric social service systems in/or serving Schuylkill County. The agency promotes a continuum of care designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible. Special consideration is given to older persons who are the most vulnerable, including those at risk of physical harm, those in danger of losing their independence, and those with the greatest social, economic and health needs.

Program Name: Protective Services

Contact: Receptionist

Investigation of elder abuse complaints. Intervention by intensive caseworkers to older adults who are at imminent risk due to neglect, abuse, or exploitation.

Program Name: Assessment

Contact: Receptionist

Comprehensive collection of information concerning the individual needs of the older person and development of a plan of care to safely maintain the individual in the least restrictive setting.

Program Name: Care Management

Contact: Receptionist

Comprehensive collection of information concerning individual needs of older persons and development of a plan of care to safely maintain the individual in the least restrictive setting. Care Management ensures effective and coordinated delivery of service to consumers and their family. Maintains the independence of the individual in the community by coordination and follow-up of service delivery.

Program Name: Transportation

Contact: Receptionist

Van or bus trips for medical purposes, grocery shopping and senior centers for residents age 65 or older. Cross reference with Schuylkill Transportation Service.

Program Name: Information and Referral

Contact: Receptionist

The Information and Referral Unit provides screening and intake for all persons seeking assistance from OSS. Through this process, clients can access the most appropriate service to meet their needs by receiving information, referral, advocacy, and follow-up. Provides information on services of interest to consumers. Walk-in service of assistance with PACE, tax/property rebate, STS and LIHEAP applications to individuals age sixty (60) and older.

Program Name: Home and Community
Based Services

Contact: Receptionist

Community services for eligible consumers age sixty (60) and older. Meals-On-Wheels, personal care, and adult day care are provided if consumer has need. Nutrition centers, transportation and educational programs are also available.

Program Name: Placement

Contact: Receptionist

Assist with placement of eligible individuals into a nursing facility or personal care home.

Program Name: Volunteer Services

Contact: Receptionist

Volunteers provide assistance to in-home elderly and individuals in hospitals and nursing homes.

Program Name: Home Care Service

Contact: Receptionist

Personal Care Aides, Nursing Aides, Home Delivered Meals, Adult Day Care, R.N., L.P.N., Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy, and Caregiver assistance based on needs from an assessment.

Program Name: Aging Waiver Program

Contact: Receptionist

The Aging Waiver Program is for people sixty (60) and older who are certified by a physician to be nursing facility clinically eligible and meet income/asset guidelines. Under the program, home and community-based long-term care services can be provided as an alternative to nursing home care. It is called a "Waiver" program because services are funded through a special waiver of certain Medicaid restrictions, allowing payments typically used for nursing home care to be used for home-care services.

Program Name: Family Caregiver Support Program

Contact: Receptionist

Qualified families may receive monthly financial reimbursement up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00), depending on annual household income, for care giving supplies and respite from private agencies or non-family members.

Program Name: Ombudsman

Contact: MidPenn Legal Services
1-800-299-6599 or 570-628-3931

Investigates complaints made by, or on behalf of, nursing homes, personal care boarding homes, and all consumers of long-term care services. Provides advocacy, mediation, and education to those consumers.

Program Name: Congregate Dining

Contact: Receptionist

Congregate Dining provides a hot meal in a social setting allowing seniors to enjoy the company of other persons within their own age group. Meals served provide 1/3 of the daily nutritional allowance recommended for seniors.

Program Name: Apprise

Contact: Deb Pauzer,
Diakon Ministry Coordinator
800-621-6325 or 624-3026

The Apprise Program offers a place for insurance counseling and complaint resolution for county seniors. They help seniors to rectify and settle bills or other problems that may occur in the course of the receipt of healthcare services. Apprise can also help seniors in choosing which supplemental Medicare insurance programs are best for them, i.e. Medicare part A and B and Medigap plans. They also provide assistance with Medicare Part D drug coverage information and enrollment. Seniors may also call Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.

Program Name: Employment

Contact: Receptionist

Assists individuals in gaining or retaining paid employment. Cross-reference to ReDCo-Senior Employment Program: 570-622-5253.

Program Name: Prime Time Health

Contact: Receptionist

Health program for older people including exercise, nutritional information, and information about specific diseases and illness. Education information and classes are also a part of this program. Seniors may also call Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.

Program Name: Nursing Home Transition

Contact: Receptionist

A program designed to support people who are currently in nursing homes to transition to homes in the community.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

1090 Commons Boulevard (District Office)
Reading, PA 19605 (serving Schuylkill and Berks Counties)
610-916-2316
1-800-442-0949
Fax: 610-916-2470
E-mail: gselmer@state.pa.us
Website: www.cwds.state.pa.us
Monday–Friday 8:30am–5:00pm

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation helps disabled workers locate employment.

Program Name: Job Placement

Program Name: Training

Program Name: Vocational Counseling

Program Name: Assistive Technology

Operation PLUS- The Meadows

15 Maple Avenue
Box 110
MarLin, PA 17951
570-544-9078

Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm
For Children 8:30am–2:30pm

Operation PLUS provides alternative education services to students from the twelve (12) member school districts of Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, and counseling and therapeutic services through Universal Community Behavioral Health Inc. Operation PLUS accepts students from middle and high schools in Schuylkill County. Both Day Treatment and Partial Hospitalization Services are provided. The goal of Operation PLUS is to return the students to their home school districts.

Pennsylvania **CareerLink**

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY AT POTTSVILLE

203 East Arch Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
1-800-359-0941 or 570-622-5253
Hearing Impaired TTY: 570-622-5241
Fax: 570-622-6072
E-mail: careerlink@redcogrp.com
Website: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

The Pennsylvania CareerLink® is a ONE-STOP Center focused on a shared service delivery system that offers a wide array of services to meet employer and job seeker customer needs. There are six (6) partnering agencies that have representatives assigned to work together under one roof to administer employment, training, and workforce development programs and services. Those agencies are:

The ReDCo Group Workforce Investment Networks
Schuylkill County Assistance Office
Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership
Schuylkill Technology Center
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Veterans Employment Services

Additionally, four (4) off-site organizations are partners in the PA CareerLink® Schuylkill County system providing economic and workforce development support. They are:

Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association
Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation
Schuylkill Community Education Council
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

Program Name: Employer Services

Employers have a choice of “self-service” or “staff-assistance” for their recruitment or hiring process by listing job openings on the Pennsylvania CareerLink® Web Site (<http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us>); customize a “business folder” to post job orders on-line; utilize search features for qualified candidates; host Job Fairs and recruitments on-site; utilize PA CareerLink’s® Business Services Team staff specialists to assist with almost every step of your recruitment and hiring process.

Program Name: Job Seeker Services

Provides job seekers an opportunity to register on the Pennsylvania CareerLink® Web site (<http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us>); customize a secure “Personal Folder”; create an on-line resume; match skills/qualifications to employer job orders; search for job openings and obtain information and instructions on “how to apply” to the positions of your choice.

Program Name: Job Readiness Services

Provides job preparation workshops, including resume writing and interviewing skills; explore career options through interest and aptitude assessments; career counseling and case management services available.

Program Name: Special Population Services

Senior Community Service Employment Program for people over fifty-five (55) years of age, services to disabled, Welfare-To-Work services, Unemployment Compensation Courtesy Phones/Appeals, Veteran Services, In-School Year Round and Summer Youth Employment services.

Program Name: Education and Training

Adult Basic Education, GED, English as a Second Language, Workforce Education, Occupational Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training.

Program Name: Supportive Services

Transportation, Clothing, Child Care, Community Resources Information and Referral.

Contact: Any Pennsylvania CareerLink® Schuylkill County Staff

Pottsville Area Soup Kitchen

C/O Saint Patrick's Church
504 Mahantongo Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-1802
Fax: 570-622-2593

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:00pm
Saturday and Sunday 12:00pm
Contact: Rosemary

Individuals and families facing a hardship can go to the soup kitchen for supplemental meals.

Pottsville Housing Authority

410 Laurel Boulevard
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-2702
Fax: 570-628-5910

E-mail: csls@pottsvillehousing.net
Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Pottsville Housing Authority provides affordable housing for low-income residents of Pottsville.

Program Name: Housing

Administers low-income, elderly, family and Section 8 (Rent Assistance Program) Housing Programs to persons who meet eligibility requirements for the appropriate program.

The ReDCo Group Behavioral Health Services

16 South Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-5234
crisis number 1-877-993-4357
Fax: 570-628-9051
Email: hcreasy@redcogrp.com
Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm or By Appointment
Services available in various locations throughout Schuylkill County

The mission of the ReDCo Group Behavioral Health Services is to deliver a comprehensive array of mental health services including behavioral health care, skill training, and support to persons in a non-stigmatizing, non-judgmental, ethical manner-regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, ethnicity, or economic status. Services are provided to promote greater personal growth, independence, and improved quality of life.

Program Name: Outpatient Program

Contact: Jill Bainbridge

Provides professional, psychotherapeutic services to individuals who suffer with serious mental illness, individuals and/or families who are experiencing acute distress or emotional disturbance. Therapy, nursing, and psychiatric services available.

Program Name: L.I.F.T.

Contact: Mary Topolski

L.I.F.T. is a Family-Based Mental Health Program designed to provide intense time-limited, in-home services, which will engage the family in identifying root problems and solutions. The L.I.F.T. acronym stands for Lasting Intervention for Families in Treatment.

Program Name: Vocational Rehab-Work Skills

Contact: Francine Hood

Work skills teaches individuals who have a serious mental illness necessary job skills to maximize vocational functioning. This is done through structured group activities and on-the-job training.

Program Name: Safe Haven

Contact: Bud Wagner

Safe Haven is a short-term crisis residential facility. Safe Haven provides individuals (ages fourteen (14) and above) experiencing emotional distress with an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization. The objective is crisis stabilization in a safe, supervised environment, enabling the individual to return to the community environment of his/her choice supported by existing programs.

Program Name: Transitional Living Program-
Independence Home

Contact: Shila Ulrich

Independence home is a residential program developed to teach life skills and transition youth that have mental health issues to live independently. Young adults (ages sixteen (16) – twenty-one (21) are encouraged to actively participate in the process of preparing for and transitioning to adult life. Treatment and independent skill training are provided in a strength based program.

Program Name: Adult Partial Hospitalization Program

Contact: Jill Bainbridge

This program offers multiple services, up to six (6) hours per day, by skilled therapists, psychiatric care and medication therapy also included. Individual schedules determined by individual treatment needs.

Program Name: Crisis Intervention Services

Contact: Dennis Scicchitano

Provides telephone, walk-in and mobile crisis intervention services to all residents of Schuylkill County. Services provided twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week (telephone and mobile). Walk-in center is open Sunday- Saturday from 8:00am-midnight.

Program Name: A.C.C.E.S.S.

Contact: Kirby Huffman

A.C.C.E.S.S. (After Hours Crisis Counseling and Emergency Services Systems) is the after-hours, weekend, and holiday response for the county Human Service Agencies, including: children and youth, MH/MR, SAM, Drug and Alcohol, Senior Services, etc.

ReDCo Group Workforce Investment Network

Losch Plaza
121 N. Progress Ave.
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-5365
1-800-743-5242
Fax: 570-628-2856
E-mail: earn@redcogrp.com
Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:30pm

The ReDCo Group Workforce Investment Network (WIN), in collaboration and partnership with the County Assistance Office (CAO) and Bureau of Workforce Development Partnership (BWDP), operates employment and training programs for eligible welfare recipients and low-income families to move quickly off welfare and into employment. The CAO determines eligibility, and makes referrals to the appropriate component. Please refer to specific eligibility requirements for this program.

Program Name: EARN

Employment, Advances, Retention Networks
Career Development Component

Contact: Pete Ulicny

The EARN program is an umbrella name that branches to two individual components. The focus of both components is “WORK FIRST” and to guide the client on their path to self-sufficiency. A variety of services are offered with the purpose of removing barriers to employment clients may endure.

Program Name: Career Development Component (CDC)

Contact: Pete Ulicny

The CDC is a comprehensive employment and training program. Clients are mandated by program requirement and mutually agreed to participate for an assigned amount of hours per week (either twenty (20) or thirty (30)). Core activities available are job search, vocational training, paid work experience, subsidized employment, unsubsidized employment and community service.

Program Name: Work Support Component (WSC)

Contact: Pete Ulicny

The WSC was recently implemented to serve new TANF applicants. Participation in this program is time restrained and activities are strictly job search, subsidized employment and unsubsidized employment at thirty (30) hours per week.

St. John's Lutheran Church

115 West Cherry Street
Shenandoah, PA 17976
570-462-1547

Last Saturday of the month at noon

A free meal is offered to needy individuals.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning

2075 West Norwegian Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-4638
Fax: 570-622-3420

Website: www.pottsville.com/stjosephctr/

Monday-Friday 7:45am-2:30pm

Closed for summer

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is the only private non-residential school for children and young adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities in Schuylkill County.

Salvation Army

400 Sanderson Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-5252

Fax: 570-622-2262

Monday–Friday 9:00am–4:00pm

The Salvation Army is designed to help individuals or families facing a hardship with such things as food, clothing and shelter.

Program Name: Emergency Lodging

Contact: Captain Adam Hench

Fire victims and other causes of homelessness may receive up to one (1) night's emergency lodging.

Program Name: Clothing and Furniture

Contact: Lisa Mills

Clothing is available for fire victims and other families as needs warrant.

Program Name: Fuel Assistance

Contact: Lisa Mills

Fuel assistance is provided to families or persons who are in serious need of fuel. Clients cannot duplicate services at another agency other than LIHEAP. Assistance is provided as funds become available. This service is for residents in the Schuylkill County Area.

Program Name: Food

Contact: Lisa Mills

If a person is facing a hardship or homelessness and there is no soup kitchen open, a person can receive food pantry items, once a month, ten (10) times a year.

Program Name: Limited Rent Assistance

Contact: Lisa Mills

Rent is available to persons who are facing hardships or evictions. The service cannot be duplicated. Assistance is given as funds become available. This service is for residents in the Schuylkill County Area.

Program Name: Utility

Contact: Lisa Mills

There are funds available to help residents of the Pottsville, Minersville and St. Clair areas who are facing a hardship paying their utility or water bills.

Salvation Army-Tamaqua

P.O. Box 229
105 West Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-0410
Fax: 570-668-4350
Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm

The Tamaqua Salvation Army is also designed to help individuals or families facing a hardship with food, clothing and shelter.

Program Name: Used Clothing, Household Goods **Contact:** Esther

This service allows used items to be sold at a reasonable price.

Program Name: Food Distribution **Contact:** Esther

Based on the total household income, food is available through the Schuylkill Community Action Food Distribution network and church contributions. This service is for Tamaqua Area and Coaldale residents.

Program Name: Emergency Shelter **Contact:** Esther

If a person is homeless or a fire victim, shelter will be provided for one (1) to seven (7) nights at a local motel. The person/people need to show proof of income. This service is for the residents in Tamaqua School District.

Program Name: Emergency Fuel **Contact:** Esther

Assistance for fuel can be received once a year when funds are available. The person applying needs to show proof of income and residency. This program is for the Tamaqua Area School District, Rush Township and Coaldale residents.

Program Name: Emergency Rent Assistance **Contact:** Esther

When funds are available, rent assistance is offered to families and/or persons facing a hardship or an emergency. Clients need to have a letter from their landlord and proof of income.

Schuylkill Alliance for Health Care Access, Inc.

1 South Second Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

Ph: 570-628-5515 1-877-628-5515

Fax: 570-628-3887

E-mail: jschweich@schuylkillhca.org

E-mail: jmcandrew@schuylkillhca.org

Website: www.schuylkillhca.org

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Contact: Judith Schweich, Executive Director
Judith McAndrew, Manager of Client Services

The Mission of the Schuylkill Alliance for Health Care Access “to help create a healthier community by increasing the availability of and access to primary and preventive medicine, dental, and behavioral services for the underserved residents of Schuylkill County.”

Program Name: Pharmacy Program

A free referral service that provides information for affordable and no-cost medicines for those who are eligible.

Program Name: Health Care Referral

Links to health care practitioners and providers who offer affordable services to those with limited funds.

Program Name: Health Insurance Links

General information on various public plans and links to public assistance and other government programs; aid and support with the registration process. Information on private health insurance programs is also available for those who do not qualify for public program.

Schuylkill Community Action

225 North Centre Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-1995

Fax: 570-622-0429

E-mail: info@schuylkillcommunityaction.com

Website: www.schuylkillcommunityaction.com

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Wednesdays 8:00am-5:00pm

Schuylkill Community Action (SCA) is a non-profit community based organization. SCA has been assisting Schuylkill County residents since 1965. The primary purpose of the agency is to provide services to persons of low-income to promote self-sufficiency.

Program Name: Case Management

Contact: Case Manager

A comprehensive, long-term, case management program that is designed to bring clients to a point of self-sufficiency. The individual must agree to develop a goal plan and work with the case manager to achieve self-sufficiency. The program has no cost and is open to any family or person in need of employment, budget counseling, etc.

Program Name: Family Savings Account

Contact: Jason Schally

A matched saving program that assists low-income persons and families in acquiring and developing assets. Eligibility for this program is listed below:

1. Must be a Schuylkill County resident.
2. Household income must be within two hundred percent (200%) of poverty guidelines and meet net worth requirements.
3. Saver must make regular deposits equaling at least ten dollars (\$10.00) a week over a twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) month period.
4. Saver must be saving towards an approved savings goal. Approved savings goals include: Home Purchase, Post-Secondary Education, Business Capitalization, Childcare, Home Improvement, and Vehicle Purchase.
5. Twenty dollar (\$20.00) enrollment fee, refundable upon successful completion of the program.

Program Name: Work Ready - Supported Work Program

Contact: Deborah Stine
Celeste Brown

The Supported Work Program serves Schuylkill County recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Clients are eligible for this Welfare-to-Work Program which provides support services for individuals who need help finding and keeping meaningful employment. The program provides thirty (30) hours per week of classroom and job search activities, and can provide financial and other assistance to those who need to find a job.

Program Name: Work Ready - Outreach Services **Contact:** Deborah Stine, Celeste Brown

The Outreach Services Component offers TANF recipients an opportunity to engage in RESET activities, avoid sanction and become self-sufficient. Clients must be referred by the County Assistance Office for this program.

NOTE: The Work Ready Program is located at 200 North Second Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. The phone number is 570-622-1995.

Program Name: Operation Help **Contact:** Case Manager

Operation Help is a project funded by PPL employees and customers to assist in paying the energy bills of the elderly, disabled, and other individuals with special hardships.

Program Name: OnTrack **Contact:** Case Manager

This is a special payment program for low-income customers of PPL who have overdue electric service bills and an inability to pay them in full. OnTrack offers qualified customers payments less than current bills, arrearage forgiveness, for a chance to get a fresh start with PPL, and referrals to other assistance programs.

Program Name: Food Distribution Network **Contact:** Jason Schally

Schuylkill Community Action administers eighteen (18) food pantries throughout Schuylkill County. Please refer to the food distribution list on pages twenty-seven (27) to twenty-nine (29) for further information.

Program Name: Rural Housing Service-USDA **Contact:** Joan Wood

Schuylkill Community Action is an approved “packager” for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service grant and loan programs. Application preparation assistance is available to apply for the Section 502 and 504 Programs.

Section 502: First mortgage loan program to provide loans to eligible low and very-low income applicants. The loan may be used to purchase existing housing, purchase and repair existing housing, purchase a building site and construct a dwelling, or purchase new housing. Eligibility requirements apply.

Section 504: Grant/loan funds may be used to compensate contractors for repairs and improvements which will remove identified health or safety hazards. Loan funds may be used to improve or modernize dwellings. The interest rate for all Section 504 loans is one (1) percent per annum. Eligibility requirements apply. Must be owner and occupant of the dwelling and qualify as a low-income applicant.

Program Name: Home Equity Conversion
Mortgage (HECM) Counseling

Contact: Joan Wood

HECM is a loan program that works in the “reverse” of a typical mortgage. Instead of paying a monthly payment you will “receive” a monthly payment or lump sum from the equity in your home. A reverse mortgage is a loan against your home that requires no repayment for as long as you live there. Applicant must show that the home is the principal residence, be sixty-two (62) years of age or older and attend a counseling session at Schuylkill Community Action.

Program Name: Rent and Mortgage Assistance

Contact: Case Manager

Schuylkill Community Action can provide rent or mortgage assistance to individuals or families facing a hardship and/or eviction. Funds are distributed when available. The applicant can receive the service once per year, must meet certain income guidelines, and agree to budget counseling at SCA.

Program Name: Homeless Assistance

Contact: Case Manager

Short-term housing as well as case management services is provided to individuals and/or families who are homeless or residing in unfit residences. Service may be one (1) week in a boarding house or possibly two (2) nights in a hotel.

Program Name: Homeowners Emergency
Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)

Contact: Lucy Oxenrider

Offers emergency mortgage assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure. Applicant must have received an Act 91 notice (legal notice of “Intent to Foreclose”) from their mortgage holder. Provides short-term temporary funding to cure loan delinquencies. Makes mortgage payments to lenders on behalf of qualifying homeowners for up to twenty-four (24) months. Recipients must meet eligibility guidelines defined by state law. Repayment of assistance is required.

Program Name: Weatherization

Contact: Cathy Moyer 622-0568

This program works to stop infiltration of cold air through homes and apartment buildings in an effort to help cut down the cost of heating the home or apartment building. Must be a Schuylkill County resident, fall within the income guidelines (60% of the area median income) and be a homeowner or renter. If the home is rented, the landlord must sign an agreement before any work is started.

Program Name: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
(VITA) **Contact:** Stu Anthony

SCA provides assistance to low-to moderate income families of Schuylkill County, which qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), with their state and federal tax returns through electronic filing free of charge. Partnered with the IRS, SCA is regulated by income guideline and household living status for this program. The VITA Program runs from the end of January to April 16, of the tax year.

Program Name: Schuylkill Countywide
Housing Rehabilitation Program

Contact: Elizabeth Ginther

Provides housing assistance grants to very-low income households where a child six (6) years of age and younger resides. Housing rehabilitation includes the elimination of health, safety and code violations; accessibility and VisitAbility modifications; and lead-based paint remediation. Application must be owner and occupant of the property to be assisted, fall within Program income guidelines, has a child under the age six (6) residing (or spending a significant amount of time) in the assisted property and provide proof of current real estate tax status and homeowner insurance coverage.

Program Name: Schuylkill County Community
Homebuyer Workshops

Contact: Joan Wood

Free educational classes are held every month by Schuylkill Community Action to educate participants in the home buying process. Topics covered at the two (2)-hour sessions include budget counseling, credit analysis, mortgage affordability, and the home buying process through settlement. Completion of the Program may entitle individuals to special mortgage programs and closing cost assistance.

Program Name: Schuylkill County Senior Or
Disabled Housing Repair Program

Contact: Elizabeth Ginther

A grant program that provides housing repair assistance (major systems) to person(s) over sixty-two (62) years of age. This program also provides grants to person(s) with disabilities to make modifications to their home which will increase their accessibility. Major system repair/replacement is limited to the following systems: roof/drainage, heating, electrical, plumbing/fixtures, and fire/smoke protection. "Accessibility modifications" include elimination of barriers and improvements to the home that provide greater accessibility and "visitability."

To be eligible for assistance, the applicant must be a Schuylkill County resident, must own and reside in his/her home, must have current status with real estate taxes, must have homeowners insurance, and must meet income eligibility requirements.

Program Name: Keystone and Renovate and Repair Program

Contact: Joan Wood

Schuylkill Community Action is the Local Program Administrator for the Keystone Renovate and Repair Loan Program (R&R) offered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). The purpose of the R&R Program is to fill a gap in the home repair lending market and to help prevent homeowners from becoming victims of predatory lending practices. The R&R loan provides an attractive interest rate and also provides the homeowner with assistance regarding repairs and/ or improvements to be completed. The Program is intended to finance renovations to improve the basic livability of the home, as well as repairs to items affecting health, energy efficiency, accessibility, and code violations.

Program Name: Schuylkill County Homeownership Program

Contact: Joan Wood

Provides affordable, homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. This countywide program offers newly constructed single-family homes for sale with a minimal down payment. Homebuyer counseling and closing cost assistance is available to eligible applicants.

Program Name: Information and Referral Services

Contact: Tina Soley

A one-stop service to connect people to human resources. Assists people with every Schuylkill Community Action service, as well as provides information about other human service agencies. Listed below are the three (3) locations people can visit:

1. Tamaqua Outreach
PO Box 229
Salvation Army
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-1038
Monday – Friday
8:00am – 4:00pm

2. Schuylkill Regional Resource Center
138 West Centre Street
Mahanoy City, PA 17948
570-773-3095
First and Third Thursday 8:00am–4:00pm

3. Shenandoah Borough Hall
15 West Washington Street
Shenandoah, PA 17976
570-462-1919
Second and Fourth Tuesday 8:00am–4:00pm

Schuylkill County Assistance Office

2640 Woodglen Road
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-621-3000
1-877-306-5439 Toll Free
Fax: 570-621-3334
E-mail: c-schuyl@state.pa.us
Website: www.dpw.state.pa.us
Monday–Friday 8:00am–5:00pm

The Office of Income Maintenance administers PA Public Assistance, Food Stamps and Medicaid through eligibility programs at the County Assistance Office in each of the sixty-seven (67) counties. The County Assistance Office determines eligibility administers the programs and provides information and referral to human services programs that offer services throughout the County.

Program Name: Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program (SNAP)

Contact: Help Desk
570-621-3000

This is a federally funded program, which helps individuals and families meet the cost of purchasing food items. As in cash assistance, benefits are provided through Electronic Benefits Transfer. They are redeemable at participating food stores using EBT cards, which operates similar to our ATM card. Persons interested in this service must apply in their county of residence. The amount of benefits received is based on the household size and net income.

Program Name: Low-Income Home Energy
Assistance Program

Contact: Energy Assistance
570-621-3072 or 570-621-3078

This program provides help in meeting the cost of heating fuel during the winter months based on specific eligibility criteria. Availability of application forms and the annual start date of this service are announced in various news media.

Program Name: Cash Assistance
(Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/TANF)

Contact: Help Desk
570-621-3000

This federally funded cash welfare program is intended to provide cash assistance and other supports to pregnant women and families with children under the age of eighteen (18). TANF requirements emphasize **personal** responsibility in moving from welfare to work and provide support for this transition. There are specific work requirements and a sixty (60) month lifetime limit.

Program Name: Medicaid

Contact: Help Desk
570-621-3000

There are a variety of Medicaid programs with differing requirements and benefit levels to meet the needs of Schuylkill County residents. Coverage varies depending on program and age eligibility. Income and resources limits must be met with the exception of resources of households with members under twenty-one (21).

Program Name: Skilled Nursing Care

Contact: Michael Gretsky
570-621-3032

Monthly payments to help meet the cost of nursing home care are made for individuals who meet the income and resource levels. There are some provisions to protect the income and resources of the spouse still in the community.

Program Name: Emergency Shelter Assistance

Contact: Michelle Rosenberger
570-624-3305

Schuylkill County Assistance Office makes cash payments to those eligible to help meet emergency problems causing an inability to meet housing costs. This aid is meant to prevent eviction, and help obtain housing in an emergency or secure temporary shelter. Help is available to both Public Assistance, and non-Public Assistance households.

Program Name: General Assistance

Contact: Karen Stohn/ Joe Cuthie
570-621-3036/ 621-3018

This cash welfare program is funded entirely by the Commonwealth of PA. GA provides help to some citizens who are not eligible for TANF. Most general assistance recipients are either temporarily or permanently unemployable due to health problems. It is not time limited. Caseworkers help clients find solutions for temporary conditions and plan for their future after their need for welfare ends. Individuals with permanently disabling conditions are encouraged and supported in their efforts to obtain financial help through the Social Security Administration and other income sources.

Program Name: Special Pharmaceutical
Benefit Program

Contact: James Hecman
570-621-3025

Information and application forms are available at Schuylkill CAO for this program, which is administered by the Department of Public Welfare in Harrisburg. The cost of drugs used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS is met through this resource.

Program Name: Road to Economic Self-Sufficiency
through Employment and Training (RESET)

Contact: Karen Stohn/ Joe Cuthie
570-621-3036/ 621-3018

RESET is designed to enable recipients of Cash Assistance, within the constraints of available funds, to secure permanent full-time jobs that can establish a work history with wages and benefits that lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. As a condition of eligibility for cash assistance every individual who is not exempt must seek employment, accept any bona fide offer of employment, and maintain employment and earnings. Those who do not comply with RESET without good cause may be sanctioned.

Special Allowances for supportive services are available to clients who are enrolled in RESET, have an approved Agreement of Mutual Responsibility Form, and are actively participating in an approved activity in order to enable them to accept or continue employment. Special Allowances may be authorized for items such as child care, transportation, automobile-related expenses, clothing, tools, equipment, books and supplies as well as test fees and registration fees. Some allowances are also provided to food stamp recipients under certain circumstances.

Program Name: State Blind Pension

Contact: Help Desk
Caseworker 570-621-3000

The Commonwealth provides Blind Pension benefits for certain residents of Pennsylvania who meet visual requirements and other conditions of eligibility. The maximum SBP payment is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) monthly and includes receipt of some Medicaid benefits.

Management Directory

Brian Hallick, Executive Director, 570-621-3011

Vicki Schaffer, Income Maintenance Administrator I, 570-621-3008

Joan Stoudt, Income Maintenance Administrator I, 570-621-3007

Schuylkill County Block Grant Programs

420 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-1191
Fax: 570-628-1099
E-mail: slove@co.schuylkill.pa.us
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Twenty-Four (24) Hour After Hours Phone Service

Manager: Sharon Love

Program Name: Block Grant Programs

Contact: Sharon Love

Programs Include: Medical Assistance Transportation, Homeless Assistance Programs, including Bridge Housing, Human Services Development Fund Services, Attendant Care Waiver Services, Food Assistance, and Community Volunteers in Action.

In-House Programs:

Program Name: Medical Assistance Transportation
Program (MATP)

Contact: Transportation
Office, 570-628-1425

Transportation to medical appointments is provided to individuals receiving Medical Assistance.

Program Name: HSDF Transportation

Contact: Transportation
Office, 570-628-1425

Transportation to medical and social service appointments for low-income individuals.

Program Name: Community Volunteers In Action

Contact: Janice Johnston
570-628-1426

Program to identify volunteer opportunities in the various County Human Service agencies and recruit volunteers for those positions.

Program Name: Attendant Care

Contact: Chaz Hepler
570-628-1035

A program for low-income individuals who are physically disabled but mentally alert. The program provides case management and coordinates the use of attendants (paid for by the program) to help with functions of daily living, including bathing, grooming, meal prep, etc.

Program Name: Homemaker/Personal Care

Contact: Chaz Hepler
570-628-1035

A program for low-income individuals, ages eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59), who are in need of help with functions of daily living due to a short-term disability.

Program Name: Meals On Wheels

Contact: Chaz Hepler
570-628-1035

A program for low-income individuals, ages eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59), who are in need of assistance due to a short-term disability. Meals are delivered three (3) times a week.

Program Name: Homeless Assistance

Contact: Schuylkill Community Action
570-622-1995

Includes Bridge Housing and Emergency Shelter Services.

Program Name: Food Assistance

Contact: Schuylkill Community Action
570-622-1995

Various food pantries throughout Schuylkill County.

Program Name: Outreach Case Management

Contact: Schuylkill Community Action
570-622-1995

Provides information to individuals seeking information about human service agencies throughout Schuylkill County.

Schuylkill County Bridge House

400 North Seventh Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-624-7764

Fax: 570-624-7661

E-mail: bhouse@ptd.net

Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm

The Bridge Housing Program is a transitional housing program located in Pottsville. Bridge Housing provides comprehensive services to those persons facing long-term homelessness and provides a supportive, safe environment for adults and children.

Program Name: Transitional Housing

Contact: Lori Beach

Housing is available for low-income single persons and families who are homeless, victims of domestic violence, and/or recovering from drug or alcohol addictions who desire a safe, substance-free environment so they can become financially, emotionally, and physically independent.

The program offers supportive services, weekly community meetings, job searches and training, food pantry, community donations, community volunteer programs, life skill courses, children's activities, nutritional workshops, group meetings for chemically dependent individuals and adult education programs.

Clients applying for Bridge House must be Schuylkill County residents, be willing to stay for at least three (3) months minimum, be homeless or facing homelessness, and have a recommendation from a referring agency.

Schuylkill County Children and Youth

410 North Centre Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-628-1050

1-800-722-8341

Fax: 570-628-1012

Website: www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/

Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm

Twenty-Four (24) Hours A Day–Seven (7) Days A Week Call A.C.C.E.S.S.

Children and Youth was developed to protect the interest and welfare of children. They have several services in place to help children and parents with adoption, foster care and counseling.

Program Name: Service Planning

Contact: Receptionist

Investigates allegations of child neglect and makes the determination of what services are needed. This service also develops a service plan and arranges for the provision of needed services.

Program Name: Child Protective Services

Contact: Receptionist

Investigates reports of child abuse or neglect to determine if child abuse has occurred. The service also assesses the risk of child abuse to determine if preventive services are needed.

Program Name: Counseling/Intervention Service

Contact: Receptionist

Counseling and intervention consists of assessment and therapeutic intervention processes whereby strategies are specifically developed to center on a child and/or family problems.

Program Name: General Protective Services

Contact: Receptionist

Activities and services to protect the health and safety of children who are without proper parental supervision or who have been neglected or abused.

Program Name: Placement Services

Contact: Receptionist

Temporary, twenty-four (24) hour out-of-home care in a variety of placement settings (i.e., foster care, group home care, and residential facility care). The placement, which is least restrictive and meets the need of the child, is utilized. Parents may have to contribute to the cost of the care.

Program Name: Independent Living Services

Contact: Receptionist

Independent Living Services consists of a series of developmental activities that provide opportunities for children in out-of-home placement who have reached their sixteenth (16th) birthdays. Skills are taught so children learn to live independently.

Program Name: Foster Parent Program

Contact: Receptionist

Recruitment and approval of families to provide temporary, twenty-four (24) hour out-of-home care to a child in need of placement for a variety of reasons. Client must meet the Department of Public Welfare regulations to provide a foster home.

Program Name: Adoption Services

Contact: Receptionist

Activities designed to culminate in legal adoption of a child including adoptive home recruitment, study and approval. There is a cost for the study.

Program Name: Custody Evaluations

Contact: Receptionist

Evaluation and report of families involved in civil action regarding custody of children. A court order must be issued before the process is initiated. The family must reside in Schuylkill County and there is an evaluation fee.

Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension

1202 AG Center Drive

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-4225

Fax: 570-622-4481

E-mail: schuylkillext@psu.edu

Website: <http://schuylkill.extension.psu.edu/>

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Cooperative Extension was developed to provide life skills and leadership to youngsters, help local farmers with their crops and improve the quality of life for people within Schuylkill County.

Program Name: Interim County Extension Director

Contact: Dwane L. Miller

A broad range of programs aimed at improving the quality of life for people in Pennsylvania. The program offers seminars, workshops, and individual assistance, focusing on food and nutrition education, family management, childcare, food safety and parenting.

Program Name: 4-H & Youth Programs

Contact: Briana Shealer

Helps young people develop leadership and life skills.

Program Name: Agriculture Programs

Contact: Dwane Miller

This service offers programs that help local growers and farmers with production and managing water, soil and forest resources.

Program Name: Family Living

Contact: Yvonne Szpara

Program Name: Horticulture Programs

Contact: Andrew W. Beck

Program Name: Consumer Horticulture Programs

Contact: Susan Hyland

Program Name: Master Gardener

Contact: Susan Hyland

Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program

108 South Claude A. Lord Blvd., 2nd Floor
Pottsville, PA 17901
(570)621-2890

Contact: Susan Farnsworth

Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program provides planning, funding and coordination for all levels of drug and alcohol treatment services for uninsured and under insured residents of Schuylkill County.

Access for evaluation and treatment can be obtained by contacting one of the following facilities between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm:

Schuylkill Health Counseling Center
(570)622-5898

Gaudenzia – Pottsville
(570)622-6485

Gaudenzia – Fountain Springs
(570)875-4700

Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission (Lehighton)
(866)824-3578

Crisis/Emergency Services - Crisis services are available from the hours of 4:30 pm to 8:30 am Monday through Friday; weekends and holidays by contacting (570)628-0152 or (877)993-4357.

Special Services - Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program and its treatment providers offer priority assessment and admission into treatment to the following populations:

- Pregnant Injection Drug Users
- Pregnant Substance Users
- Injection Drug Users
- All Others

Addicted Offender Program - SCRIP (Schuylkill County Restrictive Intermediate Punishment)

Prevention - A list of prevention services offered can be viewed at www.schuylkillprevention.com

Funding is made possible by a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Programs, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretation or conclusions within the Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program.

Schuylkill County Housing Authority

245 Parkway
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
570-385-3400
Fax: 570-385-7695
E-mail: mailbox@schcoha.org
Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Schuylkill County Housing Authority provides affordable housing to county residents through Low-Income Housing or Section Eight Housing.

Program Name: Low-Income Public Housing

Contact: Le-Ann Techentine

Provides housing to low-income families, the elderly, and persons and with disabilities. Income-to-rent ratio is thirty percent (30%) of adjusted family income. There are income limits for eligibility, which are published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Locations:

Ashland	Elderly
Cass-Minersville	Family
Coaldale	Elderly and Family
Minersville	Elderly
Saint Clair	Family
Schuylkill Haven	Elderly and Family
Shenandoah	Elderly and Family

Program Name: Section 8 Rental Assistance

Contact: Le-Ann Techentine

Rent assistance is available to low-income eligible participants who receive a Housing Choice Voucher. The participant selects a rental unit in the private market, for the given bedroom size noted on the voucher. The unit must meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Quality Standards.

Schuylkill County Intermediate Unit #29

P.O. Box 130
MarLin, PA 17951
570-544-9131
Fax: 570-544-6412
Website: www.iu29.org
Monday–Friday 8:00am–3:30pm

The Schuylkill County Intermediate Unit # 29 was developed to help children ages birth (0) to twenty-one (21) with special needs.

Program Name: Schuylkill County IU#29
Early Intervention

Contact: Frank Woodward

Screening/evaluations are provided in all pre-schools to determine if a child exhibits developmental delays requiring special education.

Program Name: Certification for Teachers

Contact: Mary Lou Michaels

Offers in-service and helpful instruction to improve all subjects in the classroom setting.

Program Name: Governor’s Excellence

Contact: Doreen Milot

This program offers summer school courses to outstanding high school students.

Program Name: Special Education

Contact: Debra Hartline

Special education and related services are provided to eligible school-age students in the MarLin Center and in classes operated by the Intermediate Unit in local public schools.

Program Name: Educational Services

Contact: Mary Lou Michaels

Services are provided to advance the continuous education and social advancement of all learners. Includes staff development, and English as a second language.

Program Name: Educational Service Technology

Contact: Dave Henrich

Services include Power Library, technology operations, computer repair and LAN support.

Program Name: Vocational Education and
Business/Industry Partnerships

Contact: Kurt Lynch

Provides vocational and technical education services to high school age students and adults in Schuylkill County.

Program Name: (ERAST)Eastern Region Assessment Support Team **Contact:** Terri Pflueger

Provides special education technical assistance to corrections education programs.

Program Name: Alternative Education Programs

Contact: James J. Haffey

Provides educational services to school age students in day treatment and partial hospitalization programs.

Program Name: Early Intervention Family-Focused Program

Contact: Mr. Frank Woodward

Provides early intervention special education and related services to eligible pre-school children in Schuylkill County.

Schuylkill County Mental Health/ Mental Retardation Office

108 S. Claude A. Lord Blvd 2nd Floor

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-621-2890

Fax: 570-621-2893

Website: www.co.schuylkill.pa.us

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

After Hours 570-628-4731 or 1-800-344-8094

Schuylkill County MH/MR/D&A Program Administration Office will invest its effort and resources to one (1) collaborate and consult with the primary stakeholder two (2) to participate and support the education and training necessary three (3) to hold itself and its service system accountable and four (4) to provide the leadership in creating and maintaining the opportunities and supports necessary for community integration personal growth and recovery.

Program Name: Base Service Unit

Contact: Receptionist

The Base Service unit is the entry point for all Mental Health Services. Upon entry in Mental Health in the county a comprehensive psycho-social assessment is completed to determine level of care.

Program Name: Administrative Case Management

Contact: Receptionist

This level of Case Management provides assessment and referral services to those individuals being considered for mental health services. Case Managers provides case management services to those individuals who need minimal support.

Program Name: Resource Coordination Case Management

Contact: Receptionist

This program has identified caseload and provides case managers including linkage and referral services to consumers in Schuylkill County.

Program Name: Intensive Case Management

Contact: Receptionist

Assists targeted children and adults with services and persistent mental illness to gain access to needed resources while remaining in the community.

Program Name: Children’s Interagency Team

Contact: Deborah Heim,
CASSP Coordinator

Composed of key persons from all child-serving agencies i.e, MH/MR, Children and Youth, Drug and Alcohol Education, Juvenile Justice, etc. The team meets on a weekly basis to problem-solve, address children’s issues, and assist in the development of a coordinate service plan. Various issues discussed may involve children who are at risk of out-of-home placement, a child and family have found it difficult to access services, a child may be eligible for intensive case management or in-home based services, the child or family may be involved in two or more non-educational CASSP systems, or there may be issues involving the child’s educational placement.

Program Name: Community Hospital Integration Project
Program (CHIPP)

Contact: Receptionist

Through the CHIPP project Schuylkill County Mental Health/Mental Retardation program together providers, consumers, families and staff will build the most effective community service system for the most seriously ill mentally ill adults residing in or returning in Schuylkill County. The system will depend upon existing services and implement new services addressing behavioral and treatment issues. Housing and community supports will be specialized and tailored to meet the varied needs of all individuals currently in the state hospital system as well as the individuals who are at risk of requiring long-term outpatient treatment because of the lack of adequate and appropriate community services and treatment.

Schuylkill County Society For Crippled Children

118 South Second Street, Suite 101
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-7170
Fax: 570-628-0877
Monday–Friday 9:00am–3:00pm

The Schuylkill County Society for Crippled Children is an independent non-profit organization chartered in 1927 and since that time has been providing services for children from the Schuylkill County area with special orthopedic problems.

Program Name: Pediatric Orthopedic Clinic

Contact: Sharon E .Kimmel-
Executive Director
Theresa Palamar, RN - Patient Care Coordinator

Provides a free orthopedic evaluation to children birth (0) to eighteen (18) years of age from the Schuylkill County area by appointment.

* Other services include:

Diagnosis

Referrals for surgery, braces, remedial care, physical therapy, corrective appliances, parent counseling, etc.

Literature

Provides assistance to school nurses with Scoliosis screening (upon request)

Financial Assistance Is Available to Our Patients in Need.

Schuylkill County Tobacco Free Youth Coalition

Clinical Outcomes Group
307 North Second Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-6990 or 1-800-264-1290
Fax: 570-628-5899

Website: www.smokefreeyouth.org

Monday-Friday 8:00am- 4:00pm

The Schuylkill County Tobacco Free Youth Coalition is a group of concerned parents, students, and representatives from area organizations and businesses who are concerned about the health and safety of our communities' youth. The Coalition sponsors community events, offers support on tobacco issues to schools and businesses, and works with local leaders to prevent tobacco use among Schuylkill County youth and from harms of tobacco smoke pollution.

Schuylkill County's VISION

123 Mahantongo Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-6097 - phone
570-581-8476 - fax

www.schuylkillvision.com – website

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community partner meetings and events held at various times

Schuylkill County's VISION works with partners in the community to achieve the goals that will move Schuylkill County forward. Our partners are community members, businesses and organizations.

Some partners come together to form strategic partnerships to focus on mutual goals for the county. VISION offers ongoing support to these strategic partnerships. VISION will develop new strategic partnerships as new priorities are identified at VISION Summits. These Summits bring together stakeholders from our communities to address issues in the areas of Education, Quality of Life, Economic Development, Government, Infrastructure and Leadership. These summits will continue to identify new priorities and goals as the needs and possibilities of our County change throughout the 21st century.

Our current strategic partnerships include:

Block of Art, Diabetes Education Taskforce, Diversity Council
Interfaith Health Network, Suicide Prevention Taskforce, Mental Health Committee
Women In VISION, and The Nonprofit Accountability Task Force

The vision website at www.schuylkillvision.com provides information about Schuylkill County and links to a wide variety of resources pertaining to the County which include: Education, Recreation, Healthcare, the Arts, Demographics, History, Economic Development, Local Government and Local Government Representatives.

Schuylkill County WE HELP Crisis Hotline and Mobile Crisis Intervention

and referral service

1-877-9-We Help

1877-993-4357

24 Hours a Day – 7 Days a Week

If you or someone you know is feeling sad, depressed, anxious, angry, hopeless, having thoughts of self harm, having relationship problems or needs to talk, a caring counselor is on hand either over the phone or face to face to provide free crisis counseling, mental health delegate intervention and referrals to the various services available in Schuylkill County.

To request a mobile crisis counselor all you need is to ask for one and provide directions. Phone counselors will give an estimated time of arrival and provide support until the counselor arrives. The Mobile Crisis goal is to respond within one hour.

Schuylkill Health Medical Center East

700 East Norwegian Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-621-4000
Fax: 570-622-7950
Website: www.schuylkillhealth.com

Schuylkill Medical Center – East has adopted the mission to make a positive difference in the scope and quality of healthcare available for the Schuylkill County Community.

Program Name: Wound Care

Contact: Lisa Davidson 570-621-4365
Linda Frew 570-621-5348

Program Name: Compassionate Friends

Contact: Ruth Thomas
570-874-2064

A support group for families coping with the death of a child in death whether accidental, long-term illness, suicide or stillborn

Program Name: Diabetes Support Group

Contact: Diane Ehlinger
570-621-4367

The Diabetes Support Group offers ongoing education and support to any interested person with diabetes and their families. The support group is open to adults and children.

Program Name: Living Well w/Diabetes Education Program

Contact: Diane Ehlinger
570-621-4367

This diabetes education program offers comprehensive and refresher education for outpatients with Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational Diabetes. Living Well with Diabetes includes instruction from certified diabetes educator, a diabetes nutrition specialist and a pharmacist. The 10 (ten) hour program, held over 3 (three) weeks, is recognized by the American Diabetes Association for meeting national diabetes education standards.

Program Name: DePaul Dental Clinic

Contact: 570-621-4110

Located at 727 E. Norwegian Street, across the street from the hospital, the Dental Clinic provides dental procedures for under-insured and uninsured patients from Schuylkill County. The DePaul Dental Clinic staff serves people ages three (3) and up.

Program Name: Financial Assistance

Contact: 570-621-4141

Patients who do not have medical insurance, need financial assistance, or need more information, may call our financial counselors. We will assist patients in applying for Medical Assistance and the Children's Health Insurance Program. If you do not qualify for these programs, you may qualify for our Community Care Program.

Program Name: VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Contact: 570-621-4115

Two Schuylkill Health sites- the Schuylkill Medical Center - East and Schuylkill Medical Center - North, 10 E. Spruce Street in Frackville – provide medical services such as physicals, blood tests, and chest x-rays to Schuylkill County veterans who are contracted through the Wilkes-Barre or Lebanon VA Hospitals.

Program Name: Community Care Program

Contact: 570-621-4141

Schuylkill Medical Center - East offers assistance with payment for medically necessary, non-elective, hospital services (both inpatient and outpatient) for patients who are uninsured or under-insured. Uninsured or under-insured patients who wish to participate in our Community Care Program must complete these steps:

Speak to our financial counselor regarding the criteria necessary to apply for Medical Assistance.

Applications must provide proof of income. This can be accomplished by providing a copy for the patient's last W-2, tax return, last two pay stubs, or bank statement reflecting the most recent two deposits. Eligibility will be based on household income and family size.

Please note that Schuylkill Medical Center – East's Community Care Program applies to the hospital component of a patient's medical bills, and does not apply to any bills from a physician's office.

Program Name: Senior Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit

The Senior Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit at the Schuylkill Medical Center - East provides inpatient psychiatric services exclusively to patients aged 62 and older. We treat a wide range of psychiatric symptoms which require an intensive and safe inpatient venue. The program offers multi-disciplinary care provided by trained and experienced Nurses, Social Workers, Activity Therapists, and other Mental Health Professionals under the direction of our Psychiatrist and the Primary Care Physician for medical concerns. Admissions can be accepted on a 24/7 (twenty four hours/seven days a week) basis. The first step is to call and speak to a professional.

Schuylkill Health Counseling Center

502 South Second Street, Suite A

St. Clair, PA 17970

570-622-5898

Fax: 570-621-4215

E-mail: wrowan@schuylkillhealth.com

Monday–Thursday 8:00am–9:00pm

Friday 8:00am–4:30pm

Program Name: Outpatient Substance Abuse
Counseling

Contact: Receptionist

Counseling is provided for patients on an individual and group basis.

Program Name: Alcohol Highway Safety
Program

Contact: Receptionist

Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluation and classes are provided to individuals arrested for DUI.

Program Name: Employee Assistance Program

Contact: Receptionist

Employee Assistance Program services are offered to businesses to help house a healthy and productive work force.

Program Name: District Justice Education
Program

Contact: Receptionist

The Underage Drinking Program provides education to those individuals under age twenty-one (21) arrested for underage drinking, DUI, fake ID or any other alcohol/drug related offenses.

Program Name: “Time to Quit”

Contact: Quitline
1-888-339-1000

The Nicotine Cessation Program counseling is provided to assist individuals in stopping tobacco use. Individual and group sessions available.

Schuylkill People Who Care

420 North Centre Street
Lower Level
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-628-1035
1-800-628-3669
Fax: 570-628-1099
Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm

Schuylkill People Who Care develops and coordinates high quality and cost effective services that assist individuals in reaching their full potential within a safe and healthy living environment.

Program Name: Attendant Care

Contact: Chaz Hepler

Non-medical personal assistance for mentally alert physically disabled people, between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59), who require assistance performing daily living tasks.

Program Name: Adult Service

Contact: Chaz Hepler

A short-term program to help people ages eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59) live independently during recuperation from an injury or hospital stay.

Program Name: Community Resource

Contact: Chaz Hepler

A referral source to let people know what human services are available in the area.

Schuylkill Transportation System

P.O. Box 67
202 Industrial Park Road
Saint Clair, PA 17970-0067
570-429-2701
1-800-832-3322
TDD: 1-888-972-2323
Fax: 570-429-1078
E-mail: info@go-sts.com
Website: www.go-sts.com
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

STS WELCOMES YOU ABOARD

The Schuylkill Transportation System offers shared ride van services under several funded programs that are available to many Schuylkill County residents. The most commonly known program is the Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens, which is sponsored by the PennDOT Lottery Program and subsidized by the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services. All senior citizens who are 65 (sixty-five) years of age or older regardless of income are eligible to use this service. For a small co-pay of one dollar (\$1.00) per one-way trip seniors can travel to the following destinations: any type of medical appointments, social services agencies, local grocery shopping, senior resource centers, and adult day care centers. Transportation to other destinations such as the hairdresser, barbershop, retail shops, malls and restaurants cost two dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) to two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per one-way trip is collected upon boarding the van.

Another shared ride program includes the Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Program. This program, which is also sponsored by PennDOT, provides shared ride can serve to any disabled resident of Schuylkill County between the ages of eighteen (18) and sixty-four (64) regardless of income. A minimal co-pay of two dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) to two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per one-way trip is collected upon boarding the van.

Transportation for Senior Citizens or Persons with Disabilities Group Trips is also available thru "STS". Please contact S.T.S. at 570-429-2701 or 800-832-3322.

Call STS at 429-2701 or 800-832-3322 and register today for the senior citizen or persons with disabilities transportation programs. It is that easy!

In addition to the above shared ride services, STS offers employment based transportation services that are funded through PennDOT or the Department of Public Welfare. If you are a TANF or former TANF client of the Department of Public Welfare and need a ride to work, transportation of your children to day care or any work related activity, please contact the Team PA CareerLink Center at 570-622-5253 for more information.

Any Schuylkill County resident who is a medical assistance ACCESS cardholder may be eligible for transportation services for medical appointments only. Additional transportation services are offered through the Human Services Department Fund (HSDF). These programs are determined by income guidelines. For more information on these available transportation services contact a Medical Assistance Transportation Program coordinator at 570-628-1425 or 888-656-0700.

In addition to the shared ride van programs that are available in Schuylkill County, STS also offers fixed route bus services. Fixed route bus services have been provided for over twenty-five (25) years and are available to any individual who needs a ride. Registered senior citizens sixty-five (65) years of age or older ride FREE. All other individuals can ride the STS fixed route bus system by paying a fare of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to three dollars (\$3.00) to get to the many destinations offered. It is affordable, convenient, safe and dependable. So Come Take A Ride. STS WELCOMES YOU ABOARD!

Any information on these transportation services can be obtained by calling 570-429-2701 or 800-832-3322. We can be reached on the web at www.go-sts.com. STS' friendly, courteous transportation coordinators will professionally handle your questions and concerns.

Contact Information:

Joan M. Breslin, Marketing and Service Support Coordinator
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570-429-2701

Schuylkill United Way

91 South Progress Avenue

P.O. Box 1139

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-6421

Fax: 570-622-7424

E-mail: info@schuylkillunitedway.org

Website: www.schuylkillunitedway.org

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

The Schuylkill United Way is dedicated to providing funding, guidance, and encouragement to the sixteen (16) human services agencies it supports. Together last year, these agencies provided half of all county residents with a wide range of services including healthcare, social services, charter-building, and disaster aid.

Contact: Kelly K. Malone, Executive Director
Tarah Dove, Director of Community Relations

Schuylkill Wellness Services

512-514 North Centre Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-3980

Answering machine on when closed

Fax: 570-622-8591

E-mail: sws1@enter.net

Website: www.cocountywellnessservices.org

Monday–Friday 9:00am–5:00pm/ Wednesday 9:00am–6:00pm

Contact Information: Marian Donlin

Administrative Assistant

Schuylkill Wellness Services

Schuylkill Wellness Services provides professional, compassionate services and prevention education to meet individual and community needs associated with HIV/AIDS and related health issues.

Program Name: Prevention Education

Contact: Michelle

This agency promotes community involvement and increases public awareness of HIV/AIDS infection by providing educational presentations to schools, churches, prison systems and similar groups of interest. All educational programs are age appropriate and targeted to each specific audience. There is no cost for this service.

Program Name: Case Management

Contact: Traci

Helping people infected with HIV/AIDS to maintain a greater degree of health and independent living by linking them to appropriate medical and social services. Services also provided to friends and family members of the individual infected with HIV/AIDS.

Program Name: Schuylkill Wellness Services
Screening and Treatment

Contact: Christine, ACRN

Provides routine screening for the following sexually transmitted diseases:

Syphilis

Gonorrhea

HIV Infection

Chlamydia

In addition, each patient will receive counseling about the risk of Hepatitis A and/or Hepatitis B and be offered the Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccine in accordance with the Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccination protocol.

All services are free. Call for an appointment.

Program Name: Free Testing for HIV

Contact: Christine, ACRN
or Michelle

Provides confidential or anonymous testing for HIV on Wednesday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. There is no cost. Walk-in or by appointment.

Schuylkill Women in Crisis

P.O. Box 96
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-3991
Hotlines 570-622-6220/ 1-800-282-0634
Fax: 570-628-1836
E-Mail: swicagency@comcast.net
Website: www.s-wic.org
Twenty-Four (24) Hour Staff

The mission of Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWIC) is to provide comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and their families, develop and conduct public information and educational activities, and foster social and systems change in order to eliminate personal and institutional violence against women. All services are free and confidential.

Program Name: 24 Hour Hotline

Contact: Staff and Volunteers

Call if you or someone you know is being abused. In the event of an emergency, call 911 for police assistance.

Program Name: Emergency Shelter

Contact: Staff and Volunteers

Counseling, support groups and advocacy services are provided for the victim and their children. Shelter is available for the victim and her children, for up to thirty (30) days or longer depending on the case.

Program Name: Victim Advocacy

Contact: Courthouse Staff

The victim advocate assists the victim in legal proceedings, including the process of filing for a Protection From Abuse (PFA) order. Accompaniment may be made to the police station, magistrate office, and the courthouse.

Program Name: Medical Advocacy

Contact: Alicia

The medical advocate provides information and serves as liaison to medical professionals for identification of and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

Program Name: Volunteer Training

Contact: Alicia

Volunteers are trained to work on the hotline. This training runs for six (6) weeks, a total of forty (40) hours.

Program Name: Awareness & Prevention Education

Contact: Alicia

Speakers are available for organizations and civic groups to educate and inform.

Program Name: Empowerment Counseling & Support Groups **Contact:** Hollie

Empowerment counseling and support groups are provided to restore the victim's self-esteem and offer options.

Program Name: Information & Referral Services **Contact:** Staff and Volunteers

Information and referral services are available to direct victims to the existing human services best suited for their needs.

Program Name: Transportation **Contact:** Sheila

Limited assistance for transportation is available to victims of domestic violence who need to get to the courthouse for a protection order.

Program Name: Food **Contact:** Marie

Food is available on a limited basis for residents in the shelter.

Program Name: Children's Program **Contact:** Kristie

Offers crisis counseling and safety planning for children who witness or experience domestic violence.

Service Access and Management, Inc.

1 South 2nd Street
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-621-2700
1-877-216-5035
Fax: 570-621-2797
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
E-mail: ejohnston@sam.inc.org

The mission of Services Access and Management Inc. is to help people throughout Pennsylvania effectively and efficiently utilize human services.

This agency provides management of day-to-day operation of the Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Drug and Alcohol Case Management and Prevention units. It also offers intake, assessment and referral services for eligible persons in need of mental health and/or mental retardation services and/or drug and alcohol services. Intensive case management, resource coordination services, and early intervention services, supports coordination, drug and alcohol case management services, drug and alcohol prevention services, and student assistance program services are also provided.

Deborah Reilly
Director, Schuylkill County Operations

Program Name: Schuylkill County Early Intervention Program **Contact:** Tammy Gerenda

The program will assess children from birth (0) to age three (3) for possible developmental delays due to medical or physical complications, pre-maturity, genetic disorders, abuse, neglect or various other reasons. The program will arrange appropriate services to address areas of need.

Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center

368 South Centre Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Phone: (570)628-2965 Fax: (570)628-2001

570-628-1365 (Victim Advocacy Services)

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Evenings by Appointment/Twenty-Four (24) Hour Crisis Hotline 570-628-2965

Website: www.SARCCLebanon.com

Contact Information:

President: **Jenny Murphy-Shifflet**
JShifflet@SARCCLebanon.com

Vice President: **Stephanie Barron**
SBarron@SARCCSchuylkill.org

Office Manager: **Jennifer Rosenberger**
JRosenberger@SARCCSchuylkill.org

Sexual violence violates a person's trust and feeling of safety. It occurs any time a person is forced, coerced, and/or manipulated into unwanted sexual activity. Rape is a crime. It is motivated by a need to control, humiliate, and harm. It is not motivated by sexual desire. Rapists use sex as a weapon to dominate others. Against your will is against the law.

The Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC) provides counseling, education, advocacy and prevention programs on sexual abuse issues.

Whether you need immediate help or you've been dealing with a sexual assault experience for years...SARCC's trained counselors and staff can help. The healing process begins with the first call.

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24 Hour Hotline Support 570-628-2965

Our hotline support service is available 24 hours a day and it's staffed by trained staff and volunteers ready to provide information and support to anyone who's dealing, directly or indirectly, with issues of sexual abuse. All calls to the hotline, like all SARCC services, are confidential and free of charge.

24 Hour Medical & Legal Accompaniment
Support Groups
Loved Ones
Crime Victims Compensation Information
Prevention and Education Programs
Volunteer Training

Empowerment Workshops
Individual Counseling for Survivors & Their
Special Programs and Referrals
Resource Materials

All of SARCC's services are free of charge. Donations are accepted.

Social Security Administration

2221 Market Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-7255

1-800-772-1213

TTY – 800-325-0778

Website: www.socialsecurity.gov

Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

To advance the economic security of the nation's people through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and managing America's social security programs.

The following programs are administered by Social Security (SSA):

Retirement, Disability, Survivor, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare. In addition to the above, Social Security will accept Black Lung Claims for the Department of Labor as well as process post-entitlement actions for them. Social Security Numbers are obtained through SSA, both the original number as well as replacement cards. For disability benefits, an individual must have a condition that prevents him/her from performing Substantial Gainful Activity and that condition must be expected to last at least twelve (12) months. SSI applicants must be either at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled. Retirement age is sixty-two (62) for early retirement. Age sixty-five (65) is the earliest age for full retirement benefits however people born after 1938 will have their full retirement age gradually increased. Benefits are also provided to the families of workers who die.

Referral Services

A

Anthracite Region for Independent Living 570-455-9800

B

Better Business Bureau 570-342-9129

Boy Scouts 610-926-3406

C

Community Volunteers in Action 570-628-1426

E

Educational Opportunity Center 570-454-6161

G

Girl Scouts 800-692-7816

H

Help-Net Ministries 570-875-2944

Holy Family Residence 570-366-2912

I

Independent Living Services 570-668-3267

N

National Multiple Sclerosis Society 610-376-6566

T

Tamaqua Adult Day Care Center 570-668-6556

V

Veteran's Affairs Office 570-628-1400

Veteran's Assistance 800-827-1000

Veteran's Assistance TTY 800-829-4833

Toll-Free Hotlines

AARP: 1-800-453-5800
Adoptions from the Heart: 1-800-355-5500
AIDS Hotline: 800-342-2437
Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living: 1-800-777-9906
Alzheimers Disease: 1-800-621-0379
Arthritis Foundation: 1-800-322-9040
Black Lung: 1-800-638-7072 (Federal)
Wilkes-Barre Office: 1-800-347-3755
Center for Substance Abuse Helpline: 1-800-662-4357
Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453
Coalition against Rape: 1-800-692-7445
Commonwealth Information Center: 1-800-932-0784
Consumer Credit Counseling Service: 1-800-837-9815
Consumer Protection Hotline: 1-800-441-2555
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: 1-800-344-4823
Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center: 1-800-432-9735
Health Line (National Health ClearingHouse): 1-800-336-4797
Healthy Baby Helpline: 1-800-986-2229
Healthy Kids Helpline: 1-800-986-5437
Hearing Society: 1-800-521-5247
IRS: 1-800-829-1040 or 1-800-829-4477
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International: 1-800-223-1138
License Tags for Handicapped People: 1-800-932-4600
Lupus Foundation of America: 1-888-995-8787
Medicare: 1-800-986-5437
Mortgage Assistance and Foreclosure: 1-800-342-2397
National Hotline for Missing Children: 1-800-843-5678
National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: 1-888-657-7323
National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-786-2929
PA-State Foster Parent Association: 1-800-951-5151
PACE: 1-800-225-7223
Partnership for Prescription Assistance: 1-888-477-2669
Pennsylvania Education Assistance (Grant and Loan): 1-800-233-0557
Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance: 1-800-448-4906
Pennsylvania Tuition Account Program: 1-800-440-4000
Public Utility Commission: 1-800-692-7380
Spina Bifida Information and Referral: 1-800-621-3141
Social Security Disability: 1-800-442-8018
Telephone Information on 800 Number Listings: 1-800-555-1212
Unemployment Compensation: 1-888-313-7284
Worker's Compensation: 1-800-482-2383

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THESE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS CAN PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AT THE TIMES THEY HAVE DESIGNATED

Borough/Township	Contact / Phone	Contact's Availability
1. Cressona	Kim Repella 617-5856	Anytime
2. Frackville	Carol & Dave Bowen 874-2945	Evenings and Weekends
	Christine Moran 874-3913	Anytime
	Debra Peters 527-9644	Anytime
3. Gilberton	Robert Wagner 874-1737	M-F 9AM-5PM
4. Girardville	Elaine Kelly 276-1380	M-Sat. 7AM-11PM
5. Hegins	Cathy Clouser 640-9888	Sun.-Fri. 5-9PM
6. Landingville	Bonnie Luckenbill 366-2651	Any reasonable time
7. Lavelle	Connie Welker 875-0844	Anytime
8. Mahanoy City	Barbara Rentschler 773-2512	Wed. 9AM-5PM
9. Mechanicsburg	Chrissy Donnelly 581-3470	9AM-9PM
	Deborah Haney 544-3780	M-F 9AM-3PM
10. Minersville	Karen Moran 622-0125	Anytime
	Vinnie 544-5338	8AM-noon, 6PM-9PM
	Chrissy Donnelly 581-3470	9AM-9PM
11. Nuremburg	Kathleen Jones 366-1333	M-F 8AM-4PM
12. Orwigsburg	Kelly Malone 366-0570	Anytime before 9PM
	Anna Cook 622-9763	Any reasonable time
13. Palo Alto	Chrissy Donnelly 581-3470	9AM-9PM
	Susan Brown 345-8327	Anytime
14. Pine Grove	Fred and Susan Lewert 345-2451	Anytime
	Joan Schwer 345-3122	Anytime
	Chrissy Donnelly 581-3470	9AM-9PM
15. Port Carbon	W. Anne Kerns 622-8881	Mon. 8AM-6PM
	Marge McBreen 622-8774	Anytime
	Barbara Brown 622-5095	Anytime
16. Pottsville	Christine Burns 628-3266	M & F 7:30PM-9PM
	David 691-6747	M-Sat. 10AM-10PM
	Chrissy Donnelly 581-3470	9AM-9PM
	Marc Freligh 624-3151	Anytime
	Karen Moran 622-0125	Anytime
	Dist. Justice 622-9181	M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM
	Jimmy Reiley	
	Reverend Paul 622-1154	Anytime
Susan Wagner 622-8138	M-F 6PM-10PM	
17. Ringtown	Barbara Rentschler 889-5236	W/Th. 5:30PM-7:30PM
18. St. Clair	Anna Plachko 429-1701	Anytime before 11PM
	Maureen Salem 429-1372	M-F 6PM-9PM, S-S 9AM-5PM
	Wally 429-2364	MWF 9AM-6PM

Borough/Township	Contact / Phone	Contact's Availability
19. Schuylkill Haven	Deanna	628-1370 (w) M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM 385-5681(h) Any day 5PM-7PM
	Lynn Edling	385-1903 M/T/Th/F 1PM-4:30PM
	Janis	385-1822 Anytime
	Thomas O'Neill	593-8261 Anytime
	Kim Repella	617-5856 Anytime
	Rubina Tareen	385-1937 M & W 9AM-1PM
20. Shenandoah	Valerie Macdonald	462-4643 M/T/W 9AM-7PM 462-4494 Th/F/S 10AM-5PM
	Eileen Barron	668-1880 M-F 9AM-5PM
21. Tamaqua	Joan Schwer	345-3122 Anytime
22. Tremont	Diane Beane	889-5266 Anytime
23. Zion Grove		
24. Barry Twp	Cathy Clouser	640-9888 Sun.-Fri. 5-9PM
25. Blythe Twp.	Julianne Kupchinsky	277-0376 Any reasonable time
26. Branch Twp.	Connie Yutko	544-6610 Any day after 4PM
27. E. Norwegian Twp.	Lisa Brinich	628-5176 Anytime before 9PM
28. Eldred Twp.	Teresa Perna	648-4167 M-F after 5:30 PM, S-S days
	Melissa Snyder	648-3217 Thurs. 6PM-9PM
29. Frailey Twp.	Nancy Gehres	695-2135 Whenever necessary
	Joan Schwer	345-3122 Anytime
30. New Castle Twp.	Tracie	429-2639 Anytime
31. N. Manheim Twp.	Richard Steiger	366-3654 Anytime
32. Norwegian Twp.	Joe & Joann Kocher	628-5656 Anytime
33. S. Manheim Twp.	Carl & Beth	385-0588 M-F 9AM-4PM
34. Washington Twp.	Erick Hoffman	292-2202 M-F 6PM-10PM
35. Wayne Twp.	Lori Michael	385-8450 M-F 9AM-4PM
36. West Mahanoy Twp	Debra Peters	527-9644 Anytime