

Helpful Resources and Websites for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Allegheny County Department of Human Services

Office of Behavioral Health
Bureau of Children & Adolescent Services
1 Smithfield St. Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
412-350-4456 412-350-7256 (fax)

To register and determine eligibility for MR services and select a Supports Coordinator Unit and/or a case manager.

ACCESS

Center City Tower
650 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
412-562-5353

Information on eligibility for transportation.

Achieva (ARC Allegheny)

711 Bingham Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203
412-995-5000 1-888-272-7229
Employment Services 412-391-1129 ext.110
www.achieva.info

Information about local community homes, community-based employment for individuals with mental retardation and other disabilities.

Achieva Family Trust

(Same as above)

Provides families with peace of mind in planning for an individual's financial future.

Action Housing

425 Sixth Street Suite 950
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

412-281-2102 412-391-4512 (fax)

www.actionhousing.org

Empowers people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives through various programs and provides housing for low-income persons with disabilities.

AERI Behavioral Health Services

1-866-727-2374

www.aerionline.com

Our mission is to be a leader in providing access to research-based services in order to assist individuals in reaching their ultimate potential.

AHEAD (Achieving in Higher Education with Autism / Developmental Disability)

3945 Forbes Avenue Suite 470

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

1-877-243-2331

www.aheadd.org admin@headd.org

A private, community organization that provides support for students in higher education with Asperger's Syndrome, Attention Deficit Disorder, High-Functioning Autism, learning Disabilities, and Non-Verbal Learning Disorder.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit

412-394-5700

www.aiu3.net

A regional education service that works with all school districts in Allegheny County and provides some special education services.

www.attitudemag.com - information and support on ADHD and other learning disabilities.

AOT, Inc.

412-299-0704

www.aotinc.com

Specialize in Pediatric occupational and physical therapy. 24 locations in Western Pa.

ARC of Pennsylvania

101 South Second Street Suite 8

Harrisburg, PA. 17101

800-692-7258
www.thearcpa.org

Autism Society of Pittsburgh

4371 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA. 15146

Provides parents and professionals with information and referrals for medical, educational, and therapeutic services.

Autism Connection of PA (formerly ABOARD)

35 Wilson St. # 100
Pittsburgh, PA. 15223
412-781-4116 1-800-827-9385
www.autismofpa.org

Support groups resource page- <http://autism-support.org/autismsupport-groups/pa-autism-support>

Advocacy, support groups, and newsletter for family members of children, adolescents, and adults with autism and related disorders.

Autism Center of Pittsburgh

135 Cumberland Rd. Suite 105
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237
1-866-789-9532
www.autismlink.com
www.autismcenterofpittsburgh.com

Offers speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychological evaluations, and family support.

Autism Help Network

4714 Valleyfield Drive
Allison Park, PA. 15101
724-449-7072
www.autismhelpforyou.org
office@autismhelpforyou.org

Family support group and with monthly mailer (“Autism Globe”)

Autism Speaks – Pittsburgh

8035 McKnight Road Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

412-367-4571

pittsburgh@autismspeaks.org

Dedicated to the increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; to funding research in to the causes, prevention and treatments, and to advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Host of Walk Now for Autism annual walking fundraiser.

Autism Teaching Strategies

www.AutismTeachingStrategies.com

Visual-based tools for social / emotional learning.

Best Buddies International, Inc.

226 Paul Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15211

412-432-5913 412-432-5915 (fax)

<http://bestbuddiespennsylvania.org>

Best Buddies establishes a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for on-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Bidwell Training Center

1815 Metropolitan Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15233

412-323-4000 1-800-516-1800

www.bidwell-training.org

Working with local and national companies to develop our training programs to fit their needs.

Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

1800 West Street

Homestead, PA. 15120

412-368-4400

Provides community-based supported training and employment; personal adjustment to blindness training; Access to technology center; Low vision assessments.

Bureau of Blind and Visual Services (BBVS)

1075 Kossman Building
400 Stanwix Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
412-565-5240

Bureau of Special Education's Consultline – A Parent Helpline

800-879-2301

Consultline personnel are available to parents and advocates of children with disabilities to explain federal and state laws relating to special education, identify other agencies and support services, inform parents of procedural safeguards, and describe available remedies and how parents can proceed

CCAC Supportive Services for Students with Special Needs

Allegheny, Boyce, North, and South Campuses
412-469-6215
diversity@ccac.edu

Provides services for students with special needs.

Canine Companions for Independence

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter
226 Paul Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15211
412-431-6223

This service is not only for the blind but also available for individuals with hearing and physical disabilities.

Carnegie Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Leonard Saisly Building
4724 Baum Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213
412-687-2440
www.carnegielibrary.org

Provides books, magazines, and printed material for the disabled. Tape recorders are free of charge.

Carpenters Training & Educational Program of Western PA

222 Third Street (Neville Island)

Pittsburgh, PA. 15225

412-262-1830

Provides apprentice training in the building trades union.

Center for Assistive Technology

200 Lothrop Street Suite 3010

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

412-647-1310

CAT works closely with OVR and area employers to help individuals with disabilities obtain or maintain gainful employment through the use of technology. CAT provides technology education programs for consumers and related organizations.

Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

412-624-1000 1-877-624-4100

Specializes in behavioral health care services for children, adolescents, and adults who have autism spectrum disorder, pervasive developmental disorder, Asperger's disorder, or other developmental disabilities, as well as behavioral health problems.

Center for Children's Rehabilitation

1029 Country Club Rd. # 202

Monongahela, Pa. 15063

724-258-2971

Provides specialized services to meet the rehabilitation needs of children and adolescents.

Center for Theater Arts

250 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

412-563-5080

www.centerfortheaterarts.org

Offers instruction in dance, voice, acting, and musical theater for special needs children through age 18.

CHADD

412-276-2550

Provides support and educational advocacy for children with ADD and ADHD.

Challenger Program

Ingomar/Franklin Park Athletic Association

412-734-9174

www.ifpaa.org

Provides an opportunity for school-aged children and young adults to participate in baseball and basketball.

Charles & Helen Schwab Foundation

www.SchwabLearning.orgg

www.SparkTop.org

Provides information, resources, publications about services and support to parents and children

Chartiers Vocational Training Center

Pathfinder School

35 Donati Road

Bethel Park, PA. 15102

412-833-8279

Dormont

2866 Glenmore Avenue

412-344-7155

Provides adult training and workshops.

Circle of Friends

412-221-4375

www.yourdecades.com/circleoffriendsdances

Circle of Friends was founded in 2005 for teens and young adults with special needs to have the opportunity to socialize, dance, have fun, and meet new friends in a safe and non-threatening environment. Dances held monthly in Bridgeville and Harmony.

College Nannies & Tutors

7500 Brooktree Rd. Suite 117

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-934-3022 724.712-4671 (c)
Terry.anderson@collegenannies.com

By considering the unique needs of your child, College Tutors will develop a customized learning plan, find the right role model match, and put your child on the path to success.

Commonwealth Technical Institute

Hiram G. Andrew Center
727 Gougher Street
Johnstown, PA. 15905
814-255-8200 814-255-5873 (TTY) 1-800-762-4211
www.hgac.org

Operated by the PA Department of Labor and Industry and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, it provides a program of comprehensive services such as education (diploma, associate degree, and support programs) counseling, evaluation, medical maintenance, and therapy.

Competitive Employment Opportunities, Inc. (CEO)

8384 Frankstown Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15221
412-342-0485
www.ceopgh.org

Provides community-based situational assessments and job placement, on-the-job training, and follow-up services for individuals with disabilities.

Community Options

900 Sarah Street Suite 205
Pittsburgh, PA. 15205
412-431-7079
www.comop.org

Supporting people with disabilities.

Community Psychiatric Centers

Several offices located throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area.
1-877-899-6500

Specialized psychiatric services for children and teens with developmental delay and autism. Other services such as wraparound, evaluations, counseling and medication assessment.

Connect Information Service

1-800-692-7288

Operates a referral hotline for information and services for children with disabilities under 21.

Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc.

110 VIP Drive Suite 200

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-940-4485

Providers for speech, hearing, physical and occupational therapy services.

Down Syndrome Center of Western PA.

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

3705 Fifth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

412-692-7963 412-692-7428 (fax)

www.dsapgh.org

Serves the tri-state area with lists of support groups and has a library with books, videos, and periodicals as well as community resources.

Disabilities Law Project

1901 Law and Finance Building

429 Fourth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

412-391-5225

Provides legal consultation and representation for individuals with disabilities; provides education about legal rights. Provides booklet "Estate Planning for Families of Persons With Disabilities"

Disabilities Rights Network

1414 North Cameron St. Suite C

Harrisburg, PA. 17103

1-800-692-7443

1-800-375-7139 (TDD)

www.drnpa.org

Provides legal advice, technical assistance, and informational referral services related to special education and early intervention services.

Dynavox Systems

2100 Wharton Street Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203
412-381-4883 1-800-344-1778
www.dynavoxsys.com

Dynavox Systems provides state of the art communication devices and software.

Easter Seals

School to Work Program
2525 Railroad Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
412-281-7244

Prepares individuals to move from the school setting to the work setting.

Education Law Center

1901 Law and Finance Building
429 Fourth Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219
412-258-2120
www.elc-pa.org

The staff will respond to callers on issues such as public education, issues of enrollment, school discipline, and school reform. They will provide legal representation and support to lawyers and advocates on major cases and systematic reform efforts that involve children with disabilities.

Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh

2810 Carey Way
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203
412-381-0277 412-431-8653 (fax)
www.emmauspgh.org

Private, non-profit ecumenical organization dedicated to serving persons with intellectual and developmental disorders by having staff live in the homes with the people served. This provides a stable environment for everyone to grow to fullest potential.

Exceptional Adventures

250 Clever Rd.

McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136
412.446.0713
www.exceptionaladventures.com

Exceptional Adventures is a non-profit organization with over 33 years of experience providing vacation opportunities, events, and monthly dances for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are 18 years and older. We also provide a monthly dance for teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the 13-21 year old range. All dances are held at Peter's Place in Bridgeville, Pa.

Family Behavioral Resources (FBR)

Specialized Autism Services in Southwestern Pennsylvania
1-866-432-7273
autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com
www.familybehavioralresources.com

Family Links

250 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206
412-661-1800
www.familylinks.org

Helping individuals and families develop their full potential by providing comprehensive, coordinated care for social and emotional problems with 17 locations in the Pittsburgh area.

Future Horizons

1-800-489-0727
www.FHautism.com

Library containing over 100 books and conference videos on Autism / Asperger's Syndrome.

Glade Run Lutheran Services

70 West Beaver St.
Zelienople, PA. 16063
724-452-4453 x1324
jjohnson@gladerun.org www.gladerun.org

Private school with provides autism support classrooms, sensory room, life skills apartment, and horse and horticulture program. Located at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy.

Goodwill Industries of Pittsburgh**Transition Works**

2600 East Carson

Pittsburgh, PA. 15203

412-390-2327

www.goodwillpitt.org

Provides work skills training for high school youth ages 16-22

Goodwill PASSAGES Program

118 52nd Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15201

412-632-1905

www.goodwillswpa.org

Focuses on **Providing Autism Support Services to Achieve Gainful Employment**. It will provide assessment, job readiness (both basic and intensive), job search activities, job placement, and support to individuals.

Highmark Blue Cross / Blue Shield

Blue Chip Program

PO Box Caring

Pittsburgh, PA. 15230

1-800-543-7105

www.highmark.com

Provides information on free or low-cost health care or health care benefits for children. Income guidelines apply.

Home Evolutions LLC

www.homeevolutions.com

Provides customized, high quality building and remodeling services for people with disabilities and older adults wishing to maintain their independence.

ICM School of Business & Medical Careers

10 Woods Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

412-261-2647 1-800-441-5222

www.icmschool.com

Provides vocational training and job opportunities.

International Dyslexia Association

Pittsburgh Branch

PO Box 536

Wexford, PA. 15090

412-761-0898

Provides support and education for people with reading disabilities.

In Vision Human Services

1425 Forbes Avenue, 3rd Floor

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

412-456-2144 412-456-2145 (fax)

www.invisionhs.org

To support people with disabilities fulfill their own vision of life with various programs and services.

Job Corps

345 Fifth Avenue # 1335

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

412-471-6123 1-800-392-8805

www.pittsjcc.com

No cost education and vocational training program administered by the US Department of Labor that helps those between the ages of 16 and 24 to learn a trade and /or earn a high school diploma or GED.

Kid's Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.

P.O. Box 543

Pottstown, PA. 19464

610-970-9143

info@kidschanceofpa.org

Provides scholarship grants for college and vocational education for children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work related accident resulting in financial need.

Learning Disabilities

www.Idonline.org

A website for learning disabilities which offers a monthly newsletter as well as daily link to articles in current newspapers about special education issues.

Life's Work

1223 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219
412-471-2600
www.lifesworkpa.org

A not-for-profit organization whose mission is to continue its comprehensive and innovative role of assisting persons with disabilities or other barriers to employment to achieve independence and dignity through productive employment opportunities.

Local Task Force on the Right to Education

412-394-5930

A group of parents and school administrators working to improve special education services in the public schools.

Local Transition Coordinating Council

412-323-3970

Parents and professionals working to improve the transition for young adults exiting the education system.

Mainstay Life Services

200 Roessler Road
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220
412-344-3640 412-344-5486 (fax)
www.mainstaylifeservices.org

Provides life-long, high quality support services to ensure that people with developmental disabilities lead fulfilling lives and realize their vision of a desirable future.

Masonic Children's Learning Center

412-931-3181

Provides information and tutoring for children with dyslexia.

MHA -Mental Health America of Allegheny County

100 Sheridan Square 2nd Floor

Pittsburgh, PA. 15206
412-661-7860 or 1-877-391-3820
www.mhaac.net

Provides education advocacy to students (up to age 21) and families who need support navigating the special education system and an adult advocacy program trying to access resources and learn more about their rights.

McGuire Memorial

2119 Mercer Road
New Brighton, PA. 15066
724-843-3400
www.mcquirememorial.org

A ministry entrusted by the Felician Sisters of Pennsylvania in providing educational services to students (ages 3-21) with autism, physical and developmental disabilities, and those with profound, complex disabilities. Also they have an adult training facility, employment option center, and residential services.

Mental Health Association

412-391-3820
www.mhaac.net

Provides advocacy and support for families of children with emotional and behavioral problems.

Mercy Hospital Child Development Center

Teachers Aide training Program
1400 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219
412-232-578

Provides training to persons with developmental disabilities to work as a teacher's aide in childcare centers or pre-school.

Mercy Behavioral Health (North Hills Center)

9983 Perry Highway
Wexford, PA. 15090
724-933-8223
www.mercybehavioral.org

Purpose is to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness, addictions, and mental retardation. Offers adult, child, and adolescent mental health services; in-home wrap around services for ages 4-21; adult and adolescent substance abuse / alcohol programs.

Assessment Crisis Treatment Services

412-323-4500 (North)

412-488-4040 (South)

Mercy Mental Retardation Services

2129 Broadway Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15216-3133

412.344.6400

www.pmhs.org

To provide resources for individuals with mental retardation so they can develop life skills and establish social relationships within the community.

Milestone Achievement Centers of America (MAC)

Monroeville 412-373-5235

Indiana 724-463-9841

PA. licensed approved private school for students with developmental disorders including ASD. Small class sizes (maximum of 8) and with speech therapy, ABA, OT, nursing services, and nursing services available.

Milestone Centers for People With Behavioral & Intellectual Challenges

600 Ross Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15221

412-371-9901 or 9707

www.milestonescentersinc.org

Our mission is to provide quality, life-enhancing services that promote wellness and the development of human potential.

Mon-Youth Community Services

Vocational Business Alliance

500 Market Street

McKeesport, PA. 15132

412-672-3400 412-675-8540

[www.mycs.org/vocation body.htm](http://www.mycs.org/vocation_body.htm)

Provides training alternatives in center/workshop programs.

NAMI Southwestern PA

412-366-3788 1-888-264-7972

www.namiswa.org/pages/support_alleggheny.html

Provides support groups, education, and advocacy for individuals/families with mental illness.

Nathan Speech Services

412-363-8388

nathanspeech@aol.com

Specializing in individual and social group therapy for children ages 3-14. Also does IEP support, advocacy, and has an ASD specialists.

NHS Stepping Stones Program

4391 Sturbridge Drive

Harrisburg, PA. 17110

717-441-3700

www.nhsonline.org

A specialized autism program that provides participants (children/adolescents ages 3-14) with opportunities to transfer skills to a new environment.

NHS Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS)

BHRS program made up of individualized, strengths-based, therapeutic, mental health, and behavioral health services delivered to individuals up to the age of 21.

Office of Dispute Resolutions

6340 Flank Drive

Harrisburg, PA. 17112-2764

1-800-222-3353

1-800-654-4984 (TTY)

<http://ODR.pattan.net>

The Office of Dispute Resolution administers the mediation and due process systems statewide, and provides training and services regarding alternative dispute resolution methods.

PA. Connecting Communities

4401 Butler street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15201

412-621-6151

www.paconnectingcommunities.org

Provides information on recreation and leisure time activities as well as providing programs and services in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Washington Counties.

PA. Protecting and Advocacy

1-800-992-4334

www.ppainc.org

Provides information, referral and technical assistance, and advocacy. Publishes informational materials.

PA. Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

1-800-446-5607 (Pittsburgh)

1-800-360-7282 (Harrisburg)

www.pattank12.pa.us

Supports efforts of Bureau of Special Education to provide assistance to students receiving special education services.

PA. Assistive Technology Lending Library

1-800-204-7428

1-866-268-0579 (TTY)

atlend@temple.edu

www.disabilities.temple.edu/atlend

An assistive technology device is any device that assists a disabled person communicate, learn, travel, do household chores, care for themselves, and have fun.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

UCP/CLASS of Pittsburgh

4638 Centre Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

1-888-954-2424 Or 412-246-2175

www.ucpclass.org

An alternative way for people to obtain the assistive technology devices and services through affordable loans.

PA Right to Education Task Force

1-800-692-7275

All of the 29 Intermediate Units have a Task Force comprised of parents, professionals, and citizen advocates interested in assuring an appropriate education for all school age children. Meetings are usually held monthly and open to the public.

Pace School

Greensburg Pike Rd.

Churchill, PA.

412-244-1900

724-903-0083 (Learning Center in Valencia)

www.paceschool.org

Approved private school which blends social learning with an academic curriculum.

PARC-WAY Industries (Achieva)

711 Bingham Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15203

412-995-5000 ext.574

Cleaning and Janitorial Enclave ext.469

www.achieva.info/parcway/

Provides adult training programs and workshops.

Parent Education Network (PEN)

2107 Industrial Highway

York, PA. 17402

1-800-522-5827

www.parentednet.org/whatispen.html

PEN provides information, skills, and support to parents/guardians in helping their children reach full potential in educational, vocational, and community settings.

Parents Involved Network (PIN)

1-800-688-4226

www.pinofpa.org

Advocacy, information, and training for parents of adolescents with emotional issues.

Partners For Quality

250 Clever Road
McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136
412-446-0700
www.pfq.org

A private, non-profit Corporation committed to providing individualized services and supports to people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and to people who experience behavioral health challenges.

PEAL Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership)

1199 Penn Avenue Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
412-281-4404 412-281-4409 (TTY)
www.pealcenter.org

Assisting families of children and young adults with disabilities or special needs from ages 0-26.

Pediatric Therapy Center

412-787-1180
Robinson & Wexford areas

Provides oral motor, sensory integration, therapeutic listening, etc.

Pine-Richland Youth Center

5554 Community center Drive
Gibsonia, PA. 15044
724-443-3796
www.pryc.org

Privately supported organization devoted to providing quality programs and a resource for the facilitation of sports, recreation, educational, and social interaction.

Pittsburgh CLO – Academy of Musical Theatre

412-281-2234
www.pittsburghCLO.org

Uses drama as a tool for teaching social skills, body language, and the mechanics of social interaction.

Pittsburgh Hearing & Deaf Services

1945 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA.
412-281-1375 (Voice and TTY)

Pressley Ridge School for Autism

1-877-905-4291
www.pressleyridge.org/school-for-autism

Our goal is to keep children engaged and have fun while maintaining progress on their goals and objectives in their individualized education plans (IEPs).

Project Match

Life's Works of Western Pa.

1323 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219-4700
412-471-2600 ext.365 412-471-3896 (fax)
www.lifeworkswpa.org

Helps young adults between ages of 16 and 24 with significant disabilities to transition from the classroom to the working world.

Project Succeed

Joel Vanucci; Keystone Oaks School District
1000 Kelton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15216
412-571-6066

Provides an educational evening program to high school dropouts and giving them an opportunity to obtain a diploma. It also offers a variety of certification courses through a partnership with Three Rivers Youth Employment Services.

Prudential Financial for Special Needs

1001 Ardmore Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA, 15221
412-247.8070
johanna.mcbride@prudential.com
lisa.austin@prudential.com

Provides financial information and preparation for special needs trusts.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

531 Penn Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

or

1521 North Sixth Street

Harrisburg, PA. 17102

412-392-4950 (Pittsburgh) 1-800-442-6371 (voice) 1-800-787-4885 (TTY) toll free

www.state.pa.us PA Keyword OVR

OVR serves people who have disabilities that present a substantial impediment to employment. Services are provided to individuals to prepare for, enter into, engage in, or retain employment.

Our Special Garden

318 E. Jefferson St.

Butler, PA. 16001

724-407-8017

julie@ourspecialgarden.bizland.com

For families touched by autism and ASD by providing nutrition support, education, and testing.

www.readingrockets.org - A PBS site that encourages early reading with resource based information on the best methods and technology.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ. 08540

1-866-732-3585

www.rfbd.org

A library for individuals with print media challenges. Provides most reading materials on tape and CD. Must use specific type of tape recorder to play tapes which they sell or can be obtained from Carnegie Library. Annual fee is \$ 35.00.

Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc. (Bellevue / Allison Park)

412-761-6062

www.rehabspecialists.net

REMED of Pittsburgh

Ellsworth Center
5830 Ellsworth Avenue Suite 201
Pittsburgh, PA. 15232

www.remed.com

Provides vocational services.

S.A.F.E. (Supporting Autism & Families Everywhere)

237 Old River Road
Willkes –Barre, PA. 18702

1-877-662-0800

www.autismsafe.org

A non-profit group of parents of children with autism interested in seeking out and sharing information with the goal of helping people with autism live a full and independent life.

Social Security Administration

Benefits Planning & Outreach Programs

Contact: Jason Melvin
900 Sarah Street Suite 202
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203
412-381-3313

Provides benefit planning assistance and outreach including information about “The Ticket” and other work incentives.

Southwestern Human Services

110 Fort Couch Road (South Hills)
Pittsburgh, PA. 15241-1030
412-831-1223

www.shs-pgh.org

Providing quality comprehensive behavioral health and wraparound services in the South Hills / Allegheny County area.

Special Education Mediation Services

1-800-992-4334

Provides mediation services to families and school districts that need assistance in reaching agreements on the provision of services.

Special Olympics Allegheny County

404 First Street
Heidelberg, Pa. 15106
412-279-5450 412-279-5451 (fax)
www.so-ac.org

Offers year-round training sports programs in 14 Olympic –type sports to athletes ages 8 to senior citizen. There are 21 training sites throughout Allegheny County to prepare for over 18 competitions annually for these free of charge programs.

Step by Step, Inc.

275 Curry Hollow Rd. Bldg. 3
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236
412-655-8677
412-341-1761 (Adult Training Facility)
www.stepbystepusa.com

Provides community support services to children and adults with mental retardation, mental illness and autism with a broad spectrum of programs administered by a multi-disciplined staff of professionals with the focus of improving the quality of life for our clients. It also is a premiere employment and pre-employment training program for adults with developmental disorders. Individuals (18 & older) must be enrolled and active in the Pa. Department of Human Services, Home & Community Based Service Programs.

Sunny Bridge Natural Foods

130 Gallery Drive
McMurray, PA. 15317
724-942-5800
www.sunnybridgenaturalfoods.com

Gluten free and other natural foods.

Tech Link Programs of Pittsburgh

Contact: Sandra Balouris
5039 Forbes Tower Suite 5004
Pittsburgh, PA. 15260
412-383-6797
www.tech-link.org

Provides information, role models, and learning opportunities through work-site visits, participation in robotic programs, job shadowing, and internships at local businesses and universities.

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

420 Boulevard of the Allies

Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

1-800-275-2470

www.aip.artinstitutes.edu/index2.asp

Provides Associate and Bachelor Degrees and Diploma programs of study.

The Caring Place

620 Stanwix Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

412-544-1691 1-888-224-4673

www.highmarkcaringplace.com/facilities/southwestern.shtml

Provides support for grieving children, adolescents, and their families.

The Hab Group

622 Market Street

McKeesport, PA. 15132

412-673-2422

www.thehabgroup.com

Provides behavioral evaluation and consultation, independent living support, respite services, home and community services, and individualized training curricula.

The Hope Learning Center

155 Lake Drive (by Levin's)

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-933-4673 (HOPE)

www.thehopelearningcenter.com

Offers a variety of assessment and intervention services for children with developmental disorders from birth to adolescence.

The Medicine Shoppe

725 W. Ingomar Rd.

Ingomar, PA. 15127

412-367-5778

wesseldavid@hotmail.com

One stop shop for natural supplements, creative medication solutions, and multiple medications in one capsule.

The Mentor Parent Program, Inc.

P.O. Box 47

Pittsfield, PA. 16340

1-888-447-1431

1-800-855-1155 (TTY)

www.mentorparent.org

Total Learning Centers

12054 Perry Highway (Rt.19)

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-933-3343

www.totallearningcenters.com

TLC removes obstacles and uncovers the potential for your child to succeed now and in the future.

Tri Medical Supply

179 Scotland Lane

New Castle, PA. 16101

724-652-5800 1-800-541-0734

www.trimedicalsupply.com or karen@trimedonline.com

A full line of incontinence products for every need.

United Way of Pittsburgh

Summer Camp Guide / After School Guide

1 Smithfield Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org

Help Line- "Where to Turn To" 412-255-1155

Publishes an updated list of camps and after school programs for Allegheny County and surrounding areas.

UCP Community Living and Supports Services (CLASS)

4638 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213
412-683-7100 412-683-4160 (fax)
www.ucpPittsburgh.org

Community living and support services to persons with disabilities. Also provides day classes for people with brain injuries and developmental disabilities (ages 18-59)

UCP Kids 412-391-3820
Family Advocacy Network 412-683-7100 ext.303 412-697-7434 ext.111

United Mental Health

Advocating for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
412-391-3820
www.mhaac.net/

Mental health information, resources, and support.

UPMC Project Search

Holly Opatick
412-632-1903

Provides students ages 18-21 with real life work experience based on the individual's preferences and interests. Project SEARCH prepares students for competitive employment by teaching specific job skills, job readiness skills, work etiquette / code of conduct, work social skills, and interviewing skills.

US Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC. 20591
1-866-835-5322
[www.dot.gov/citizen services/disability/disability.html](http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/disability/disability.html)

Provides general information about the rights of air travelers with disabilities.

Wesley Spectrum Services

5465 William Flynn Hwy.(Rt.8)
Gibsonia, PA. 15044
724-443-4888

www.wesleyspectrum.org

Offers a group setting for various age groups for teaching/assisting with social/communications skills. Assist families with anxiety issues, IEPs, and summer job searches.

Wexford Developmental Academy Preschool

110 VIP Drive
Wexford, PA. 15090
724-799-8313
wda@zoominternet.net

Meets the unique needs of 3,4, and 5 year-olds with the educational foundation needed for success. Includes fine and gross motor development, sign language, and integrated visual learning.

Wheelchair Getaways - Pennsylvania

717-238-1354 1-800-221-6501
www.wheelchairgetaways.com/pa/html

When traveling by air, you can enjoy the convenience of having a van delivered to the airport. Our flexibility provides you with the freedom to make your own travel choices. There is also a 24-hour emergency assistance and staff ready to help you.

Woodlands Foundation

134 Shenot Road
Wexford, PA. 15090
724-935-6533
724-935-6541 (fax)
www.woodlandsfoundation.org

Enriching the lives of children and young adults with disability and chronic illness. Programs include summer camp, weekend retreats, music-art-sports programs, and the region's only accessible par 3 golf course.

Working Partners

Northern / Southern Community MH /MR
2129 Broadway
Pittsburgh, PA. 15216
412-931-7181 x13 (North)

412-344-6466 (South)

Offers contract services and community employment with capable workers with disabilities to local businesses.

Youthlink

412-632-1742

youthlink@goodwillswpa.org

www.youthlinkpittsburgh.com

Youthlink is a collaboration of South Pittsburgh service providers and the CareerLink system for South Pittsburgh youth ages 14-24 to access employment, education, and career opportunities using the Careerlink system.

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