

# Disabilities Support

## **Allentown Parking Authority**

1005 Hamilton Street

PO Box 4466

Allentown, PA 18105

Phone: 610-437-3366

Fax: 610-432-3330

Website: [www.allentownparking.org](http://www.allentownparking.org)

Description of Service: Call for application for handicapped parking spot, but individual must have license plate from PENNDOT as well.

## **American with Disabilities Information**

Phone: 800-514-0301 (English and Spanish)

TTY: 800-514-0383

Description of Services: Provides various types of information for people with disabilities.

## **The ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties**

2289 Avenue A

Bethlehem, PA 18017

(in the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park #1 across from LV Airport)

Phone: 610-849-8076

Fax: 610-849-6202

Website: [www.arcofl-n.org](http://www.arcofl-n.org)

Description of Services: ARC is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping Lehigh Valley children and adults with mental retardation to become active, vocal, skilled members of the community. Programs include: Adult training, including pre-vocational skills. Their Family Resource Center has library materials to checkout on a range of disability topics. ARC also has a youth and adult advocate to help with school, transportation and other issues.

## **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

614 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Allentown, PA 18102-9947

Phone: 610-433-6018

Website: [www.abvi.org](http://www.abvi.org)

Description of Service: Social services, transportation, counseling, care, glasses and eye care help for people who are not able to pay. Job related services; Rehabilitation, orientation and mobility instructions; Must be a resident of Lehigh County and now services Palmerton area. Free screenings at office. Possible assistance for eye exams and glasses. Children's eye care a priority.

Horus: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Autism Society of America**

Lehigh Valley Chapter

PO Box 90448

Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-778-9212

Website: [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

Description of Services: Meets once a month (First Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center, Tilghman and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets, Allentown, PA 18104)

**Because I Love You (BILY)**

PO Box 4051943 Kline's Mill Road

Breiningville, PA 18031

Phone: 610-258-2271

Website: [www.becauseiloveyou.org](http://www.becauseiloveyou.org)

Contact Person: Linda Lovette

Description of Service: Support for parents' whose children have behavioral problems.

**Breaking the Barriers Caring and Sharing Support Groups**

PO Box 4056

Allentown, PA 18105

Phone: 610-770-9394 or 610-349-8066

Email: [phcollaboration@aol.com](mailto:phcollaboration@aol.com)

Contact Person: Paulette Hunter

Description of Service: Support for families of children, all ages, with disabilities of any kind.

**Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

300 "G" Laird Street

Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

Phone: 1-570-826-2361

Fax: 1-570-826-2537

Website: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

Description of Services: vocational rehabilitation, employment services to all ages. Specialized services: social workers, independence/self sufficiency services (will refer for own area). Covers 15 counties.

**Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21**

4210 Independence Drive

Schnecksville, PA 18078

Phone: 610-769-4111

Fax: 610-769-1098

Website: [www.cliu.org](http://www.cliu.org)

Description of Services: Preschool (ages 3 to 5) early intervention, education and evaluations, therapy. Speech therapy and behavior management. Also provides programs to meet special education needs of public school students (for example: support programs for deaf, hearing impaired, blind and speech and language support.

**Center for Independent Living**

435 Allentown Drive

Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-770-9781

Website: [www.lvcil.org](http://www.lvcil.org)

Description of Services: Helps individuals with disabilities to find housing; helps qualify people for Section 8 housing. Assists individuals to make home handicapped-accessible (known as Access Lehigh Valley). Provides sign language interpreter services. Call for information. Helps connect people to sports and recreation opportunities open to those with disabilities. Offers sign language interpreter and sign language classes. Advocate available for those with disability related issues, consumer needs.

**Colonial Intermediate Unit #20**

6 Danforth Drive

Easton, PA 18042

Phone: 610-252-5550

Website: [www.cliu20.org](http://www.cliu20.org)

Description of Services: Preschool (ages 3 to 5) child evaluation, education, and therapy. Provides transportation.

**Connect Info Service for Early Intervention (Project Connect)**

Center for Schools and Community

CONNECT

275 Grandview Avenue, Suite 200

Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: 1-800-692-7288

Website: [www.projectconnect.org](http://www.projectconnect.org)

Description of Services: Will assist in locating local, state and national resources for children with disabilities; refer to local services and informational direct referrals for ages 0 to 3 years who may have developmental delays or disabilities.

**Dream Come True**

Mailing: PO Box 21167  
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

Physical: 519 Main Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Phone: 610-865-3475

Website: [www.dreamcometrue.org](http://www.dreamcometrue.org)

Description of Service: "Dreams" are fulfilled for children ages 4-18 with illness that is life threatening, terminal or has seriously altered their lifestyle. Current level of dreams is about 50 per year. Call with questions.

**Early Intervention 0 - 3**

Lehigh County

Lehigh County Government Center  
17 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Allentown, PA 18101

Phone: 610-782-3125; new referrals 610-782-3200

Website: [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org)

Email: [earlyintervention@lehighcounty.org](mailto:earlyintervention@lehighcounty.org)

Northampton County:

520 E. Broad Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Bethlehem, PA 18018

Phone: 610-974-7523 or 610-559-3270

Website: [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org)

Description of Services: All referrals go to the County Early Intervention program. Serves children from 0 – 3 years of age with developmental delays (medical/physical/cognitive).

**Easter Seals of Eastern PA**

1503 N. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Suite 201  
Allentown, PA 18104

Phone: 610-289-0114

Fax: 610-289-4282

Website: [www.esep.easterseals.com](http://www.esep.easterseals.com)

Description of Services: Services to physically and developmentally delayed children. Services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and hearing therapy.

**Education Law Center**

1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: 215-238-6970

Website: [www.elc.pa.org](http://www.elc.pa.org)

Description of Services: Focuses on the rights of children in the public school system and Early Intervention Services; offers bilingual services; Spanish speaking staff.

**Good Shepherd**

501 St. John Street

Allentown, PA 18103

Phone: 610-776-3278 or 888-44-REHAB (for 24 hour/7 days week info)

Website: [www.goodshepherdrehab.org](http://www.goodshepherdrehab.org)

Email: [info@goodshepherdrehab.org](mailto:info@goodshepherdrehab.org)

Description of Services: A variety of medical evaluations and therapy services for those with physical or mental disability. Need to be referred by a doctor/agency.

**Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living**

435 Allentown Drive

Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-770-9781 or 800-495-8245

TDD: 610-770-9789

Fax: 610-770-9789

Website: [www.lvcil.org](http://www.lvcil.org)

Email: [info@lvcil.org](mailto:info@lvcil.org)

Description of Services: A private non-profit organization that is staffed and governed, at all times, by a majority of persons with disabilities. They do not make decisions for their consumers, but provide information and resources to allow consumers to make independent decisions. Work to increase inclusion in Lehigh and Northampton county residents with any type of disability and/or their family regarding housing, transportation, voting rights, employment and many other areas.

**Mercy Special Learning Center**

830 South Woodward Street

Allentown, PA 18103

Phone: 610-797-8242

Fax: 610-797-9902

Website: [www.mercyspeciallearning.org](http://www.mercyspeciallearning.org)

Description of Services: Accredited day school for mentally handicapped individual's age infant to 21. Now also state licensed for over 21 year old program services.

### **NAMI of Pennsylvania – Lehigh Valley Chapter**

802 W. Broad Street

Bethlehem, PA 18018

Phone: 610-882-2102

Website: [www.namipalehighvalley.org](http://www.namipalehighvalley.org)

Email: [info@namipalehighvalley.org](mailto:info@namipalehighvalley.org)

Description of Services: Support and information

### **NAMI Support**

Sacred Heart Hospital

421 Chew Street

Allentown, PA 18102

Phone: 610-776-4766

Description of Services: Support and information. Support group meetings at the Sacred Heart Hospital Conference Center the last Tuesday of each month 7 pm – 9 pm.

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**

45 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

(in Social Security Building)

Allentown, PA 18101

Phone: 610-821-6441

TTY/TDD: 610-821-6411

Fax:

300G Laird Street

Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

570-826-2011 or 800-634-2060

570-826-2023

570-325-5536

Website: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) or [www.nepacil.org/OVR](http://www.nepacil.org/OVR)

Description of Service: OVR is a federal program with funding for job training, vocational rehabilitation, and counseling for individuals with physical or mental disabilities who have trouble getting and holding a job. Serves Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon Counties. OVR has a Spanish-speaking counselor 1 day a week. Call for appointment.

### **Parent Education Network**

2107 Industrial Highway

York, PA 17402

Phone: 800-522-5827: Spanish 800-441-5028

Fax: 717-600-8101

Website: [www.parentednet.org](http://www.parentednet.org)

Email: [pen@parentednet.org](mailto:pen@parentednet.org)

Description of Service: Statewide coalition of parents and professionals providing technical assistance, on-site parent training workshops and literature regarding early intervention, special education and transition.

### **Parent To Parent of Pennsylvania and Special Kids Network**

Check website for various locations

Phone: 1-800-986-4550

Website: [www.parenttoparent.org](http://www.parenttoparent.org)

Description of Services: Linking Families and Friends of Children and Adults with Special Needs Information and referral services for child's mental or physical needs. Support groups, parent support groups, insurance and funding. Information and recreational activities. Offers info on Camperships (camp scholarships). Make arrangements for special equipment.

### **Pedia Manor**

6095 Durham Road

Pipersville, PA 18947

Phone: 215-766-2183

Website: [www.pediamanor.org](http://www.pediamanor.org)

Email: [skrozely@pediamanor.org](mailto:skrozely@pediamanor.org)

Contact Person: Stephen Krozely

Description of Service: Pedia Manor provides a residence to help care for special needs infants and children with major medical problems. Call for more information.

### **Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley**

PO Box 42

Whitehall, PA 18052

Phone: 610-393-9215

Website: [www.cancersupportgroup.org](http://www.cancersupportgroup.org)

Contact Person: Nicole Ronco

Description of Service: A network of parents and professionals who aim to help children diagnosed with cancer and their families by providing support, resources, programs and services.

### **The Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program**

PA Elks Major Projects, Inc.

PO Box 1255

Somerset, PA 15501

Phone: 814-444-1954

Website: [www.paelks.com/files/Homeserv.htm](http://www.paelks.com/files/Homeserv.htm)

Email: [paelks@wpia.net](mailto:paelks@wpia.net)

Contact Person: Patricia O'Connor

Description of Service: Provide in home medical case management, advocacy, and referral to services.

**Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)**

1004 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, First Floor  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Phone: 888-744-1938: TTY 877-693-7271  
Website: [www.patf.us](http://www.patf.us)

Description of Service: Loans available for Assistive Technology. Loans range from \$100 to \$1,000. Repayment terms can be up to 3 years at 0% interest. Call for income eligibility.

**Praxair Healthcare Services**

**Allentown Office**

7355 William Avenue, Suite 200  
Allentown, PA 18106  
Phone: 610-530-3885 or 877-272-2249

Description of Service: Supply respiratory supplies, wheelchairs, scooters, medications, beds and other home medical supplies

**Step By Step, Inc.**

Lehigh Valley Region  
623 West Union Blvd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Main Office:  
744 Kidder Street  
Cross Valley Commons  
Wilkes Barre, PA 18701  
570-829-3477  
570-829-4929

Phone: 610-867-2031  
Fax: 610-867-9217  
Website: [www.stepbystepusa.com](http://www.stepbystepusa.com)  
Email: [info@stepbystepusa.com](mailto:info@stepbystepusa.com)

Description of Services: Intensive case management and supportive living services for mentally ill and developmentally disabled consumers. Bilingual staff available.

**VIA, Inc.**

336 West Spruce Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
Phone: 610-317-8000  
Fax: 610-867-58385  
Website: [www.vianet.org](http://www.vianet.org)  
Email: [via@vianet.org](mailto:via@vianet.org)

Description of Services: VIA, Inc. is a non-profit human service agency which offers community-based support for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Serves ages from birth through retirement. Employment, training and sheltered workshops, housing, leisure resources and early intervention ages 0 – 3. Occupational, physical, speech therapy and special instruction. Offers referrals for inclusive child care services. For Adults: Job placement, group homes, and self-help skills training. Supportive services for adults with developmental disabilities residing in nursing homes.



### **VIABL – Services (Visual Impairment and Blindness Services)**

260 E. Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
Phone: 610-866-8049  
Fax: 610-866-8730

Website: [www.viablservices.org](http://www.viablservices.org)  
Email: [viable@viableservices.org](mailto:viable@viableservices.org)

Description of Services: Services related to visual impairment, special services for children. Free screenings at office. Possible assistance for exams and glasses. Children's eye care a priority. Services for Northampton County residents and some Lehigh County (children under 18) who live in Bethlehem. Now also includes Monroe County.  
Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm

### **Vitalistic Therapeutic Centers**

902 Fourth Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18015 Phone: 610-861-7570	1406 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102 610-433-4383
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Description of Services: Serves developmentally delayed children, preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at two sites. Behavior management, physical and speech therapy counseling; has a partial hospitalization program for at-risk children. Bethlehem site is a charter school in Bethlehem. Call for information.

### **Young's Medical Equipment**

3320 Nazareth Road  
Easton, PA 18045  
Phone: 800-258-7770

Website: [www.airproductshealthcare.com](http://www.airproductshealthcare.com)

Description of Service: Provides oxygen, respiratory therapy or home medical equipment and some medications.