

Education

ACT 101 Program (also counseling and disability services)

Northampton Community College

383 5 Green Pond Road

Bethlehem, PA 18020

Phone: 610-861-5342

Website: www.northampton.edu

Description of Service: Counseling for prospective students. Helps young adults who might not have done well in high school get into and succeed in college.

Assists with application waiver, college anxiety, course selection, and counseling.

Assists students with disabilities/special needs (learning and physical).

*** Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley**

801 Hamilton Mall

Allentown, PA 18101-2420

Phone: 610-435-0680

Fax: 610-435-5134

Website: www.alclv.org

Email: info@alclv.org

Description of Service: Provides Adult Basic Education Skills, free GED classes; (client must be able to speak English for these). Provides English as a Second Language for non-English speaking individuals. Classes are free and held at a variety of locations.

*** Bangor/Pen Argyl/Nazareth GED/Literacy Program**

Phone: Bangor; 610-86-9619

Website: www.penargyl.k12.pa.us/district/publicofferings

Contact Person: Neal Wicoff

Description of Service: Classes held at Domenick DeFranco Elementary School (in Bangor) and Pen Argyl High School (in Pen Argyl). Go to the school at 6 pm on Monday or Wednesday for info and to enroll. Classes run end of August through mid-May. Provides ABE and GED preparation and literacy classes.

Monday and Wednesday 6 pm – 8:30 pm during school year. New in Nazareth: classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm at the high school, E. Center Street, Nazareth.

*** Bethlehem Area School District**

Liberty High School
1115 Linden Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Phone: 610-691-7200 for GED, Ext. 7204
Website: www.beth.k12.pa.us

Description of Service: Provides English as a Second Language, GED preparation & testing during school year. (Also see the "LEAD" Program, this section).

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School

3300 Chester Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Phone: 610-866-8013

Description of Service: Provides Vocational-Technical Programs: construction related, mechanical, technical, creative, service, health and medical. Separate classes for high school students and adults in continuing education

Bethlehem YWCA

22 W. Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Phone: 610-867-4669

Website: local: www.ywcabethlehem.org National: www.ywca.org
Email: info@ywcabethlehem.org

Description of Service: Training workshops to identify personal strengths to channel into a rewarding career. Runs the Women Achieving New Directions program (WAND). WAND helps low income or unemployed women "discover the power within" and get higher-paid occupations. Offers help with job search, resumes, and interviewing skills in a 6-week training program. Free job-appropriate clothing is also available.

Carbon County Assistance Office (Department of Public Welfare)

101 Lehigh Drive
Lehigh, PA 18235
Phone: 610-577-9020
Fax: 610-577-9043

Website: www.dpw.state.pa.us

Description of Services: Medical assistance, food stamps, cash grants. Employment and training resources. For Energy Assistance, if received last year you automatically will be sent application. Spanish spoken.

Career Link/Private Industry Council (PIC)

Allentown Career Link

1601 Union Boulevard

Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-439-1123, 610-437-5627 TTY: 610-821-6760

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm; Wednesday 10:30 am – 7 pm

Mobility Manger: 610-437-5627 x309

Bethlehem Career Link

2 W. Broad Street

(Broad and New Streets) New Street entrance

Bethlehem, PA 18018

Phone: 610-861-2035 TTY: 610-849-0016

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Carbon County Career Link

69 Broadway

Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Phone: 570-325-2701

Fax: 570-325-5536 TTY: 570-325-7850

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm

Easton Career Link

220 Ferry Street

Easton, PA 18042

Phone: 610-250-1708 TTY: 610-250-1894

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 10:30 am – 7 pm

Website: www.careerlinkhighvalley.org or www.cwds.state.pa.us

Description of Service: State of PA agency providing a “One Stop Center” open to all who need jobs and training. Job referrals for local and state jobs. Classes in resume writing, interviewing, job search, and computers. Provides payment for career training to those eligible. Offers GED/English as a Second Language classes, also Civil Service testing for State jobs on site. Over 20 community partner agencies on-site providing related services like child care referral info, veteran’s resources and unemployment benefit appeals. Also resume faxing and mailing. All services are free. NOTE: Spanish only speakers’ orientation given weekly; call for times. Bilingual services (in Spanish and English) available. New: Basic computer workshops offered in Spanish. Also provides transitional assistance to get newly hired people to their jobs. This may include: bus fare, car repair, information on bus or bike routes, ride-sharing up to assisting with car purchase or donation. You must call for application first. Bike purchase also available.

NOTE: Programs marked with * offer GED/ESL/finish high school classes or testing

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*** Catasauqua High School**

2500 Bullshead Road
Northampton, PA 18067
Phone: 610-697-0111
Fax: 610-697-0116

Website: www.cattysd.org

Contact Person: Guidance Office

Description of Service: Provides GED testing monthly, except summer (for any PA resident) Cost: \$45.00

Center for Humanistic Change

507 Delaware Avenue, Unit B
Fountain Hill, PA 18015
Phone: 484-821-0375 or 610-837-9900
Fax:

2200 Avenue A, Suite 106
Bethlehem, PA 18017
484-821-0375
610-317-0316

Website: www.ctrforhumanisticchange.org or www.thehc.org

Email: info@thehc.org

Description of Services: Offers training programs in the community for organizations. Schools on wellness, parenting, drug and alcohol prevention, and kids experiencing divorce/separation. Peer mediation, conflict resolution, violence, bullying prevention and life skills programs.

*** Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations (Spanish Council)**

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| 520 East 4 th Street | 128 W. 4 th Street |
| Bethlehem, PA 18015 | Bethlehem, PA 18015 |
| Phone: 610-868-7800 | 610-868-5836 |

Description of Services: AIDS testing (free), WIC program; health screening and supplemental food for pregnant, nursing moms and small children. Classes in Computer and Resume Writing offered. Services in Spanish and English
Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Community Action Development Corporation

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| 443 N. 7 th Street | 705 E. Fourth Street |
| Allentown, PA 18102 | Bethlehem, PA 18015 |
| Phone: 610-433-5703 | 610-807-9337 |

Description of Service: Learn how to start your own business. Intensive training for low-income first-time business owners through The Start Your Business Program. Offers youth camp in summer on becoming business owners. Bilingual staff.

East Penn School District

800 Pine Street

Emmaus, PA 18049

Phone: 610-965-8335 from 9 am – 2 pm or 610-966-8300

Website: www.eastpenn.k12.pa.us

Description of Service: Runs non-credit recreation classes, arts and crafts, CPR, computer classes.

*** Easton Area School District**

2601 William Penn Highway

Easton, PA 18045

Phone: 610-250-2400 Main Office

Website: www.eastonsd.org

Description of Service: Provides English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, GED Preparation and Testing, Night classes only: Monday to Wednesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Register for GED at Easton High School (gym entrance) Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 pm and for ESL at Easton Middle School – enter in front door.

*** ELEC Program (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training)**

Office: 126 N. 17th Street (in Allen High School) or PO Box 328

Allentown, PA 18104

Allentown, PA 18105

Phone: 484-765-5090

610-821-2619

Website: www.center-school.org

Description of Service: This program is for all age pregnant and parenting youth in the Allentown School District. It is funded by the PA Departments of Public Welfare and Education. Its goals are to help teen parents' complete high school, gain economic independence, and become good parents. Their caseworkers offer counseling, referrals to health and support services, speakers and other assistance to help keep middle school through age 21 parents in school and to achieve the above goals.

Note: also see the Second Chance Program, a special program of ELECT, offered only at Allen High School. (Eligible Dieruff students may attend at Allen) Second Chance students must be age 17 through 21 (ELECT serves any middle or high school student) Second Chance students' programming and school work is in separate facility at the Allen campus; students who complete the program earn a regular high school diploma. Call 484-765-5090

*** Even Start Program**

Office at Community Services for Children, Inc.

1520 Hanover Avenue

Allentown, PA 18109

(Classroom in Allentown)

Phone: 610-437-6000, Ext. 2175

Website: www.cscinc.org

Description of Service: Family Literacy Program that provides adult education, GED, ESL prep; personal development, parenting and early childhood education. Day classes in Allentown only. Eligible families should have a child ages 0-7 years.

*** Hispanic American Organization**

136 S. 4th Street

Allentown, PA 18102

Phone: 610-435-5334 (services in English & Spanish)

Fax: 610-435-2131

Website: www.hao-lv.org

Email: info@hao-lv.org

Description of Services: Helps people apply for food stamps. Call and ask for an appointment. Offers career advancement, welfare to work programs (with state funding), assessment, case management, job readiness and job search. Also helps with getting birth certificates and assists with driving lessons. They also have ESL classes, computer classes, GED in English & Spanish and job readiness. Housing case management program. Food stamp outreach helps people obtain food stamps (by appointment). Child care: Yes, at Los Ninos, 511-513 Linden Street and on site at 136 S. Fourth Street. Also offers family counseling at Chew Street and runs Roberto Clemente Charter School at Fourth Street. Other services provided are counseling services/issues: abuse, anxiety, depression, ADD, drug/alcohol relationship. Works with adults, children, couples, and families. On staff: mental health professionals, bilingual, bicultural. Accepts MA, Mercy, Gateway, and Medicare (Part B) insurance, sliding scale fees.

*** Job Corps**

Phone: 800-354-9758

Website: National www.jobcorps.dol.gov

Contact Person: Lisa

Description of Service: A GED and job skills program for youth, ages 16-24 who have left high school. It is a residential program (students live in dorms) and federally funded, so it is free. While they earn their GED, students can learn these skills/trades: auto mechanics, carpentry, health occupations, culinary arts, landscaping and other. There are many recreational opportunities on-or off-site; students receive an allowance. There are two Job Corps sites: near Hazelton (Keystone Center) and near Lopez, PA next to Ricketts Glen State Park (Red Rock Center). A Job Corps representative visits Lehigh Valley Career Link to talk to potential Job Corps enrollees (by appointment). Call above number to schedule. New program offers college scholarships: Job Corps and Lehigh Carbon Community College will offer scholarships to high school/GED grads who qualify. Call for information.

*** LEAD Program** (where adults can earn their High School Diploma)

1815 Main Street

Bethlehem, PA 18018

Phone: 610-807-5577; 610-867-5843, Ext. 3135

Website: National: www.leadprogram.org

Description of Service: LEAD, or the Life Experiences Academic Diploma Program, is a free High School Diploma program for adults 21 and over in Bethlehem, It is run by the Bethlehem Area School District. Rather than a GED, you earn a diploma from either Liberty or Freedom High Schools, by attending evening classes 3 times/wk., during the school year. (You can take up to two school years to finish.) To see if you are eligible, you must take an assessment test, given in the fall. All classes are held at the Monocracy Building, 1815 Main Street, Bethlehem.

*** Lehigh Carbon Community College**

City Site: LCCC Portland Place
718 Hamilton Mall
Allentown, PA 18101
Phone: 610-799-1940

Main Campus in Schnecksville
4525 Education Park Drive
Schnecksville, PA 18078
Phone: 610-799-2121

Carbon Center
24 E. Locust Street
Nesquehoning, PA 18240
Phone: 570-669-7010

Morgan Center
234 High Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-669-6880

Website: www.lccc.edu

Description of Service: Provides ESL-Adult Basic Education-GED. Preparation and Prep Program, Training classes for credit or non-credit. Offers Associates (2 year) degrees and various length career training classes to earn certificates

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* **Lehigh Career & Technical Institute** (formerly Lehigh County Vo-Tech)

Community Education Department

4500 Education Park Drive

Schnecksville, PA 18078

Phone: 610-799-2300

GED Testing and School-to-Work program: 610-799-1361

Website: www.lcti.org

Description of Service: Vocational-technical training classes for high school age to adult: construction, CDL, truck driving, mechanical, culinary, health (over 40 skill areas).

Lehigh County Assistance Office (Department of Public Welfare)

101 South 7th Street

Allentown, PA 18101

Phone: 610-821-6509

Fax: 610-821-6705

Website: www.dpw.state.pa.us

Description of Services: Medical assistance, food stamps, cash grants, energy assistance. Employment and training resources and referrals. For Energy Assistance, if received last year you automatically will be sent application. Spanish spoken.

Hours: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.

National Center for Educational Statistics

Website: www.nces.ed.gov

Description of Services: Educational information.

New Bethany Ministries

337 Wyandotte Street

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone: 610-691-5602

Fax: 610-866-3427

Website: www.newbethanyministries.org

Email: newbethany@newbethanyministries.org

Description of Services: Offers short-term transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families in individual rooms for up to six months. Come in to apply; there is a waiting list. Also runs the Mollard Hospitality Center, offering hot showers, breakfast and lunch, employment assistance and counseling, also use of phone and mailing address.

Hours: 8 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday

Hours for Meals: Monday through Friday: Breakfast 8 am; Lunch 12 noon to 1 pm

New Choices/New Options Programs

Phone: 610-861-5300

Website: www.northampton.edu/office/ncno

Description of Service: Assists single, separated, divorces, widowed individuals and homemakers entering or re-entering the work force. Two areas: Career Exploration and Training, computer, math refresher, college classes. Helps parents update skills and learn new ones. Child care funds and tuition funding available to those who qualify. New Choices\New Options classes are offered evenings or days. Also helps those interested in non-traditional careers; for example, Heavy Equipment Operator for woman, Nursing for a male. Available in Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, and Bucks counties at various sites.

*** Northampton Community College (NCC)**

Main Campus: 3835 Green Pond Road,
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Phone: 610-861-5500

NCC offers college classes for credit to earn an Associates (2 year) Degree. They also offer short-term certificate programs and non-credit classes in a variety of subject areas. Offers career counseling and financial aid assistance. Free tours offered during the year. Call for info or visit their Web Site.

Website: www.northampton.edu

NCC's Center for Adult Literacy (on their main campus):

Phone: 610-861-5427

The Center offers Family Literacy, GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult basic Education (ABE), and Life Skills classes. Child care is provided for Family Literacy classes.

Northampton Community College's Southside Campus: 511 E. 3rd Street
Bethlehem, PA18015
Phone: 610-332-8650

(located where the old Bethlehem Steel Buildings/Discovery Science Center were)

Offers free GED, ESL, and ABE classes, all levels, and assessment for class placement. Open to all.

Northampton County Assistance Office (DPA)

110 Main Street
West Easton, PA 18042
Phone: 610-250-1700
Fax: 610-250-1839

Website: www.dpw.state.pa.us

Description of Services: Medical assistance, food stamps, cash grants, energy assistance. Employment and training resources and referrals. For Energy Assistance, if received last year you automatically will be sent application. Spanish spoken.

Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

45 N. 4th Street
(in Social Security Building)
Allentown, PA 18101
Phone: 610-821-6441
TTY/TDD: 610-821-6411
Fax:

300G Laird Street
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 or 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.

**PA Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education**

333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126
Phone: 717-783-2311; General Info: 717-783-6788

Website: www.pde.state.pa.us

Description of Service: Education information.

Pennsylvania High Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)

1200 North 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
Phone: 800-692-7392 (Has Spanish language line)

Website: www.pheaa.org

Description of Service: Call to get information and application for loans and grants to go to college.

*** Project of Easton**

320 Ferry Street
Easton, PA 18042
Phone: 610-258-4361

Fax: 610-258-7502

Website: www.projecteaston.org

Description of Service: For residents of Northampton County. Helps with emergency shelter, prescriptions, home heating oil, baby needs, children’s furniture and clothing, local transportation, eye exams/glasses. Also has an Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry for residents of Easton, Wilson or Palmer and may use 2 times a month, but must bring proof of income and ID for all family members. Provides group and individual classes for ESL, GED and Adult Basic Education Skills. Also offers Even Start Program, preschool for Even Start parents’ children, Comprehensive Family Literacy Services, Day and evening classes at various locations in Easton, Parent Education and Parent Support Group. Spanish Speaking staff. Child Care for Even Start and ESL.

NOTE: Programs marked with * offer GED/ESL/finish high school classes or testing

Requirements: Client must have interview and assessment of skills. All services are free.

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Salvation Army

Allentown

144 North 8th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
Phone: 610-432-0129

Bethlehem

521 Pembroke Road
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Easton

214 Spring Garden Street
PO Box 937
Easton, PA 18024
Phone: 610-258-953

Salvation Army – Pen Argyl

301 West Main Street
Pen Argyl, PA 18072
Phone: 610-863-6677

Website: www.salvationarmyusa.org

Description of Services: Have Spanish speaking staff.

Food Bank Hours: Vary from location, contact location for specific times and days. Must bring social security cards and photo IDs for each person in household as well as proof of income. If you are welfare client, you, must have written referral from caseworker. Clothing hours also vary by location and you need to contact location for specific times and days.; If you're referring a family you need to call first. Assist stance for rent/utilities (limited to UGI utility), Provides after school tutoring, Fall through June. Can give information on discounted prescription programs.

*** Second Chance**

Allen High School
126 North 17th Street
Allentown, PA 18104
Phone: 484-765-5090

Dieruff High School
815 North Irving Street
Allentown, PA
(Dieruff students may attend Second
Chance at Allen)

Description of Service: A year round program for 17 thru 21 year old parents who need to finish high school. Individualized instruction to get high school diploma. Parenting and career education. Child care available. Assistance with transportation.

**Special Education Consult Line
Office of Dispute Resolution**

Phone: 800-879-2301

Website: www.pde.state.pa

Description of Service: Statewide service of the Bureau of Special Education that provides assistance to parents and advocates of eligible children with school related concerns, special education, regulations and the special education complaint process.

*** SPOC (Single Point of Contact)**

Lehigh County: 1600 Union Blvd., Allentown

Phone: 610-439-1123 ext. 271

Northampton County: 610-865-9831 (Call for info)

Description of Services: 2 year training with job as a goal – up to 1 year literacy services and 2 years of skills training. Provides GED, Clerical/Data Entry, Medical Office Assistant, Medical Insurance Program, Nurses' Aide Health Assistant, Data Entry training and CDL driver's license training, LPN training and many others are available. Child care is available and transportation funds are available. Must be referred to program by TANF caseworker. Also serves pregnant and parenting clients, 18+.

Weller Center for Health Education

325 Northampton Street

Easton, PA 18042

Phone: 610-258-8500

Fax: 610-258-9914

Website: www.wellercenter.org

Email: info@wellercenter.org

Description of Service: Health museum exhibits for children and families to visit in groups only; family wellness programs, education on drugs, AIDS, general health, family life, sex education for teenagers. Also offers health program in schools.

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, for reserved programs for groups, call for reservations. (Not open for walk-ins.)

NOTE: Programs marked with * offer GED/ESL/finish high school classes or testing

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