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Transition Resources

CLIU #21 Transition Resources Google Drive tinyurl.com/CLIU-resources

PA Secondary Transition PASEcondaryTransition.com

The Pennsylvania Community on Transition is a group comprised of various stakeholders from across Pennsylvania who work collaboratively to ensure appropriate transition outcomes for Pennsylvania youth and young adults with disabilities. The team consists of representatives from the State Departments of Education, Health, Labor and Industry, and Human Services; Various Youth-Serving Agencies; Young Adults; Parent Organizations; Advocates; Higher Education; and Employers.

The PA Secondary Transition website will be continually updated with the latest transition events and resources for youth, young adults, parents, and professionals to assist in facilitating a young person’s progress towards post-secondary goals related to education, employment, and community living.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

 Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living (ARCIL)... (570) 455-9800 x23/(800) 777-9906
 Bayada Home Health Care (Lehigh County) .................................... (610) 776-7000
 Bayada Home Health Care (Carbon County) .................................... (610) 377-4717
 Keystone Human Services (AVAIL) ........................................... khs.org (717) 215-2732
 Lehigh Valley Career Link .................................................. careerlinklehighvalley.org (610) 437-5627
 Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) ................. lvcil.org (610) 770-9781
 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Developmental Programs (ID/DP) ........ cmpmhds.org
 OVR: PA Dept of Labor and Industry .................................. dli.state.pa.us/
 PA CareerLink Carbon County ........................................ carbonecareerlink.org (570) 325-2701
 PA Career Guide .................................................................Google - PA Career Guide
 PA Career Link ................................................................. pecareerlink.state.pa.us
 PA Department of D&A Programs - Treatment Hotline 24-7.......... ddap.pa.gov (800) 662-4357

PA Eastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1 ........................................ pa211east.org 2-1-1 / (717) 291-5462

FREE service for Lehigh Valley residents, Available Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Providing information on a broad range of services, including basic needs, health care, youth programs, counseling, food banks, housing, aging services and much more!

PA ELKS Home Service Program .................................. paelkshomeservice.org/special-kids-network

PA Northeastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1 ... pa211east.org (888) 829-1341 / (570) 829-1341 / 2-1-1

The Help Line is an information and referral service and first response point for crisis calls in certain Carbon County area codes (Albrightsville: 18210, Palmerton: 18071 & Weatherly: 18255). It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, staffed and acts as the after-hours crisis service for twenty-one different organizations. It is the central access point for problems and issues regarding: Mental Health, Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, Drug and Alcohol, Runaway, Energy Assistance, Homeless Services and Victim services.

PA Respite Programs .........................................................archrespite.org

PA Secondary Transition Guide .............................................. secondarytransition.org

The purpose of this website is to provide youth, young adults, parents, and professionals with secondary transition resources to facilitate a young person’s progress toward the attainment of post-secondary goals related to education, employment, and community living.

Parent Education Network .................................................. php.com
Peal Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center) .......... pealcenter.org
Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley ..................................... redcrosslv.org (610) 252-4357
Social Security Administration ........................................... ssa.gov
The Caring Connection, Inc. ..................................................caringconnectioneldercare.com (610) 882-9131
Warmline ................................................................. pbfalv.org/programs/warmline (610) 820-8451

A support service for adults who are challenged by loneliness, confusion and other mental health concerns, or who need information about available services. Accepting calls 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week. (Lehigh County residents only!)
DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORT

Access Services
(Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehighton, Tamaqua)........... accessservices.org  (877) 896-6667
Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living (ARCIL)
(Hazleton)................................................. anthracitecil.org (570) 455-9800
BARC (Bucks County)...................................... barcprograms.org (215) 794-0800
Beacon Specialized Living (Allentown)...................... beaconspecialized.org (484) 246-3350
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services)
(Allentown, Jim Thorpe, Tamaqua, Walnutport)............ cares4u.org (570) 225-7360
Club House of the Lehigh Valley: Adult Support Services for Individuals in need of Mental Health Support............ clubhouseoflehighcounty.org (610) 433-9910
Community Services Group (CSG) (Bethlehem, Schnecksville)... csponline.org (610) 866-7600
Good Shepherd at Conrad W. Raker Center
(Allentown)................................................. goodshepherdrehab.org (610) 776-3199
Good Shepherd Supported Independent Living (Allentown)........... (610) 841-4752
Greater LV Visiting Nurse Association (Allentown)......... npino.com (610) 395-2500
Helping Hands, Inc. (Lehigh County)........................ helpinghandsinc.com (610) 754-6491
Human Resources Centers, Inc., (HRC) (Effort, Honesdale)........... hrcinc.org (570) 253-3782
Lehigh County Housing Authority.............................. lehighcountyha.org (610) 965-4514
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)
(Allentown).................................................. lvcil.org (610) 770-9781
Liberty Resources (Allentown)................................ libertyresources.org
Lifepath (Bethlehem)...................................... lifepath.org (610) 264-5724
Life Center (Allentown)................................... thelifecenter.net (484) 221-8284
Maxim Healthcare Services (Allentown)
Maximum Care (Whitehall)..................................... (610) 264-2353
Nurse Finders................................................. citehealth.com
Spectrum Community Services Inc.
(Allentown)................................................. spectrumcommunityservices.org (484) 893-5050
Star Multi Care Services..................................... starmulticare.com (631) 956-8835
Step by Step (Bethlehem).................................. stepbystepusa.com (610) 867-0688
The Arc (Lehigh/Northampton).............................. arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076

TRANSPORTATION
Carbon County Community Transit.......................... carbontransit.com (888) 253-8333
Easton Coach Company.................................... eastoncoach.com (570) 669-6380
Lehigh & Northampton Transportation Authority......... (888) 253-8333
Lyft............................................................ lyft.com
Uber............................................................ uber.com (610) 432-3200

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Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council

What is the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council (CLTCC)?
The mission of CLTCC is to promote effective transition services for students with disabilities, their families, educators, and community service providers from school to adult community life.

Who Serves on the Local TCC?
It is comprised of parents, representatives from agencies and employers, and educators from the Intermediate Unit, School Districts, Vocational, Technical and Special Education, and Higher Education.

Who do I contact to become a member of the CLTCC?
To become a member of the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council, please contact:

Kendyle Mills, Training and Consultation Staff
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
millsk1@cliu.org (610) 769-4111 ext. 1096

We welcome your participation in the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council Meetings:

Thursday, December 16, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 17, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 14, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Link - https://zoom.us/j/97523829129

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

LEHIGH COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS

AHEDD
108 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-2949
Deanne Kreiger
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E-Mail: deanne.kreiger@ahedd.org
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The Burnley Workshop
4219 Manor Drive
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Serving: Monroe County - Slate Belt only
Northampton County
Phone: (570) 992-6616

Community Options, Inc.
3710 Broadway
Allentown, PA 18104
Phone: (484) 221-8806
Fax: (484) 221-9637
Jessica Pahountis, Executive Director
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Easterseals Eastern PA
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Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)
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713 N. 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
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Email: carlybeck@lvcil.org or samanthakibler@lvcil.org

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Allentown, PA 18103
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E-Mail: cnelson@esep.org
Website: www.easterseals.com/esep

Goodwill, Keystone Area
1901 Lehigh Street
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Website: www.yourgoodwill.org

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2301 Service Road
Effort, PA 18330
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Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

The Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program assists citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. The program is a cooperative effort between PennDOT, the Department of Health and Aging, the State Police, the Turnpike Commission, first responders and local law enforcement.

YellowDot.pa.gov
TRANSITION CHECKLIST

The following is a checklist of transition activities that you and your child may wish to consider when preparing transition plans with the IEP team. Your child’s skills and interests will determine which items on the checklist are relevant. Use this checklist to ask yourself whether or not these transition issues should be addressed at IEP transition meetings. The checklist can also help identify who should be part of the IEP transition team. Responsibility for carrying out the specific transition activities should be determined at the IEP transition meetings.

**Two to Three Years Before Leaving the School District**

☐ Identify community support services and programs (Vocational Rehabilitation, County Services, Centers for Independent Living, etc.).

☐ Invite adult service providers, peers, and others to the IEP transition meeting.

☐ Match career interests and skills with vocational course work and community work experiences.

☐ Gather more information on post-secondary programs and the support services offered, and make arrangements for accommodations to take college entrance exams.

☐ Identify health care providers and become informed about sexuality and family planning issues.

☐ Determine the need for financial support (Supplemental Security Income, state financial supplement programs, Medicare).

☐ Learn and practice appropriate interpersonal, communication, and social skills for different settings (employment, school, recreation, with peers, etc.).

☐ Explore legal status with regards to decision-making prior to age of majority.

☐ Begin a resume and update periodically.

☐ Practice independent living skills, e.g., budgeting, shopping, cooking, and housekeeping.

☐ Identify needed personal assistant services and, if appropriate, learn to direct and manage these services.
DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

AHEDD (Carbon/Lehigh) .............................................................. ahedd.org (570) 622-9711
Burnley Workshop (Stroudsburg) ..................................................... (570) 992-6616
Carbon County Career Link (Jim Thorpe OVR) ........................................ (570) 325-2701
Carbon County Workforce Training (Beaver Meadows) ....................... (570) 454-3754
Goodwill, Keystone Area (Allentown) ........................................... yourgoodwill.org (610) 904-6070
Impact Systems, Inc. (Whitehall) .......................................................... (610) 435-1561
Keystone Autism Services Vocational Initiative ................................ keystoneautismservices.org
Lehigh County Career Link (Allentown) .......................................... careerlinklehighvalley.org (610) 437-5627
Pennsylvania Mentor (Bethlehem/Brodheadsville) ............................. pa-mentor.com (610) 867-3173
Private Industry Council, Supported Employment (Lehigh Valley) .......... picv.org (610) 867-3173
SPIN ................................................................. spininc.org (610) 625-1222
SPARC Program (Bethlehem) ....................................................... arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076
The Arc ........................................................................ arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076
VIA of the Lehigh Valley (Allentown) .............................................. vianet.org (610) 628-2326

LICENSED DAY HABILITATION PROGRAMS

Access Services (Carbon/Lehigh) .......................................................... accessservices.org (610) 377-5931
Access Services (Bethlehem) .............................................................. accessservices.org (610) 866-6667 x239
Beacon Specialized Living (Allentown) ........................................... beaconspecialized.org (484) 246-3350
Person Directed Supports (Whitehall) ............................................. persondirectedsupports.com (610) 841-4401
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services) (Allentown, Jim Thorpe, Walnutport) ................................. cares4u.org (570) 225-7360
Community Services Group (CSG) (Schnecksville) ............................... csgonline.org (877) 907-7970
Development Support Services Lighthouse (Carbon County) ..................... (570) 669-6448
Helping Hands, Inc. (Lehigh) ............................................................. helpinghandsinc.com (610) 754-6491
Kaleidoscope Family Solutions (Allentown) ....................................... kfamilysolutions.org (267) 295-0320
Neuro Restorative - STEPS Group Program (Allentown) ...................... neurorestorative.com (610) 280-0180
Gaining Respect & Opportunity with Teaching & Hope (Nazareth) .......... rhd.org (484) 298-1333
SPIN ................................................................. spininc.org (610) 625-1222
Lifepath (Bethlehem) ................................................................... lifepath.org (610) 264-5724
SPARC Program (Bethlehem) ....................................................... arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076
Spectrum Community Services (Allentown) ....................................... spectrumcommunityservices.org (484) 893-5050
The L.I.F.T. Center (Allentown) .................................................. thelifcenter.net (484) 221-8284

One Year Before Leaving the School District

☐ Apply for supportive service programs. (Supplemental Security Income, Independent Living Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Personal Assistant Services).

☐ Identify the post-secondary school you plan to attend and contact their disability service office.

☐ Practice effective communication by developing interview skills, asking for help, and identifying necessary accommodations at post-secondary and work environments.

☐ Specify desired job and obtain paid employment with supports, if appropriate.

☐ Take responsibility for arriving on time to work, appointments, and social activities.

☐ Assume responsibility for health care needs (making appointments, filling and taking prescriptions, etc.).

☐ Register to vote votespa.com.

☐ Register for Selective Service (males only) sss.gov.

☐ Determine the need for financial support (Supplemental Security Income, state financial supplement programs, Medicare).
Parent/Student Checklist

Getting Ready to Graduate or Leave School

The most important area to consider when your child is leaving school is finding the right agencies. The following questions will help you to research critical information:

- What populations does the educational facility/agency serve?
- What services are provided?
- How are the services accessed?
- What are the eligibility or admission requirements?
- Are there specialized programs or services?
- What are the family costs for the services?

To prepare for the transition from school to adult life, the young adult will need the following:

- A social security number
- Draft Registration is required for males when they reach their eighteenth birthday. Contact your local post office.
- The Office of Social Security Insurance Benefits application is available to children and adults with serious disabilities. Call (800) 772-1213 for the SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (ssa.gov)
- Registration with the OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS (ID/DP) (ODP)
  - To begin the enrollment process:
    - (610) 782-3200 (Lehigh County) https://tinyurl.com/Lehigh-County
    - (610) 377-0773 (Carbon County) cmpmhds.org
    - Fill out a PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Needs for Services) form once your child is enrolled.
- WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SOCIAL SECURITY WORK INCENTIVES disabilityrightspa.org
- PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF AUTISM
  - https://tinyurl.com/PA-Bureau-of-Autism
  - Adult Autism Waiver, Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP), BAS Adult Programs Overview and how to contact the Bureau of Autism Services.
- SUPPORTS COORDINATION SERVICES (IDD)
  - SAM Inc. sam-inc.org (610) 419-9102
  - Quality Progressions qualityprogressions.org (610) 691-0215
  - OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR) (dli.state.pa.us/)
    - Carbon
      - (800) 922-9536
    - Allentown
      - PA Department of Labor & Industry
      - Office of Vocational Rehabilitation 45 N. 4th Street
      - Allentown, PA 18102
      - (610) 821-6441
    - Transition Counselors and School Districts Served:
      - Mara Wolfe, marawolfe@pa.gov
      - Catasauqua LCTI Panther valley
      - CCTI Leighton Weatherly
      - CLAS Northern Lehigh Whitehall-Coplay
      - Jim Thorpe Area Northwestern Lehigh
      - LLAS Palmerton
      - Brittni Kholi, bkholi@pa.gov
      - ALAS Mercy Special Learning
      - Allentown Northampton Area
      - Catasauqua Area Roberto Clemente
      - Executive Education Whitehall-Coplay
      - LVCA
      - Corey Cook, cocook@pa.gov
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      - Deaf & Hard of Hearing
        - Marilyn Cook, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Rehabilitation Counselor, maricook@pa.gov
      - Early Reach Coordinator
        - Kaitlynn Tretter, katretter@pa.gov (484) 634-2204

Workshop Availabilities:
- What is OVR?
- Self-Awareness: It’s all about you!
- Self-Advocacy: Getting what you need, how you need it.
- Living, Working and Playing Independently
- Communication in the Workplace
- Applications, Resumes & Interviewing
- Working as Part of a Team
- Professionalism
- Career Exploration
- Post-Secondary Education: Difference Between HS & College
- Job Seeking & Development
- Transition Planning