

## **Helpful Resources and Websites for Parents of Children with Special Needs (4/2015)**

### **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) 412-350-4457 (24 Hr. Emergency)

[www.county.allegheny.pa.us.dhs](http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us.dhs)

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

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### **ACCESS**

Center City Tower

650 Smithfield Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

412-562-5353

Information on eligibility for transportation.

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### **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](http://www.achieva.info)

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

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### **Achieva Family Trust**

(Same as above)

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

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### **Action Housing**

425 Sixth Street Suite 950

Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

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

[www.actionhousing.org](http://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.

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**AERI Behavioral Health Services**

1-866-727-2374

[www.aerionline.com](http://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.

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**AHEADD (Achieving in Higher Education with Autism / Developmental Disability)**

3945 Forbes Avenue Suite 470

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

1-877-243-2331

[www.aheadd.org](http://www.aheadd.org) [admin@headd.org](mailto: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.

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**AHEDD (Specialized Human Resource Organization)**

900 Sarah St. Suite 202

Pittsburgh, PA. 15203

412-381-3313 1-866-902-4333 ext 55001

[Pittsburgh.pa@ahedd.org](mailto:Pittsburgh.pa@ahedd.org)

Meeting the employment needs of people with disabilities and the business community.

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**AIM (Asperger Initiative at Mercyhurst University)**

501 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street

Erie, PA. 16546

814-824-2450 & 2451

Provides academic, social support, and counseling services while at school.

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**Allegheny County Department of Human Services**

**Office of Intellectual Disability**

110 Roessler Road Suite 100A

Pittsburgh, PA. 15220  
412-253-1263

Agency to contact for initial paperwork when child / loved one is diagnosed with Intellectual Disability.

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**Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU)**

412-394-5700  
412-779-0137 (Career Development Program)  
[www.aiu3.net](http://www.aiu3.net)

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

[www.attitudemag.com](http://www.attitudemag.com) - information and support on ADHD and other learning disabilities.

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**AOT, Inc.**

401 Locust Street Suite 2A  
Coraopolis, PA. 15108  
412-299-0704  
[www.aotinc.com](http://www.aotinc.com)

Specializes in occupational and physical therapy in .

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**ARC of Pennsylvania**

101 South Second Street Suite 8  
Harrisburg, PA. 17101  
800-692-7258  
[www.thearca.org](http://www.thearca.org)

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**ASERT Resource Center**

877-231-4244

A partnership of Pa. medical centers, autism research and service centers, universities, community organizations, and other providers of services working to improve the lives of adults and children with autism.

PAautism.org  
[info@PAautism.org](mailto:info@PAautism.org)

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**Aspire Pediatric Therapy**

412-474-3566

[www.AspirePediatricTherapy.com](http://www.AspirePediatricTherapy.com)

Comprehensive therapy programs in OT, speech, and feeding. Locations in north Hills, Moon, South Hills.

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**Autism Society of Pittsburgh**

4371 Northern Pike

Monroeville, PA. 15146

412-856-7223

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

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**Autism Connection of PA (formerly ABOARD)**

35 Wilson St. # 100

Pittsburgh, PA. 15223

412-781-4116 1-800-827-9385

[www.autismofpa.org](http://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.

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**Autism Center of Pittsburgh**

135 Cumberland Rd. Suite 105

Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

1-866-789-9532

[www.autismlink.com](http://www.autismlink.com)[www.autismcenterofpittsburgh.com](http://www.autismcenterofpittsburgh.com)

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

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**Autism Help Network**

4714 Valleyfield Drive

Allison Park, PA. 15101

724-449-7072

[www.autismhelpforyou.org](http://www.autismhelpforyou.org)[office@autismhelpforyou.org](mailto:office@autismhelpforyou.org)

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

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**Autism Speaks – Pittsburgh**

8035 McKnight Road Suite 301  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237  
412-367-4571  
[pittsburgh@autismspeaks.org](mailto: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.

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**The Autism Notebook**

412-437-8285  
[Pgh@AutismNotebook.com](mailto:Pgh@AutismNotebook.com)

Published six times a year with information for the Pittsburgh area.

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**Autism Teaching Strategies**

[www.AutismTeachingStrategies.com](http://www.AutismTeachingStrategies.com)

Visual-based tools for social / emotional learning.

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**Barber National Institute**

100 Villiani Drive  
Bridgeville, PA. 15017  
412-220-6030

A community Adult Training Facility

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**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.

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**Bidwell Training Center**

1815 Metropolitan Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15233  
412-323-4000 1-800-516-1800  
[www.bidwell-training.org](http://www.bidwell-training.org)

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

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**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.

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**Brain Balance Achievement Centers**

6401 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206  
412-665-0330  
[pittsburgh@brainbalancecenters.com](mailto:pittsburgh@brainbalancecenters.com)  
[brainbalancepittsburgh.com](http://brainbalancepittsburgh.com)

Brings hope to the families of children who suffer with behavioral, academic, and social challenges.

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**Bureau of Blind and Visual Services (BBVS)**

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

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**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](mailto:diversity@ccac.edu)

Provides services for students with special needs.

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### **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.

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### **Carnegie Library**

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Leonard Saisly Building

4724 Baum Boulevard

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

412-687-2440

[www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org)

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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**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.

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**Center for Deaf & Hearing Services, Inc.**  
1945 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219  
412-281-1375 Voice / TTY  
[www.hdscenter.org](http://www.hdscenter.org)

1011 Old Salem Road Suite 102 (Westmoreland Co. area)  
Greensburg, PA. 15601  
724-832-7600

Leading our region in services for youths and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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**Center4Speech**  
7011 Crider Rd. Suite 102  
Mars, PA. 16046  
724-687-0597  
[www.center4speech.com](http://www.center4speech.com)

Speech and language pathology.

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**Center for Theater Arts**  
250 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213  
412-563-5080  
[www.centerfortheaterarts.org](http://www.centerfortheaterarts.org)



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

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**CHADD**

412-276-2550

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

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**Challenger Program**

Ingomar/Franklin Park Athletic Association

412-734-9174

[www.ifpaa.org](http://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](http://www.SchwabLearning.orgg)

[www.SparkTop.org](http://www.SparkTop.org)

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

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**Chartiers Vocational Training Center**

Pathfinder School

50 Donati Road

Bethel Park, PA. 15102

412-833-8279

Dormont

2866 Glenmore Avenue

412-344-7025

Provides adult training and workshops.

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**Circle of Friends**

412-221-4375

[www.yourdecades.com/circleoffriendsdances](http://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 area.

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**College Nannies & Tutors**

7500 Brooktree Rd. Suite 117  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
724-934-3022 724.712-4671 (c)  
[Terry.anderson@collegenannies.com](mailto: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.

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**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](http://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.

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**Competitive Employment Opportunities, Inc. (CEO)**

8384 Frankstown Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15221  
412-342-0485  
[www.ceopgh.org](http://www.ceopgh.org)

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

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**Community Options**

900 Sarah Street Suite 205  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203  
412-431-7079 x206  
[www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org)

Supporting people with disabilities in job assessment, job finding, and supported employment.

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**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.

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**Computing Workshops**

5824 Forbes Avenue 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Pittsburgh, PA. 15217

412-414-5344

[mary@computingworkshops.org](mailto:mary@computingworkshops.org)

Innovative programming with individuals on the Spectrum including summer / ESY programs. Includes an Open Lab on Fridays from 2-7 pm.

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**Connect Information Service**

1-800-692-7288

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

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**Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc.**

110 VIP Drive Suite 200

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-940-4485

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

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**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](http://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.

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**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”

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**Disabilities Rights Network**

1414 North Cameron St. Suite C  
Harrisburg, PA. 17103  
1-800-692-7443  
1-800-375-7139 (TDD)  
[www.drnpa.org](http://www.drnpa.org)

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

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**Dynavox Systems**

2100 Wharton Street Suite 400  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203  
412-381-4883 1-800-344-1778  
[www.dynavoxsys.com](http://www.dynavoxsys.com)

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

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**Easter Seals**

School to Work Program  
2525 Railroad Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222  
412-281-7244 412-281-9333 (fax)  
[www.westernpa.easterseals.com](http://www.westernpa.easterseals.com)

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

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**Education Law Center**

1901 Law and Finance Building  
429 Fourth Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219  
412-258-2120  
[www.elc-pa.org](http://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.

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**Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh**

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

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**Epilepsy Foundation (Project School Alert)**

1501 Reedsdale Suite 3002  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15233  
412-322-5880 1-800-361-5885  
[www.efwp.org](http://www.efwp.org)

Designed to educate students, teachers, staff, and others on epilepsy / seizure disorders.

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**Exceptional Adventures**

250 Clever Rd.  
McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136  
412.446.0713  
[www.exceptionaladventures.com](http://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.

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**Family Behavioral Resources (FBR)**

Specialized Autism Services in Southwestern Pennsylvania  
P.O. Box 879  
Greensburg, PA. 15601  
724-850-8118 or 1-866-432-7273  
[autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com](mailto:autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com)  
[www.familybehavioralresources.com](http://www.familybehavioralresources.com)

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**Family Links**

2644 Banksville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15216  
412-343-7166 1-800-583-6003  
[www.familylinks.org](http://www.familylinks.org)

Helping individuals and families develop their full potential by providing comprehensive, coordinated care for mental health issues, developmental disabilities, addictions, abuse, behavioral problems, illnesses, and other life challenges with 17 locations in the Pittsburgh area.

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**Family Services of Western Pennsylvania**

3230 William Pitt Way  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15238-1361  
412-820-2050 412-820-2060 (fax)  
[www.fswp.org](http://www.fswp.org)

Comprehensive human services agency that provides a variety of programs, services, and activities for children, families, and adults in the Western Pennsylvania region.

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**Future Horizons**

1-800-489-0727  
[www.FHautism.com](http://www.FHautism.com)

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

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**Glade Run Lutheran Services**

P.O. Box 70 Beaver Rd.  
Zelienople, PA. 16063  
724-452-4453 [www.gladerun.org](http://www.gladerun.org)

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

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**Goodwill Industries of Pittsburgh  
Transition WORKS**

412-632-1903

Provides workforce readiness training for high school youths with disabilities ages 16-21.

**Goodwill PASSAGES Programs**

118 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15201  
412-632-9005 412-632-1706  
[www.goodwillswpa.org](http://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.

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**Heritage Valley Health Systems – Staunton Clinic**

300 Bilmar Drive Suite 240  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15205  
412-928-8687

The Supports Coordination Unit at Staunton Clinic is dedicated to helping individuals and families attain the highest possible blend of services that impact of mental retardation with the desire to maintain a high quality of life.

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**Highmark Blue Cross / Blue Shield**

Blue Chip Program  
PO Box Caring  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15230  
1-800-543-7105  
[www.highmark.com](http://www.highmark.com)

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

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**Home Evolutions LLC**

[www.homeevolutions.com](http://www.homeevolutions.com)

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

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**ICM School of Business & Medical Careers**

10 Woods Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222  
412-261-2647 1-800-441-5222  
[www.icmschool.com](http://www.icmschool.com)

Provides vocational training and job opportunities.

**IKOR**

201 Penn Center Boulevard Suite 400  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15235  
855-456-7972 x 704  
[phanson@ikorusa.org](mailto:phanson@ikorusa.org)  
[www.ikorusa.com](http://www.ikorusa.com)

Providing solutions for the issues affecting seniors and the disabled.

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**Innovative Family Wellness**

12300 Perry Hwy.  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
[www.innovativefamilywellness.com](http://www.innovativefamilywellness.com)

Specializes in providing a biomedical, genetically based method of treatment for children of autism and other disorders and developmental challenges.

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**International Dyslexia Association**

Pittsburgh Branch  
PO Box 536  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
412-761-0898

Provides support and education for people with reading disabilities.

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**In Vision Human Services**

1425 Forbes Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219  
412-456-2144 412-456-2145 (fax)  
[www.invisionhs.org](http://www.invisionhs.org)

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

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**Job Corps**

345 Fifth Avenue # 1335  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222  
412-471-6123 1-800-392-8805  
[www.pittsjcc.com](http://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.

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**Joey Travolta Film Camp**

Arts for Autism Foundation of Pittsburgh  
412-848-9355  
[joeytravoltafilmcamp-pittsburgh.com](http://joeytravoltafilmcamp-pittsburgh.com)

Summer camp providing students and young adults to be engaged in teamwork with the objection of producing a short film.

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**Kid's Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.**

P.O. Box 543  
Pottstown, PA. 19464  
610-970-9143  
[info@kidschanceofpa.org](mailto: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.

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**Learning Disabilities**

[www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.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.

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**Life's Work**

1323 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219 Ph. 412-471-2600

222 Nazareth Drive  
Belle Vernon, PA. 15012-9303 724-684-3630  
[www.lifesworkpa.org](http://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.

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**Life Enrichment Trust, Inc.**

Tim Pawol, Esq., Trust Administrator  
163 Thorn Hill Road  
Warrendale, PA. 15086  
412-820-1015 ext. 540  
[tpawol@passavant.org](mailto:tpawol@passavant.org)

Offering a gateway to an enriched and fulfilling life through a comprehensive financial plan by trust options available to your loved ones.

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**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.

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**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](http://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.

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**Masonic Children's Learning Center**

412-931-3181  
Provides information and tutoring for children with dyslexia.

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**MHA -Mental Health America of Allegheny County**

100 Sheridan Square 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206  
412-661-7860 or 1-877-391-3820  
[www.mhaac.net](http://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](http://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.

**McGuire Memorial Employment Option Center**

543 Moon Clinton Rd.  
Moon Twp., PA. 15108  
412-604-5371

Program serves adults with mild to moderate disabilities and autism. Services include vocational training, life skills, school-to-work programs, and paid employment opportunities.

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**Mental Health Association**

412-391-3820  
[www.mhaac.net](http://www.mhaac.net)

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

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**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.

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**Mercy Behavioral Health (North Hills Center)**

9983 Perry Highway  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
724-933-8223  
[www.mercybehavioral.org](http://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)

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**Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services (Beechview Adult Training Facility)**

2129 Broadway Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15216-3133

412.344.6413

[www.pmhs.org](http://www.pmhs.org)

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

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**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.

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**Milestone Centers for People With Behavioral & Intellectual Challenges**

712 South Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA. 15221

412-243-3400

[www.milestonescentersinc.org](http://www.milestonescentersinc.org)

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

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**The Miracle League**

3 Divisions of Play Ages 5-17, Adult 18+, Competitive Youth 5-17

Cranberry, Upper St. Clair, Murrysville areas

724-986-9378

[www.miracleleaguebaseball.org](http://www.miracleleaguebaseball.org)

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**Mom Valley Supports Coordinator (MVSC)**

230 Third Avenue  
Rankin, PA. 15104  
412-461-1545

Advocates for an individual's social, health, safety, and emotional needs while assists in the individual and his / her family in navigating the social system network.

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**Mon-Youth Community Services**

Vocational Business Alliance  
500 Market Street  
McKeesport, PA. 15132  
412-672-3400 412-675-8540  
[www.mycs.org/vocationbody.htm](http://www.mycs.org/vocationbody.htm)

Provides training alternatives in center/workshop programs.

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**NAMI Southwestern PA**

412-366-3788 1-888-264-7972  
[www.namiswa.org/pages/supportallegheny.html](http://www.namiswa.org/pages/supportallegheny.html)

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

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**Nathan Speech Services**

412-363-8388  
[nathanspeech@aol.com](mailto: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.

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**New Story**

9 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 202  
Indiana, PA. 15701  
1-877-622-7245  
[www.newstory.com](http://www.newstory.com)

A site-based individualized therapeutic and socialization program designed to meet the mental health needs, social needs, and behavioral needs of youths between the ages of 6-18 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

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**NHS Stepping Stones Program**

3 Oak Street  
Ellsworth, PA. 15331  
724-239-2539

1075 Waterdam Plaza Dr.  
McMurray, PA. 15317  
724-942-4677

A specialized autism program that provides participants (children/adolescents ages 3-20) 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.

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**Family Services of Western PA.  
NorthCo Vocational Training Center**

104 Beta Drive (RIDC Park)  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15238  
412-447-0009

[www.sswp.org](http://www.sswp.org)

Monica Guercio

Offers programs to persons with disabilities, ages 18 and older, to enhance work skills and behaviors, while becoming familiar with work demands and employer expectations.

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**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.

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**PA. Connecting Communities**

4401 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15201  
412-621-6151

[www.paconnectingcommunities.org](http://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.

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**PA. Protecting and Advocacy**

1-800-992-4334

[www.ppainc.org](http://www.ppainc.org)

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

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**PA. Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)**

1-800-446-5607 (Pittsburgh)

1-800-360-7282 (Harrisburg)

[www.pattank12.pa.us](http://www.pattank12.pa.us)

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

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**PA. Assistive Technology Lending Library**

1-800-204-7428

1-866-268-0579 (TTY)

[atlend@temple.edu](mailto:atlend@temple.edu)

[www.disabilities.temple.edu/atlend](http://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.

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**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](http://www.ucpclass.org)

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

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**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.

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**Pace School**

Greensburg Pike Rd.  
Churchill, PA.  
412-244-1900  
724-903-0083 ( Learning Center in Valencia)  
[www.paceschool.org](http://www.paceschool.org)

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

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**PARC-WAY Industries ( Achieva)**

711 Bingham Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203  
412-995-5000 ext.574  
Cleaning and Janitorial Enclave ext.469  
[www.achieva.info/pareway/](http://www.achieva.info/pareway/)

Provides adult training programs and workshops.

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**Parent Education Network (PEN)**

2107 Industrial Highway  
York, PA. 17402  
1-800-522-5827  
[www.parentednet.org/whatispen.html](http://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.

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**Parents Involved Network (PIN)**

1-800-688-4226  
[www.pinofpa.org](http://www.pinofpa.org)

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

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**Partners For Quality**

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



[www.pfq.org](http://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.

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**Passavant Memorial Homes Family of Services**

163 Thorn Hill Rd.  
Warrendale, PA. 15086  
412-820-1015

[www.passavant.org](http://www.passavant.org)

Dedicated to providing the highest quality of services and support to individuals with disabilities w

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**PEAL Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership)**

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

[www.pealcenter.org](http://www.pealcenter.org)

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

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**Pediatric Therapy Center**

412-787-1180  
Robinson & Wexford areas

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

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**Pine-Richland Youth Center**

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

[www.pryc.org](http://www.pryc.org)

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

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**Pittsburgh CLO – Academy of Musical Theatre**

412-281-2234

[www.pittsburghCLO.org](http://www.pittsburghCLO.org)

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

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**Pittsburgh Hearing & Deaf Services**

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

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**Pittsburgh Jobs Corps**

7175 Highland Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206  
412-441-8770  
Pittsburgh.jobcorps.gov

A no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the US Dept. of Labor that helps young people ages 16-24 improve their lives by providing an academic and technical education program.

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**Pressley Ridge School for Autism**

1-877-905-4291  
[www.pressleyridge.org/school-for-autism](http://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).

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**Project for Freedom**

**Summer Programs for Youths**

1323 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219-4700  
412-246-4434  
[info@projectforfreedom.org](mailto:info@projectforfreedom.org)

Provides technology and professional skills training and assists gaining competitive employment for qualified individuals with disabilities.

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**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.

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**Prudential Financial for Special Needs**

1001 Ardmore Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15221  
412-247.8070

[johanna.mcbride@prudential.com](mailto:johanna.mcbride@prudential.com)

[lisa.austin@prudential.com](mailto:lisa.austin@prudential.com)

Provides financial information and preparation for special needs trusts.

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**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](http://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.

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**Our Special Garden**

318 E. Jefferson St.  
Butler, PA. 16001  
724-407-8017

[julie@ourspecialgarden.bizland.com](mailto:julie@ourspecialgarden.bizland.com)

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

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[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) - A PBS site that encourages early reading with resource based information on the best methods and technology.

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**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ. 08540  
1-866-732-3585  
[www.rfbd.org](http://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.

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**Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc. (Bellevue / Allison Park)**

412-761-6062  
[www.rehabspecialists.net](http://www.rehabspecialists.net)

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**REMED of Pittsburgh**

Ellsworth Center  
5830 Ellsworth Avenue Suite 201  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15232  
[www.remed.com](http://www.remed.com)

Provides vocational services.

**River Pediatric Therapies**

412-767-5697

Located in Monroeville Mall and Fox Chapel area, provides therapies (Speech, OT, Behavioral, Physical) and Psychological Evaluations.

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

237 Old River Road  
Willkes –Barre, PA. 18702  
1-877-662-0800  
[www.autismsafe.org](http://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.

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**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.

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**Southwestern Human Services**

110 Fort Couch Road (South Hills)

Pittsburgh, PA. 15241-1030

412-831-1223

[www.shs-pgh.org](http://www.shs-pgh.org)

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

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**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.

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**Special Olympics Allegheny County**

404 First Street

Heidelberg, Pa. 15106

412-279-5450 412-279-5451 (fax)

[www.so-ac.org](http://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.

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**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](http://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.

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**Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania**

1158 Duluth Rd.  
Mars, PA. 16046  
724-934-9600 or 1-800-243-5787  
[www.sbawp.org](http://www.sbawp.org)

A nationally recognized, charitable, non-profit provider of information and direct services to children and adults with Spina Bifida.

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**Steps to Independence**

300 Cedar Ridge Drive Suite 311  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15205  
412-254-4STI (4784)  
[info@stepstoindpendence.org](mailto:info@stepstoindpendence.org) Also on Facebook

Conductive education for children and young adults (ages 2-21) with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders.

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**Sunny Bridge Natural Foods**

130 Gallery Drive  
McMurray, PA. 15317  
724-942-5800  
[www.sunnybridgenaturalfoods.com](http://www.sunnybridgenaturalfoods.com)

Gluten free and other natural foods.

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**Sunrise School**

550 Aura Drive  
Monroeville, PA. 15146  
724-325-1132  
Aiu3.net

Center based educational facility dedicated to the academic, vocational, social, and emotional development of our students (ages 5-21) with special needs.

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**Tech Link Programs of Pittsburgh**

Contact: Sandra Balouris  
5039 Forbes Tower Suite 5004

Pittsburgh, PA. 15260  
412-383-6797  
[www.tech-link.org](http://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.

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**The Art Institute of Pittsburgh**

420 Boulevard of the Allies  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219  
1-800-275-2470  
[www.aip.artinstitutes.edu/index2.asp](http://www.aip.artinstitutes.edu/index2.asp)

Provides Associate and Bachelor Degrees and Diploma programs of study.

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**The Caring Place**

620 Stanwix Street  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222  
412-544-1691 1-888-224-4673  
[www.highmarkcaringplace.com/facilities/southwestern.shtml](http://www.highmarkcaringplace.com/facilities/southwestern.shtml)

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

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**The Hab Group**

622 Market Street  
McKeesport, PA. 15132  
412-673-2422  
[www.thehabgroup.com](http://www.thehabgroup.com)

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

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**The Hope Learning Center**

12300 Perry Hwy.  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
724-933-4673 (HOPE)  
[www.thehopelearningcenter.com](http://www.thehopelearningcenter.com)

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

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**The Medicine Shoppe**

725 W. Ingomar Rd.

Ingomar, PA. 15237

412-367-5778

[wesseldavid@hotmail.com](mailto:wesseldavid@hotmail.com)

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

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**The Mentor Parent Program, Inc.**

P.O. Box 47

Pittsfield, PA. 16340

1-888-447-1431

1-800-855-1155 (TTY)

[www.mentorparent.org](http://www.mentorparent.org)

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**PA. Tourette Syndrome Alliance (PA-TSA)**

PO Box 148

McSherrystown, PA. 17344

1-800-990-3300

[www.patsainc.org](http://www.patsainc.org)

A non-profit organization to identify and support the needs of and advocate for individuals with Tourette Syndrome in Pennsylvania.

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**Total Learning Centers**

12054 Perry Highway (Rt.19)

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-933-3343

[www.totallearningcenters.com](http://www.totallearningcenters.com)

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

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**Tri Medical Supply**

179 Scotland Lane

New Castle, PA. 16101

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

[www.trimedicalsupply.com](http://www.trimedicalsupply.com) or [karen@trimedonline.com](mailto:karen@trimedonline.com)

A full line of incontinence products for every need.

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**United Way of Pittsburgh**

Summer Camp Guide / After School Guide

1 Smithfield Street

Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

[www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org](http://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.

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**UCP Community Living and Supports Services (CLASS)**

4638 Center Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA. 15213

412-683-7100 412-683-4160 (fax)

[www.ucpPittsburgh.org](http://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

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**United Mental Health**

Advocating for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

412-391-3820

[www.mhaac.net/](http://www.mhaac.net/)

Mental health information, resources, and support.

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**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.

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**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.

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**TFH USA**  
4537 Gibsonia Rd.  
Gibsonia, PA. 15044  
412-715-4505 (c)  
[www.specialneedstoys.com](http://www.specialneedstoys.com)  
[www.tfhsensoryactivities.com](http://www.tfhsensoryactivities.com)

Special needs toys, multi sensory environments, and sensory activities for children and adults.

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**Variety – A Children’s Charity**  
Three Penn Center West Suite 229  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15276  
412-747-2680  
[www.varietypittsburgh.org](http://www.varietypittsburgh.org)

Variety is a children’s charity that provides children with disabilities unique programs, experiences, and equipment so they can live life to its fullest.

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**Verbal Beginnings**  
201 Penn Center Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15235  
443-985-6188  
[www.verbalbeginnings.com](http://www.verbalbeginnings.com)

Verbal Beginnings is an in-home Applied Behavior Analysis company helping families and children ages 2-21 in the areas of behavior management, communication, social skills, self-help skills, and feeding.

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**Verland**  
212 Iris Road  
Sewickley, PA. 15143  
1-866-837-5263  
[www.verland.org](http://www.verland.org)

Dedicated to provide support for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities including housing.

**Verland Adult Training Facility**

934 Brodhead Rd.  
Coraopolis, PA. 15108  
412-264-4080 x 2119

Program serves adults with more severe mental and / or physical disabilities.

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**Wesley Spectrum Services**

5465 William Flynn Hwy.( Rt.8)  
Gibsonia, PA. 15044  
724-443-4888  
[www.wesleyspectrum.org](http://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.

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**Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic UPMC**

Child & Adolescent Services  
100 N. Bellefield Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213  
412-624-1000 1-877-624-4100  
[www.UPMC.com](http://www.UPMC.com)

Treats children, adolescents, and families who are experiencing difficulties with acute and persistent behavioral health problems.

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**Wexford Developmental Academy Preschool**

110 VIP Drive  
Wexford, PA. 15090  
724-799-8313  
[wda@zoominternet.net](mailto: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.

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**Wheelchair Getaways - Pennsylvania**

717-238-1354 1-800-221-6501

[www.wheelchairgetaways.com/pa/html](http://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.

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**Woodlands Foundation**

134 Shenot Road

Wexford, PA. 15090

724-935-6533

724-935-6541 (fax)

[www.woodlandsfoundation.org](http://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.

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**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.

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**Youthlink**

**412-632-1742**

[youthlink@goodwillswpa.org](mailto:youthlink@goodwillswpa.org)

[www.youthlinkpittsburgh.com](http://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.