

**The Early Intervention**

**Resource Directory**

**For**

**Washington County**

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Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. ....724-379-1420

Washington Communities MH/MR Center, Inc...724-225-6940

**For Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities** (formerly Mental Retardation Intakes)

*Washington Communities MH/MR Center, Inc.....724-229-2620*

**Child Care Information Services.....724-228-6969**

### Crisis Lines

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SPHS Care Center STTARS Program (*Sexual Trauma Treatment and Recovery Services*).....1-888-480-7283

CHILDLINE...(*to report child abuse and neglect*)....1-800-932-0313

Domestic Violence.....1-800-791-4000

*Mental Health Crisis Services..... 1-877-255-3567*

Pittsburgh Poison Center.....1-800-222-1222

Older Adult Protective Services.....1-800-537-2424

Wash. Co. Children & Youth Services Agency...724-228-6884

Washington Women's Shelter.....724-223-9190

### Drug & Alcohol Concerns

Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc...724-223-1181

### Early Child Development

#### **Birth to Three**

Early Head Start Program...724- 225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788

Early Intervention Program...724- 229-2620 or 724- 228-6832

#### **Three to School Age**

Head Start Program. 724- 225-9100 Or 1-877-814-0788

Intermediate Unit 1 (*Child Alert*) 800-328-6481 or 724- 938-3241

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Washington County Assistance Office.....724-223-4300

Washington County State Health Center...724-223-4540 or  
1-800-835-9720

### Housing

Homeless Children's Initiative.....724-938-0820 Ext. 21

Homeless Services & Housing Assistance Program (Part of County  
Human Services Department)....724-228-6863

### Information Services

#### Health Care Related Information

Healthy Baby Helpline.....1-800-986-BABY (2229)

Healthy Kids Helpline.....1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

Lead Information Line.....1-800-440-5323

PA Health Law Project.....1-800-274-3258

Special Kids Network.....1-800-986-4550

*Each physical health provider has a **Special Needs Unit** to assist families in accessing appropriate services. Call the respective Physical Health Provider and ask for that unit.*

### Mental Health Services

Adult Services See BSU to begin services.

Children's Services See BSU to begin services.

Emergencies.....911

#### Other support services call the:

Mental Health Association.....724-225-2061

Value Behavioral Health of PA..... 1-877-688-5976

Wraparound Services (*children*)

County MH/MR Administrative Program.....724-228-6832

### Mental Retardation Services

*(All Intakes through Washington Communities, Base Service Unit)*

Adult Services.....724-229-2620 or 724-225-6940

Children's Services....724- 229-2620 or 724- 225-6940

Emergencies.....911

## ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING/ TOYS

### City Mission

84 West Wheeling Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-8530

Clothing, appliances and furniture for reduced cost or free if certain requirements are met.

### Goodwill Industries

89 Jefferson Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724) 223-0917  
<http://www.goodwill.org/page/guest/about>

Used clothing and furniture at low prices.

### PA Working Wardrobe

Provided by *Dress for Success*  
Washington Branch  
202 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 228-8327

For qualified women, a personal clothing consultant will help you select clothes for an interview, or the specific type of clothing that you need for training or employment so you look your best. Robin Matthew is also available for presentations about the program.

### Progressive Mobility

320 Cameron Road  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-4568 or 1-800-4879568  
[www.progressivemobility.com](http://www.progressivemobility.com)

Mobility products including scooters, walkers and wheelchairs. All age groups served.

### Washington Christian Outreach

119 Highland Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-0750

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Catholic Charities  
331 South Main Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-7722

For women who think they are pregnant, are expecting a child or have a child under the age of one year. Free pregnancy testing, prenatal education, childhood development up to one year, and parenting skills. Infant clothing exchange, diapers, formula and other items. Counseling, referral and case management services for anger management, couple counseling, abuse and life skills. No set income guidelines.

## **Additional Web Information**

### **Adaptation's by Adrian**

1-877-6ADRIAN or 1-877-623-7426  
[www.adaptati---onsbyadrian.com](http://www.adaptati---onsbyadrian.com)

Clothing solutions for those with physical limitations, including those in wheel chairs to make dressing and hygiene easier.

### **Arizona State University**

#### **Tots n Tech**

[http://www.asu.edu/clas/tnt/home\\_files/ideas.htm](http://www.asu.edu/clas/tnt/home_files/ideas.htm)

Many ideas offered to help families adapt the child's environment. A newsletter is also offered by e-mail.

### **Enabling Devices/ Toys for Special Children**

1-800-832-8697 or (914) 478-0960  
[www.enablingdevices.com](http://www.enablingdevices.com)

Affordable learning and assistive devices for the physically challenged of all ages.

### **E-Z-On Products, Inc. of Florida**

1-800-323-6598  
[www.ezonpro.com](http://www.ezonpro.com)

Exceptional safety solutions for transporting special needs persons, including vests and harnesses.

### **National Lekotek Center**

1-800-366-7529  
[www.lekotek.org](http://www.lekotek.org)

Emphasizes toys and play for children with disabilities as a method of learning. Catalogs and links to other sites.

### **PA Assistive Technology Lending Library (State)**

877-722-8536 (voice), 800-204-7428 (voice), or 800-750-7428 (TTY)  
[www.accessiblepa.state.pa.us/AccessiblePA/cwp/view.asp?A=2&Q=156754](http://www.accessiblepa.state.pa.us/AccessiblePA/cwp/view.asp?A=2&Q=156754)

#### **Local sites:**

**Pathways of SWPA, Inc.** formerly UCP of SWPA  
724-229-9050  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

**TRIPIL**  
724-223-5115  
[www.tripil.com](http://www.tripil.com)

Free service that loans assistive technology devices to people with disabilities.

### **Professional Fit Clothing**

1-800-422-2348  
[www.professionalfit.com](http://www.professionalfit.com)

Specializes in elastic waist pants and clothing protectors for people with special needs.

### **Special Needs Toys**

1-800-467-6222  
[www.specialneedstoys.com](http://www.specialneedstoys.com)

Features products such as swings, switches and additional products for individuals with special needs.

## **AGING SERVICES**

### **Ageing Services, Washington County**

100 West Beau Street, Suite 407  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6856 or 1-888-301-1836  
<http://www.co.washington.pa.us/maindepartment.aspx?menuDept=13>

In-home services for the elderly, including case management, ombudsman, senior community centers, nutritional services, and transportation.

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**SWPA Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**

305 Chamber Plaza  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
724-489-8080 or 1-800-734-9603  
[www.swpa-aaa.org](http://www.swpa-aaa.org)

Intake and referrals, legal assistance, protective services, senior employment, care management, home delivered meals, adult day care, family caregiver support, bridge program, health insurance counseling, senior centers, and in-home services.

**BASE SERVICE UNITS (BSU)**

All MH/MR services begin here

**Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities** (formerly Mental Retardation Services)

**Washington Communities MH/MR Center, Inc.**

378 West Chestnut Street, Suite 205  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-2620 or 724-225-6940 or 866-765-2888

Washington Communities serves as the intake unit for all Early Intervention and Mental Retardation Services and provides services coordination and supports coordination for those respective services. It also provides Mental Health Services.

**Mental Health Services**

**Centerville Clinics, Inc.**

1070 Old National Pike  
Fredericktown, PA 15333  
724-632-6801  
<http://www.centervilleclinics.com/locations.htm>

Provides mental health services for Children and Adults. Including intake and assessment, partial hospitalization programs, summer therapeutic camps, individual and group therapy, school based therapy and medication management. Medical services are also available.

**Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. (SPHS-Mental Health Services)**

568 Galiffa Drive  
Donora, PA 15033  
724-379-1420

<http://www.sphs.org/>

Blended case management, emergency services and delegate services.  
Intake and referral, walk-ins welcome.

**Washington Communities MH/MR Center, Inc.**

378 West Chestnut Street, Suite 205  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-6940 or 1-866-765-2888

Washington Communities serves as the intake unit for all Early Intervention and Mental Retardation Services and provides service coordination and supports coordination for those respective services. It also provides Mental Health Services.

## CHILD CARE INFORMATION

**Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**

100 West Beau Street, Suite 404  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6969 or 1-888-619-9908  
<http://www.co.washington.pa.us/maindepartment.aspx?menuDept=16>

Free information on children's services and personalized referrals for childcare options to meet a family's specific needs. Subsidized childcare is available for those who meet the state's eligibility guidelines.

**Seth's Place II**

700 Old National Pike  
Brownsville, PA 15417  
724-632-5837  
[tbogan09@gmail.com](mailto:tbogan09@gmail.com)

Child care for children 0-6 years that caters to special needs children. Owned and operated by a mother of a child with autism. Features gluten free/casein free meals and snacks, personalized attention with focus on sensory adapted environment, animal assisted activities, floor time exercises and socialization skills.

**Your Child's Place**

289 North Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 223-7801 EXT. 606

A Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center for children with complex medical needs that prevent them from attending typical childcare centers. One of only a few facilities in the country that provides skilled

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## ***Washington Family Literacy Program***

The fundamental premise of the Washington Family Literacy Program is that families are able to learn together, with the parents being the child's first teacher in life. The goal of the program is to educate both the parents and children, with the intention to improve and further develop their literacy skills. The parents attend the program to receive educational instruction so that they may pass their GED exam, along with receiving additional instruction in parenting; nutrition and health; first aid and safety; career development and job skills; budgeting and finance; and child development. While their parents are in class, the children attend the program's early childhood education program.

Parents, age 16 or older, who need to receive their GED or have an educational need to improve their literacy skills; have a child between the ages of birth – 8 years (parents must have custody of the child); and live in the Washington, Trinity or McGuffey School Districts.

The Washington Family Literacy Program builds on the strengths of families by bringing both the parent and child, together, in a positive and uplifting atmosphere, so that they may learn together and become focused on the future.

### **Washington Family Literacy Program**

351 West Beau Street, Suite 203  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-3154 or 724-229-7140

nursing care as well as educational instruction in a daycare setting to children with serious, ongoing illnesses or chronic conditions that require the use of medical devices and constant medical care.

## **COUNSELING**

*(Also see Base Service Units)*

### **Cornerstone Care, Inc.**

1227 Smith Twp. State Road  
Burgettstown, PA 15021  
724-947-2255

<http://www.cornerstonecare.com/>

Individual counseling, group therapy, play therapy, and couples/family therapy. A sliding fee, based on family size and income is available. Most insurance accepted.

### **SPHS C.A.R.E. Center**

351 West Beau Street  
Suite 201  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-5007 or 1-888-480-7283

<http://www.sphs.org/>

Sexual assault counseling. The STTARS Program (*Sexual Trauma Treatment and Recovery Services.*)

## **CRISIS LINES**

### **CHILDLINE**

1-800-932-0313

To report child abuse, neglect and other concerns.

### **Domestic Violence Crisis Line (24 HRS)**

*(Assistance for victims of domestic violence.)*

1-800-791-4000

### **EMERGENCIES**

911

### **Nationwide Poison Center**

1-800-222-1222

### **Older Adult Protective Services**

1-800-537-2424

To report abuse of the elderly.

**Sexual Assault Hotline** (*SPHS Care Center STTARS Program, Sexual Trauma Treatment and Recovery Services*)

1-888-480-7283

### **Wash. Co. Children & Youth Social Service Agency**

724-228-6884 or 1-888-619-9906

To report child abuse, neglect, and other concerns.

**Washington Women's Shelter** (*Assistance for the victims of domestic violence.*)

724-223-9190 or 1-800-791-4000

## **DENTIST**

### **Centerville Clinics, Inc.**

1070 Old National Pike Road  
Fredericktown, PA 15333  
724-632-6801

Dental work done at various clinic sites. Sliding fee scale which determines fees charged according to income and family size. Most insurance accepted. Call clinic for more details. *Willing to work with any individual.*

### **Cornerstone Care – Community Medical and Dental Plaza**

1227 Smith Township State Road  
Burgettstown, PA 15021  
724-947-2255

General dentistry including crowns, bridges, dentures, partials, braces and oral surgery. For some procedures a sliding fee is available. Sliding fee is based on family size and income. Most insurance accepted.

### **James B. Geshay Jr. DDS**

634 Pittsburgh Road  
Uniontown, PA 15401  
724-439-1576

Dr. Geshay is a pediatric dental specialist who is *willing to work with children with special needs.*

home based settings, private preschools, daycares, Head Start, and child ALERT classrooms.

Developmentally Appropriate Practices (*DAP*) are used to address the physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional and self-help developmental needs of children.

### **Intermediate Unit 1**

One Intermediate Unit Drive  
Coal Center, PA 15423-9642  
1-800-328-6481 or 724-938-3241  
<http://www.iu1.k12.pa.us/>

*Barbara Rothermel, Early Intervention Supervisor*

## ***Washington County Adult Mental Health Program Administration***

The Washington County Adult Mental Health Program Administration oversees a wide range of mental health services for consumers recovering from mental illness. Available services include intake, out-patient therapy/counseling, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, dual diagnosis recovery, case management, community treatment teams, and a full array of crisis services. Mental health consumers also have the option of participating in various day programming including partial hospitalization, psychiatric rehabilitation, and social rehabilitation programs. Washington County promotes employment for mental health consumers by offering services that assist with employment readiness, placement, and transitional support.

After hours, consumers can obtain mental health recovery support and socialization from the Drop-In Centers and the Warmline. Washington County further offers peer mentoring and peer specialist programs. The County provides mental health advocacy in the forms of the Representative Payee and Ombudsman Programs. In addition to these community-based services, Washington County has various mental health housing options that promote community integration. These depend upon a consumer's needs and include Long Term Structured Residence, Enhanced Personal Care Homes, Community Residential Rehabilitation Programs, and Mental Health Supported Housing programs.

Contact your MR supports coordinator at your local base service unit or:

Vickie Amos  
Washington County MH/MR Program  
724-228-6832

### ***Home and Community Based Waiver Services***

Home and Community Based Waiver Services are designed to provide services to individuals who are eligible for Intermediate Care Facility for the mentally retarded (*ICF/MR*) level of care, but who choose to remain within their own community. Based upon needs identified through each person's interdisciplinary team, individualized supports, training and interventions are provided in the areas of: self-care, sensory/motor development, communication, mobility, socialization, accessibility adaptations or day programming. Contact your MR supports coordinator at your local base service unit or:

Thomas D. Jones, M.R. Program Director  
Washington County MH/MR Program  
724-228-6832

### ***Intermediate Unit 1***

Early Intervention preschool services are provided for children from three to five years old who exhibit a developmental delay or a physical or mental disability that requires specially designed instruction/special education services.

The term "developmental delay" includes delays in physical, cognitive, language and speech development or adaptive behavior or self help skills.

The Early Intervention Programs follow guidelines from the Department of Education, specifically Chapters 14 and 342 of the Pennsylvania School Code which regulates special education services.

The Early Intervention services offered by Intermediate Unit 1's Child ALERT include: Speech and language therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Vision Support, Hearing Support and Psychological Services.

These services are provided in a variety of settings, including:

## **DIAPERS**

**Blackburn's Physicians Pharmacy**  
1-800-472-2440 or 724-224-9100

**WIN** (*Project Women In Need*)  
Catholic Charities  
331 South Main Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-7722

Eligible women who think they are pregnant, expecting a child or have a child under the age of one year. You can receive free pregnancy testing, prenatal education, childhood development up to one year, and parenting skills. They also provide an infant clothing exchange, diapers, formula and other items. They can also provide counseling, referral and case management for anger management, couple counseling, abuse and life skills. No set income guidelines.

**HAR-KEL** (Incontinence products, wound care and more)  
1-800-257-1830

**Punxsy Medical Supply**  
Charleroi – 800-646—3515 or 724- 483-5022  
Washington - 877-229-2940 or 724-222-2940

**Tri-Medical Rehabilitation**  
1-800-541-0734

Diapers supplied through Medical Assistance including all of the HMO's-UPMC for YOU, Gateway and Med Plus, after the age of 3 years old. Check with your HMO for participation.

***Some third party insurance companies also provide diapers. Medical Assistance may pay if private insurance denies coverage.***

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES**

**Abstinent Living at the Turning Point**  
199 N. Main St.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-2203

A halfway house for individuals receiving drug & alcohol treatment.

**Al-Anon Family Groups – Adult/Children Center Presbyterian Church**

204 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201  
1-800-628-8920  
[www.pa-al-anon.org](http://www.pa-al-anon.org)

The Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen, are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

**Catholic Charities**

331 South Main St.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-7722

Programs for adolescents and pregnant women who are affected by substance abuse. Targets substance abuse in relation to unemployment, lack of education, parenting skills and other “social difficulties”.

**Family Links**

250 Shady Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-661-1800  
[www.familylinks.org](http://www.familylinks.org)

Drug and alcohol treatment services, mental health/mental retardation support services, family and youth services and crisis intervention services.

**Gateway Vision**

87 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-0810  
<http://www.gatewayrehab.org/vision.htm>

Drug and alcohol intervention and prevention.

**Greenbriar Treatment Center**

800 Manor Drive  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-9700 or 1-800-637-HOPE (4673)  
[www.greenbriar.net](http://www.greenbriar.net)

A treatment/rehabilitation facility for drug/alcohol addiction.

For more information about Early Intervention Services or to make a referral call:

**Washington Communities MH/MR Center, Inc.**  
378 West Chestnut Street, Suite 205  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-2620 or 724-225-6940 or 866-765-2888

*Vickie Amos, Early Intervention Coordinator*  
724-228-6832

***Family Development Program***

**Community Action Southwest**  
150 West Beau Street, Suite 302  
Washington, PA 15310  
724-225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788  
[www.caswg.org/](http://www.caswg.org/)

**Family Development Department**

Provides services to help families improve skills and learning support for children to succeed in school. For children birth to third grade who live in Washington and Greene Counties.

**Programs Include:** The Family Center, GED Preparation, Adult Basic Education, Supported Work, Family Literacy, PASS After School Program, Kindergarten Club, Parent Resource Center, Family Self-Sufficiently, Head Start /Early Head Start and WIC.

***Family Support Services (FSS)***

The FSS Program is designed to offer a variety of services to the family that has a mentally retarded family member living within the community, as well as to mentally retarded members who reside in community settings. The intent of the FSS Program is to reduce the need for institutionalization. The primary purpose of the FSS Program is:

- To provide adequate resources within the community to enable the family to maintain that member at home with minimal stress or disruption to the family unit.
- To provide adequate resources within the community to enable the mentally retarded individual to remain in a family context in a community setting, thus leading as normal a life as possible.

The Washington County CASSP Coordinator is:

*Gail Abercrombie*  
100 West Beau Street, Suite 302  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6669

## ***Early Intervention***

The Early Intervention Program is designed to help families of infants and toddlers with, or at risk for, developmental delays to enhance the development of their children.

Entry into this program begins with a referral to Washington Communities MH/MR Center. A service coordinator will visit the family and complete a Family Assessment along with other required paperwork and schedule evaluations to determine the child's eligibility for Early Intervention Services. Next, a Multidisciplinary Team Evaluation will determine eligibility. If the child is found eligible for services an Individual Family Service Plan (*IFSP*) will be developed.

Services can include; Developmental Specialist, Nutrition, Social Work, Teachers of the Hearing-Impaired, Physical Therapist, Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Teachers of the Visually-Impaired/Orientation and Mobility Specialist and other services.

These teachers and therapists assist parents, family members or other caregivers in learning ways to support their children within their daily routines and activities in their natural environment.

The staff can assist families to explore new ways to provide learning opportunities for their children throughout the day in any setting where they spend their time. They can also assist families in making accommodations (*as necessary*) to help each child participate more fully in family and community life.

Parents' participation in the development of each child's individual plan assures that all other team members know the goals and dreams families have for their children, and that they will work with them toward the accomplishment of these important outcomes.

Services for eligible children are provided year-round, and at no cost to families. The services and provider of service are decided on by the team,

### **Southwestern PA Behavioral Care, Inc.**

568 Galiffa Drive  
Donora, PA 15033  
724-379-1420  
<http://www.sphs.org/>

Provides Mental Health services for children and adults. Also, summer therapeutic camps, individual and group therapy, school-based therapy and medication management.

### **SPHS C.A.R.E. Center**

75 East Maiden Street, Suite 100  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-2200

Counseling for all age groups, including individual and group counseling. Treatment/rehabilitation programs available. Aftercare programs. Fee for the Stout school. (Drunk Driving)

### **Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission Inc., Assessment Unit**

90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 310  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-1181 or 1-800-247-8379

Assessment and referral to drug and alcohol intervention, prevention and treatment services.

### **Wesley Services**

26 South Main Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-7500

Adult/Adolescent D and A outpatient assessments. A program for individuals with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse. Also, offers an intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization service for the dual diagnosis program.

## EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT (birth to age 3)

### **Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc.**

3240 Washington Rd. Suite 200  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-941-4434 or 1-888-941-4434  
<http://www.crossroadsspeech.com>

Provides Speech, Audiology, Hearing Aid sales and service, Occupational, Physical & Developmental therapy services.

### **Early Head Start Program**

Community Action Southwest  
150 West Beau Street, Suite 304  
Washington, PA 15301-4425  
724-225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788  
[www.caswg.org/](http://www.caswg.org/)

Community Action Southwest Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive services for eligible pregnant women, infants and toddlers, and their families. The comprehensive disabilities and social services. Early Head Start provides services through both the Home-Based option and the Center-Based option, and encourages parent involvement in the program. services include child development, nutrition, health, mental health,

### **Early Intervention Specialists**

9800B McKnight Road  
Suite 228  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-2446

Provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays in order that they may grow to their fullest potential. EIS teams with families and caregivers to actively empower them in promoting their child's learning and development, as well as to link them with their own communities and resources.

### **Pathways of SWPA, Inc. (Formerly UCP OF SW PA, Inc.)**

Early Intervention Program Office  
289 North Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-7803 ext. 640 or 1-800-835-4140  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

Supports and services for families/caregivers and infants and toddlers with developmental delays or at high risk of developmental delay. Staff

## Highlighted Programs

### ***Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (Wrap-Around)***

Children under the age of 21 who are eligible for PA Medical Assistance benefits may receive specialized mental health services via enrolled provider agencies.

Services must be recommended by a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist and are based on medical necessity.

Services may be delivered in the home, school, and/or community and are designed to maintain a child in the least restrictive setting. The most frequently prescribed services are Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC), Mobile Therapy (MT), Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) and Therapeutic Activities Program (STAP).

Special Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF's) licensed by the state are another option for services under this program.

RTF's provide 24-hour residential living arrangements and mental health treatment for persons under 21 years of age who have been determined to require this level of care. For more information contact:

Washington County MH/MR Program  
100 West Beau Street, Suite 302  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6832

### **Value Behavioral Health of PA Member Services for Washington County**

1-877-688-5976 (toll free)

### ***CASSP***

CASSP stands for Child and Adolescent Service System Program.

A collaborative effort of Washington County Children and Youth Social Service Agencies and Mental Health/Mental Retardation Programs, Juvenile Probation Departments, Intermediate Unit I and the 14 Washington County School Districts. CASSP is a federal and state initiative designed to coordinate, collaborate and facilitate services for multi-system, seriously emotionally and behaviorally challenged children, adolescents and their families.

## VOCATIONAL

### **Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS)**

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

<http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=128&Q=190368>

A vocational rehabilitation program to assist people in gaining meaningful employment and financial independence. Services include basic education and rehabilitation, mobility training and employment preparation. Business enterprise program. Social service programs. Blindness prevention programs and children's services.

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

201 West Wheeling Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-4460 or 1-800-442-6367

Provides vocational training for adults with disabilities.

### **Washington Greene County Job Training Agency**

351 W Beau Street  
Washington PA 15301  
724-684-8010

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

Provides job training for Washington and Greene County adults if eligible.

may include: developmental specialist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, social worker, nutritionist and teachers of the visually and hearing impaired. Supports and services help children develop skills within their daily routines and activities. Services are available year-round and at no cost to families. Contact Monica Brooks.

### **SPHS Developmental Services Diversified Human Services, Inc.**

301 Chamber Plaza  
Charleroi, PA 15022-1067  
724-489-8096 ext. 4560

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

Supports and services for families/caregivers and infants and toddlers with developmental delays or at high risk of developmental delay. Staff may include: developmental specialist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and teachers of the hearing impaired. Supports and services help children develop skills within their daily routines and activities. Services are available year-round and at no cost to families. Contact Toni Tarquinio.

### **The Early Intervention Program**

Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program  
100 West Beau Street, Suite 302  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6832

Vickie Amos, Early Intervention Coordinator

To make a referral, call Mona Zahand at 724-229-2620 or 866-765-2888.

Early Intervention is a program that helps children from birth to three who have at least a 25% developmental delay or a diagnosis that carries with it a risk of a developmental delay. Contracted programs are funded through the Washington County MH/MR Program. Entry into the program is through Washington Communities MH/MR Center. For a more in-depth description of the program see page 49-50.

### **The Integrated Care Corporation (The I. Care Corp )**

371 Bethel Church Road  
Ligonier Pa 15658  
888 645 Love (5683 )

[www.integratedcare.us](http://www.integratedcare.us)

Supports and services for families/caregivers and infants and toddlers with developmental delays or at high risk of developmental delay. Staff includes: developmental specialists, physical therapists, occupational

therapists, speech/language pathologists, teachers of the visually and hearing impaired. Family members and other caregivers are provided with supports and resources to enhance their children's learning and development within their daily routines and activities. Services are available year-round and at no cost to families.

### **Zero to Three**

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

A resource on the first three years of life. It is a national non-profit charitable organization whose aim is to strengthen and support families, practitioners and communities to promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers.

## **EDUCATION (Ages 3 and above)**

### **CCAC** (*Community College of Allegheny County*)

#### **Special Needs Programs for Adults and Youth**

Allegheny Campus

808 Ridge Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15212-6097

412-237-6594 Kim Bonifate, Coordinator of Special Needs

Select classes offered for individuals with special needs including adults and youth, in the spring, summer and fall. Customized training offered for groups of 10 or more.

### **Head Start Program**

Community Action Southwest

Suite 304, Plaza Building

150 West Beau Street

Washington, PA 15301

724-225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788

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

The Community Action Southwest Head Start Program is designed to give children from low income-eligible families throughout Washington and Greene Counties an opportunity to receive a Pre-K education. CAS Head Start provides comprehensive services to children ages 3-5 yrs. and their families in the areas of education, health, nutrition, disabilities, mental health and social services.

### **Western PA School for Blind Children**

201 North Bellefield Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1499

412-621-0100 or 1-800-624-3323

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

The School for Blind Children is a private school, chartered by the Commonwealth of PA to provide the best education possible for boys and girls who are blind and have other severe disabilities.

### **Western PA School for the Deaf**

300 East Swissvale Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15218

412-371-7000

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

Serves the educational and social needs of deaf and hard of hearing children. The school is tuition-free for residential and day program students, age's preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Absolute Public Bus Auction**

1-800-422-8884 or 724-368-8885

[www.422sales.com](http://www.422sales.com)

Sales of used mini and large buses. Many are handicap accessible or have wheelchair lifts built in. The web site lists upcoming sales as well as previous prices for similar sales.

### **Washington Rides**

724-223-8747 or 1-800-331-5058

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

Transportation for eligible participants.

**Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc.**

3240 Washington Road, Suite 200  
 McMurray, PA 15317  
 724-941-4434 or 1-888-941-4434  
<http://www.crossroadsspeech.com>

Provides Speech, Audiology, Hearing Aid sales and service, Occupational, Physical & Developmental therapy services.

**DePaul School for Hearing & Speech**

6202 Alder Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
 412-924-1012  
<http://www.speakmiracles.org/>

Provides a quality academic education for children with hearing and speech impairments. The ultimate mission of DePaul is to prepare students for success in a hearing and speaking world by using the auditory/oral method of communication. Students are taught to speak and to read speech on the lips of others.

**Gym Dandy's**

345 Meadowlands Boulevard  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 724 745-5558  
[www.gymdandys.com/](http://www.gymdandys.com/)

Gymnastics for children with special needs. Contact Karen.

**Horses with Heart**

Therapeutic Riding Center (*Fallowfield Stables*)  
 155 Yankosky Road  
 Charleroi, PA 15022  
 724-239-3329  
<http://www.fallowfieldstables.net/Therapy.html>

Works directly with each student to develop a specialized program to suit his or hers needs. The program serves children with all types of special needs including physical and emotional challenges. Contact Sue Thomas.

**P. P. TUG**

People & Pets Together Under God  
 233 Lively Road  
 Eighty-Four, PA 15330  
 724-228-1781

Equestrian Therapy. Waiting list. Contact Olive Killmeyer.

**Intermediate Unit 1**

One Intermediate Unit Drive  
 Coal Center, PA 15423-9642  
 1-800-328-6481 or 724-938-3241  
<http://www.iu1.k12.pa.us/>

Early Intervention Preschool Programs for children 3-5 with developmental delays and special education needs. Contact Barbara Rothermel, Early Intervention Supervisor. Additional information is available on pages 51-52.

**Washington Family Literacy Program**

351 West Beau Street  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 724-222-3154

Parents, age 16 or older, who need to receive their GED or have an educational need to improve their literacy skills; have a child between the ages of birth – 8 years (parent must have custody of the child); and live in the Washington, Trinity or McGuffey School Districts.

**FAMILY EDUCATION and TRAINING****ABOARD**

35 Wilson Street  
 Suite 100  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15223  
 1-800-827-9385 or 412-781-4116  
 Local group, Lynne O'Leary: 724-743-0445  
[www.aboard.org](http://www.aboard.org)

Organization that services families of children with an autism spectrum disorder and the professionals who work with them. Provides an informational folder at the time of diagnosis; a library of handouts, books, and videotapes; support groups; parent match-ups; a quarterly newsletter; teacher training; and two annual workshops.

**Autism Link**

<http://www.autismlink.com/>

Provides all kinds of events and assistance free of charge to members including; social outings, teacher trainings, conferences, advocacy assistance, etc.

**The Education Law Center**

Building 702 Law and Finance Building  
429 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-258-2120  
[www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)

A non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to insuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education.

**Mental Health Association of Washington County**

15 South College Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-2061  
[www.mhawashco.org](http://www.mhawashco.org)

Parent Advocate Program serves ages birth through 21. Contact Mary Ann Zeitler. Another program of the Mental Health Association is: The Community Support Program of Washington County (CSP) deals with issues affecting children and adults with mental illness.

**Washington Family Center**

351 West Beau Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-7410

For families of Washington County, the center provides children's activities, after school programs, after-school tutoring, summer tutoring/programs, and an alternative to suspension programs.

**WIN (Project Women In Need)**

Catholic Charities  
331 South Main Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-7722

Eligible women who think they are pregnant, expecting a child or have a child under the age of one year. You can receive free pregnancy testing, prenatal education, childhood development up to one year, and parenting skills. They also provide an infant clothing exchange, diapers, formula and other items. They can also provide counseling, referral and case management for anger management, couple counseling, abuse and life skills. No set income guidelines. Contact Jennifer Conti or Janet Gaffney.

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## SPECIALIZED THERAPY SERVICES

**Albert Gallatin**

20 Highland Park Drive, Suite 302  
Uniontown, PA 15401  
724-438-6660 or 1-800-245-4144

Skilled nursing and in-home therapy services.

**The Children's Institute**

1405 Shady Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1350  
412-420-2400  
[www.amazingkids.org/](http://www.amazingkids.org/)

To enable children and young adults with special needs to realize their full potential through services that provide individual paths for young people with special needs.

**Children's Therapy Center**

1000 Waterdam Plaza, Suite 120  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-942-6100  
[www.washingtonhospital.org/children\\_new.htm](http://www.washingtonhospital.org/children_new.htm)

Occupational, speech and physical therapy for children.

### **Pathways of SWPA, Inc. Administrative Office**

(Formerly UCP OF SW PA, Inc.)  
190 North Main Street, Suite 306  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-0851  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

Early Intervention Services, PA Elks Home Service, Residential, Adult Training Facility, Older Adult Daily Living Program & Exceptional Choices and Pathways of SWPA, Inc. (Home and Community Services.

### **Pittsburgh Aids Task Force**

5913 Penn Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-345-7456 1-888-204-8821  
[www.patf.org](http://www.patf.org)

The group works to assist those with AIDS/HIV. There are free community-based services such as HIV testing, case management, client advocacy, and assistance with coordinating with other needed services.

### **Sharp Visions, Inc**

1425 Forbes Ave.  
Suite 301  
Pittsburgh, PA 15279  
412-456-2144  
<http://www.sharplevisions.org/>

Residential, mental retardation and wrap around services.

### **SPHS MR Services**

#### **Diversified Human Services, Inc.**

300 Chamber Plaza  
Charleroi, PA 15022-1607  
724-684-9000 Ext. 4210 or 4255

Homes in the community for the mentally retarded.

### **Washington-Greene Alternative Residential Services, Inc.**

621 North Main Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-7716

Group homes and adult training facility.

## **Internet Sites for Information and/or Training**

### **PaTTAN**

[www.pattan.k12.pa.us/](http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us/)

## **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **ABOARD**

35 Wilson Street  
Suite 100  
Pittsburgh, PA 15223  
1-800-827-9385 or 412-781-4116  
<http://www.aboard.org/aboard/default.asp?id=0&menu=sub1>

Serves children, adolescents and adults with autism and autism spectrum disorder. Informational folder can be given at the time of diagnosis. A library of handouts, books, and videotapes; support groups; parent match-ups; a quarterly newsletter; teacher training; and two annual workshops are also available.

### **The Autism Center of Pittsburgh**

North Hills Branch  
135 Cumberland Road, Suite 105  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-1886 or 866-PUZZLE-2  
[www.autismcenterofpittsburgh.com](http://www.autismcenterofpittsburgh.com)

Offers psychological evaluations & re-evaluations. Therapeutic interventions can include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy and social skills groups. Other activities are also offered.

### **Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CH.A.D.D.)**

1-800-233-4050  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

Provides general (*non-clinical*) information on AD/HD in children, teens, and adults. Service and education information and referrals to local chapters for support groups, educational meetings and list of advocates in their area.

**Down Syndrome Center of Western PA @ Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh**

3420 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-692-7963  
<http://www.chp.edu/CHP/downsyndrome>

Provides specialty health care for children and adolescents , consultation regarding challenging developmental and behavioral concerns, and information to families that is specific to conditions related to Down syndrome.

**Epilepsy Foundation of Western PA**

Cardello Building  
1501 Reedsdale Street, Suite 3002  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412- 261-5880 or 1-800-361-5885  
[www.efwp.org](http://www.efwp.org)

Information on epilepsy for all ages. On-line newsletter, legal information for employment and events.

**Exceptional Parent**

P. O. Box 1807  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632  
1-800-535-1910  
<http://www.eparent.com/>

A wide variety of information including magazines, books, videos. and other types of resources available.

**Genesis Pregnancy Care Center of Pittsburgh**

87 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-6701 or 1-800-640-7190  
<http://www.genesispgh.org>

Offers free parenting classes, services for unplanned pregnancies, strollers, diapers and serves as a foster care and adoption agency.

**Learning Disabilities Association of America**

412-341-1515 or 1-888-300-6710  
[www.LDAAMERICA.org](http://www.LDAAMERICA.org)

Information and referrals for all learning disabilities to local support groups.

**Elks Home Service Program**

655 Jefferson Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-8145 Ext. 211  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

The Elks nurse will visit the home, at no charge to assist families in getting the services they need.

**Genesis Pregnancy Care Center of Pittsburgh**

87 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-6701 or 1-800-640-7190  
[www.genesispgh.org](http://www.genesispgh.org)

Services offered include: free parenting classes, unplanned pregnancies services such as foster care and adoption. Strollers and diapers are also available.

**Home and Community Services**

Affiliate of Pathways of SWPA, formerly UCP  
655 Jefferson Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-9050  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

Non-medical services in the home that help individuals with disabilities remain in the community or relocate from nursing facilities to community settings and live as independently as possible. All ages served

**Housing Authority**

100 Crumrine Towers  
South Franklin Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6060 or 228-6061 TDD 724-228-6083  
[www.wacoha.com](http://www.wacoha.com)

Low income housing.

**Northwestern Human Services**

1075 Waterdam Plaza  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-942-4677  
<http://www.nhsonline.org/>

Provides a variety of mental health and mental retardation services.

**Arc Human Services, Inc.**

Foxpointe Center, Suite 200  
 201 South Johnson Road  
 Houston, PA 15342  
 724-745-3010  
[www.aadvantageinc.org](http://www.aadvantageinc.org)

Adult services include group homes, supportive employment and sheltered workshops. Children's services include two clubs; Giggle Gang and Club Laugh-a-lot as well as summer camps.

**Catholic Charities**

331 South Main Street  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 724-228-7722  
[www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org)

Services to eligible families can include help with clothing, diapers, parenting classes for parents with children less than one year of age, and other services.

**Community Action Southwest**

150 West Beau Street, Suite 304  
 Washington, PA 15310  
 724-225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788  
[www.caswg.org/](http://www.caswg.org/)

WIC, Head Start, and Family Action Network, family self-sufficiency.

**Department Of Public Welfare**

167 North Main Street  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 724-223-4300 or 1-800-835-9720  
[www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us)  
 Financial and medical assistance.

**Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh (DSAP)**

5513 William Flynn Highway #400  
 P.M.B. #283  
 Gibsonia, PA 15044

A volunteer organization of parents and professionals committed to improving the quality of life, health, and well being of individuals who have Down syndrome. and providing support to families and individuals with Down syndrome through education and information.

<http://www.dsapgh.org/>

**Local Interagency****Coordinating Council (LICC)**

Intermediate Unit 1  
 1 Intermediate Unit Drive  
 Coal Center, PA 15423  
 1-800-328-6481 Ext. 220  
[www.iu1.org](http://www.iu1.org)

A group of professionals and parents who jointly work together to provide appropriate developmental services to all eligible young children. Activities include sharing information and ideas and scheduling speakers and activities. Contact Debbie Kopec for general information. Office hours 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

**Local Task Force**

Intermediate Unit 1  
 1 Intermediate Unit Drive  
 Coal Center, PA 15423-9642  
 1-800-328-6481 Ext. 205

Serves in an advisory and advocacy role to protect the rights of students with special needs; encourage cooperation among public and private agencies; accentuate the positive; and act as a catalyst enhancing collaboration in education.

**MOPS**

<http://www.mops.org/page.php?pageid=520>

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and believes the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship filled with unique needs. MOPS bring mothers of preschoolers together through local groups.

Local groups can be found at the above web site; 5 local groups are located in Washington. MOPS' is a **faith** based program.

**National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities**

(NICHCY)  
 P. O. 1492  
 Washington, DC 20013  
 1-800-695-0285  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Publishes free, fact-filled newsletters. Arranges workshops, advises parents on laws for children with disabilities for special education and other services.

### **Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania**

1-888-727-2706

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

A network created by families, for families of children and adults with special needs. This helpline connects families in similar situations so they may share experiences and offer practical information and support.

### **Special Kids Network**

1-800-986-4550

<http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/browse.asp?a=179&bc=0&c=35825>

Information about kids with special health care needs.

### **TRIPIL**

69 East Beau Street

Washington, PA 15301

724-223-5115

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

Promotes independent living for individuals with disabilities by providing attendant care and skills training for independent living. TRIPIL is a member based organization.

## **FOOD, Natural and Organic**

### **East End Food Co-op and Cafe**

7516 Meade Street,

Pittsburgh, PA 15208

412-242-3598

Food available for specialized diets such as **gluten-free, macro60biotic and vegan diets**. Natural pet foods and treats, environmentally friendly paper products and household cleaners. Fresh local breads from three bakeries, local and organically raised meats, Organic and local milk and dairy products, soy yogurt, fresh miso and local and organic/free range eggs and ethnic food. Vitamin supplements and much more.

### **Whole Foods Market**

5880 Centre Ave

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Phone: 412.441.7960

A market with a large selection of natural and organic food as well as food for special diets such as **gluten free**.

### **McGuire Memorial Home**

2119 Mercer Road

New Brighton, PA 15066-3437

412-843-3400

<http://www.mcguirememorial.org/>

Respite care available.

### **Northwestern Human Services**

1075 Waterdam Plaza

McMurray, PA 15317

724-942-4677

<http://www.nhsonline.org/>

Drop-in respite care program is an adult/childcare service offered in a constructive, stimulating environment for people with disabilities. This service can be arranged after meeting with your supports coordinator and discussing the steps to take regarding payment.

### **Pratt's Personal Home**

Box 263, Stringtown Road

Carmichaels, PA 15320

724-966-2120

Personal care home. Respite for persons 18 and older if room is available.

## **SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES**

### **Aging Services, Washington County**

100 West Beau Street, Suite 407

Washington, PA 15301

724-228-6856

<http://www.co.washington.pa.us/maindepartment.aspx?menuDept=13>

In-home services for the elderly, including case management, ombudsman, senior community centers, nutritional services, and transportation.

## TOP SOCCER

82 Look-Out Drive  
Monongahela, PA 15063  
724-379-5386

Soccer for children with special needs ages 4 and up. Contact Peggy Neason.

## WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS

935 Henderson Ave.  
RT. 18 PLAZA by Lowry's Western Shop.  
Washington, PA 15301  
for more info please call: 724-229-8019  
Head Master: Robert Vingiquerra  
724-229-8019

Program for people with special needs of all ages. Robert also has special needs as a child. Robert has worked with children for the past 20 years and a member of the USA karate team, silver medalists and inducted into the black belt hall of fame. Also designs programs for children and adults with special needs.

## Washington Wild Things

One Washington Federal Way  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-250-9555  
[suzlik@washingtonwildthings.com](mailto:suzlik@washingtonwildthings.com)

Washington's local professional baseball team. Call for game times.

## RESPIRE CARE

### Erie Home for Children and Adults

226 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16504  
814-454-1534  
[www.ehca.org](http://www.ehca.org)

Residential and respite programs.

## FOOD BANKS      FOOD STAMPS      CLOTHING

### City Mission

84 West Wheeling Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-8530  
[www.citymission.org](http://www.citymission.org)

Items available include emergency food, clothing and furniture.

### Greater Washington County Food Bank

1020 Rt. 519  
Eighty-Four, PA 15330  
724-229-8175  
[www.gwcfb.org](http://www.gwcfb.org)

Food for the needy. Call for more information and locations in your area.

### PA Working Wardrobe

Provided by *Dress for Success*  
Washington Branch  
202 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 228-8327

For qualified women, a personal clothing consultant will help you select clothes for an interview, or the specific type of clothing that you need for training or employment so you look your best. Robin Matthew is also available for presentations about the program.

### Salvation Army

60 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-5740

Services available include an emergency food bank, very affordable clothing and a soup kitchen nightly.

### Washington Christian Outreach

119 Highland Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-0750

Services include food and clothing, soup kitchen and spiritual help for those in need.

### **Washington County Assistance Office**

167 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 5004  
Washington, PA 15301-1154  
Toll Free: 1-800-835-9720  
724-223-4300  
[www.dpw.state.pa.us/oim/oimfoodstamp.asp](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/oim/oimfoodstamp.asp)

Food stamp benefits are provided to help individuals and families buy food and help low-income households obtain more nutritious diets by increasing the food purchasing power for all eligible participants. An on-line application is now available through the internet.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

### **Centerville Clinics, Inc.**

1070 Old National Pike  
Fredericktown, PA 15333  
724-632-6801  
[www.centervilleclinics.com](http://www.centervilleclinics.com)

Physical medicine including: allergy treatment/immunology, audiology, cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, family practice, gastroenterology, industrial and occupational medicine, internal medicine, podiatry, radiology and pulmonary medicine. Services provided on a sliding fee scale according to income and family size. Most insurance accepted. Call clinic for more details. All age groups served.

### **Cornerstone Care**

1227 Smith State Road  
Burgettstown, PA 15021  
724-947-2255

Primary health care services, prenatal care, family planning, podiatry, chiropractic and orthopedic services available. A sliding fee, based on family size and income is available. Most insurance accepted. Cornerstone Care's Covering Kids Campaign for enrolling eligible children into Children's Health Insurance Program.

### **Rainbow's End Recreation Station**

Washington, PA 15301  
(724) 223-7805 ext. 624

A parent-supervised creative play center for children of all abilities that provides research based programs and activities that improve the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children. Available for birthday parties, play dates, field trips, and other special events.

### **Salvation Army**

60 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-5740

Annual camp for 6-11 year olds for \$25.00. Youth activities weekly.

### **Seth's Place**

724-632-5837  
[tbogan09@gmail.com](mailto:tbogan09@gmail.com)

A non-profit, privately owned farm in Fredericktown, approximately six miles from Scenery Hill. A safe, calm and comforting environment in a farm-like setting for Special Needs children and their families. Llamas, horses, goats, pigs, rabbits, and a paddle boat. Please call to schedule a visit.

### **Special Olympics PA**

Washington County  
136 Cummins Ave.  
Houston, PA. 15342  
724-745-9434  
[www.specialolympicspa.org](http://www.specialolympicspa.org)

Organized games for people with mental retardation. Ages 8 and up.

### **Spina Bifida Association of Western PA**

134 Shenot Road, Bldg. 1  
Wexford, PA 15090  
1-800-243-5787  
<http://www.sbawp.org/>

Overnight camp and weekend retreats for campers with Spina Bifida. Also available: direct service, education and advocacy.

**Miss Barbara's School of Dance**  
Classroom in New Eagle, PA 15367  
724-348-7518

Offers dance, Boogie Babies (*parent and tot music in motion class*), tap, ballet, jazz and baton classes.

**Mon Valley YMCA**  
P. O. Box 64  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
724-483-8077

Swimming, silver sneakers program and childcare. Has lift chairs and elevators for the handicapped.

**MOPS**  
<http://www.mops.org/page.php?pageid=520>

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and believes the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship filled with unique needs. MOPS bring mothers of preschoolers together through local groups. Local groups can be found at the above web site; 5 local groups are located in Washington. MOPS' is a Faith-based program.

**The Oglebay Good Zoo and Benedum Planetarium**  
Rt. 88 North  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
304-243-4030 or 1-800-624-6988  
<http://www.oglebay-resort.com/goodzoo/>

Activities include zoo, laser light show, camps and much more.

**The Pittsburgh Children's Museum**  
10 Children's Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
412-322-5058  
<http://www.pittsburghkids.org/>

Special programming, birthday parties, groups and much more.

**Pittsburgh Zoo**  
One Wild Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-1178  
412-665-3639  
<http://zoo.pgh.pa.us/>

All age groups served.

**Crossing the Jordan Christian Health Center**  
100 Ridge Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-7159

This is a full service primary care triage for families & individuals that are uninsured, underinsured and homeless by Dr. Michael Falcione and a nurse practitioner. Please call for hours.

**Elks Home Service Program**  
655 Jefferson Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-8145 Ext. 211  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

The Elks nurse will visit the home, at no charge to assist families in getting the services they need.

**Healthy Baby Helpline**  
1-800-692-7462  
<http://www.helpinpa.state.pa.us/families.aspx>

Assistance for pregnant women to get prenatal care.

**Healthy Kids Helpline**  
1-800-986-KIDS (5437)  
<http://www.helpinpa.state.pa.us/families.aspx>

**Shriners' Hospital for Children** (*located in Erie*)  
1645 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16505-5097  
1-800-873-5437  
<http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Erie/>

Free orthopedic services for children. Free devices, such as canes etc. Transportation available.

**Washington County Health Partners**  
724-222-6511

Smoking cessation programs and Well Life Program that offers guidance on proper nutrition, exercise and lifestyle changes for a healthier life.

### **Washington County State Health Center**

167 North Main Street, Suite 100  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-4540 or 1-800-835-9720  
<http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/site/default.asp>

Preventative clinics and testing. Clinics include immunizations and Tuberculosis and HIV testing. Information and referrals are also available.

## **HOUSING**

### **Washington County Department of Human Services**

100 West Beau Street, Suite 703  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6995  
[www.co.washington.pa.us/maindepartment.php?menuDept=100](http://www.co.washington.pa.us/maindepartment.php?menuDept=100)

The Human Services Department has contracts with various agencies listed below to provide homeless services. Jennifer Johnson is the Washington County Homeless Services Coordinator.

## **HOMELESS PREVENTION**

### **Community Action Southwest**

150 West Beau Street, Suite 304  
Washington, PA 15310  
724-225-9550 or 1-877-814-0788  
[www.caswg.org/](http://www.caswg.org/)

Support for low income individuals and families with rental, utility and mortgage assistance to prevent eviction, termination and foreclosure.

## **HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

### **Emergency Shelters**

#### **Avis Arbor**

724-228-1804

For women/women with child/children (*male children must be 10 years of age or under*).

### **Girl Scouts**

606 Liberty Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
1-800-248-3355  
<http://www.gswpa.org>

Activities designed to cultivate values, social conscience and self esteem in young girls, while teaching life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

### **Greater Pittsburgh Special Hockey**

137 Blackthorn Drive  
Butler, PA 16002  
Cell Phone: 724-712-3779  
<http://www.leaguelineup.com/steelcityiceburghs>

Pittsburgh Special Hockey's goal is to give people with Developmental Disabilities the chance to play the sport of Ice Hockey in an environment which is adapted to the level of ability which the athletes are able to participate.

### **Kids on Line Resources**

<http://www.kidsolr.com/>

Kids online resources. Early Childhood through college. Information on different subjects including printable coloring pages, internet safety and much more.

### **LeMoyne Multi-Cultural Community Center**

200 South Forest Ave.  
P. O. Box 1241  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-0260

After school program for children kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Monday thru Friday 3pm to 6pm. Cub Scouts, open gym for basketball some days, food bank, and other assorted community activities.

### **Make a Wish Foundation**

1-800-676-9474  
[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)

Granting wishes for children with a life threatening illness.

**Common Ground Teen Center**

*(Sponsored by the Academy for Adolescent Health)*

22 West Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-2311

Or call Mary Jo Podgurski at 412-877-4906.

For ages 14 to 18. Monday through Thursday 3-7 p.m. summer hours are 4:30 – 8:00. Activities include movies on Tuesdays and Thursdays, dances, music, and games, including X-Box and computer use for homework. They also provide Prevention Education for drug and alcohol abuse. No direct services are available.

**Compro**

711 Bingham Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
412-995-5000 Ext. 406 or 1-888-272-7229  
<http://www.achieva.info/>

Support services for people with disabilities.

**Cub Scouts**

<http://www.joincubscouting.org/>

Website provides locations of troops in your area.

**Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central PA  
Camp FROG**

Cardello Building  
1501 Reedsdale Street, Suite 3002  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412- 261-5880 Or 1-800-361-5885  
[www.efwp.org](http://www.efwp.org)

Camping program for young people ages 8 to 17 with a primary diagnosis of epilepsy.

**Exceptional Adventures**

8 Hattman Drive  
Coraopolis, PA 15108  
412-331-1690  
<http://www.exceptionaladventures.com/>

Offers monthly dances, bingo and Red Hat Group. Supervised trips for individuals with special needs.

**City Mission**

724-228-8530

Services for homeless men.

**Family Shelter**

724-229-4306

An emergency shelter and case management service for up to 60 days for eligible families.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**

724-229-1129

Provides housing for single parent with child/children and couples with child/children.

**Washington Women's Shelter**

724-223-9190 or 1-800-791-4000

Provides housing for victims of domestic violence and their children, if applicable.

**Transitional Housing Programs****Can Do Program through Try Again Homes**

724-228-0288

Men and women age 18 to 22 years old with Mental Illness and substance abuse history.

**Connect, Inc.**

724-229-3387

For individuals and families with or without a mental health diagnosis, substance abuse history or dual diagnosis.

**Fresh Start**

724-223-5418

Domestic Violence victim with or without children who reside at the Women's Shelter.

**Safe Haven**

724-229-1080

Housing for both men and women with severe mental illness.

## **Permanent Supportive Housing**

### **Connect, Inc.**

Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities  
724-229-3387

Connect provides permanent housing with supportive services to homeless individuals and families.

**Shelter Plus Care I and II** (*Residential Recovery Services, Inc.*)  
724-745-7535

Provides tenant based subsidized housing with supportive services for individuals and families who are currently active with the base service unit.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **Health Care**

#### **Autism Help Network**

<http://www.autismhelpforyou.org/index.htm>

#### **Autism Link**

<http://www.autismlink.com/>

Provides all kinds of events and assistance free of charge to members including; social outings, teacher trainings, conferences, advocacy assistance, etc.

#### **Cornerstone Care**

1-866-252-5437

#### **Healthy Baby Helpline**

1-800-986-BABY (2229)

#### **Healthy Kids Helpline**

1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

#### **Highmark/Western Caring Foundation**

1-800-543-7105

Health insurance for uninsured adults.

#### **Lead Information Line**

1-800-440-5323

[www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=179&q=201204](http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=179&q=201204)

### **Camp SPEAK/Autism Society**

4371 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-856-7223 or 412-856-7224  
<http://www.autismsocietypgh.org/SPEAK.htm>

Camp for ambulatory campers in the month of July. Children with a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Ages served 5-21. Register early.

### **Carnegie Museum of Natural History**

440 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15213  
412-622-3131  
<http://www.carnegiemnh.org/>

### **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**

<http://www.carnegiemuseums.org/carnegie/index.htm>

### **Carnegie Science Center**

One Allegheny Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5850  
412-237-3400  
[www.carnegiesciencecenter.org](http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org)

Exhibits. All age groups served.

### **Citizens Library**

55 South College Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-2400  
[www.citlib.org](http://www.citlib.org)

Loans books and offers a Saturday program for children. Call for times.

### **Clelian Heights**

135 Clelian Heights Lane  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-8120  
<http://www.clelianheights.org/>

Full school program Sept.-May. Day and residential camps offered in the summer for ages 5-21.

**ARC Human Services, Mon Valley**

724-743-0445

For children and adults with disabilities. Activities include dances, summer and day camp, Boy Scout troop and bowling.

**Beacon Lodge Camp**

114 SR 103 South

Mt. Union, PA 17066-9601

814-542-2511

<http://www.beaconlodge.com/>

Camps for adults and children with special needs. Adults must be toilet trained. Serves ages 6 years and up.

**Brownson House**

1415 Jefferson Avenue

Washington, PA 15301

724-222-1440

Group activities, including basketball, football and assorted group activities for children.

**Camp Aim**

South Hills Area YMCA

51 McMurray Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

412-833-5600

<http://www.riversway.org/index.html>

Summer day camp for children ages 3-21 with special needs.

**Camp Laugh-a-lot (Arc Human Services, Inc.)**

Fox Pointe Centre

201 South Johnson Road, Suite 200

Houston, PA 15342

724-745-3010

Summer day camp that serves children 6-21 years of age with any physical, mental or emotional disability in the Washington County and surrounding areas. Activities include swimming, crafts, sports, educational program and more. Offers two clubs for children: The Giggle Gang and Club Laugh-a-lot.

**Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD)**

1-800-692-7462

**Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania**

717-540-4722 or 1-800-986-4550

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

A network created by families, for families of children and adults with special needs. This helpline connects families in similar situations so they may share experiences and offer practical information and support.

**Pennsylvania Health Law Project**

650 Smithfield Street, Suite 2130

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-434-5779 or 1-800-274-3258

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

Assist with problems addressing healthcare for low income consumers, the elderly and people with disabilities.

**Pittsburgh Poison Center**

1-800-222-1222

**The Family Partner Program***(National Association for the Mentally ILL of Southwestern PA)*

1-888-264-7972

The Family Partner will offer emotional and technical support to family members; attend IEP and service coordination meetings with family members; assist family members in identifying resources; and empower family members to become strong advocates for their child.

**Ruth York Morgan HELP Center**

Washington Hospital

155 Wilson Ave.

Washington, PA 15301

724-250-4310

The HELP Center offers info and videos on various health topics. It also offers two computers that can be used by individuals to search for specific health information, as well as special community programs on a wide array of health topics.

**Special Kids Network**

1-800-986-4550

[www.health.state.pa.us/skn](http://www.health.state.pa.us/skn)

An information and referral service for children with special health care needs.

## **Other Information**

### **Connect Information Service**

275 Granview Avenue, Suite 200  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
1-800-692-7288

Provides information and literature about special education, parent and student rights, early intervention and other services and information.

### **The Education Law Center**

Building 702 Law and Finance Building  
429 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-258-2120  
[www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)

A non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to insuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education.

### **Epilepsy Foundation of Western PA**

Cardello Building  
1501 Reedsdale Street. Suite 3002  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412- 261-5880 Or 1-800-361-5885  
[www.efwp.org](http://www.efwp.org)

Newsletter, referrals, employment training, advocacy, summer camps, community education, seminars, workshops and more.

### **Healthy Kids Helpline**

1-800-986-5437

### **Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)**

(800) 441-3215  
[www.pattan.k12.pa.us/](http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us/)

### **The Special Education Consult Line**

(800) 879-2301

## **LENDING LIBRARIES**

### **PA Assistive Technology Lending Library (State)**

877-722-8536 (voice), 800-204-7428 (voice), or 800-750-7428 (TTY)  
[www.accessiblepa.state.pa.us/AccessiblePA/cwp/view.asp?A=2&Q=156754](http://www.accessiblepa.state.pa.us/AccessiblePA/cwp/view.asp?A=2&Q=156754)

#### **Local sites:**

#### **Pathways of SWPA, Inc.**

724-229-9050  
[www.pathwaysswpa.org](http://www.pathwaysswpa.org)

#### **TRIPIL**

724-223-5115  
[www.tripil.com](http://www.tripil.com)

Free service that loans assistive technology devices to people with disabilities. Also, facilitates the paperwork for borrowing adaptive equipment.

## **NUTRITIONAL SERVICES**

### **WIC Program**

150 West Beau Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-8980 or 1-877-814-0788

A health and nutrition program open to pregnant women, breastfeeding women up to 12 months postpartum, non breastfeeding women up to six months postpartum and children up to five years of age. Call for hours and location nearest you.

## **RECREATION/LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES**

### **Adaptive Sports, Inc.**

150 Malone Ridge Road  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-250-9150

Sports program for children with special needs. Sports include baseball, soccer, bowling and others. Contact Sue Hazlett.

**PEAL** (*Western PA version of PEN*)  
1-866-950-1040 or 412-281-4404.  
<http://www.pealcenter.org/>

Provides information and support to parents and families with special needs concerning education and other available services. *Workshops* for families and professionals are also available.

**Pennsylvania Health Law Project**  
650 Smithfield Street, Suite 2130  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
412-434-5779 or 1-800-274-3258  
<http://www.phlp.org/>

Provides free legal assistance and representation to low income individuals and persons with disabilities, especially in regard to any public health program.

**Southwestern PA Legal Services, Inc.**  
10 West Cherry Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-225-6170

Legal services for the impoverished. Services are based on income.

**TRIPIL**  
69 East Beau Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-5115  
[www.tripil.com](http://www.tripil.com)

Agency offers attendant care and skills training for independent living as well as advocacy for individuals with disabilities. TRIPIL is a member's based organization.

**Washington Women's Shelter**  
P. O. Box 503  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-9190 or 1-800-791-4000  
[www.womens-shelter.com](http://www.womens-shelter.com)

Offers a variety of services for victims of domestic violence.

**Washington Family Literacy Program**  
351 West Beau Street, Suite 203  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-222-3154 or 724-229-7410

Helps prepare adults for their GED test. Also, provide parenting education and an early childhood learning program for their children.

## Information Web Sites

**American Academy of Pediatrics**  
[www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

**American Medical Association**  
[www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)  
**American Sign Language**  
<http://aslaccess.org>

**Anxiety Disorders Association of America**  
[www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org)

**Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD)**  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

**Family Village**  
[www.familyvillage.wisc.edu](http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu)

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**  
<http://www.nichcy.org>

**National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD)**  
[www.rarediseases.org/](http://www.rarediseases.org/)

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE and/or ADVOCACY**

**Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program**  
District Attorney's Office  
1 South Main Street, Suite 1003  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-229-5922

Provides support services to victims of crime. Services include advocacy, accompaniment, notice of hearings and assistance with victim impact statements. Also provides assistance with application for victims' compensation.

### **Disabilities Law Project (DLP)**

412-391-5225

<http://www.uclid.org:8080/uclid/public/uclid-service-details.tdf?ServiceRequestStatusCode=3&ServiceID=69>

The Disabilities Law Project (DLP) is a nonprofit Pennsylvania law firm that provides free legal assistance to people with disabilities, their families, and their organizations. DLP's main purpose is to advocate for the civil rights of persons with mental and physical disabilities, especially their right to live as integral parts of their communities. DLP works to ensure that people with disabilities have equal and unhindered access to employment, transportation, public accommodations, and government services.

### **Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN)**

1901 Law & Finance Building

429 Fourth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1505

412-391-5225

<http://www.ppainc.org/>

DRN is the merger of PA Protection & Advocacy Network (*PP&A*) and the Disabilities Law Project (*DLP*). It continues to offer all of the legal and advocacy services *PP&A* and the *DLP* have provided to persons with disabilities for many years. This includes advice and technical assistance for; individual, systemic, and policy advocacy; systemic-impact litigation and other legal services.

### **The Education Law Center**

Building 702 Law and Finance Building

429 Fourth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-258-2120

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

A non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to insuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education.

### **Local Task Force**

Intermediate Unit 1

1 Intermediate Unit Drive

Coal Center, PA 15423-9642

1-800-328-6481 Ext. 205

Serves in an advisory and advocacy role to protect the rights of students with special needs; encourages cooperation among public and private agencies; accentuates the positive; and acts as a catalyst enhancing collaboration in education. Contact Nancy Knight.

### **Managed Care Ombudsman**

Mental Health Association of Washington County

15 South College Street

Washington, PA 15301

724-225-2061 or 1-888-MHA-6767

<http://www.mhawashco.org/communitysupports.html>

Information about managed care and help with filing grievances and complaints. Housed at the Mental Health Association.

### **Mental Health Association of Washington County**

15 South College Street

Washington, PA 15301

724-225-2061

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

Parent Advocate Program serves ages birth through 21. Contact Mary Ann Zeitler.

The Community Support Program of Washington County (*CSP*) deals with issues affecting children and adults with mental illness.

### **Parent Education Network (PEN)**

1-800-522-5827

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

Provides technical assistance, information, skill development trainings, workshops, and referral services to parents to help children reach their full potential in education, vocation and community settings.