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Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit
The Family Reference Guide

A Guide to Transition Services



• **Post-Secondary Education/Training**

• **Employment Opportunities**

• **Community Living**

TRANSITION RESOURCES

**To Access the
CLIU Transition
Resources Information
on the web, follow the directions below.**

Transition Resources (at your fingertips)



Go to www.cliu.org

Roll over Departments

Click on Special Programs
and Services

Click on Transition Resources
on the left-hand side

or visit

www.cliu.org/page/825

This publication is available in Enlarged Print, Braille, and Spanish.
Please call (800) 223-4821 to request an accessible format.

TRANSITION RESOURCES

Resources supporting Youths and Young Adults, ages 14-21.

Adolescent Relationships
Autism Spectrum Disorder
Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council
Centers for Independent Living
Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Estate Planning for a Person with Special Needs
Employment Resources
Health Care Resources
Mental Health Supports
Post-Secondary Education
Recreation and Leisure Activities
Resources
Social Security Administration/Work Incentives
Trainings and Workshops for Educators and Families
Transition Resources: Websites and Wikispaces
Transportation Resources
Youth and Young Adults

Emergency Management Forms:

[Carbon County Google Search](#)
Carbon County Communications Center House Watch Information Form
[Lehigh County Google Search](#)
Special Needs Form for Lehigh County Residents

**Information about these Transition Resources can be accessed
on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 website at:**

www.cliu.org/page/825

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD (continued)

6. The household members would be responsible for updating the Emergency Information.
7. Ensure that all family members are aware of the clear plastic Emergency Container.

SAMPLE MEDICATION DOCUMENT

CURRENT MEDICATION	DOSAGE STRENGTH	HOW OFTEN TAKEN	WHEN TAKEN

PENNSYLVANIA YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

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

www.YellowDot.pa.gov



LEHIGH/CARBON TRANSITION COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Transition Coordinating Council (TCC) is a collaborative effort that involves educators, families, agencies, and community representatives to promote steps for a successful transition from school to adult life.

What is the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council (CLTCC)?

The mission of CLTCC is to promote effective transition services for students with disabilities, their families, educators, and community service providers from school to adult community life.

Who Serves on the Local TCC?

It is comprised of parents, representatives from agencies and employers, and educators from the Intermediate Unit, School Districts, Vocational, Technical and Special Education, and Higher Education.

What Are Some of the Services Provided by the Local TCC?

The local TCC disseminates transition information, provides training for students, parents, educators, and service providers on transition issues, and develops and maintains local transition interagency agreements.

Who Do I Contact to Become a Member of the Transition Council?

To become a member of the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council contact:

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

Vince Knecht or Wendy Smith, Training and Consultation Staff
4210 Independence Drive
Schnecksville, PA 18078
(800) 223-4821, (610) 769-1098 (Fax)

We welcome your participation in the Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council meetings. A schedule of meeting times and locations are available on the CLIU website. Follow the directions from the inside cover of this booklet to access the [Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council](#) and click [CLTCC Meeting Dates and Minutes](#).



WHAT IS TRANSITION?

Why Are Transition Services Provided?

Congress and the Pennsylvania legislature have recognized the needs of young people with disabilities by developing and passing a series of laws and regulations to mandate and facilitate transition services, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and others.

Who is Eligible for Transition Services?

IDEA of 1990 and its reauthorizations, IDEA of 1997 and IDEA '04, mandates that the IEP's include a transition plan "beginning no later than the first IEP to be in effect when the child turns 14 and then updated annually."

IDEA Regulations SECONDARY TRANSITION

The reauthorized *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* was signed into law on December 3, 2004, by President George W. Bush. The provisions of the act became effective on July 1, 2005, with the exception of some of the elements pertaining to the definition of a "highly qualified teacher" that took effect upon the signing of the act. The final regulations were published on August 14, 2006. Information taken from idea.ed.gov/explore/view/pf_root_dynamic_TopicalBrief.17.

The term "transition services" means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that:

- Is designed to be within a results-oriented process, that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child with a disability to facilitate the child's movement from school to post-secondary activities, including post-secondary education, vocational education, integrated employment (including supported employment); continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation;
- Is based on the individual child's needs, taking into account the child's strengths, preferences, and interests; and
- Includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and, if appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.

[34 CFR 300.43 (a)] [20 U.S.C. 1401(34)]

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD (continued)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

1. Each household needs to discuss what Emergency Information every household member needs to place into a clear plastic Emergency Container.
2. Complete the Emergency Information Card for each member of the household (sample, page 18).
3. Other suggested information:
 - Photo and name to identify each person living in the house;
 - Fingerprints of the children living in the house;
 - Type of pets living inside the house and their names;
 - Situational information: for example, if a person in the house may hide if they hear sirens or flashing lights and where would they hide; is a person in the house on oxygen therapy, if so where do they keep the oxygen tanks;
 - Copies of Social Security #, Driver's License and/or PA Photo Identification Cards;
 - Most Current
 - IEP (Individualized Education Program)
 - RR (Reevaluation)
 - PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services) Document
 - ISP (Individual Support Planning) Contract
 - OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation)
 - Supports Coordinator and OVR Transition Counselor contact information
 - and any other agency information that pertains to your child's resources
4. Do Not Resuscitate instructions, the location of Advanced Directives, Living Wills, and other Emergency Information you feel is important.
5. This Emergency Information would be placed in the clear plastic Emergency Container with "Emergency Information" on the front.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Suggestions of documentation to be included: Copies of Social Security Number, Driver's License and/or PA Photo Identification Cards, most current IEP (*Individualized Education Plan*), RR (*Reevaluation*), PUNS (*Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services*) Document, ISP (*Individual Support Planning*) and OVR Contracts, Supports Coordinator and OVR Transition Counselor Contact Information, and any other agency information that pertains to your child's resources.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD (Place on refrigerator)

Name: _____	Date Card Completed: _____
Address: _____	Telephone: _____
Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number:	Allergies to Meds: _____
1. _____	Date of Birth: _____
2. _____	Major Illness: _____
Doctor's Name: _____	_____
Doctor's Phone: _____	_____
Health Care Plan: _____	Other: _____
Health Care#: _____	_____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Created by: Citizens' Ambulance Service, Inc., Kewanee of Indiana.
Midday Rotary Club and updated by CLFU #21 Transition Consultants.

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THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY

- Share information and goals, complete parent and student survey.
- Decrease student's dependence on the family by increasing participation in the community.
- Attend and participate in Individualized Education Planning (IEP) meetings for transition. Areas being addressed include: community living, recreation and leisure, employment, post-secondary education/training, and daily living skills.
- Become familiar with agencies that provide recreational, financial, social, employment, and residential opportunities for their youth/young adult.
- Due to potential waiting lists, contact agencies within a timely manner.



INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN

- The Transition Plan is integrated into the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and developed by team members at the IEP meeting.
- Components of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) related to transition:
 - Post-secondary goals
 - Transition assessments (formal and informal)
 - Instructional areas to support post-secondary goals
 - Person(s) responsible for coordination of activities
 - Interagency responsibilities and linkages
- Required members of the team include:
 - student
 - parents and/or guardian
 - special education teacher
 - regular education and/or Career Technical Education teacher
 - Local Education Agency representative (LEA)
- Optional team members include:
 - District Transition Coordinator
 - Transition Specialist
 - Job Coach
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Psychologist
 - Community Agency representatives

INFORMATION ABOUT MY DISABILITY CARD*

- Business Card Size
- Half page
- Use Cardstock Paper



1. Put your information on paper or type on a computer. It is very important to include Contact Information, family members, caregiver, friends, and your work.
2. After you are finished, put the card in a clear cover or laminate it.
3. Put the information card in your
 - Wallet
 - Purse
 - Backpack
 - Car

If someone stops you, just show them your "Information About My Disability" card. If they have questions, they will ask you or someone on your contact list.



Front Side:

"Information About My Disability" Cards	
My name is _____	DOB: _____
I have a speech disability.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please talk slowly in a normal voice.• Sometimes it's hard for people to understand what I say.• If you don't understand me, I can write down, my answer.• I know sign language.	
I also have mild cerebral palsy affecting my right side.	
I live _____	(continued on back)

Back Side:

Contact Information:	
Mother -	
Home:	
Work:	
Cellphone:	
Brother -	
Home:	
Work:	
Cellphone:	

**Information by Heather Telhorster, The Arc of Indiana County*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (continued)

AGENCY

WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER

PA Eastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1 www.211.org 2-1-1 / (717) 291-5462
FREE service for Lehigh Valley residents. Available Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 6:30 pm.

"Trained call specialist will provide information on a broad range of services, including basic needs, health care, youth programs, counseling, food banks, housing, aging services and much more!"

PA Northeastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1 www.211.org (888) 829-1341 / (570) 829-1341 / 2-1-1
The Help Line is an information and referral service and first response point for crisis calls in certain Carbon County area codes (Albrightsville: 18210, Palmerton: 18071 & Weatherly: 18255). It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, staffed and acts as the after-hours crisis service for twenty-one different organizations.

It is the central access point for problems and issues regarding: Mental Health, Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, Drug and Alcohol, Runaway, Energy Assistance, Homeless Services and Victim services.

Pennsylvania Respite Programs www.archrespice.org/respitelocator

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

Pennsylvania Secondary Transition for

Parent Engagement www.transitionparentengagement.wikispaces.com

Parent Education Network www.php.com/parent-education-network
(800) 522-5827 V/TTY or (800) 441-5028 (Spanish)

The Peal Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center) www.pealcenter.org

Special Kids Network, Making Connections
for PA's Children with Special Health
Care Needs www.health.state.pa.us/skn (800) 986-4550, TTY (877) 232-7640

Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov

The Caring Connection, Inc. www.caringconnectionelder-care.com (610) 882-9131

Valley Wide Directory Health of American
Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley www.redcrosslv.org (610) 252-4357

TRANSPORTATION

AGENCY

WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER

Carbon County Easton Coach Transportation,
Nesquehoning (570) 669-6380 / (800) 990-4287

Easton Coach, LANtaVan Service (610) 253-8333 / (888) 253-8333

LANtaBus, Allentown (610) 776-7433

LANtaVan Door to Door Wheelchair Service www.lantabus.com (610) 432-3200
LANta, 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103

DEVELOPING A TRANSITION PLAN

Transition Planning considers:

- Student interest, abilities and aptitudes.
- Instructional, ecological and/or vocational profile.
- Post-secondary goals in post-secondary education or training, employment, adult services, community living, and community participation.
- Specific activities supporting the development of post-secondary goals.
- Person(s) responsible for implementation of each specific goal.
- Support services, such as transportation, vocational counseling, case management, and medical services.
- Agency or person responsible for continuation of transition planning and exchange of information following graduation. This person or agency must be identified in the plan during the final school year.

The Transition Plan should:

- Represent the decisions of the student and parents, guardians, educators, and other service providers.
- Include information provided by the student concerning his/her career plans.
- Incorporate data from the student's formal career assessment and/or informal assessments.
- Encourage the participation of representatives from education, and community service agencies.
- Address the needs of the student seeking post-school employment or post-secondary education.
- Provide information to families so that the student/parent/guardian has the appropriate information necessary to link the student to the adult service providers.
- Be reviewed and modified at least annually as part of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

TRANSITION CHECKLIST

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

Four to Five Years Before Leaving the School District

- ☐ Identify personal learning styles and the necessary accommodations to be a successful learner and worker.
- ☐ Identify career interests and skills, complete interest and career inventories, and identify additional education or training requirements.
- ☐ Explore options for post-secondary education and admission criteria.
- ☐ Identify interests and options for future living arrangements, including supports.
- ☐ Learn to communicate effectively your interests, preferences, and needs.
- ☐ Be able to explain your disability and the accommodations you need.
- ☐ Learn and practice informed decision making skills.
- ☐ Investigate assistive technology tools that can increase community involvement and employment opportunities.
- ☐ Broaden your experiences with community activities and expand your friendships.
- ☐ Pursue and access local transportation options outside of family.
- ☐ Investigate money management and identify necessary skills.
- ☐ Acquire government-issued identification card and the ability to communicate personal information.
- ☐ Identify and begin learning skills necessary for independent living.
- ☐ Learn and practice personal health care.

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COMMUNITY LIVING/RESIDENTIAL LIVING (cont.)

AGENCY

WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER

The ARC of Lehigh & Northampton Counties Inc. (Advocacy Support) (610) 849-8076
 The ReDCo Group, Lehighton www.redcogrp.com (610) 377-6730 Ext. 10
 Via of the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem (610) 317-8000
 Visiting Nurses of the Lehigh Valley & Hospice, Allentown (610) 871-2802

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AGENCY

WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER

Anthracte Region Center for Independent Living
 (ARCIL) www.anthractecil.org (570) 455-9800 Ext. 23 / (800) 777-9906
 Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) www.lvcil.org (610) 770-9781
 Loving Care Agency www.lovingcareagency.com (877) 687-7376
 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities
 Developmental Programs (ID/DP) www.mhmrpa.org/mhmr/site/default.asp
 OVR: PA Dept of Labor and Industry www.dli.state.pa.us/
 Pennsylvania Career Guide Google - PA Career Guide
 Pennsylvania Career Link www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us
 Lehigh Valley CareerLink www.careerlinklehighvalley.org
 555 Union Blvd., Allentown, PA 18109 PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley is an employment center that connects employers and job opportunities with qualified job seekers. PA CareerLink is funded primarily by the PA Department of Labor and Industry and chartered by the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Who "guarantees that the employment, training and labor market services and information you receive through other workforce delivery system are professional, comprehensive and on target."
 Telephone: (610) 437-5627
 TTY: (610) 821-6760
 Fax: (610) 434-4122
 PA CareerLink Carbon County www.carboncareerlink.org
 69 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229. Partners in the PA CareerLink® are private and public agencies, organizations or educational institutions that provide education, training and employment or support services to job seekers and employers. Our customers can obtain information regarding recruitment, hiring, economic development, employment and training in a self-service or staff assisted atmosphere.
 Telephone: (570) 325-2701
 TDD/TTY: (570) 325-7850
 Fax: (570) 325-5536
 Warmline www.pbfaiv.org/programs/warmline/
 A telephone support service for Lehigh County, PA adults who are challenged by loneliness, confusion and other mental health concerns, or who need information about available services. The Warmline accepts calls between 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and from 2:00 PM to 2:00 AM, 7 days a week. Lehigh County residents (only, please!) can reach the Warmline by calling (610) 820-8451.
 Warmline goals include responding to callers before they reach a crisis point; Assisting callers in finding wholeness, independence and happiness; Empathizing with the particular problems that confront mental health consumers.

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COMMUNITY LIVING/RESIDENTIAL LIVING

AGENCY WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER

Access Services (Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehigh, Tamaqua).....	www.accessservices.org
Access Services - Lehigh Valley Office, Bethlehem.....	(610) 866-6667 Ext. 239
Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living (ARCIL), Hazleton	www.anthracitecil.org (570) 455-9800 / (800) 777-9906
Association for Retarded Citizens of Carbon County, Lehigh, Tamaqua	(610) 377-6671
Bucks Association for Retarded citizens ARC (BARC), Quakertown	(215) 794-0800 Ext. 324
Carbon County Housing Authority, Lehigh, Tamaqua	(610) 377-9375
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services), Tamaqua.....	www.cares4u.org (570) 225-7360
Club House of the Lehigh Valley: Adult Support Services for Individuals in need of Mental Health Support	(610) 433-9910
Community Services Group, Bethlehem	(610) 866-7600
Deutsch Institute, Luzerne County, Recreation Activities	(570) 348-1968
Extended Family Care, Allentown.....	(610) 432-6766 / (800) 431-6522
Good Shepherd Home at Conrad, W. Raker Center.....	(610) 776-3148
Good Shepherd Supported Independent Living.....	(610) 776-3148
Greater LV Visiting Nurse Association	(610) 378-0481
Human Resources Center, Inc., Honesdale.....	(570) 253-3782
Human Resources Center, Inc., Snyder'sville.....	(570) 402-4961
Impact Systems Inc., Whitehall	(610) 435-1561
Keystone Community Resources, Inc., Lackawanna County.....	(570) 702-8028
Lehigh County Dept. of Human Services, Allentown	www.lehighcounty.org (610) 782-3200
Lehigh County Housing Authority and Valley Housing Development Corp.....	(610) 965-4514
Lehigh Support for Community Living, Bethlehem.....	(610) 758-4888 / (610) 758 3247
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) Allentown.....	www.lvcil.org (610) 770-9781 / (800) 495-8245
Liberty Resources, Allentown.....	(610) 432-3880
Lifepath, Bethlehem.....	(610) 264-5724 Ext. 260
Living Unlimited, Inc.	www.living-unlimitedinc.com (800) 310-7776
Maximum Care, Whitehall.....	(610) 264-2353
Mentor of Lehigh Valley, Wescosville	(800) 825-7014 Ext. 207
Northwestern Human Services of the Lehigh Valley (formerly COPE).....	(610) 866-8332
Nurse Finders, Whitehall	(610) 776-4111
Pediatric Services of America, Allentown - PSA Health Care.....	(610) 439-5700
Rau Residential Care, Inc., Jim Thorpe	(570) 325-2038
Spectrum Community Services Inc.	www.spectrumcommunityservices.org (610) 372-0776
Step by Step, Bethlehem	(610) 867-0688

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TRANSITION CHECKLIST (continued)

Two to Three Years Before Leaving the School District

- ☐ Identify community support services and programs (Vocational Rehabilitation, County Services, Centers for Independent Living, etc.).
- ☐ Invite adult service providers, peers, and others to the IEP transition meeting.
- ☐ Match career interests and skills with vocational course work and community work experiences.
- ☐ Gather more information on post secondary programs and the support services offered; and make arrangements for accommodations to take college entrance exams.
- ☐ Identify health care providers and become informed about sexuality and family planning issues.
- ☐ Determine the need for financial support (Supplemental Security Income, state financial supplement programs, Medicare).
- ☐ Learn and practice appropriate interpersonal, communication, and social skills for different settings (employment, school, recreation, with peers, etc.).
- ☐ Explore legal status with regards to decision making prior to age of majority.
- ☐ Begin a resume and update periodically.
- ☐ Practice independent living skills, e.g., budgeting, shopping, cooking, and housekeeping.
- ☐ Identify needed personal assistant services, and if appropriate, learn to direct and manage these services.

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TRANSITION CHECKLIST (continued)

One Year Before Leaving the School District

- ☐ Apply for supportive service programs. (Supplemental Security Income, Independent Living Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Personal Assistant Services).
- ☐ Identify the post-secondary school you plan to attend and arrange for accommodations.
- ☐ Practice effective communication by developing interview skills, asking for help, and identifying necessary accommodations at post secondary and work environments.
- ☐ Specify desired job and obtain paid employment with supports, if appropriate.
- ☐ Take responsibility for arriving on time to work, appointments, and social activities.
- ☐ Assume responsibility for health care needs (making appointments, filling and taking prescriptions, etc.).
- ☐ Register to vote www.votespa.com.
- ☐ Register for Selective Service (males only) www.sss.gov.
- ☐ Determine the need for financial support (Supplemental Security Income, state financial supplement programs, Medicare).



LEHIGH COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS (cont.)

Community Skills Program
Counseling & Rehabilitation, Inc.
1150 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 245
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Sally Kneipp, Director (610) 376-3380—Direct Line
Phone: (610) 376-3390
E-Mail: CSPNJPA@aol.com
Website: www.communityskillsprogram.com
No Spanish speaking
Specialties: Brain Injury, Autism

Goodwill, Keystone Area
1901 Lehigh Street
Allentown, PA 18103
Cheryl Garr
Phone: (610) 904-6070
E-Mail: cgarr@goodwill.org

Goodwill Industries of NE PA
925 Prospect Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
Kathy Reiter
Phone: (570) 343-1166
E-Mail: kathyreiteratgoodwill@yahoo.com

Human Resources Center (HRC), Inc.
5349 Cherry Valley Road
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
Phone: (570) 402-4961 Ext. 304
Dawn Daignault
E-Mail: Dawn.daignault@hrcinc.org

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)
S2L Career Path
713 N. 13th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
Joe Michener, Coordinator
Phone: (610) 770-9781 Ext. 131
E-Mail: joemichener@lvcil.org

Living Unlimited Program
4601 Locust Lane, Suite 202
Harrisburg, PA 17109
Teresa M. Stickle
Phone: (717) 526-2111 Ext. 224 or
(800) 310-7776
E-Mail: tstickle@living-unlimitedinc.com
Website: www.living-unlimitedinc.com

Main Line Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.
668 Exton Commons
Exton, PA 19341
Meghan Cahalan
Phone: (610) 280-0180
E-Mail: mcahalan@mainline-rehab.com
Website: www.mainline-rehab.com
Provides cognitive rehab therapy

Private Industry Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc.
72 N. 2nd Street
Easton, PA 18042
Bob Hrichak
Phone: (610) 829-1244
E-Mail: bhrichak@picesp.org
No specialty services

SPIN Lehigh
2158 Avenue C, Suite 101
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Kim Roselli
Phone: (610) 625-1227
E-Mail: KRoselli@spininc.org
Website: spininc.org
Specialty Services: Autism Spectrum and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Via of the Lehigh Valley
336 West Spruce Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Serving: Victoria Henshaw
Phone: (610) 317-8000
E-Mail: vhenshaw@vianet.org
Website: www.vianet.org

CARBON COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS

AHEDD

108 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-2949
Jennifer Betz
Phone: (570) 622-9711
E-Mail: jennifer.betz@ahedd.org

Career Path

LVCIL - Carbon County
630 Interchange Road
Kresgeville, PA 18333
Aaron Heydt
Phone: (610-) 770-9781, ext. 149
E-Mail: AaronHeydt@lvcil.org

CTC Manufacturing, Inc.

100 Hazle Street
Beaver Meadows, PA 18216
Cathy Cohen
Phone: (570) 454-3754
E-Mail: ccohen@ctcmanufacturing.com
Website: www.carbontc.com

Goodwill, Keystone Area

1901 Lehigh Street
Allentown, PA 18103-4790
Cheryl Garr
Phone: (610) 904-6070
E-Mail: cgarr@goodwill.org
Website: www.yourgoodwill.org

Human Resources Center, Inc.

5349 Cherry Valley Road
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
Dawn Daignault
Phone: (570) 402-4961 Ext. 304
E-Mail: Dawn.Daignault@hrcinc.org

LEHIGH COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS

AHEDD

108 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-2949
Deanna Kreiger
Phone: (570) 622-9711
E-Mail: Deanna.Kreiger@ahedd.org
(Or - depending on caseload)
108 North Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-2949
Kathy Couch, Area Manager
Phone: (570) 622-9711
E-Mail: Kathy.Couch@ahedd.org
Website: www.ahedd.org
Spanish speaking coach - Mauricio

The Burnley Workshop

4219 Manor Drive
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Serving: Monroe County and only Slate
Belt area Northampton County
Carla Robinson
Phone: (570) 992-6616
E-Mail: jobs@burnley.org

Community Options, Inc.

678 Louis Drive
Warminster, PA 18974
Phone: (215) 956-0853
Fax: (215) 956-0857
Julie Sozio
E-Mail: Julie.Sozio@comop.org
Mark Haumesser
E-Mail: Mark.Haumesser@comop.org
Website: www.comop.org

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PARENT/STUDENT CHECKLIST GETTING READY TO GRADUATE OR LEAVE SCHOOL

The most important area to consider when your child is leaving school is finding the right agencies. We are encouraging you to become an informed consumer by contacting the agencies and asking about the specifics of their programs and services. The following questions will help you to research critical information:

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

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

- ☐ A social security number for work and registration with most agencies. Contact your local social security office for an application.
- ☐ Draft Registration is required for males when they reach their eighteenth birthday. Contact your local post office.
- ☐ The Office of Social Security Insurance Benefits application is available to children and adults with serious disabilities. Call (800) 772-1213 for the **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** (www.ssa.gov) in your area and information on applying. It is important to understand these benefits as they relate to work, and eligibility prior to work, while working, and in the event of loss of job.
- ☐ Registration with the **OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS (ID/DP) (ODP)** www.mhmrpa.org/mhmr/site/default.asp is essential prior to accessing services designed for individuals with mental retardation or a mental health diagnosis. Contact the county information and referral unit, (610) 782-3200 (Lehigh County); (610) 377-0773 (Carbon County); (570) 628-1520 (Schuylkill) to begin the enrollment process. *It is important to fill out a PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Needs for Services) form once your child is enrolled.
- ☐ **WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SOCIAL SECURITY WORK INCENTIVES**, Jenni Kistler, Community Work Incentives Coordinator jkistler@yourgoodwill.org or (717) 682-0656 benefitscounseling@yourgoodwill.org.
- ☐ **PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF AUTISM** <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/autismservices/> "The information shared in this site is intended to communicate the Department of Human Services' efforts to enhance the quality of life and independence of Pennsylvanians with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and to support their families and caregivers". Related Topics on this site include: Adult Autism Waiver, Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP), BAS Adult Programs Overview and how to contact the Bureau of Autism Services.

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PARENT/STUDENT CHECKLIST (continued)

- ☐ **The OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)**
www.dli.state.pa.us/ should be actively involved if your son/daughter expects to pursue employment and/or post-secondary education. If you have not been referred to OVR, please request an application from your teacher or guidance counselor, or call OVR at (610) 821-6441 (Allentown); (800) 922-9536 (Carbon); (800) 442-0949/(610) 916-2316 (Schuylkill/Berks). If individuals with disabilities are currently unemployed and worked with OVR in the past, they may reapply to OVR.

Allentown Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
 PA Department of Labor & Industry
 Office of Vocational Rehabilitation 45 N. 4th Street
 Allentown, PA 18102. Phone: 610-821-6441

- **Corey Cook, Transition Services Coordinator/Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor:** cocook@pa.gov
- **Transition Counselors and School Districts Served**
 - Amy Burke, amyburke@pa.gov**
 - CLIU#21- CLAS
 - CLIU#21- LLAS
 - Jim Thorpe
 - Lehigh
 - Northern Lehigh
 - Northwestern Lehigh
 - Palmerton
 - Panther Valley
 - Parkland
 - Weatherly
 - Youth Forestry Camp #2
 - Shanel Vinson, svinson@pa.gov**
 - Allentown
 - Catasauqua
 - Whitehall-Coplay
 - Southern Lehigh County Schools – Contact Corey Cook**
 - East Penn Salisbury Township Southern Lehigh
- **ODP/Autism Coordinator**
Tracie A. Maille, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, tmaille@pa.gov
- **Deaf & Hard of Hearing**
Marilyn Cook, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Transition Counselor, maricook@pa.gov
- **Early Reach Coordinator**
LaRonda Moorefield, lmooresfield@pa.gov
 Workshop Availabilities:
 Career Exploration: What do you want to be when you grow up?
 Soft Skills Academy: Important skills for Employment and Everyday Life
 The Ins and Outs: Applications, Resumes & Interviewing
 Transition Planning
 Self-Advocacy: Getting what you need, how you need it
 Self-Awareness: It's all about you!
 Jeopardy: What do you know about OVR

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT/WORK OPPORTUNITIES

AGENCY	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Carbon County Career Link, Jim Thorpe (OVR)	(570) 325-2701
Carbon County Workforce Training, Beaver Meadows	(570) 325-2915
Fitzmaurice Community Services, Inc. www.fitzmaurice.org	(570) 213-4327
Goodwill, Keystone Area, Allentown	(610) 904-6070
Human Resources Center, Inc., Saylorsburg	(570) 402-4961
Impact Systems, Inc.	(610) 435-1561
Lehigh County Career Link, Allentown	(610) 437-5627
Living Unlimited, Inc. www.living-unlimitedinc.com	(800) 310-7776
NHS Human Services of Lehigh Valley Center, Bethlehem	(610) 866-8331
Private Industry Council, Supported Employment Program, Lehigh Valley	(610) 841-1040
The Arc, Scranton www.thearcnepa.org	(570) 346-4010
VIA of the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem	(610) 317-8000

LICENSED DAY HABILITATION PROGRAMS

(formerly known as Adult Day Programs)

AGENCY	WEBSITE/PHONE NUMBER
Access Services (Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehigh, Tamaqua)	www.accessservices.org
Access Services - Lehigh Valley Office, Bethlehem	(610) 866-6667 Ext. 239
A.L.I.V.E. (A Life in Vivid Expression), Allentown http://www.persondirectedsupports.com	(610) 509-4784
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services), Jim Thorpe	www.cares4u.org (570) 249-4777
Community Services Group/Concepts, Bethlehem	(610) 866-7600
Community Services Group/Concepts, Schnecksville	www.csgonline.org (610) 769-1300
Goodwill, Keystone Area, Allentown	(610) 904-6070
G.R.O.W.T.H. (Gaining Respect and Opportunity with Teaching and Hope)	rhd.org (484) 298-1333
Keystone Community Resources, Lackawanna County	(570) 702-8028
SPIN	www.spininc.org (610) 625-1222
Lifepath, Bethlehem	(610) 264-5724
NHS Human Services of Lehigh Valley Center, Bethlehem	(610) 866-8331
SarahCare of the Lehigh Valley	(610) 391-1576
SPARC Program, Bethlehem	(610) 849-8076
The ReDCo Group, Lehigh	(610) 377-6730 Ext. 10
Via of the Lehigh Valley	(610) 317-8000