



Via's Autism Services

People want to be connected to friends and family, and learn, work, and be respected for their choices. Continued development of social skills and peer networks lead to success in adult life, career development and independence. With the increasing number of ASD diagnoses, resources for programs and support are limited. Via's Autism Services provide adults with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis (ASD) with educational, vocational and recreational activities in the community. Via's Autism Services is a resource for adults with ASD to connect with each other, their peers, and community resources so they can explore their talents and potential.

Via of the Lehigh Valley is an Autism Waiver provider through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs' Bureau of Autism Services.

Social & Life Skills Development

Via's Autism Services provide an individualized approach to social and life skills development. Adults have the opportunity to participate in social, vocational and independent living activities that are tailored to their needs and interests. Participants have an active role in planning their schedule and in the development of goals and objectives for each activity.



Independent living skills are a large component of this service and are addressed through a combination of community experiences and classroom instruction. Instruction on the use of public transportation and an introduction to housing options is provided.



Vocational Training & Opportunities

Via partners with more than 75 small and large employers and 42 local agencies and institutions of higher education throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Through these partnerships, Via's Autism Services provide opportunities adults to participate in:



- Career interest inventories.
- Job shadow, job site visits and career exploration.
- Mock interviews with Human Resource managers at Lehigh Valley companies.
- Resume preparation.
- Inclusive service learning and volunteer activities.

Recreational Opportunities

Via's Autism Services works with participants to tailor recreational and community activities to personal preferences. Depending on individual interests, activities may include sporting

events, cultural events, art classes, and various community and social activities.

Participants have an active role in planning their schedule and incorporate life skills such as money management and transportation needs into these activities.

Autism Waiver

Via of the Lehigh Valley is an Adult Autism Waiver provider through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs' Bureau of Autism Services.

The Adult Autism Waiver is a State of Pennsylvania Medical Assistance program that provides home and community-based services specifically designed to help adults with an autism spectrum disorder participate in their communities in the way they want to. More information on the PA Adult Autism Waiver, including eligibility and applying for the waiver, is available on the PA Department of Public Welfare website.

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Via Community Partners...



- 6th Street Food Bank
- 6th Street Shelter
- Boys and Girls Club
- Children's Home of Easton
- Concern
- Crayola Factory
- Crime Victims Council
- Good Shepherd
- Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Heartland Hospice
- Jewish Community Center Allentown
- Lehigh Valley Arts Council
- Lehigh Valley Health Network
- Luthercrest
- Meals on Wheels
- Moravian Hall Square Retirement Community
- Phoebe Home
- Planned Parenthood
- Project of Easton
- Salvation Army
- Turning Point

Via Employment Partners...

- Arby's
- Bethlehem Township
- BonTon
- Building Blocks Child Development Center
- Burger King
- Buza's Green House
- Cedar Brook Nursing Home
- Dairy Queen
- David's Bridal
- Delta Industries
- Eckerd Drug
- Federal Courthouse
- Friendly's
- Giant Food
- Hampton Inn & Suites
- Holiday Inn Express
- Cigars International
- Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites
- Josh Early Candy's
- Kountry Kids Day Care
- Little Apple IGA
- Lomae Foods
- Lowe's
- Macungie Park
- Martin Guitar
- McDonalds
- Micro-tool
- Moravian Village
- Mr. Z's
- Old Orchard Assisted Living
- Olive Garden
- Ollie's
- Panera Bread
- Penn Dot
- Perkins
- Pizza Hut
- Ruby Tuesdays
- Sears
- Sodexo
- Specialty Cars
- Target
- TGI Fridays
- Unclaimed Freight
- Valley Farm Market
- Walgreen's
- Wal-Mart
- WAWA
- Wegman's
- Weis King's
- Wendy's
- Yocco's



Via of the Lehigh Valley is a non-profit agency that provides services for children and adults with developmental disabilities like cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, autism and mental retardation. Via's mission is to provide leadership, support, opportunities and resources for people with disabilities so they may be independent, productive and enjoy full lives within the community.

The official registration and financial information of Via of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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