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Family Reference Guide A Guide to Transition Services



TRANSITION RESOURCES

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



PA Secondary TransitionPASecondary Transition.com

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

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

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living (ARCIL) (570) 455-9800 x23/(800) 777-9906
Bayada Home Health Care (Lehigh County)(610) 317-2118
Bayada Home Health Care (Carbon County)(610) 377-4717
Keystone Human Services (AVAIL)
Lehigh Valley Career Link <u>careerlinklehighvalley.org</u> (610) 437-5627
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) <u>lvcil.org</u> (610) 770-9781
Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Developmental Programs (ID/DP)
OVR: PA Dept of Labor and Industrydli.pa.gov
PA CareerLink Carbon County <u>carboncareerlink.org</u> (570) 325-2701
PA Career GuideGoogle - PA Career Guide
PA Career Linkpacareerlink.state.pa.us
PA Department of D&A Programs - Treatment Hotline 24-7 <u>ddap.pa.gov</u>
PA Eastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1pa211east.org 2-1-1 / (717) 291-5462
FREE service for <u>Lehigh Valley residents</u> . Available Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m 6:30 p.m. Providing information on a broad range of services, including basic needs, health care, youth programs, counseling, food banks, housing, aging services and much more!
PA ELKS Home Service Programpaelkshomeservice.org/special-kids-network
PA Northeastern Pennsylvania 2-1-1pa211east.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 <u>Carbon County</u> area codes (Albrightsville: 18210, Palmerton: 18071 & Weatherly: 18255). It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, staffed and acts as the after-hours crisis service for twenty-one different organizations. It is the central access point for problems and issues regarding: Mental Health, Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, Drug and Alcohol, Runaway, Energy Assistance, Homeless Services and Victim services.
PA Respite Programsarchrespite.org
Parent Education Networkphp.com
Peal Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center)pealcenter.org
Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley <u>redcrosslv.org</u> (610) 252-4357
Social Security Administration
Warmlinepbfalv.org (610) 820-8451
A support service for adults who are challenged by loneliness, confusion and other mental health concerns, or who need information about available services. Accepting calls 6:00 a.m 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m 2:00 a.m., 7 days a week. (Lehigh County residents only!)

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COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORT

Access Services

(Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehighton, Tamaqua) accessservices.org	(877) 896-6667
Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living (ARCIL)	
(Hazelton)anthracitecil.org	(570) 455-9800
Beacon Specialized Living (Allentown) <u>beaconspecialized.org</u>	(484) 246-3350
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services)	
(Allentown, Jim Thorpe, Tamaqua, Walnutport) <u>cares4u.org</u>	(570) 225-7360
Club House of the Lehigh Valley: Adult Support Services for Individuals in	
need of Mental Health Support <u>clubhouseoflehighcounty.org</u>	(610) 433-9910
Community Services Group (CSG) (Bethlehem, Schnecksville) csgonline.org	(610) 866-7600
Good Shepherd at Conrad W. Raker Center	
(Allentown)goodshepherdrehab.org	(610) 776-3199
Good Shepherd Supported Independent Living (Allentown)	(610) 841-4752
Greater LV Visiting Nurse Association (Allentown)npino.com	(610) 395-2500
Human Resources Centers, Inc., (HRC) (Effort, Honesdale)hrcinc.org	(570) 253-3782
Lehigh County Housing Authoritylehighcountyha.org	(610) 965-4514
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)	
(Allentown)lvcil.org	(610) 770-9781
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CARBON LEHIGH TRANSITION COORDINATING COUNCIL

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

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

Who Serves on the Local TCC?

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

Who do I contact to become a member of the CLTCC?

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

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

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

Hybrid: In person at the CLIU Main Office (Conference Room J) and via Zoom on the dates below.

Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Zoom Link - https://cliu-org.zoom.us/j/94674916591

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

LEHIGH COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS

The Burnley Workshop

4219 Manor Drive Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Serving: Monroe County - Slate Belt only

Northampton County Phone: (570) 992-6616

Easterseals Eastern PA

1501 Lehigh Street

Suite 201

Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: (610) 289-0114 x212

E-Mail: cnelson@esep.org

Website: <u>www.easterseals.com/esep</u>

Goodwill, Keystone Area

1901 Lehigh Street Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: (610) 904-6070 Email: cgarr@goodwill.org

Goodwill Industries of NE PA

925 Prospect Avenue Scranton, PA 18505 Phone: (570) 343-1166

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)

Career Path 713 N. 13th Street Allentown, PA 18102 Phone: (610) 770-9781 x155

Private Industry Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc.

72 N. 2nd Street Easton, PA 18042 Phone: (610) 829-1244

SPIN Lehigh

2158 Avenue C, Suite 200 Bethlehem, PA 18017

Jen Schaadt

Phone: (484) 546-6696 Website: <u>www.spininc.org</u>

Specialty Services: Autism Spectrum and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Via of the Lehigh Valley

1020 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103

Alivia Sinko

Phone: (610) 628-2326 E-Mail: <u>a.sinko@vianet.org</u> Website: <u>www.vianet.org</u>

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CARBON COUNTY JOB COACHING PROVIDERS

CTC Manufacturing, Inc.

100 Hazle Street Beaver Meadows, PA 18216 Phone: (570) 454-3754

Website: www.ctcmanufacturing.com

Easterseals Eastern PA

1501 Lehigh Street Suite 201

Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: (610) 289-0114 x212 E-Mail: cnelson@esep.org

Website: www.easterseals.com/esep

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.

2301 Service Road Effort, PA 18330 Dawn Daignault Phone: (570) 872-9956

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Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

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

YellowDot.pa.gov

TRANSITION CHECKLIST

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

Two to Three Years Before Leaving the School District

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



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EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

<u>ahedd.org</u> (570) 622-9711
alliedservices.org (570) 992-6616
<u>carboncareerlink.org</u> (570) 325-2701
dows)(570) 454-3754
<u>yourgoodwill.org</u> (610) 904-6070
keystoneautismservices.org
careerlinklehighvalley.org (610) 437-5627
t (Lehigh Valley) <u>piclv.org</u> (610) 829-1244
spininc.org (484) 546-6696
arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076
arcoflehighnorthampton.org (610) 849-8076
<u>vianet.org</u> (610) 628-2326

LICENSED DAY HABILITATION PROGRAMS

Access Services (Lehighton)accessservices.org (6	610) 377-5	931
Access Services (Allentown)accessservices.org (4	484) 656-7	282
Person Directed Supports (Whitehall)persondirectedsupports.com (6	610) 841-4	401
C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Residential Empowerment Services)		
(Allentown, Jim Thorpe, Walnutport) <u>cares4u.org</u> (5	570) 225-7	'360
Community Services Group (CSG) (Schnecksville) <u>csgonline.org</u> (8	877) 907-7	970
Kaleidoscope Family Solutions (Allentown) <u>kfamilysolutions.org</u> (2	267) 295-0	320
Neuro Restorative - STEPS Group Program (Allentown) $\underline{neurorestorative.com} \ (600 \pm 1000 \pm 1000) \ (600 \pm 1000) \ (600$	610) 280-0	180
Gaining Respect & Opportunity with Teaching & Hope (Nazareth) <u>rhd.org</u> (4	484) 298-1	.333
SPINspininc.org (6	610) 625-1	222
Lifepath (Bethlehem)lifepath.org (6	610) 264-5	724
SPARC Program (Bethlehem)arcoflehighnorthampton.org (6	610) 849-8	076
$Spectrum\ Community\ Services\ (Allentown)\ \underline{spectrum\ community\ services.org}\ \ (4.1)$	484) 460-1	931
The L.I.F.T. Center (Allentown) theliftcenter.net (4	484) 221-8	284



One Year Before Leaving the School District

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

PARENT/STUDENT CHECKLIST

Getting Ready to Graduate or Leave School

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

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

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

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	A social security number
	Draft Registration is required for males when they reach their eighteenth birthday. Contact your local post office.
	The Office of Social Security Insurance Benefits application is available to children and adults with serious disabilities. Call 1 (800) 772-1213 for the SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (ssa.gov)
	Registration with the OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS (ID/DP) (ODP)
	To begin the enrollment process:
	• (610) 792 2200 (Labigh County) https://tinyurl.com/Labigh County

- (610) 782-3200 (Lehigh County) <u>https://tinyurl.com/Lehigh-County</u>
- (610) 377-0773 (Carbon County) cmpmhds.org
- Fill out a PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Needs for Services) form once your child is enrolled.

WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING	AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SOCIA
SECURITY WORK INCENTIVES	disabilityrightspa.org

PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF AUTISM

- https://tinyurl.com/PA-Bureau-of-Autism
- Adult Autism Waiver, Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP), BAS Adult Programs Overview and how to contact the Bureau of Autism Services.

SUPPORTS COORDINATION SERVICES (IDD)

- SAM Inc. sam-inc.org (610) 419-9102
- Quality Progressions qualityprogressions.org (610) 691-0215

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR) (dli.state.pa.us/)

PA Department of Labor & Industry

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 45 N. 4th Street, Allentown, PA 18102 (610) 821-6441 1 (800) 922-9536

• Transition Supervisor

Cherrell Gaynor, cgaynor@pa.gov

• Transition Counselors and School Districts Served:

Samantha Catania, scatania@pa.gov

Whitehall-Coplay Catasaugua Lehighton

CCTI Northwestern Lehigh

CLAS Palmerton Jim Thorpe Area Panther valley LLAS Weatherly

Cherrell Gaynor, cgaynor@pa.gov

ALAS Innovative Arts Academy

LVCA Allentown

Building 21 HS Louis E. Dieruff HS Catasaugua Area Roberto Clemente **Executive Education** William Allen HS

Kaity Carlson, kaicarlson@pa.gov

Salisbury Township LCTI Parkland Southern Lehigh

Kimberly Pickens, kpickens@pa.gov

Centennial School Northern Lehigh HS

Emmaus HS

Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Samantha Catania, scatania@pa.gov

• Early Reach Coordinator

Kaitlynn Tretter, katretter@pa.gov (484) 634-2204

Allentown Transition Resource Account

RA-LIOVR-ATOWN-TRANS@pa.gov

Workshop Availabilities:

- What is OVR?

Self-Awareness: It's all about you!

Self-Advocacy: Getting what you need, how you need it.

 Living, Working and Playing Independently

- Communication in the Workplace
- Applications, Resumes & Interviewing

- Working as Part of a Team
- Professionalism Career Exploration
- Post-Secondary Education:

Job Seeking & Development

Difference Between HS & College

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- Transition Planning