



Quick Start Housing and Services Information for

## Blair County

This information is provided through a partnership with PHFA and the Regional Housing Coordinator Program of the Self-Determination Housing Project. It is designed to help individuals identify and contact local resources to help with housing and services issues. Updates or corrections may be provided to your local Regional Housing Coordinator (listed below).

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## LOCAL HOUSING Provider Contact Information

### **Regional Housing Coordinator Manager:**

RHCs work with state agencies, service providers, and housing professionals to improve access to housing for people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians.

### **Inglis Self-Determination Housing of PA**

[SDHPInfo@Inglis.org](mailto:SDHPInfo@Inglis.org)

[Information & Referral Request Website:](http://www.Inglis.org)

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

### **Access Modification Program:**

This program provides resources to enable eligible persons with disabilities make their home more accessible.

### **Inglis Home Modifications for Independence**

2600 Belmont Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Ph: 610.873.9595 E-mail [homemods@inglis.org](mailto:homemods@inglis.org)

### **Builders Association:**

Voluntary association of area builders; may have housing information or contacts for developers.

### **Blair/Bedford Builders Association**

e-mail: [info@blairbedfordbuilders.com](mailto:info@blairbedfordbuilders.com)

Ph: 814.693.9710

### **Fair Housing Resources:**

U.S., PA and local organizations offer info about fair housing and respond to complaints.

### **PA Human Relations Commission**

Pittsburgh Office: 412.565.5395

Website: [www.phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)

### **HUD Fair Housing Enforcement**

Pittsburgh Office: 412.644.6428

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Organization builds "simple, decent, and affordable" housing using volunteer labor and supplies. Houses are sold at no profit.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

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

Ph: 814.944.3480

Website: [www.habitatblaircounty.org](http://www.habitatblaircounty.org)

**Housing Coalition or Local Housing Options Team:**

Coalitions of housing and service providers organized to resolve local housing issues, including housing for people with disabilities.

**Blair County Community Action**

Jodi Williams  
2100 6th Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16601  
[Jodi.Williams@blaircap.org](mailto:Jodi.Williams@blaircap.org)  
Ph: 814.946.3651 ext. 101

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**Housing Trust Fund:**

Potential local source of funds for affordable housing. Funds are distributed as follows: board reviews and approves.

**Blair County Housing**

PO Box 167  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
Ph: 814.695.7548

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**Landlord Association:**

Voluntary association of area landlords may offer information about available rentals.

**Central PA Landlords Association**

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
Ph: 814.695.2138

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**Public Housing Authority:**

Housing authorities in PA are operated at the county or local level. Most offer low-income, public housing units and vouchers to subsidize rent for eligible households.

**Blair County Housing Authority**

1407 Blair St. Village 10  
PO Box 167  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
Ph: 814.695.7548

**Housing Authority of the City of Altoona**

2700 Pleasant Valley Blvd  
Altoona, PA 16602  
Ph: 814.949.2006  
Website: [www.altoonahousing.org](http://www.altoonahousing.org)

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**Rural Housing Office:**

USDA Rural Housing Service operates rental housing, home purchase/repair loans, and other housing programs

**Huntingdon Area Office**

10605 Raystown Road  
Huntingdon, PA 16652  
Ph: 814-527-1624  
Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

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**Local Service Provider Contact Information**

**Local Lead Agency:**

PHFA encourages housing providers to partner with these Local Lead Agencies to establish a referral system for targeted rental units. LLAs serve as a clearinghouse to provide qualified referrals for available units in a timely fashion.

**Blair County Community Action**

Ph: 814.946.3651

**Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)**

ADRCs (also called LINKs) promote communication and training for agencies working with older adults and adults with disabilities.

Bethany Rietscha  
Lead Link Coordinator-Service Area 6  
(814) 999-3004  
[brietscha@connexushsn.org](mailto:brietscha@connexushsn.org)

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**Area Agency on Aging**

AAAs provide info and services for older adults and their caregivers. Services vary by agency.

**Blair Senior Services, Inc**  
1320 12th Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16601  
[anevins@blairsenior.org](mailto:anevins@blairsenior.org)  
Ph: 800.245.3282

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**Arc**

Arc works to include all children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, working for inclusion in every community.

**Arc of Blair County**  
431 Jackson Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16602  
[mbrandt@thearcblair.org](mailto:mbrandt@thearcblair.org)  
Website: [www.thearcblair.org](http://www.thearcblair.org)

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**Center for Independent Living (CIL)**

Each CIL provides 4 core services, including advocacy, information, and referral, peer mentoring, and independent living skills.

**CIL of South Central PA**  
3013 Beale Ave., Suite B102  
Altoona, PA 16602  
[gpalmer@cilsdpa.org](mailto:gpalmer@cilsdpa.org)  
Ph: 814.949.1905 Website: [www.cilsdpa.org](http://www.cilsdpa.org)

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**Community Action Agency**

Community Action Agencies help individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency while strengthening communities.

**Blair County Community Action Agency**  
2100 6th Ave., Suite 102  
PO Box 1833  
Altoona, PA 16602  
Ph: 814.946.3651

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**Mental Health—Housing Specialist**

The MH Housing Specialist provides housing support so peoples with mental illness and co-occurring disorders can be integrated into community living.

**Housing Specialist**  
LuAnn Rabenstein  
[lrabenstein@blairco.info](mailto:lrabenstein@blairco.info)  
Ph: 814.946.3651

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**Homelessness Prevention Agency**

This agency provides case management, rental assistance, and transitional/emergency housing.

**Blair County Human Services Office**  
423 Allegheny St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
Ph: 814.693.3112

### **Nursing Home Transition Team**

A collaborative effort using federal, state, and local resources and partnerships to move people from nursing homes back to their community or to help keep people in their community.

To contact a local Nursing Home Transition Coordination Agency, visit the DHS Nursing Home Transition website using the link to the right. Scroll down to the section titled “Transition Preparation” to access the list of Nursing Home Transition Coordination Agencies.

### **PA Office of Long Term Living**

Rachel Sink

[ra-pwnhtinfo@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pwnhtinfo@pa.gov)

Ph: 1.800.833.5196

Website: [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/nht/](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/nht/)

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### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1320 12th Ave. Suite, 500

Altoona, PA 16602

Ph: 814.946.7240 Website: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

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### **United Way**

Services vary in each community and typically include fund-raising, information, and referral.

### **United Way of Blair County**

1216 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Suite C

Altoona, PA 16602

[unitedwayofblaircounty@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:unitedwayofblaircounty@atlanticbbn.net)

Ph: 814.944.0884

Website: [www.unitedwayofblaircounty.org](http://www.unitedwayofblaircounty.org)

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### **VA Homeless Services**

Benefits include an array of services to help veterans live as independently as possible including transition, case management, rehabilitation, and income supports.

### **VA Medical Center**

2907 Pleasant Valley Blvd.

Altoona, PA 16602

[caroline.mccauley@va.gov](mailto:caroline.mccauley@va.gov)

Ph: 814.943.8164 ext.7640

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### **Medicaid – HealthChoices**

HealthChoices is the name of Pennsylvania’s managed care programs for Medical Assistance recipients. There are three programs: Physical HealthChoices, Behavioral HealthChoices, and Community HealthChoices. Each offers quality medical care for your physical health, behavioral health, or your long-term support needs. For more information, please use the link to the right.

Website: [www.healthchoices.pa.gov/info/index.htm](http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/info/index.htm)

### **Medicaid – Waiver Information**

Waivers are part of Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program and provide supports and services to help people to live in their communities instead of a facility like a nursing home. For more information, please use the link to the right.

Website: [www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/index.htm)