



Quick Start Housing and Services Information for

Forest 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:

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 Project

SDHPInfo@inglis.org

Information & Referral Request

www.inglis.org

Access Modification Program:

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

ACCESS Home Modification

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)

ACCESS Home Modification Assistance | Home Improvement & Repair Loans (phta.org)

Builders Association:

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

Tri-County Builders Association

389 Highland Park Drive

Cooperstown, PA 16317

814-374-4398

tricobuilders@outlook.com

Fair Housing Resources:

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

Fair Housing Law Center operated by Southwestern

Pennsylvania Legal Aid (SPLA)

10 West Cherry Avenue

Washington, PA 15301

Toll Free Hotline: 1-877-725-4472

<http://www.fhlaw.org>; info@summitlegal.org

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Pittsburgh Regional Office

301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 390

Piatt Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-565-5395 | 412-565-5711 TTY

Habitat for Humanity

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

<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/phrc.html>

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.

Warren/Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council
Christopher Kobar
225 Pennsylvania Avenue
Warren PA 16365
814-726-2400, ext. 210
ckobar@wfeoc.org

Housing Trust Fund:

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

Forest County Community & Economic Development
Forest County Visitor Center
422 Elm Street
Tionesta, PA 16353
Administrative Assistant: 814-755-3560

Landlord Association:

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

None

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.

Clarion County Housing Authority
8 W. Main St.
Clarion, PA 16214
ccha@clarionhousing.com
Ph: 814.226.8910
Website: www.clarionhousing.com

Rural Housing Office:

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

Pennsylvania Rural Development State Office
359 East Park Drive, Suite 4
Harrisburg, PA 17111
Ph: 717-237-2186; E-Mail: pasfh@usda.gov;

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

Warren/Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council
Melanie Swab
225 Pennsylvania Avenue
Warren PA 16365
814-726-2400, ext. 210
msswab@wfeoc.org

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

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

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resource Center
Toll-Free Helpline: 1-800-753-8827

Kathy Freeman, Link Coordinator
information@activeaging.org
Ph: 814.336.1792

Area Agency on Aging

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

Experience, Inc.
905 W. 4th Avenue
Warren, PA 16365
Office: 814.723.3763
Toll free: 1.800.281.6545
info@experienceinc.org
<https://www.experienceinc.org>

Arc

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

none

Center for Independent Living (CIL)

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

Community Resources for Independence
1003 Pennsylvania Avenue West
Warren, PA 16365-1876
Voice: (866) 579-3404 or (814) 726-3404
Home - Community Resources for Independence
(crinet.org)

Community Action Agency

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

Warren-Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council
1209 Pennsylvania Avenue West * Warren, PA16365
Phone: 814.726.2400 * Fax: 814.723.0510
www.wfcaa.org
Forest and Warren Counties

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.

Chris Kobar, Housing Specialist
kobar@wfcaa.org
Ph: 814.726.2400 ext. 3316

Homelessness Prevention Agency

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

Homeless Hotline: Dial 2-1-1
Warren-Forest EOC
Melanie Swab
(814) 726-2400 Ext: 120
mswab@wfeoc.org
Auxiliary Site: Soldieron (413) 441-3857

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.

Acentra Health
888-204-8781

Email: PANursingHomeTransition@acentra.com
Home - PA Specialized Services & Nursing Home Transition (acentra.com)

Acentra Health has been selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Long-Term Living as the grantee for the Pennsylvania’s Specialized Services and Nursing Home Transitions Programs.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence

Office of Vocation Rehabilitation
3200 Lovell Place
Erie, PA 16503
Ph: 814.871.4551
Voice 814-871-4535
TTY 800-541-0721*
Voice 888-217-1710*
TTY 814-240-2477
Website: www.dli.state.pa

United Way

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

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.

Michael R. Wehrer, MSW, LCSW
Erie VAMC Homeless Program Supervisor
135 E. 38th St.
Erie, PA 16504
VISN 4 HUD-VASH Point of Contact 814-860-2877
michael.wehrer@va.gov

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.

Soldier On
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
24-Hour Intake Hotline: 1-866-406-8449
Website: www.wesoldieron.org
Supervisors:
Erin Burkett: (413) 770-7456
Catherine Bichler: (413) 449-3003

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.healthchoices.pa.gov/info/index.htm

Website:

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