

## Explore Your Resources (Updated March 28, 2012)

### ADVOCATES/MENTORS: FREE SERVICES

(BCEA = Board Certified Education Advocate)

- The Arc of Chester County, Patricia (Pat) Chesko, Intake Advocate, [pchesko@arcofchestercounty.org](mailto:pchesko@arcofchestercounty.org), 610-696-8090. *Call Pat if you are new to The Arc.*
- The Arc of Chester County, Connie Mohn, MEd, BCEA 610-696-8090 ext. 220.
- The Arc of Chester County, Lisa Lightner, Education Advocate for Southern Chester County, [llightner@arcofchestercounty.org](mailto:llightner@arcofchestercounty.org), 610-696-8090.
- The Arc of Chester County, Joyceann Husted, M.Ed., BCEA, 610-696-8090.
- The CCIU: Mary Ann Amici, Parent Mentor 484-237-5123, [MaryannA@cciu.org](mailto:MaryannA@cciu.org);
- Bureau of Sp. Ed. Consultline, A Parent Helpline: 800-879-2301.
- Child & Family Focus, Family Mentors - 610-783-1788 ext. 223, [www.childandfamilyfocus.org](http://www.childandfamilyfocus.org)
- Kim Booz, [kbooz@childandfamilyfocus.org](mailto:kbooz@childandfamilyfocus.org); [kbrenneman@childandfamilyfocus.org](mailto:kbrenneman@childandfamilyfocus.org), and Debbie Willett, Family Support Advocate for Chester County Juvenile Probation, 484-238-4594, [dwillett@childandfamilyfocus.org](mailto:dwillett@childandfamilyfocus.org); Ed McKenna, 610-783-1788 ext. 238, [emckenna@childandfamilyfocus.org](mailto:emckenna@childandfamilyfocus.org);
- Disability Advocacy Support Hub (DASH) 800-692-7443 /877-375-7139 (TTY) (listserv + helpline)
- Disability Rights Network PA: Sp. Ed. legal advice, technical assistance, publications/info: 800-692-7443, [www.dmpa.org/publications](http://www.dmpa.org/publications).
- HUNE - Hispanos Unidos para Ninos Excepcionales - Special Ed Helpline - 215-425-5112.
- Jill Santiago, Family Voices Advocacy Services - 610-563-7802, [hxsantiago@juno.com](mailto:hxsantiago@juno.com).
- Mental Health Assoc. - 800-686-4226, [www.mhasp.org](http://www.mhasp.org).
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Help Line (NAMI-Ches.Co.), <http://chester.nami.org>, 610-430-0177.
- PA ELKS Home Service Program, [www.paelks.com](http://www.paelks.com), 814-781-7860, 724-225-1395.
- PA Health Law Project Help Line (Questions about Medical Assistance): 800-274-3258, <http://www.phlp.org/>
- PA Tourette Syndrome Assoc., 800-990-3300.
- PA Education for All Coalition, Inc. Chapter meetings, online, parent consultant network.
- Diane Perry, 215-204-3031
- Parent Education Network, Maggie Buckley 800-522-5827; [separentednet@gmail.com](mailto:separentednet@gmail.com).
- Parent to Parent of PA-800-9860-4550; Special Kids Network - 888-727-2706.
- Public Interest Law Center of Phila. (PILCOP) Consultation Services - \$225 (Scholarships available) [www.pilcop.org](http://www.pilcop.org).
- **Renee Cain, BCEA - 610-721-3328**
- Sandy Wadsworth, Co-Chair Delco Right to Ed. Task Force and Advocate, 610-938-9000 ext. 4037, [wadsworthss@hotmail.com](mailto:wadsworthss@hotmail.com)
- Social Security Disability Benefits Consulting, free of charge thru Goodwill in Lancaster, PA, [Todd@passabco.com](mailto:Todd@passabco.com), 866-541-7005 extension 3, [www.yourgoodwill.org](http://www.yourgoodwill.org).

- **Special Kids Network** - Helps individuals find resources and helps groups develop, and maintain programs and supports, 800-986-4550.
- **Susan Rzucidlo, SPEAK Unlimited**, 610-659-3145, [srz@dol.net](mailto:srz@dol.net)
- **Vision for Equality** - Helps individuals access supports and services. 215-923-3349, [resources@visionforequality.org](mailto:resources@visionforequality.org).

#### ADVOCATE/MENTORS/SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS: *FEE FOR SERVICE*

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- The Arc of Chester County, Amy Betts, [abets@arcofchestercounty.org](mailto:abets@arcofchestercounty.org).
- **Alexandra Bricklin, BCEA, BCBA**. Specialties: transition, autism, and behavioral issues. 610-415-9629, [alexsolre@mac.com](mailto:alexsolre@mac.com).
- **Becca Devine**, 610-658-9909, [devinerl@msn.com](mailto:devinerl@msn.com).
- **Christine Hesling**, [chesling@mckinleyryan.com](mailto:chesling@mckinleyryan.com), 610-806-6209.
- **Cindy Rackow, M.Ed., BCEA (Fellow) and 27 years of teaching children with all disabilities**. Cindy recently became a BCEA trained advocate at the Fellow level. Reading and math issues a specialty. Help empower parents with knowledge and confidence. [cindyrackow@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrackow@gmail.com), 610-331-1616 (10:00am - 6:00pm)
- **Denise Johnson**, 610-280-9842, [accidentaladvocate@live.com](mailto:accidentaladvocate@live.com).
- **Jacquelyn Evans, RN, JEM Personal Advocating & Consulting, Inc.** 484-753-1025, [Jacquern06@yahoo.com](mailto:Jacquern06@yahoo.com). Medical Advocating services for families and loved ones in difficult times.
- **Dr. Kelly Barton, Barton Educational Consulting**, [bartonedconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:bartonedconsulting@gmail.com). 610 696-6018
- **Linda Heller (Non-Litigating Attorney)** 610-667-9019.
- **Lynne Harrison, B.Ed., BCEA**, Board Certified Special Education Consultant serving the five-county area. [lynnedharrison@gmail.com](mailto:lynnedharrison@gmail.com), 610-504-0076.
- **Marie C. Lewis, RN, PhD, Education Consultant**, [marieclewis@verizon.net](mailto:marieclewis@verizon.net).
- **Maureen Anello, Education Consultant, BCEA**, [maureenanello@comcast.net](mailto:maureenanello@comcast.net), 302-745-5577(cell). Educating families about the supports and services available. Partnering with families, we review, research, and develop a plan to effectively advocate on behalf of their children.
- **Michele Dzury, Education Consultant**, [mdzury@yahoo.com](mailto:mdzury@yahoo.com), 610-610-390-6545.
- **Dr. Robyn Forbes Drucker**, [robyndrucker@mail.immaculata.edu](mailto:robyndrucker@mail.immaculata.edu), 610-296-9828.
- **Sherry Frost, MS, CCC, BCEA. Special Education Advocate**. Serving Chester, Delaware, & Montgomery Counties. 610-529-8454, [sherry-frost@comcast.net](mailto:sherry-frost@comcast.net).
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATES**, [www.specialedadvocates.org](http://www.specialedadvocates.org).
- **Trish E. Luberda, CSEC, ATP/L, Certified Special Education Consultant, Assistive Technology Practitioner**, [trish@advocates4U.org](mailto:trish@advocates4U.org). 610-334-8381, [trish@advocates4U.org](mailto:trish@advocates4U.org).

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS & ADVOCATES (Fee for Service)

- **Dr. Kelly Barton, Barton Educational Consulting**, [bartonedconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:bartonedconsulting@gmail.com). 610-696-6018.

**ADVOCATE - EXCLUSIVELY SERVING “PARENT VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES” and PAID ADVOCATES:** Michalisa Marshall Pugh, Esq. - A Resource for Advocates! - 610-696-5006.

**“AGENCY WITH CHOICE” PROGRAM for IDD WAIVER SERVICES** - Offering more control/choice over the services your family member with IDD receives via his/her ISP and/the provider of IDD services. Call the AWC Program Director, Kari Burdeau, at 610-696-8090, ext. 241 or [kburdeau@arcofchestercounty.org](mailto:kburdeau@arcofchestercounty.org).

**AUTISM- TRANSITION PLANNING HANDBOOK for INDIVIDUALS with AUTISM** - Online resource for families in PA. [www.autismhandbook.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://www.autismhandbook.org/index.php/Main_Page).

**BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS: ABA2DAY Behavior Services, LLC** offers home and in school programming. Under Act 62 - insurance is accepted. Private pay accepted. [www.myaba2day.com](http://www.myaba2day.com), 561-213-3738.

**BULLYING TOOLKIT - “Eyes on Bullying...What Can You Do? Toolkit to Prevent Bullying in Children’s Lives.”** Developed by the Ed. Dev. Center in Mass. Free. [www.eyesonbullying.org](http://www.eyesonbullying.org).

**CELL PHONES** - 42 minutes/month FREE to qualifying individuals in selected area codes. Visit Lifeline at [www.safelink.com](http://www.safelink.com) or call toll-free at 1-800-977-3768 for more details.

**CHILD HEALTHCARE SERVICE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR UP TO \$5,000 (medical services/ equipment.)**  
Child must be 16 yrs. or younger. Online app. at UHCCF website. <http://www.uhccf.org>.

**COMPUTER - INTERNET ESSENTIALS BY COMCAST** - Will provide eligible families affordable home internet service (\$9.95/mo), a low-cost computer (\$149.99 plus tax), and access to free internet training - online, in print, and in classroom (at established community training sites). Available everywhere Comcast offers its high-speed internet service. Will accept participants for at least three years and those accepted will stay with the program until that child graduates from high school. <http://www.internetessentials.com/>

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MATERIALS** available from the Regional Vulnerable Populations Project. Includes whistle/flashlight, mini-go kits, hand sanitizer, Everybody Ready Handbooks, and other outreach material. Contact Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services, [rslater@chesco.org](mailto:rslater@chesco.org), 267-746-0685, 610-344-5022. Materials can be dropped off at your location.

**CRISIS - Valley Creek CRISIS CENTER 877-918-2100.**

**CONSUMER WARM LINE - 866-846-2722.**

**CONSUMER PEER SUPPORT CENTER**, 825 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380. 610-429-1702. Support groups, recovery resources and CareLink, Inc. for employment counseling, etc.

**EYEGLASSES** - Program provides prescription eyeglasses for low-income individuals.  
<http://www.neweyesfortheneedy.org/utilities/contact.html>, phone: 973-376-4903.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** - The Regional Vulnerable Populations Outreach Project (RVPOP) reaches out to organizations that serve vulnerable populations, providing them with information, education and trainings on emergency preparedness as well as materials. For more information on the RVPOP contact [robyn@phmc.org](mailto:robyn@phmc.org). [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org), [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), [www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org) (key word: emergency preparedness materials), [www.bt.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/)

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**EMPLOYMENT** - disABLEDperson Inc. - Info: [www.disabledperson.com](http://www.disabledperson.com).

**EMPLOYMENT** - Campaign for Disability Emp. [www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/](http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/).

**EMPLOYMENT - WORKFORCE 3-** [www.workforce3one.org/page/home](http://www.workforce3one.org/page/home).

**EMPLOYMENT** - [www.worksforme.org](http://www.worksforme.org).

**EMPLOYMENT- Career Link Chester County**, [www.careerlink.org](http://www.careerlink.org).

**EMPLOYMENT- TOOLS FOR AMERICA'S JOB SEEKERS** - US Dept of Labor  
[www.careeronestop.org/jobseekertools](http://www.careeronestop.org/jobseekertools).

**FAMILY GUIDE ON EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AVAILABLE.** Title: Choosing the Right Treatment: What Families Need to Know about Evidence-Based practices. For copy: 717-238-1514, 800-223-0500, or [www.namipa.nami.org](http://www.namipa.nami.org).

**FORECLOSURE CONSULTATIONS - CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF DELA CTY** - Office in West Chester. 800-989-2227, [www.cccsdv.org](http://www.cccsdv.org).

**FOR THE LATEST ALERTS, ADVOCACY, AND EMAIL NEWSLETTERS:**

- Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders - [www.aboard.org](http://www.aboard.org)
- Children's Advocacy Project - [www.cap4kids.org](http://www.cap4kids.org)
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates - [www.copaa.net](http://www.copaa.net)
- Disability Rights Network - PA - [www.drnpa.org](http://www.drnpa.org)

- Education Law Center - [www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)
- Public Interest Law Center of Phil. - [www.pilcop.org](http://www.pilcop.org)

**FREE & LOW COST HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** - Now almost all children in PA can get some kind of health insurance! Call PCCY (Public Citizens for Children and Youth): 215-563-5848 ext. 17, [www.pccy.org](http://www.pccy.org).

**FREE CLINIC IN PHOENIXVILLE** - providing medical care to those without insurance. Located: 143 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 <http://www.theclinicpa.org>.

**HELP IN PA - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HELP** - <http://www.helpinpa.state.pa.us/default.aspx>.

**HOME REPAIR - GOOD WORKS - Repairing Homes and Restoring Hope.** Faith-based, nonprofit organization assisting low-income homeowners with home repairs at no cost. Focus is making homes warmer, safer, and drier. Most repairs completed by volunteers. Must own your home, and live in the home. Call 610-383-6311. [www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org).

**HOUSING - Emergency Housing Assistance for homeless people who are engaging in MH treatment through Open Hearth, Inc, and Gateway Housing Group.** Short-term emergency rent payment assistance for hotels, motels, boarding houses, or transitional housing programs, and zero interest/zero payment security deposit loans. Call 610-792-9282, x 201. [openhearthinc@verizon.net](mailto:openhearthinc@verizon.net).

**Valuable IEP Resources:**

- IEP Apps: <http://techinspeciald.com/2011/08/04/technology-in-education-apps-by-goal/>
- IEP GOAL BANK - <http://www.bridges4kids.org/IEP/iep.goal.bank.pdf>
- IEP Apps - <http://techinspeciald.com/2011/08/04/technology-in-education-apps-by-goal/>

**LEGAL AID NETWORK, CHESTER COUNTY**, Mon - Fri, 9 - 1pm, 877-429-5994, [www.palegalservices.org](http://www.palegalservices.org).

**MA and WELFARE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AND ADVOCACY** is available through Public Citizens for Children and Youth, [www.PCCY.org](http://www.PCCY.org).

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: "How to Apply for Medical Assistance for your Autistic Child" Guide** - <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/servicesprograms/autism/help/003676289.htm>

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA): A GUIDE FOR DETERMINING YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THRU MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA).** Available through the PA Health Law Project. 800-274-3258, 215-625-3663, PA Health Law Project Help Line: 800-274-3258. <http://www.phlp.org>.

**MA-GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A CHILD (UNDER 21) WITH A SEVERE DISABILITY, MENTAL ILLNESS OR BEHAVIORAL DISORDER UNDER THE "LOOPHOLE" (2008 EDITION)-** Guidebook from the PA Health Law Project, [www.phlp.org](http://www.phlp.org).

**MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE** - Newsletter from COAD now available online. <http://www.coadgroup.com/mentalHealth.asp#MHRnewsletter>

**MOBILITY EXPRESS DOWNINGTOWN** - [www.Abilitools.com](http://www.Abilitools.com) , email: [pmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:pmelcher@comcast.net).

**PA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE:** [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), keyword: "resource guide."

**PA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTER RESOURCE:** [www.facebook.com/HelpinPA](http://www.facebook.com/HelpinPA) with weekly updates from Dept. of Insurance, Health, Public Welfare, and Aging. Please join the community

**PUBLIC CITIZENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (PCCY)** - Help get children health insurance or find a place to get health care services. Email: [dzubow@pccy.org](mailto:dzubow@pccy.org), [www.pccy.org](http://www.pccy.org), 215-563-5848 ext. 17.

**REFER WEB** - website maintained by Chester County to aid in identifying health and human service providers for county residents. [www.referweb.net/chesco](http://www.referweb.net/chesco).

**REGIONAL VULNERABLE POPULATIONS OUTREACH PROJECT (RVPOP)** - Providing material and training for agencies and groups on how to better assist or respond to individuals with special needs in emergency situations. Info: [robyn@phmc.org](mailto:robyn@phmc.org)

**RENTAL ASSISTANCE** for qualified MH consumers - 484-947-5643.

**NEW!!! RESOURCE GUIDE FOR THE AUTISM COMMUNITY** - Free internet directory highlighting autism-friendly businesses and locations. [www.autismresources.com](http://www.autismresources.com).

**RFB&D - RECORDING** for the **BLIND & DYSLEXIC** - FREE access to the nation's largest audiobook library of textbooks and literature. [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

**SENSORY AND LANGUAGE TOOLS** - Child therapy products/special needs toys to build skills/empower children of every ability. [www.funandfunction.com](http://www.funandfunction.com).

**SERVICE DEFINITIONS** for FY10/11 for IDD Programs:

[http://gallery.mailchimp.com/19e8ee8c57999492d1f109d2b/files/FY10\\_11DRAFTSvc\\_Defs\\_Bulletin.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/19e8ee8c57999492d1f109d2b/files/FY10_11DRAFTSvc_Defs_Bulletin.pdf)

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE - OMHSAS** - PA Office of MH & Substance Abuse - [www.parecovery.org](http://www.parecovery.org).

**WRAPAROUND - NEW RESOURCE GUIDE TO WRAPAROUND** - from the National Wraparound Initiative. Now available: <http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/NWI-book/index.shtml>.

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#### **HOW TO GET MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CHESTER COUNTY**

- **Chester County Dept. of MH/IDD** 610-344-6265, 800-692-1100, [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org).
- **Crisis/Emergency Services:** Call MH Crisis Intervention: 877-918-2100, 610-918-2100.
- **For Community Mental Health Services:**
  - If you have Medical Assistance: call Community Care Behavioral Health 866-622-4228, Espanol: 866-229-3197.
  - If have private insurance: call the number on the back of your insurance card.
  - If have no insurance/need outpatient services: Call Core MH Service provider:
  
- **ADULTS:**
  - Human Services, Inc (WC, Downgtn, Coates, Parkes. areas) 610-873-1010/ 888-873-1001.
  - Human Services, Inc (Oxford) 610-869-8557.
  - Fellowship Health Resources (Phoenixville area) 610-415-9301.
  - Creative Health Services, Inc. (Spring City Area) 610-948-6490.
- **CHILDREN:**
  - Child Guidance Resource Centers (Coatesville) 610-383-5635, 866-799-3325.
  - Community Services of Devereux (Phoenixville) 610-933-8110.
  - Creative Health Services (Spring City) 610-948-6490.
  - Human Services, Inc. (Downingtown) 610-873-1010, 888-873-1001.
  - Human Services, Inc. (Oxford) 888-873-1001.
  - Human Services, Inc. (West Chester) 610-430-6141.
  - Holcomb Behavioral Health (Kennett Square) 610-388-7400.