

Community Agency Sites

Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL)

<http://www.pealcenter.org>

The PEAL Center is Pennsylvania's parent training and information center serving Western and Central PA. The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parent and professionals.

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania

<http://www.parenttoparent.org>

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania matches parents and family members of children and adults with disabilities or special needs, to supporting parents, on a one-to-one basis, according to condition or concerns. Some of these include, but are not limited to:

- Physical Disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities
- Special Health Care Needs
- Behavioral/Mental Health Concerns
- Foster Care or Adoption
- Educational Issues

Pennsylvania Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

<http://www.dli.state.pa.us/odhh>

(Click 'Find services in your county' then click on Fayette County)

The Department of Labor & Industry's Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, or ODHH, provides three primary services represented by the acronym AIR. They ADVOCATE for people with hearing loss who are not receiving accessible services. They distribute INFORMATION and answer questions on issues relevant to people with hearing loss. They REFER people to appropriate organizations, and makes sure their services are accessible to you. In addition, ODHH administers the Sign Language Interpreter & Translator State Registration Act, Act 57. The Act requires ODHH to establish and maintain a registry of interpreters.

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/>

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services oversees seven program offices administering services that provide care and support to Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens. Their mission is to improve the quality of life

for Pennsylvania's individuals and families promoting opportunities for independence through services and supports.

Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/cwp/view.asp?a=128&Q=168255>

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Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

OVR provides comprehensive services to assist Pennsylvanians with Disabilities to get or keep a job.

Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS)

BBVS provides specialized, rehabilitative and prevention of blindness services for Pennsylvania residents who are blind or visually impaired.

Pennsylvania Telecommunication Device Distribution Center (TDDP)

<http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/programs/assistive/tddp/>

Pennsylvania's Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP) provides specialized equipment, without charge, to eligible Pennsylvanians with disabilities that impede independent access to telephone services.

Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

<http://www.pattan.net>

The mission of Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) is to support the efforts and initiatives of the Bureau of Special Education, and to build the capacity of local educational agencies to serve students who receive special education services.

Intermediate Unit One

<http://www.iu1.org/services/transition/links>

Intermediate Unit 1 is a public educational service agency dedicated to providing quality leadership and services to the schools and communities of Fayette, Greene, and Washington Counties to assure their success as they prepare all learners to meet the challenges of an information society.