



**Philadelphia Special  
Needs Consortium  
Participant Directory  
2021**

## **Executive Summary**

The Philadelphia Special Needs Consortium (PSNC) is convened by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH). The group provides a forum for discussion and exploration of mechanisms to enhance health care systems and service provision for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). The PSNC facilitates information exchange and networking among families, health care and insurance providers, legal advocates, as well as local, state, and federal policy and planning agents who directly or indirectly influence care for CSHCN. Participation is open to anyone who has an interest in health care provision and social services for children and families with special health care needs.

NOTE: This directory is not a comprehensive resource guide. It provides a quick reference of those who have participated in the PSNC over the past few years and who agreed to have their information included. The current information is from October 2021. While we make every effort to keep it up to date, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of any given entry. If you are aware of any errors, or information that is out of date, please contact MCFH at 215.685.5267. We will make changes at the next revision, which we will aim to do annually.

Thank you.

*11/18/2021*

## ***Participant Listings***

A.J. Drexel Autism Institute  
AETNA Better Health, AETNA Better Health Kids  
AHEDD  
American Academy of Pediatrics, PA Chapter, Medical Home Initiative  
ASAP/After School Activities Partnership  
Autism Services Education Resources and Training Collaborative (ASERT)  
Aveanna Healthcare  
Bayada Nurses  
Beatitudes Home Health Care  
Best Nest, Inc.  
Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA)  
Bucks County Health Department  
CHC Solutions, Inc.  
Chester County Health Department  
Child Care Information Services of Philadelphia (CCIS)  
Child Health Consultants  
(The) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (*including the Karabots Pediatric Care Center and the Center for Autism Research*)  
Childway Pediatric  
Community Behavioral Health (CBH)  
Community Legal Services, Inc.  
Congreso de Latinos Unidos  
Cuddy Law Firm, PLLC  
Disabilities Rights Pennsylvania  
Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions  
Easter Seals of Philadelphia  
Education Law Center of Pennsylvania  
Elwyn  
Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania  
FamilyMatters  
Frankie's World  
Health Promotion Council  
HealthPartners Plans  
HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy  
Institute on DisAbilities at Temple University  
Intergenerational Center Temple University  
Jefferson Continuing Care Program at The Navy Yard  
Jefferson Einstein Philadelphia Hospital  
Jewish Family & Children's Services  
Juvenile Law Center  
Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund  
KenCrest Services  
Keystone First Health Plan

Lauren's House  
Legal Clinic for the Disabled  
Liberty Resources, Inc.  
Lincoln Health Care  
MARSCare Home Health  
Maxim Healthcare Services  
Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities  
Medical Home Community Team (MHCT)  
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania  
Montgomery County Early Intervention  
Montgomery County Office of Public Health  
National Nursing Centers Consortium  
Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line  
North, Inc. (WIC Program)  
Nurse Family Partnership  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Pan Asian Association of Greater Philadelphia  
Parent Education Advocacy Leadership (PEAL)  
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania  
Parents Exchange  
Pediatric HealthCare for Kids  
Pediatric Specialty Care  
Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation  
Pennsylvania Community Providers Association  
Pennsylvania Council for Children, Youth and Family Services  
Pennsylvania Department of Health  
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance  
Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program  
Pennsylvania Enrollment Services Program HealthChoices  
Pennsylvania Health Law Project  
Pennsylvania School for the Deaf  
Philadelphia Autism Project  
Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC)  
Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities Services (DBH/IDS)  
Philadelphia Department of Human Services  
Philadelphia Department of Public Health  
Philadelphia School District  
PILCOP (Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia)  
Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)  
Public Health Management Corporation (*including ChildLink and PersonLink and programs*)  
ResCare HomeCare PA  
Shriners Hospital for Children Philadelphia  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America

Sickle Cell Disease Community-Based Supports and Services (CBSS) - CareStar  
SNI Home Care, Inc.  
Special Kids Network (SKN)  
Spectrum Community Services, Inc.  
SPIN, Inc.  
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children  
Sunshine Foundation  
Support Center for Child Advocates  
Tabor Children's Services  
Technology Assisted Children's Home Program (TACHP)  
Therapy Solutions Children's Services  
Thomas Jefferson University  
United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia and Vicinity  
United Health Care Community Plan of Pennsylvania (*formerly Americhoice*)  
Variety – the Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley  
Vision for Equality Health Care Advocacy  
Visiting Nurse Group  
Widener Memorial School

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Aetna Better Health offers Special Needs Case Management and care coordination services to members with special health care needs.

**AHEDD**

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AHEDD is private, non-profit specialized human resource organization founded in 1977, with a mission to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of persons with disabilities. AHEDD assists youth and adults that are interested in exploring, obtaining, and maintaining employment in competitive work settings, through a network of field offices throughout PA. AHEDD offers pre-employment services, job development, on-site and off-site support, follow along, and information and referral services.

***Work Incentive Counseling (WIC)***

Since 2001, AHEDD has been helping participants utilize work incentives available through the Social Security Administration, in order to achieve their employment goals and attain greater financial independence. Through the provision of Work Incentive Counseling, AHEDD assists individuals with understanding the impact of paid employment on their cash benefits, healthcare, and other relevant federal, state, and local benefits. Ideally, this service is for individuals ages 14-64, who are enrolled in school, continuing in post-secondary education, are considering working in the near future, and/or are currently employed.

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**A.J. DREXEL AUTISM INSTITUTE**

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The A.J. Drexel Autism Institute's mission is to discover, develop; and implement community based approaches that will provide a better understanding of how adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can be integrated into the community and lead fulfilling and independent lives; help children with ASD receive services more quickly & efficiently; promote effective intervention delivery throughout communities; and identify preventable causes of ASD, and address the needs of, and improve the quality of life for, individuals with ASD of all ages and their

families. The Autism Institute has established several focused research programs that take public health science approaches to questions about the causes of autism, prevention, assessment of outcomes over the lifespan, and delivery of services. The programs capitalize on existing autism research at Drexel and on the expertise of faculty leaders. As a research institution, the Autism Institute is involved in several clinical initiatives that include training and community consultation.

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, PA CHAPTER, MEDICAL HOME INITIATIVE**

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The Medical Home Initiative works with physician practices statewide to develop a system of care that focuses on identification of children and youth with special health care needs, family centered care, links to community resources and care coordination.

**ASAP/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTNERSHIP**

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Through citywide initiatives – chess, Scrabble, debate, and drama among them -- ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships seeks to increase the number sustainable after school enrichment opportunities that complement classroom learning and help students progress toward graduation. Each year, ASAP releases its *Annual Directory of After School Enrichment Activities*, an important resource for parents, caregivers, and youth workers to keep the city's young people safe and stimulated in the dangerous after school hours – published as a supplement to the Philadelphia Daily News and updated monthly on ASAP's website ([www.phillyasap.org](http://www.phillyasap.org)).

**AUTISM SERVICES EDUCATION RESOURCES AND TRAINING COLLABORATIVE (ASERT)**

Statewide toll-free number: 877.231.4244  
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Email: [Info@PAautism.org](mailto:Info@PAautism.org)

ASERT is a statewide initiative funded by the Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Human Services. The ASERT Collaborative is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities and other providers of services involved in the treatment and care of individuals with autism and their families. The ASERT Collaborative has been designed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide.

**AVEANNA HEALTHCARE**

Bala Cynwyd:  
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Services: Pediatric & Adult Private Duty Nursing

Bala Cynwyd – Unskilled:  
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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004  
267.244.9947  
267.940.6596 (fax)  
Services: Pediatric & Adult Personal Care

Jenkintown:  
261 Old York Road, Suite 910  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
267.244.9947  
267.940.6596 (fax)  
Services: Pediatric & Adult Private Duty Nursing | Pediatric & Adult Personal Care

Broomall:  
370 Reed Road, Suite 319  
Broomall, PA 19008  
267.244.9947  
267.940.6596 (fax)  
Services: Home Health Care & Hospice-  
Adult Episodic Visits

Media:  
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Media, PA 19063  
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Services: Pediatric Private Duty Nursing |  
Pediatric & Adult Personal Care

Trevoze:  
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Trevoze, PA 19053  
267.244.9947  
267.940.6596 (fax)  
Services: Pediatric & Adult Private Duty  
Nursing | Pediatric & Adult Personal Care

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Wyncote, PA 19095  
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Services: Pediatric Day Health Care

**Loving Care Agency**  
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Loving Care Agency and our sister agency, Links2Care, are leading providers of homecare services. Our service enables medically fragile children to be cared for in their home environment. With 37 offices located in 6 states, we work with most major insurance plans, managed care organizations, Medicaid and waiver programs, and state agencies. Our pediatric and adult branches offer a variety of services that support a patient's independence and maximize their quality of life. For special needs and medically fragile children, we provide highly skilled pediatric clinicians. Our pediatric practice includes caring for children with tracheostomies, ventilators, feeding tubes, and other high-tech treatments. We are able to provide children and families with a healthy, loving experience in the home and community by providing outstanding clinical care and advocacy.

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PSA Healthcare provides in-home nursing and caregiver services to medically fragile children and adults throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. At PSA Healthcare, we believe patients are best cared for in a nurturing environment and are passionate about providing the highest quality care to our patients in the comfort of their home.

**BAYADA NURSES**

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Bayada provides pediatric and adult skilled nursing, home health aides, and therapy services by an interdisciplinary team of physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, and social workers.

**BEATITUDES HOME HEALTH CARE**

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Dennies Sealey, Executive Director

We are qualified to work with all the ODP Waivers with the exception of the IDS Waiver program at this time. We are working on qualifications for the IDS Waiver.

**BEST NEST, INC.**

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Best Nest, Inc., provides a continuum of services to children and families who have special medical needs. These services include both general and medical foster and kinship care, in-home protective services for children with special health care needs, adoption services and parenting education and support services developed for parents who have children with medical/special needs.

**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA**

947 Wayne Ave, No. 110  
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833.242.7248  
Brain Injury Resource Line: 1.800.444.6443

To prevent brain injury and improve the quality of life for people who have experienced brain injury and their family members through support, education, advocacy, and research.

**BUCKS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Bucks County Health Department is a member of the Bucks County Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), which includes parents and agencies in Bucks County involved with early intervention (0-5).

**CHC SOLUTIONS, INC.**

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CHC Solutions, Inc. supports individuals with special and/or complex healthcare needs through our care-coordination model – Connect. With Connect, patients, their families, and caregivers don't need to worry about when medical supplies will arrive at their homes. We call our customers proactively each month to streamline the process for their reorder deliveries. We accept Medicaid, Medicaid Advantage, Medicare, and most commercial insurances.

Connect offers a specialized care-coordinator program where customers only have to go to one place for their supply needs, and they have a dedicated product coordinator to guide them every step of the way.

**CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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The Chester County Health Department provides nurse home visiting services to families with young children with special health care needs for the purposes of education and linkage with medical providers and support services. Services are free of charge and are available to any Chester County resident. Free immunization services are also available.

**CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA (CCIS)**

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

*NORTH PHILADELPHIA*

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*WEST/SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA*

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Philadelphia CCIS counselors help families find, select, and pay for childcare resources. The program maintains a database of childcare programs in the Philadelphia area, which is located in five conveniently located neighborhood offices.

**CHILD HEALTH CONSULTANTS**

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Child Health Consultants' nurses provide nursing consultation to DHS social workers and provider agencies. They make home visits, attend hospital meetings, interpret

medical information, and participate in multi-disciplinary case conferences.

**(THE) CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**

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***CHOP Karabots Pediatric Care Center***

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The CHOP Karabots Pediatric Care Center provides convenient access to health services for the children of Philadelphia. Our primary care teams consist of pediatricians, nurse practitioners, social workers, educators, and other support staff. Our emphasis is on preventing disease, treating illness, and providing information and education, as well as social support to patients and their families.

***The Center for Autism Research (CAR)***

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The Center for Autism Research is a collaborative effort between The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. CAR's goals are to identify the causes of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and develop effective treatments. CAR conducts research studies for infants at risk for being diagnosed with ASD (due to having a sibling already diagnosed) as well as toddlers, school-aged children, and adults. Families receive comprehensive assessment reports and are paid for their time and travel costs.

***Early Head Start***

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Targets low-income pregnant women and families with children birth to age 3 years. Early Head Start aims to (1) promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, (2) enhance the growth and development of very young children, and

(3) promote healthy family functioning. EHS at CHOP offers comprehensive home visiting and center-based services families residing in West Philadelphia, specifically 19104 & 19139 zip code areas.

**CHILDWAY PEDIATRIC**

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ChildWay’s mission is to commit ourselves to children who are technologically dependent and medically fragile by providing them with services and programs in a home-like setting under care of our professional nursing staff. Our goal is to provide exceptional and individual attention to each child. We will provide the most knowledgeable and compassionate care to ensure that each child achieves his or her full potential in life.

ChildWay is a non-profit organization. Our facilities are close to public transportation including the R5 regional rail.

**COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (CBH)**

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Community Behavioral Health (CBH) is a part of the Philadelphia Behavioral Health System that manages mental health services to all residents of Philadelphians enrolled in Medical Assistance. CBH assists members in accessing mental health and substance abuse treatment services by working with the member to obtain an appointment, arrange transportation, or helping a member in need of emergency behavioral health treatment.

**COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.**

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***The Advocating on Behalf of Children Project***

(The ABC Project) of Community Legal Services, Inc. provides legal assistance to low-income children with special health needs and their families. The ABC project helps families seek and retain public benefits for their children. ABC works on

securing Medical Assistance, childcare, vocational rehabilitation, education, and early intervention for children with disabilities through age eighteen. Also, ABC assists clients in filling out new applications and accompanies clients to SSI hearings for children who lost services due to the new SSI standards under welfare reform.

### **CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS**

216 W. Somerset St.  
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Congreso de Latinos Unidos is a multi-service organization with an expert focus in the Latino community that strives to strengthen communities through health, education, economic and social services; leadership development; and advocacy.

Congreso de Latinos Unidos' mission is to enable individuals and families in predominately Latino neighborhoods to achieve economic self-sufficiency and well-being. Congreso's vision is to alleviate poverty in families through the achievement of education and workforce credentials, employment, health barrier removal, safe housing, and effective parenting. In FY19, Congreso de Latinos Unidos served 15,039 unique clients. Additional scorecard and demographic data can be found on our website: <https://www.congreso.net/impact/impact-metricsdata/>

Racial and ethnic minorities have historically lower rates of initiating and maintaining breastfeeding as compared to the population overall. The goal of MCFH breastfeeding activities, including the Congreso de Latinos Unidos breastfeeding counseling program, is to reduce these disparities in Philadelphia.

The Certified Breastfeeding Counselor will teach new mothers how to breastfeed including, but not limited to, information about latching on, normal variations in colostrum and breast milk, benefits of responsive breastfeeding, management of pain and engorgement, obtaining and learning how to use a breast pump, and building partner and family support.

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### **CUDDY LAW FIRM, PLLC**

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Cuddy Law Firm, PLLC is a special education law firm, focusing on advocacy and the litigation process for children with special needs. If you're a parent of a student with disabilities, you know how difficult it is to deal with the complicated special education process including referrals for services, evaluations, development of the Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and implementation of services. If you don't agree with the services and/or program your child's school district is offering your child with special education needs, you should consider consulting with a special education attorney. The Cuddy Law Firm team takes great pride in helping families advocate for their children's special education need even when the family feels they cannot afford legal representation. The

Cuddy Law Firm seeks to educate families and inform them on how to best secure an appropriate education for their children.

**DISABILITIES RIGHTS PENNSYLVANIA**

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We provide legal advocacy and/or representation to people of all ages with all types of disabilities with respect to disability discrimination and/or access to community-community-based disability services in Pennsylvania. Our litigation activities focus primarily on systemic issues (those issues that will affect many people with disabilities). We also give advice and short-term assistance on individual issues. With respect to CSHCN, our activities have focused largely, but not exclusively, on access to services from Medical Assistance (including HealthChoices HMOs) and from the mental health and intellectual disability systems.

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Easter Seals operates an Approved Private School and a Preschool Early Intervention Program in Philadelphia. The Approved Private School is for students ages 3-8 with complex needs including physical disabilities, cognitive impairments, and/or autism. Many students are medically fragile and require nursing support. Additional support services include social work, music therapy, and assistive technology. The Early Intervention Programs is for preschool children ages 3-5 who are demonstrate eligibility based on developmental profile. Referrals are made through Elwyn, Inc.'s Case Managers. Students are served either in our center-based classrooms or in community settings.

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ELC provides assistance to families, advocates, and professionals on the legal right of children with special health care needs to special education and other services from the public education system. ELC operates a Parent Helpline – that is, a phone information and advice system (215.238.6970). Our publications can be

downloaded from our site [www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org) as well as other information that might be helpful to families and advocates.

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Supports for Living provides both campus and community residential living, in-home supports and life sharing options

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Elwyn, through its early childhood network, provides early intervention services and supports to children between the ages of three and five who are eligible for special education services and/or specially designed instruction. Services can be provided in the community (i.e., Head Start, day care, play group, recreation center, early intervention center) or the home.

## **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

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The Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA is a nonprofit voluntary health agency whose mission is to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome challenges created by epilepsy. We choose to fulfill that mission by meeting the non-medical needs for people affected by epilepsy/seizure disorder to enhance their lives and build supportive communities.

## **FAMILYMATTERS – A JAFCO SUPPORT NETWORK**

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FamilyMatters offers specialized case management and support services to assist families in times of crisis in Greater Philadelphia. We serve families who are facing the impact of trauma and challenges such as mental health and substance abuse issues, divorce and custody issues, single parenthood, grandparent or other relative



caregivers, and raising children with special needs. Our Master's level Social Workers help families with navigating systems, accessing services, advocating for their needs, and increase the level of safety in their homes.

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Frankie's World is Philadelphia's nonprofit Pediatric Extended Care Center for children, newborn to 12 years of age, who need skilled nursing care for medical reasons. It is licensed by the PA Department of Health and is centrally location in Northern Liberties and to be accessible to children with from all parts of Philadelphia. The center is staffed by eight experienced pediatric nurses and special needs educators, and is open up to 12 hours per day, seven days per week.

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HealthPartners is one of the Medicaid HMOs offered by the Department of Human Services for PA residents in the Southeast region. Assistance is available to coordinate services between medical providers and improved access to care. Outreach may be provided by telephone or home visits.

### **HMS SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY**

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We are an approved private school with day and residential programming for students ages 5-21 years. HMS provides special

education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, social work, nursing, recreation therapy, and art and music therapy to students with significant physical and cognitive disabilities, as well as complex medical needs. Students come from local school districts in the tristate area as well as nationally. HMS specializes in utilizing assistive technology (e.g., communication devices, power mobility, etc.) to help each student be as independent as possible.

### **INSTITUTE ON DISABILITIES OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

[www.disabilities.temple.edu](http://www.disabilities.temple.edu)

The Institute on Disabilities works in partnership with government at the federal, state, and local levels, business and industry, schools and universities, community organizations, and people with disabilities and families. Leadership development training includes projects that teach people with disabilities, family members, and students to assume leadership roles in the field of developmental disabilities. Projects include Competence and Confidence: Partners in Policymaking (C2P2), C2P2 for early intervention families, and Families First trainings that occur throughout various locations in Philadelphia.

#### ***Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)***

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Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) offers information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), device demonstrations, and awareness-level presentations. PIAT's programs include Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library, a free, state supported program that loans AT devices to Pennsylvanians of all ages; the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP), which provides free specialized equipment to people with disabilities that prevent them from using regular telephone equipment; and the Reused and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP), a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment.

### **INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

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Family Friends is a family support program for children and families with special needs living in Philadelphia. We also provide support for kinship families. Older adult volunteers are matched with a child/family and visit weekly, providing friendship, respite, attention, and care that are unique to grand-parents and Family Friends. Additional support for Kinship families includes Saturday Respite Trips and social work services. All services are provided at low or no cost to participants.

**JEFFERSON CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM AT THE NAVY YARD**

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Albert Einstein Medical Center provides a wide range of pediatric and young adult services. Through their Care Coordination program, the Pediatric and Adolescent Ambulatory Center provides a medical home for children with special health care needs from birth through age 21 years. Developmental Pediatrics offers evaluations and management of neurodevelopmental disorders including Autism, ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, behavioral and developmental concerns. The New Arrivals Clinic provides comprehensive pediatric care to children arriving in the US as refugees, asylees, or new immigrants from other countries. Clinicians work closely with local refugee resettlement agencies to help newly arrived immigrants obtain timely medical exams, vaccinations, and aid navigating the healthcare system. The Pediatric and Adolescent Pride Program offers safe, affirming care to gender and sexual diverse youth from childhood to adolescence. Our providers offer primary care services, consultations, puberty suppression, and gender-affirming hormonal therapy. All services are coordinated by a dedicated patient navigator.

#### **JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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JFCS takes a holistic approach to support adolescents 14+ and adults and their families/caregivers, in their quest to achieve stability, the highest level of independence, a sense of community and an enhanced quality of life. JFCS serves people on the Autism Spectrum, with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, mental illness, and other disabilities.

JFCS provides the following nondenominational services: (1) Support Services including counseling, art therapy, care management, and support groups; (2) Community Programming: inclusive educational and social programs that are designed to foster life skills, and to achieve self-sufficiency and self-actualization. Through a rich menu of programs and

workshops, including art, cooking and nutrition, advocacy, social justice, mindfulness, healthy relationships, and sexuality, and more, we create community, independence, peer relationships, enhanced social thinking and social skills, and quality of life; (3) Socialization and Outings for adolescents, young adults, and adults; and (4) Community Connections through holiday celebrations, Coffee Houses, and volunteer activities.

### **JUVENILE LAW CENTER**

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The Juvenile Law Center is a non-profit law firm that advocates for the rights of children who are involved with government agencies: foster care and juvenile delinquency. They help people with problems accessing health care by giving advice on how to use existing grievance procedures. They provide training for people who work with kids in substitute care and foster care placement on how to deal with managed care and with consent and confidentiality.

### **KELLY ANNE DOLAN MEMORIAL FUND**

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The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund provides advocacy, financial assistance, education, and information to the families of terminally, chronically, and critically ill or physically challenged children. Referrals must be made to the fund by a social worker or other medical professional on the fund's data sheet (one page) and must be accompanied by a letter describing the child's medical condition. They have a maximum assistance of \$250 per family per fiscal year.

### **KENCREST SERVICES**

#### ***Early Learning Centers***

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For nearly a century, KenCrest has provided young children with a strong start in life through high-quality, community-based educational programs, and nutritious meals at no cost to underserved families. From its

early beginnings to present day, KenCrest's Early Learning Center (ELC) programs have grown to include Early Head Start, Head Start, Pre-K Counts, before-and-after care, and summer programming. KenCrest believes that high-quality educational programming creates a strong foundation for children to experience success in school, develop a love of learning, and leave prepared for kindergarten. Each of our seven ELCs implements the HighScope curriculum, a holistic approach that supports children's needs academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. All of KenCrest's ELCs are located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and designated by the Pennsylvania Keystone STARS Quality Assurance System as High-Quality Centers.

#### ***Early Intervention Services***

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KenCrest provides Early Intervention services to families with children who have developmental delays and disabilities throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Early Intervention embraces a team approach when working with children and their families to set goals and empower their

dreams. All services focus on the concerns of the parents or caregiver and the daily routines of the child. KenCrest's dedicated staff of therapists, coaches, and support caregivers to implement specific strategies throughout the child's day-to-day activities. Parents/caregivers collaborate with physical, occupational, speech, and nutritional therapists, as well as special instructors, behavioral supports specialists, and social workers as needed to create an individualized support plan. Children receive services in their home, a childcare setting, and/or at any community setting the child attends with their parent or caregiver. Early Intervention embraces a team approach when working with children and their families to set goals and empower their dreams.

#### ***Children's Transitional Care Homes***

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KenCrest operates two transitional care homes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that accept young children who have complex medical needs and are dependent on medical technology. The children receive supports that go beyond what they can receive at their family homes. KenCrest was one of the first organizations in the country to pioneer this specialized care model that allows families to leave the hospital for a more home-like setting. The transitional care homes, staffed with 24-hour nursing care, can accommodate up to six children each. The children may receive support and services for as long as necessary until they can transition safely into their family home. Each home offers a warm, inviting environment that provides for their medical needs and supports natural family involvement. Staff work closely with each family to create a specialized plan of care for their child to address unique medical needs and support continued healing, both physically and emotionally. Families are encouraged to visit their child often to maintain family bonds and receive ongoing training regarding their child's care, making the transition back into the family home a safe and smooth one.

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Sometimes called the behavioral department, KenCrest Clinical Services includes behavior, sexuality, and communication supports. They create comprehensive action plans for each of these areas (if needed) to ensure that clients reach their personalized goals. As necessary, they work with other service areas, such as Enabling Technology and Nursing, to support the individualized needs of each client. KenCrest Clinical services are available to school districts and families.

### **KEYSTONE FIRST HEALTH PLAN**

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Keystone First Health Plan is a network of physicians, specialists, pharmacies, and hospitals. In addition, members receive many benefits and services including vision care; dental care; prescription medications; vitamins for children under the age of 21; special needs case management; programs for expectant mothers; and Medical Assistance transportation, to name a few. Members have access to care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through our network of primary care physicians.

### **LASALLE NEIGHBORHOOD NURSING CENTER**

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LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center provides public health nursing services to families in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Health promotion and disease prevention services include home visits to families, community-based abstinence education for youth, and childcare health consultation. The Health Intervention Program serves children with special needs and their families to assist the children to live an everyday life, as far as possible, the same as families of typically developing children.

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Lauren's House is licensed by the Department of Health as a Pediatric Extended Care Center and provides nursing care to medically/technology dependent children in a medically safe and socially appropriate environment. It can be used in lieu of, or as a complement to, private duty home nursing. The program serves children up to age 21. The centers are open up to 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### **LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE DISABLED**

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The Children's Health/Law Initiative at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled provides free legal services to low-income families of children with special health care needs. Services provided through the initiative include direct representation of individual clients; information, advice, and referrals; and outreach and community education for parents and families as well as organizations serving children with special health care needs.

#### **LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC.**

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Liberty Resources Inc. is the Center for Independent Living for people with



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Intermittent and Private Duty Skilled and Non-Skilled services for pediatric and adult clients. Lincoln Healthcare is a full-service home healthcare company providing pediatric and adult home care services to clients throughout Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware Counties. We are Medicare Licensed and ACHC Accredited. We provide the highest level of clinical support necessary to achieve the best possible outcome, by matching a healthcare professional with the right skills, personality, experience, and passion for what they do to meet a patient's specific needs.

### **MARSCARE HOME HEALTH**

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MARSCare provides 24/7 availability of pediatric and adult skilled nursing, home health aides/companions and a full array of therapy services including physical, occupational, speech and social work. Our pediatric division offers specialized nursing and home health aide support for children with acute and chronic healthcare needs including mechanical ventilation and tracheostomy tube support. In addition to accepting the traditional HMOs and other commercial insurances, MARSCare also provides services funded through the following pediatric waiver programs administered by the Commonwealth of PA:

- Consolidated Waiver
  - Person/Family Directed Support Waiver
- These programs provide support for clinical and/or daily living activities for children age three or older with intellectual disabilities requiring active treatment. MARSCare accepts all insurances including Medicaid HMOs.

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**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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**MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

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***Parents Involved Network***

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Montgomery County: 610.279.8511  
Philadelphia County: 267.507.3860

Parents Involved Network (PIN) is a peer-to-peer program that assists parents and caregivers of children and adolescents with behavioral health challenges. PIN provides information, support, referrals, and advocacy; assists parents/ caregivers to acquire services from all state, local, or private child-serving systems.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)**

1430 DeKalb Street  
P.O. Box 311  
Norristown, PA 19404-0311  
610.277.7176

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Coordination  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Norristown, PA 19404-0311  
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Maternal & Child Health  
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jpanning@montcopa.org

Information and referral to appropriate agencies. Home visiting for pregnant and parenting families. Call for more information regarding Health Department services.

***Central Referral System***

<https://www.montcopa.org/1133/Maternal-Child-and-Family-Health>

Desiree Harris-Baukman  
dharrisb@montcopa.org

Fax referrals to: 610.278.5167  
Scan referrals to:  
montcohomevisiting@montcopa.org  
Phone: 1.888.404.0620

**NATIONAL NURSING CENTERS  
CONSORTIUM**

(see NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP)

**NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PEDIATRICS OF  
THE MAIN LINE**

919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100  
Rosemont, PA 19010  
www.NDPeds.com

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NDPeds is a specialty pediatric practice that works in conjunction with primary care pediatricians. Children with developmental delays or atypical behaviors are evaluated by James Coplan, MD, who is board certified in Developmental Pediatrics and Developmental Disabilities. He is assisted in his practice by Judy Watman, a licensed social worker, who provides assessments and therapeutic intervention to parents and couples.

**NORTH, INC./WIC PROGRAM**

1300 W. Lehigh Ave, #104  
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Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a supplemental food and nutrition education program for women, infants, and children up to age 5 years.

**NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**

*A program of the National Nursing Centers Consortium (an affiliate of PHMC)*  
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Suite 300-D  
Philadelphia, PA 19125

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Serves the entire city/county at no charge to families. Pregnant person must enroll prior to 26 weeks of first pregnancy. Nurse home visitor joins the family in their home or other location of client's choice regularly until child's second birthday. The program goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes; improve child development; strengthen relationships between parents and their young children; and, improve the economic self-sufficiency of enrolled guardians. The staff welcomes opportunities to do presentations regarding services to providers and community organizations. If interested, please call us and a program representative will work with the requester to schedule.

***Mabel Morris Early Childhood Home  
Visitation Programs***

Lizz Tooher, Sr. Director Children's Health and Education  
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Central Call Line for referrals and inquiries:  
215.287.2114  
267.773.4430 (fax)

Serves the entire city/county at no charge to families. Program eligible to any family raising children under age 5. Through regular visits in the home or other location chosen by the family, the program goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes; improve child development; strengthen relationships between parents and their young children; and, improve the economic self-sufficiency of enrolled guardians. Focus on ensuring children are connected to appropriate childcare, pre-k, Kindergarten and additional community supports as identified by the family. The staff welcomes opportunities to do presentations regarding services to providers and community organizations. If interested, please call us and a program representative will work with the requester to schedule.

**PAN ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA**

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**PARENT EDUCATION ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP (PEAL CENTER)**

*Serving Families and Youth across PA, with offices in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia*  
520 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Suite 602  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
215.567.6143

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info@pealcenter.org  
[www.pealcenter.org](http://www.pealcenter.org)

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The PEAL Center promotes inclusion and accessibility by supporting and empowering families, youth and young adults with disabilities, and the professionals who support them. PEAL is a statewide organization with team members throughout Pennsylvania.

**PARENTS EXCHANGE**

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Information, referral, and advocacy service for parents of children with chronic illnesses and disabilities. We help families understand the way systems work and how to advocate for their children.

**PARENT TO PARENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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Harrisburg, PA 17112  
[www.parenttoparent.org](http://www.parenttoparent.org)

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Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania links families of children and adults with disabilities or special needs on a one-to-one basis according to condition or concerns for purposes of support and information. These include—but are not limited to—physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, behavioral and mental health concerns, special health care needs, foster care or adoption, and educational issues.

**PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE FOR KIDS, LLC**

8101 Washington Lane, Ste. 102  
Wyncote, PA 19095  
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***Medical Daycare***

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***Private Duty Nursing***

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Center-based day health services and home nursing for medically complex and fragile kids.

**PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY CARE**

[www.pediatricspecialty.com](http://www.pediatricspecialty.com)  
Jennifer White, MSS  
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For over 20 years, Pediatric Specialty Care has been successfully caring for medically fragile and technology dependent children ages birth to twenty-one. Our goal is to enable children and young adults with special needs to realize their fullest potential in a nurturing and supportive environment. It is evident to the individuals and their families that whether we are helping to transition a child back to their family's home or celebrating a small, yet miraculous achievement, we are deeply committed to their physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being every step of the way. We offer four main residential locations spanning Pennsylvania; Pt. Pleasant, Philadelphia, Lancaster, and Aliquippa (outside of Pittsburgh) along with two small group homes in Quakertown and Doylestown. In addition to the residential programs, PSC also offers a Medical Day Program in Danville.  
[www.pediatricspecialtymedicalday.com](http://www.pediatricspecialtymedicalday.com).

***Bucks County***

90 Cafferty Road, P.O. Box 217  
Pt. Pleasant, PA 18950  
215.297.5555  
(along with two small group homes in Quakertown and Doylestown)

***Lancaster***

120 Rider Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
717.394.0882

***Philadelphia***

3301 Scotts Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19129  
215.621.6155

***Pittsburgh***

2900 Johnson Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

724.371.8096

**PEGASUS THERAPEUTIC RIDING ACADEMY, INC.**

8297 Bustleton Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19152  
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215.742.1515 (fax)  
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Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities. The facility is located in Northeast Philadelphia and accessible by public transportation. Weekly lessons are provided year-round in an indoor arena. Services are provided on a fee-for-service basis. Registration forms and further information are available on the website. All prospective riders are evaluated prior to joining the program in order to determine suitability for the activity.

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION**

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King of Prussia, PA 19406  
www.patf.us

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The Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides low-interest loans to people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians so that they can buy the assistive technology devices and services they need. Assistive technology is any device that helps a person with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. Assistive technology includes items like ramps and lowered floors for cars and vans, roll-in showers, lowered kitchen counters, hearing and vision aids, scooters, and computers with special software and/or hardware.

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION**

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The Pennsylvania Community Providers Association (PCPA) monitors policy development related to Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Intellectual Disabilities and Early Intervention services. PCPA provides policy and regulation information as well as consultation to member agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

**PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

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The Pennsylvania Council for Children, Youth and Family Services (PCCYFS) is the collective voice for private agencies that serve Pennsylvania's children and their families. PCCYFS represents nearly 100 private agencies employing more than 10,000 professionals statewide. Services include foster care/kinship care, adoption, residential treatment, behavioral health services, education, counseling, independent living/transitional living services and others.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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***Bureau of Family Health***

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) administers Pennsylvania's Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCHSBG). Programs funded by the MCHSBG promote the health and well-being of families and children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in Pennsylvania. Some BFH programs that support CYSHCN include: Special Kids Network Helpline, Community to Home, BrainSTEPS (return to learn program for students with traumatic brain

injury), Epilepsy Program, and the Specialty Care Program that serves individuals diagnosed with Cooley's anemia, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, spina bifida, and sickle cell disease.

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To provide statewide leadership, in partnership with key stakeholders and caregivers, to create systemic changes at the local, regional, and statewide levels that improve health and health-related outcomes for at-risk Pennsylvanians

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

***Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Special Needs Unit***

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Responsible for monitoring the Medicaid managed care organizations' Special Needs Units and for program development and planning for Medical Assistance recipients with special needs. This division is also responsible for identifying and coordinating with federal, state, local and private entities, pertinent to the delivery of services to special populations.

**PENNSYLVANIA ELKS HOME SERVICE PROGRAM**

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Since 1963, the PA Elks Home Service Program has been helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of children and adults throughout Pennsylvania. They provide support and advocacy services to individuals of any age who have a developmental disability. A few examples of how Elks Home Service Program can help include: providing in-home service coordination services, providing referrals to appropriate community agencies, and assessing needs and providing assistance with equipment access.

**PENNSYLVANIA ENROLLMENT SERVICES PROGRAM HEALTHCHOICES**

Enrollment services for Medicaid consumers.  
1.800.440.3989  
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
www.enrollnow.net

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**PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH LAW PROJECT**

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717.236.6311 (fax)  
800.274.3258 (Helpline)

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The Pennsylvania Health Law Project is a nonprofit, public interest law firm that provides free legal services to lower-income individuals who are having trouble accessing healthcare coverage or services through publicly funded healthcare programs. PHLP offers advice and direct representation to individuals, provides educational materials and training to advocates and consumer groups, and conducts systemic advocacy on behalf of consumers at the state level.

**PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

100 W. School House Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
www.psd.org



General: 215.951.4700 or 267.331.4748  
Transportation: 215.951.4759

Peter L. Bailey, Head of School  
Valerie Houser, Director of Academic Affairs

The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf is an Approved Private School that provides educational programming for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, ages 3 through high school. In addition, the *First Conversations* Program provides Early Intervention services to families with Deaf/Hard of Hearing children, ages birth to 3. Outreach services are also provided to Deaf/Hard of Hearing children attending other programs.

#### **PHILADELPHIA AUTISM PROJECT**

215.571.3209

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

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/philly\\_autism/](https://www.instagram.com/philly_autism/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PhillyAutism>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PhillyAutism>

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The Philadelphia Autism Project supports autistic individuals and their families living in Philadelphia through

- Education: Training and eLearning Courses
- Connections: A centralized resource hub, calendar of events, and fostering community collaborations
- Innovation: Seed funding for community organizations, an annual conference, and new programs for autistic individuals and their families

The Philadelphia Autism Project was established in 2013 by the office of former City Councilmember-at-Large Dennis M.

O'Brien and continues to be supported through the office of City Councilmember-at-Large Derek S. Green. The Philadelphia Autism Project works in tandem with the statewide Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (ASERT) Collaborative. The Philadelphia Autism Project works in partnership with Philadelphia's Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS) and Community Behavioral Health (CBH). It is the first citywide initiative of its kind and is located at the Policy and Analytics Center (PAC) at the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute.

#### **PHILADELPHIA COORDINATED HEALTH CARE (PCHC)**

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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Director

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Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC) is the Southeast Region PA Health Care Quality Unit (HCQU) and a core program of PMHCC. Funding is provided by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health/Intellectual disability Services, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties Offices of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Developmental Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The mission is to enhance access to community physical and mental health

care through education, public health outreach, advocacy, and empowerment as well as to improve healthcare outcomes for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD) and Autism. PCHC provides training, technical assistance, community outreach, advocacy, and clinical reviews to support the health care needs (both physical and behavioral) for individuals with IDD and Autism living in the SE PA region.

**PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES (DBH/IDS)**

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Infant/Toddler Early Intervention (E.I.) provides developmental services to children from 0 -3 who may have developmental delays or who have special needs. Services and supports are family-focused, integrated into typical family routines and activities, and provided in the family's home or community. These services are provided free of charge to all eligible children. A Registration Coordinator will assist all callers to begin the E.I. process for developmental evaluation and services.

Philadelphia DBH/IDS contracts with

PHMC/ChildLink to arrange the E.I. evaluations and coordinate E.I. services.

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**PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is charged with the public mandate to provide child welfare and juvenile justice services, responsible for providing services directed toward ensuring the safety of children and youth; preserving families and ensuring the

achievement of permanent, secure, and nurturing homes for all children and youth; the prevention of juvenile delinquency; and strengthening the capacities of families and communities to assume responsibility for their children.

***Children Youth Division (CYD)***

***Health Management Unit***

215.683.6263 (hotline)

Vivian Smalls, Supervisor

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FTC Teaming Administrator

CUA 2, 6, and 8

267.271.6030

The Health Management Unit (HMU) is responsible for addressing the healthcare needs of children placed in substitute care through CYD. Children in substitute care are a medically vulnerable group. HMU is dedicated to ensuring the managed care system functions in a way that supports the special needs of children in care.

**PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

***Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)***

2100 W. Girard Avenue, Bldg. 3

Philadelphia., PA 19130-1400

Monica Crippen, Nurse

215.685.2789

CLPPP specializes in indoor, home environmental health issues: deteriorating lead paint, mold and mildew, integrated pest management, radon, injury control, and fire safety, among others. It offers a

wide range of programs: primary prevention of lead poisoning (Lead Safe Babies and Lead Safe Communities); healthy homes programs for home-based childcare and foster parents; injury control assessments; bike helmets and baby car seats; and educational programs in all these areas.

***Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health (MCFH)***

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The mission of MCFH is to provide high-quality breastfeeding, health and supportive social services by setting and developing policy and programs that improve the health of women, youth, and parenting families. The division contracts with hospitals, social service and other community-based organizations that provide a full range of maternal and child health programs.

***The Philadelphia Special Needs Consortium***

Facilitated and run by MCFH.

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**PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

***School Health Coordinator***

***Office of Specialized Services***

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The School District of Philadelphia provides a free, appropriate, public education for all children. The school health coordinator supports the Certified School Nurses in providing care to children, communicating with families, and collaborating with health care providers and agencies. The School District has trained personnel to implement the comprehensive process to promote a smooth transition of children with Special Health Care Needs into the school system.

**PILCOP**

(Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia)  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103  
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Since 1969, the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia has been the law firm to which individuals and organizations turn to address local and national policies that perpetuate discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We were founded as one of the original Lawyers Committees for Civil Rights Under Law in the midst of the civil rights movement. Our attorneys and staff use

high-impact legal strategies – including class action lawsuits, policy advocacy, community organizing, and education – to secure significant, long-lasting change for our clients. Our clients are people with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, low-income individuals and communities, formerly incarcerated people, and the advocacy organizations that represent them. Clients with disabilities are encouraged to complete our online questionnaire and/or call or email for assistance. We help individuals with all types of disabilities, including autism, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health concerns, etc. We work with the local bar to access pro bono assistance.

**PUBLIC CITIZENS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (PCCY)**

7 Benjamin Parkway, 6th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
[www.pccy.org](http://www.pccy.org)

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PCCY is the region's leading children's advocacy and policy organization that works on a spectrum of issues including health, childcare, public education, juvenile justice, and child welfare.

**PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PHMC)**

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Philadelphia., PA 19102  
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***ChildLink***

Fayetta McMillion-Jones, Deputy Director

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ChildLink is the Service Coordination program for the Philadelphia Early Intervention (EI) system for children from birth to age three. Families and professionals work with ChildLink when a child needs early intervention services because of a developmental delay or a disability. As part of service coordination, ChildLink Coordinators meet with the family and arrange for developmental screening/evaluation to determine if/where there may be areas of delay. For those infants/toddlers whose delay or disability makes them eligible for early intervention, ChildLink arranges for, and coordinates, the child's E.I. supports and services.

***Health Promotion Council***

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Health Promotion Council is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote health and to prevent and manage chronic disease, especially among vulnerable populations, through community-based outreach, education, and advocacy. HPC's

unique programs advocating healthier lifestyles, together with its innovative work with underrepresented minority groups, have advanced the field of health promotion in Southeastern Pennsylvania and across the state. HPC is an affiliate of PHMC.

Health Promotion Council (HPC) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization formed in Philadelphia in 1981. It became an affiliate of Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) in 1999 and is registered to do business across Pennsylvania. HPC's mission is to promote health, and prevent and manage chronic diseases, especially among vulnerable populations, through community-based outreach, education, and advocacy. HPC leads initiatives designed to improve health and wellness and to address many of the social determinants of health. These initiatives include direct service and education, training and capacity-building, and policy and system change. HPC targets low-income and racial/ethnic minority populations and works closely with a wide array of public and private organizations across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

***Medical Home Community Team (MHCT)***

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Using an integrated, collaborative model, by directly engaging pediatric medical homes, the Medical Home Community Team (MHCT), which is recognized by the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) as an evidence-based promising practice, identifies and reaches

Philadelphia families with highly complex social-medical needs and most marginalized by inequitable systems in the provision of services (e.g., criminal justice, child welfare systems, SNAP, SSI). MHCT serves Philadelphia families whose children (birth – 21 years old) primarily receive care in American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) certified medical homes. As provided in the structure of the medical home model, these pediatric clinics aim to provide fuller access to wellness that incorporates the child(ren) and whole family's unique health challenges and barriers. MHCT operates with the combined focus on medical and behavioral health and the social determinants of health in the children's home environment in coordination with the pediatric medical home. HPC will deliver home-visiting services to families in Philadelphia who are eligible to participate in MHCT.

The Medical Home Community Team provides home-visiting and care coordination services for families to help address social determinants of health and child development. MHCT offers assistance to Philadelphia County parents and their children, with and without special healthcare needs, ages 0-21 years old. Services include comprehensive needs assessment, individualized health education, referrals and linkages to behavioral health, transition to adult medical care support, community organizations and service coordination in conjunction with partnered medical homes.

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PersonLink provides supports coordination to consumers and their families who qualify for services through Philadelphia Intellectual Disabilities Services (IDS). PersonLink will help support individuals and their families to obtain resources and services in neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia.

**RESCARE HOMECARE PA**

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ResCare HomeCare PA is a full-service home care company providing pediatric and adult home care services to clients throughout

Southeastern PA. We are Medicare Licensed and Joint Commission Accredited. We have been providing quality services to our clients in this area for over 25 years.

**SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN—PHILA.**

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Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia offers a complete range of medical and rehabilitative services to children (0-18 years) who have orthopedic disorders and spinal cord injuries. They serve children with conditions such as cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, upper and lower-extremity orthotic and prosthetic training, leg lengthening, arthritis, spina bifida, and scoliosis. There are 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States that specialize in the treatment of orthopedic, burn, and spinal cord injury care. All Shriners Hospitals provide services at no cost to parent or child.

**SICKLE CELL DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

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The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Philadelphia/ Delaware Valley Chapter (SCDAA/PDVC) is a non-profit 501

(c) 3; psychosocial; social service; advocacy agency established in 1982. The agency provides services across the lifespan to children; adolescents; adults and families residing in the following counties; Philadelphia; Delaware; Bucks; Chester and Montgomery. SCDAA/PDVC is one of 54 chapter member organizations serving the sickle cell community through the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, located in Hanover, MD.

SCDAA/PDVC serves as a support system to meet the daily needs of children, adolescents, adults and families living with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) and those who carry the Sickle Cell Trait (SCT) by enhancing the overall quality of life through collaborative partnerships with medical facilities; community-based organizations and social service agencies to provide the following services: Case Management; Single Gene Genetic Counseling; Hospital, Clinic, Home Visitation; Advocacy; Transition Support; Newborn Screening Follow-up; Pediatric Round Trip Transportation; Co-Facilitate Patient Support Group Meetings; Community Outreach & Education; Resources/ Referrals for Housing, Food, Clothing and Utility assistance. The agency also coordinates and participates in the following programs: Cooperative Sickle Cell Blood Donor Program; Sickle Cell Sabbath; Multicultural Initiative; Internship Programs: Sickle Cell Awareness Month and World Sickle Cell Awareness Day activities/ events.

**SICKLE CELL DISEASE COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES (CBSS) - CARESTAR**

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The Sickle Cell Community-Based Supports and Services (CBSS) is designed to enhance communication and service provision across health care systems and providers, while providing individuals with sickle cell disease equitable access to these enhanced services. The CBSS also provides individualized services that support wholistic life planning alongside health care necessities, increased care coordination in partnership with insurers, transitional support from pediatric to adult care, and sickle cell education.

**SNI HOME CARE INC.**

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SNI provides pediatric and maternal-child homecare services including intermittent skilled visits (nursing, rehab therapies) and continuous care (private duty) nursing.

**SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK**

1.800.986.4550  
Helpline is available Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm  
Website: Special Kids Network

The Special Kids Network (SKN) helpline assists providers and parents of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) access to local services and supports. SKN serves children and youth with physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional needs from birth through age 21. Information and resources provided by the helpline include education, transportation, medical assistance programs, transitional resources,

equipment and assistive devices, early childhood, and other supports and services.

**SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.**

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Spectrum Community Services, Inc. provides residential group home and lifesharing opportunities to both adults with IDD/MH issues as well as adjudicated DHS youth below the age of 21. They have several other regional offices throughout Pennsylvania including Allentown, Philadelphia, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Lycoming Counties; as well as in the Williamsport area.

**SPIN, INC.**

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SPIN is a nonprofit organization founded in 1970 to provide the highest quality services to people of all ages with autism and intellectual/developmental disability. SPIN is also a leading provider of inclusive, early childhood education. We believe that everyone deserves to achieve to their fullest potential and to live a *life of*



*possibilities*. We develop each person's strengths, integrate them into the community, and create a culture of inclusion and hope. We serve over 3500 people every year in Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley.

SPIN is a provider of Adult Services, including: Residential, Community Life Options, Community Employment, and advocacy. As an established Autism Center for Excellence by Community Behavioral Health, SPIN provides a myriad of outpatient treatment options including child psychiatry, outpatient services, Blended Case Management and Behavioral Health (IBHS). In addition, SPIN provides high quality PreK Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention and subsidized childcare programs at our three Early Childhood Centers in North and Northeast Philadelphia. We design services so that any family can participate in our programs and receive the support they need to address their child and family needs. We also provide support to other childcare providers and preschool programs to support the inclusion of children who have special education needs.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**

Erie Avenue at Front Street  
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***The Center for the Urban Child***

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The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs works together with families of children with special health care needs to provide ongoing comprehensive family-centered medical care and to improve access to services, community resources, and advocacy to assure these children obtain optimal support through life stages and promote their independence.

**SUNSHINE FOUNDATION**

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Sunshine Foundation answers the dreams of children, ages three through eighteen, who have severe or profound physical/developmental/intellectual challenges or trauma from physical/sexual abuse, and whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to financial strain that the child's illness may cause.

The Sunshine Foundation has been giving dreams to children who have lifelong severe chronic health care needs in the Philadelphia area since 1976. They give dreams to those children who do not meet the "life threatening" diagnosis that Make A Wish requires. They also have household income limitations so a dream for a child in a home with limited income can be quite impactful.

#### **SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES**

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The Support Center for Child Advocates provides legal assistance and social service advocacy to abused and neglected children in Philadelphia County. Through the Volunteer Attorneys for Medically Needy Children Program, they help children with special needs that are in the Dependent Court System. They work with multiple

systems to ensure the provision of appropriate services so children can remain at home or in the most home-like setting.

#### **TABOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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Tabor Services provides temporary foster families for children found by the courts to be at imminent risk of harm and placed in the child welfare system. It provides medical foster care for children with special needs and mental health foster care in specially trained foster homes for children with mental health diagnoses. It also provides services to children in their own homes (SCOH), supported living services, supervised independent living for dependent adolescents, and an outpatient mental health clinic. Tabor Children's House child development center operates a year-round program on its Doylestown campus for children ages six weeks through school age.

#### **TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED CHILDREN'S HOME PROGRAM**

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TACHP provides non-clinical services to build capacity among family and caregivers to care for technology-assisted children with special health care needs in their home.

### **THERAPY SOLUTIONS CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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Therapy Solutions Children's Services, Inc., is a nonprofit organization. Our mission is to "provide quality therapeutic and educational services to create change and improve academic and life successes while empowering individuals to learn and accomplish independence." We provide comprehensive developmental and rehabilitative services including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and special instruction services. We hold a reverse inclusion summer camp that provides children with special needs the chance to receive services and grow with one another. We give back to the community in a number of ways, including

our holiday fundraisers that support the needs of the entire family.

### **THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY**

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### ***Jefferson Center for Autism and Neurodiversity***

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At the Center for Autism and Neurodiversity, our mission is to be a thought leader and creative force behind interdisciplinary solutions that enable individuals with autism and other neurodiverse conditions to participate more fully in the world at large through the development of a new universal design. We take into account the continuation of care over time, and the patient's role in the family, school, and community. We are searching for interventions that best suit the needs of our patients.

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### **UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY (UCP) OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY**

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United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Philadelphia and Vicinity serves people of all ages who have a physical, sensorial, and/or learning disability such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injury, visual or hearing impairment, intellectual disabilities, or traumatic brain injury. Children's services include Early Intervention for children, 0-5, in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties, a parent support group, sibling support group, and childcare. UCP also partners with the Philadelphia School District to provide Pre-K Counts. UCP also provides social services, information and referral, and advocacy.

**UNITED HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY PLAN OF PENNSYLVANIA** (formerly Americhoice)  
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United HealthCare provides care and resources for our members. We strive to engage not only the member but to also include the family or care giver, along with the health plan, providers, and community-based organizations. We have an interdisciplinary team of nurses, social workers, Community Health Workers, and health educators committed to helping our members live healthier lives. Our Special Needs Unit is available to all members. These Social Workers and Care managers can be reached by members, providers, community organizations by calling 877.844.8844  
This team is available 8:30 – 5:00, Monday – Friday

**VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY**  
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Variety's mission is to enrich the lives of children and young adults with disabilities through social, educational, and vocational programs that nurture independence and self-confidence, and prepare them for life. Variety serves children and young adults with disabilities ages 5-24 in after school, weekend, summer, and year-round programs. In-School youth can participate in after school programs, Saturday day camps, recreational programs, summer camps, and vocational training programs. Out of school youth can participate in recreational and workforce development programs. VarietyWorks is a

workforce development program that targets youth with disabilities ages 14-24 to prepare them to enter the workforce at the transitional age of 21. Variety's services are primarily based out of its Montgomery County campus but serves youth from the Greater Philadelphia region. Variety offers after school programming in Philadelphia and accommodations training to Philadelphia providers.

**VISION FOR EQUALITY  
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Vision for Equality is a unique organization born out of a collective desire for systems change. We define our roles as advocates, monitors, and trainers for people with intellectual disabilities, autism and their families reaching into all communities to strive for full inclusion for everyone. Vision for Equality promotes quality and equality in the system and one community for all. Our mission is to assist and empower people with disabilities and their families to seek quality and satisfaction in their lives. Our work includes advocacy, the PA Waiting List Campaign, Latino Services, the Philadelphia Parent Support Groups, The PA Training Partnership for People with Disabilities and Families, Independent

Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q), Consumer Family Satisfaction Teams (CFST) and supporting Self-Advocates United As 1 (SAU1).

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Since 1986 VNG has provided home healthcare services for special needs technology dependent children and young adults, and is one of the largest, most experienced agencies in the Philadelphia region. Our skilled pediatric healthcare professionals include RNs, LPNs, home health aides, and certified nursing assistants. Services are performed in the home or school and include management of the following: tracheostomy, ventilator programs, gastric tube programs, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, intellectual disabilities, and congenital anomalies.

**WIDENER MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

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The Widener Memorial School is a Special Education Center School for students in age-appropriate grades kindergarten through twelve plus. Individualized programs provide superior instruction for pupils with various physical and mental disabilities. Students come from all geographic regions within Philadelphia and some suburban districts, and from a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds. The students represent a wide range of cognitive and physical abilities.