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ACCESS SERVICES ANNOUNCES NEW L.I.F.E. DAY PROGRAM

Access Services' L.I.F.E. (Living in a Functional Environment) day support programs from the Tamaqua and Orwigsburg areas are unique programs that provide the supervision, support and recreation for adults with special needs to become active in their community by serving others. **Access Services is pleased to announce a new location for another L.I.F.E. day support program beginning in Lehighton to serve the residents in Carbon County.**

Each morning of the week, the group will be involved in a number of volunteer or community service projects. Just to name a few, they will be visiting nursing home residents and singing and performing for assisted living facilities. They will help out with cleaning and landscaping projects at local churches and other civic centers. They will serve Meals on Wheels to the seniors in their community. They will volunteer to paint fire hydrants and will take much pride in keeping most of the recreational parks in their locale free from trash.

Access Services, Orwigsburg, a social services agency, has been providing high quality and affordable evaluation, diagnostic, and counseling to the Schuylkill county community since 1996. Access Service's psychiatrist associates and psychotherapists are expert in dealing with a variety of mental health disorders and currently see over 500 persons a month. Even with the success of seeing families stay together, children stay in school or get help for addiction, there is a continuing challenge to meet the financial challenges of subsidizing the cost of these services.

Interested persons please contact Sheila Davison at (570) 366-1154 for more details on how to help. Office hours are by appointment at Access Outpatient Services, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Other innovative services to adults and children with special needs include In Home Supports, Respite Care Services, Lifesharing through family living, Wraparound services (EBHS), and L.I.F.E. Day Support. Visit their web site for more info at www.accessservices.org.