

ACCESS SERVICES

Creating better ways to serve people with special needs

Services Guide

OUR MISSION

Access Services empowers and serves people in need of specialized supports by providing innovative services that improve their ability to live fulfilling lives in the community. We believe in unlocking every individual's potential through the effective delivery of community-based, specialized services.

LOCATIONS

Our programs are offered in the following regional groupings in Eastern Pennsylvania. Some programs are offered in only one of the counties within the grouping.

S Schuylkill Service Area

Includes Berks, Carbon, Monroe, Pike & Schuylkill Counties

Local Office

340 South Liberty St.
Orwigsburg, PA 17961-2127
Phone (570) 366-1154
Fax (570) 366-7711

L Lehigh Valley Service Area

Includes Berks, Lehigh, Monroe & Northampton Counties

Local Office

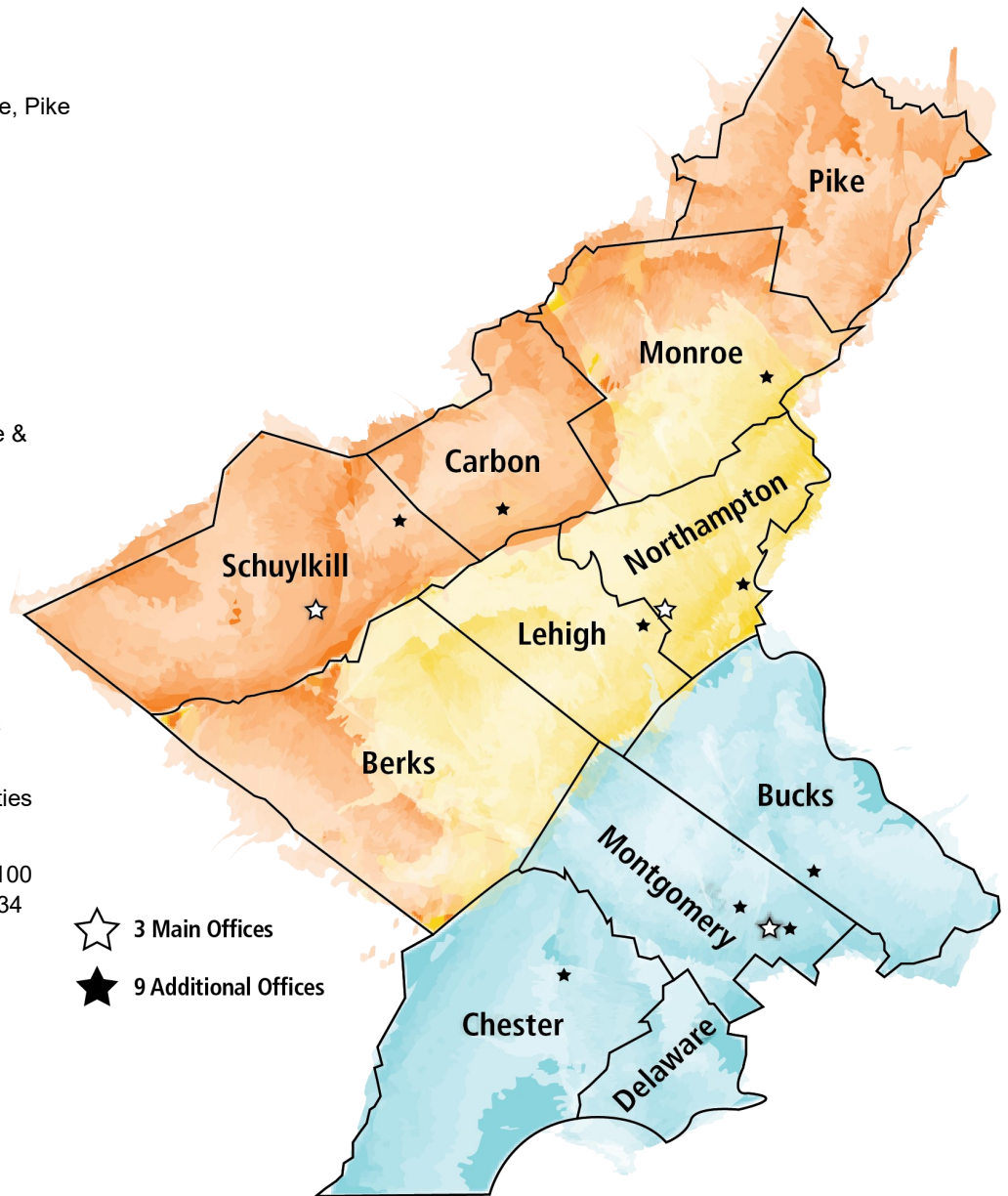
3975 Township Line Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020-4200
Phone (610) 866-6667
Fax (610) 866-2341

D Delaware Valley Service Area

Includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery Counties

Local Office

500 Office Center Drive, Suite 100
Fort Washington, PA 19034-3234
Phone (215) 540-2150
Fax (215) 540-2165





☆ 3 Main Offices


★ 9 Additional Offices


OUR SERVICES


Children and Family Services


Bucks County LIFE serves Bucks County families through one on one support provided by experienced parents, peers and professionals. Support is provided to children under the age of 26 who live with emotional, behavioral, social needs, intellectual disabilities, and/or is at risk. Services also include case management, community activities, parent and professional workshops, and linkages to services and community resources. Youth ages 14-26 can receive support through a Certified Peer Specialist, providing coaching and understanding from a lived experience, to enhance resiliency and recovery. Support is provided at no cost to Bucks County youth and families. Diagnosis or insurance is not required. Call 1.888.442.1590 or visit www.lifeinbucks.org. 

Chesco LIFE serves Chester County families with children up to age 21 who live with emotional, behavioral, social needs, intellectual disabilities, have system involvement and/or is at risk. As a team of both experienced parents and professionals, Chesco LIFE works collaboratively with families to offer one to one support among the systems of care in Chester County. Educational workshops and family support is provided at no cost. Diagnosis or insurance is not required. Spanish speaking staff available. Call 215.429.8383. Facebook: Chesco LIFE 


Foster Care is a short term, community-based program that provides services to children and teens who are unable to live with their natural families. The program provides children with a safe, caring and stable foster home that meets their physical, educational, emotional, and social needs. Coordinators collaborate with the child, their biological family, and foster parents towards achieving stability. When necessary, the program provides increased supports to children and the foster families to address all of the child's emotional and behavioral needs. 


Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) provides therapeutic services to children under the age of 21 who are experiencing mental, emotional or behavioral problems. IBHS focuses on providing needed services to children in their home, school, or community and is focused on collaborating with families to help support children in learning the skills needed to cope with their emotional and behavioral challenges. The vision of the IBHS program is for all children to lead fulfilling lives and function at optimal levels within their family and community settings. 

Juvenile Probation Office and Children & Youth Services (Rebound) empowers at-risk youth and their families to improve their quality of life by providing counseling, case management, mentoring and advocacy services to the children in their homes, schools and communities. By promoting social activities and educational achievements, the Rebound program helps reduce the need for placement in higher levels of care and out of home placement. 


Respite provides short-term care in a nurturing home environment for children and adults that have intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health concerns, serious emotional problems, behavioral difficulties or those who may be dually diagnosed (MH/ID). Respite is often used to stabilize individuals in crisis, preventing hospitalization or out of home placement. 


Transitional Youth Services


Juvenile Probation Office and Children & Youth Services Reunification (Transition) provides services to families of children currently in out of home placements with the goal of a successful family reunification. Services can include case management, counseling, supervised visits and mentoring. After reunification, a Case Manager and Counselor will provide short-term services to the family in support of a successful and permanent reunification. 


Transition to Independence Program (TIP) addresses common hurdles encountered by young adults ages 16-26. The program is designed to help individuals reach their vision of a successful future by using a strength based approach that focuses on achievement and problem solving. TIP focuses on five key areas: Educational Opportunities, Employment and Career, Living Situation, Community Life Functioning, and Personal Effectiveness and Wellbeing. *TIP Model Institute 

Intellectual Disability Programs


Community Homes provides a nurturing home environment, offering up to 24-hour support to individuals with intellectual disabilities. The focus of a CLA is to meet each person's individual, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. Specific emphasis is placed on community participation and personal growth within the community. 


In-Home Supports provides individually designed practical services that take place in the homes and/or communities of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, helping them to set personal goals and learn the basic skills of day-to-day living. This program is intended to support the entire family by encouraging personal growth and active community participation. 


Lifesharing provides long-term support for individuals with intellectual disabilities in a stable and qualified host family home. Individuals who receive Lifesharing services attend school, work, and day programs. The host family receives continued support and guidance from Access Services and shares in the team responsibility of helping the individual to become part of their family and the community in which they live. 


Life Community Day Programs offer adults with intellectual disabilities innovative ways to develop functional skills and discover their talents through volunteer work and engaging social activities. The Life Program gives individuals a chance to become connected to their own communities. With guidance and support, these experiences become opportunities for individuals to grow and build confidence. 


Behavioral Health Services


Homeless Street Outreach is a program that serves people experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County by connecting them to resources that can help them find shelter, food and health care. Street Outreach operates in partnership with Your Way Home. Call 610-482-5483. 

Justice Related Services (JRS) is Montgomery County's forensic mental health blended case management program. JRS serves adults involved in the criminal justice system who have been diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness. The goals of JRS include increased involvement with community supports, decreased hospitalizations, increased community integration, decreased criminal behavior, decreased length of stay for people with serious mental illness in correctional facilities, and diverting people with serious mental illness from incarceration. Referrals can be made by contacting 610-500-2111. 


Montgomery County Mobile Crisis offers telephone and on-site, face-to-face crisis support to adults, children and families who live in Montgomery County. The purpose of this program is to help resolve immediate crisis and to provide support to reduce and manage recurring crisis. The hotline is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Call 855-634-4673. 


Peer Support and Teen Talk Lines are warm lines where teens and adults can speak or text anonymously with a peer about any issues or problems they are facing without fear of judgement. The talk/text lines are available seven days a week from 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Teen Talk Line partners with Montgomery County schools to provide an opportunity to build youth leadership through training and volunteerism. The lines are closely tied to the Montgomery County Mobile Crisis Program allowing any crisis calls to be transferred to a crisis worker. Adults call 855-715-8255. Adults text 267-225-7785. Teens call: 866-825-5856 Teens text: 215-703-8411 Facebook: [peersupportandteentalklines](#) Twitter: [@theteentalkline](#) 

Starting Point is an individualized, psychiatric, rehabilitation service offering support to people who have a chronic mental illness. Support and skill building are offered in the domains of living, learning, working, and relating to others. Areas addressed include locating a place to live, managing personal finances, using public transportation, going back to school, obtaining and maintaining employment, crisis management, and planning. 

Starting Point North is a supported housing program for adults age 18 and older who have a diagnosis of serious mental illness (SMI). Group home therapeutic settings provide support for individuals with behavioral health and physical health/medical needs. Services are individualized, designed around the uniqueness of each individual. This program serves Northampton County. 

Other Services

Intersect provides training and consultation to faith communities and human service providers. For faith communities, Intersect provides resources on how to best minister to people in your congregation and broader community experiencing mental illness. For human service providers, Intersect provides support in how to best service the spiritual needs of people in your agency and those your agency serves. Contact 215-540-2150, x1286 or email DEckert@accessservices.org. 

Hope 4 Tomorrow is an innovative school assembly program that looks at how stress, trauma, and mental wellness affect our daily lives. Using live student polls, an empowering speaker, and education, students are given the chance to examine their own mental wellness and learn how to seek help. This program engages students in the conversations they need to be having. Values and outcomes for students include an engaging atmosphere, a unique educational experience, interactive activities, the opportunity to be more aware of subjects like mental health and suicide, and empowerment to support fellow students. Contact 215-540-2150 or email HRobbins@accessservices.org. 

Opportunities to Serve

Host Family Opportunities - We are looking for compassionate families to share their lives with a local child or adult in need of support. Make a difference in a child or adult's life by providing them with a caring, stable, long-term or short-term home. Support, training and monetary compensation are provided to those who are able to share their lives with an individual in need. Call 215-540-2150 x1304 or email DDonnelly@accessservices.org.

Employment - We are an equal opportunity employer that provides a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. A variety of employment opportunities exist such as support, professional and administrative staff positions, supported by a comprehensive training package. Call 215-540-2150 or visit <https://jobs.accessservices.org>.

Internships - We partner with educational institutions to provide students with real world experience as they train to become social service professionals. We value matching students to specific internships that will fit their career focus, giving opportunities to build resumes and potentially earn college credit. Interns interact with our current clients and learn how human services function. Like staff members, interns will have access to office space, technology and office materials. Call 215-429-4107 or email JHalpin@accessservices.org.

Development Program - Private contributions meet unfunded needs for families who care for their loved ones with disabilities. We receive support from businesses, churches, corporations, foundations, and individuals. For more information about support opportunities, contact our main office 215-540-2150, x1357 or email LWasilchick@accessservices.org.