

# Community Resources for Special Needs Children

## Special Needs/Autism

### **BELL SOCIALIZATION**

160 S. George Street

York, PA 17401

Telephone: 717-848-5767

Fax: 717-854-2433

<http://www.BellSocialization.com>

Provides an environment of support and empowerment to individuals being discharged from local psychiatric hospitals in and around the York area. Provides housing, skill building, therapy and peer programs.

### **PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK (PEN)**

Parents of special needs children eligible; information and training; referrals; technical assistance for problem issues of special education planning; resource library of books, magazines, videos and brochures. Bilingual

Parent Education Network

2107 Industrial Highway

York, PA 17402

Telephone: 717-600-0100 (spanish) 650-688-5530

<http://www.parentednet.org>

### **YORKSHIRE CENTER LIU**

Yorkshire Center LIU

York Learning Center

300 East 7th Avenue

York, PA 17404

Telephone: 717-718-5800

Special education classes (birth-21 years). Diagnostic testing (birth – kindergarten). Audiological testing. Hearing and vision services.

## **YORK/ADAMS CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICE SYSTEM PROGRAM (CASSP)**

Develop and coordinate a plan of care for children ages newborn to 21 with emotional, mental health, mental retardation or behavioral issues.

CASSP – Western York and Adams County

100 West Market St. Suite 402

York, PA 17401

Toll Free: 1-800-729-9227

Phone: (717) 846-8496

Fax: (717) 771-9884

Email: [cys@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:cys@yorkcountypa.gov)

[Visit York/Adams CASSP](#)

## **CASE MANAGEMENT HANOVER/ADAMS-Intellectual Disability**

Case Management Hanover/Adams

261 N. Franklin Street

Hanover, PA 17331

Telephone: 717-632-8040 or 1-800-632-7568

Fax: 717-632-9238

<http://yorkcountyPagov/health-human-service/mental-health-mental-retardation-Program/mental-health/case-management.tool>

# CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION/CENTRAL PA CHAPTER

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation/Central PA Chapter

600 Corporate Circle

Suite 103

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Telephone: 717-671-4000 or 1-800-671-2262

Fax: 717-671-4007

Email: [Central-pa@cff.org](mailto:Central-pa@cff.org)

Organizes events & fundraisers for patients living with cystic fibrosis. Also has links to patient assistance program locally.

[www.cff.org/chapters/centralpa](http://www.cff.org/chapters/centralpa)

## DEAF-BLIND INITIATIVE

Deaf-Blind Initiative

6340 Flank Drive

Harrisburg, PA 17112

Telephone: 717-541-4960 or 1-800-360-7282

Educational resources & support sources geared toward children birth-21 w/deaf-blindness in PA.

Facebook Page: PA Partnership for the Deafblind.

<https://www.pattan.net/offices/pattan-harrisburg/>

## PARENT TO PARENT OF PA

Parent to Parent of PA

Main phone: 1-888-727-2706

Program Director (Fiona Patrick): 717-540-4722

The P2P model in PA Matches an experienced mentor parent, called a peer support parent, directly with a parent seeking support from another parent who has experience with a child with special needs. Originated in 1960 in Nebraska as Pilot Parents. Website designed for parents of children with special needs. Find support groups, contact other parents for peer support.

<http://www.parenttoparent.org>

# PARENT EDUCATION ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER (PEAL)

Parent Education Advocacy & Leadership Training Center (PEAL)

2325 E. Carson Street, Suite 100A

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Telephone: 412-281-4404 or 1-866-950-1040

(PEAL), which is a parent training and information center, advocating for individuals 0-26 years old with disabilities and special health care needs. Bilingual services are provided. As a parent training and information center (PTI), the PEAL center serves the entire state of PA.

<http://www.pealcenter.org>

<http://www.parentednet.org>

# THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL OPPORTUNITIES)

Help for people with disabilities; information and referral ; peer counseling; independent living skills training; advocacy; referrals for assistance with home modifications for low income disabled residents.

CIL Opportunities

127 W. Market Street, Suite 100

York, PA 17401

Phone: 717-849-0991 or 1-800-956-0099

TTY: 717-849-0991

Fax: 717-849-0996

[Visit CIL Opportunities](#)

# THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM – Hanson Therapeutic Riding

Therapeutic horseback program to ages 3 and over who are physically and mentally challenged.

Hands On Therapeutic Riding

Nancy Maier  
880 Smith Rd  
Port Matilda, Pa 16870  
Phone: 814-692-8637

## **THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM – SHINING STARS**

Therapy using horses for anyone with a disability.

Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program  
3185 York Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
Phone: 717-398-8327

<http://www.shiningstarstr.com>

## **PENN CARES**

Early Intervention (EI) is provided for children from birth – 3 years old who are at risk for, or have, disabilities or a delay such as, but not limited to, Down Syndrome, speech delay, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, hearing or vision loss, hydrocephalus, microcephalus, autism, developmental delay or neurological impairments. Each child is evaluated. Home-based education; physical, speech and occupational therapy for infants and toddlers.

Attendant Care allows adults with disabilities to remain in their homes by providing in-home personal care. CSPPPD provides training and assistance for adults with disabilities who wish to remain active, or live independently, in the community.

Elks Home Services Nurse Program provides counseling and support, in-home services, education, case management and advocacy for families.

York  
100 Leaders Heights Rd Suite A  
York, PA 17403  
Phone: 717-767-6300 or 1-877-877-0287  
Fax: 717-767-6309  
Hanover  
788 Cherry Tree Court

Hanover, PA 17331

Phone: 717-632-5552 or 1-800-333-3873

Chambersburg

“The Avenues”

500 Cleveland Ave, Suite 209

Chambersburg, Pa 17201

717-267-2672

## VNA HOME HEALTH – WELLSPAN

Professional nursing services; physical, occupational, speech therapies; medical social services; home health aids; private duty nurses; home care assistants.

VNA Home Health – Wellspan

540 S. George Street

York, PA 17401

Phone: 717-812-4433 or 1-877-862-6006

[Visit VNA Home Health – WellSpan](#)

## YORK AREA DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Provides support and education to families and friends who have a loved one with Down Syndrome. Promotes the growth and development of persons with Down Syndrome toward a full and happy life.

York Area Down Syndrome Association

101 Homestead Rd

York, Pennsylvania 17402

Phone: 717-764-4748 or 717-793-9001

[Visit York Area Down Syndrome Association](#)

## SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 pediatric hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico providing specialized care for orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. All services are provided at no charge. Eligibility for care is not based on financial need or relationship to a Shriner. If you know of a child Shriners Hospitals might be able to help, please call our toll-free patient referral line:

Shriners Hospitals for Children

3551 N. Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19140

Phone: 1-800-237-5055 or 1-215-430-4000

Fax: 1-215-430-4079

[Visit Shriners Hospital for Children](#)

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS YORK COUNTY (SOYC)**

Provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for persons with intellectual disabilities starting at age eight.

Special Olympics York County

400 Mulberry Street, York pa 17403

Phone: 717-846-1881 or 1-866-377-7692

Email: [mfo@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org](mailto:mfo@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org)

[Visit SOYC](#)

## **SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PA**

Support and education for those born with Spina Bifida and their families; new parent outreach, parent to parent contacts, advocacy social groups, equipment loan, monthly newsletter, information and referral services .

Spina Bifida Association of Greater Pennsylvania

215 East State St., Suite D

Quarryville, PA 17566

Phone: 717-786-9280 or 717-786-3411

[Visit SBA of Greater PA](#)

# PA TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, INC. (PaTSA)

Chapters and support groups throughout the state; quarterly newsletter; non-legal advocacy; free information; physician/psychologist referral lists.

PA Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 148

McSherrystown, PA 17344

Phone: 717-337-1134

Toll Free: 1-800-990-3300

Fax: 717-337-1960

[Visit PaTSAinc.org](http://VisitPaTSAinc.org)

# HOFFMAN HOMES FOR YOUTH

Residential program for children ages 6 to 18 with a mental health diagnosis. The child must have psychiatric recommendation for placement in a residential treatment facility.

Hoffman Homes for Youth

815 Orphanage Road

Littlestown, PA 17340

Phone: 717-359-7148

Fax: 717-359-2600

Email: [info@hoffmanhomes.com](mailto:info@hoffmanhomes.com)

[Visit Hoffman Homes for Youth](http://VisitHoffmanHomesforYouth)

# JESSICA AND FRIENDS COMMUNITY

For those over 6 years of age with developmental disabilities; respite care services; residential care within a faith-based environment.

Jessica and Friends Community

1625 East Market Street

York, PA 17403



Phone: 717-747-9000

Fax: 888-509-2320

[Visit Jessica and Friends Community](#)

## LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF PA (LDAPA)

Provides guidance to families and adults with learning disabilities; assists families in obtaining appropriated education for their child; advocacy information and referrals.

Chapter office in process:

4751 Lindle Rd

Harrisburg, Pa 17111

Dawn Talley – phone 412-212-7087

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[Visit LDAPA](#)

## LINCOLN INTERMEDIATE UNIT NO. 12

Services and special education for the learning disabled, physically handicapped, mentally retarded, autistic, hearing/visually impaired, socially/emotionally disturbed/speech and language impaired. Psychological testing and evaluation of special needs children. Hearing problem diagnosis and recommendations. Preschool programs for special needs children.

Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12

65 Billerbeck Street

New Oxford, PA 17350

Phone: 717-624-6453

Fax: 717-624-6500

[Visit Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12](#)

## MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER PA

Grants wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

The Gulf Tower

707 Grant St, 37th Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1938

Phone: 412-471-9474

Fax: 412-471-9705

[Visit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater PA](#)

## MARCH OF DIMES

Prenatal care information, support groups and educational material.

March of Dimes

3544 N. Progress Ave.

Suite 204

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-545-4534

Fax: 717-545-5329

[Visit March of Dimes](#)

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION (MDA)

Diagnostic testing, orthopedic equipment, clinics, support groups, patient seminars, social gatherings; summer camp for children ages 6-21; eligible are those registered with MDA with any of 43 neuromuscular diseases.

Muscular Dystrophy Association – Central PA

2080 Linglestown Road – #104

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-540-4316

MDA Clinic Serving Area:

HMC

500 University Drive

Hershey, PA 17033

Phone: 717-531-7122

[Visit MDA](#)

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)**

Assists persons with disabilities in obtaining employment and independence; diagnostic evaluation; in-patient physical therapy/cleft palate, oral and plastic surgery/artificial limbs; hearing aides, wheelchairs, assistive devices; independent living services; job counseling, job training.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

2550 Kingston Road, Suite 101

York, PA 17402

Phone: 717-771-4407 or 1-800-762-6306

Fax: 717-771-4421

[Visit OVR](#)

## **CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION, CENTRAL PA CHAPTER**

600 Corporate Cir Ste 103

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-671-4000

Organizes events&fundraisers for patients living with cystic fibrosis. Also has links to patient assistance programs locally.

[Visit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#)

## **DIABETES – AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**

Emotional support and social groups; educational material; summer camps for children with diabetes.

The Greater Philadelphia Area Pediatric Support Group

Natalie Bellini [natalie.bellini@childrenwithdiabetes.com](mailto:natalie.bellini@childrenwithdiabetes.com)

# EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM – YORK/ADAMS

The services are specialized services provided to young children (birth-3 years) who have or are at risk for developmental delay. Services offered: Developmental therapy, PT, OT, ST, feeding services, behavior management, infant massage. Eligibility dependent on evaluation to determine if child is experiencing delay in development in 1 of the following – gross motor, social skills, fine motor, cognitive skills, adaptive/self help skills and language skills.

100 W. Market Street Suite 301

York, PA 17401

Phone: 717-7719618- referral secretary

Fax: 717-771-9826

Must Call York Center before any referral to Hanover.

[Early Intervention Program](#)

[www.f-cr.com](http://www.f-cr.com)

# EASTER SEALS CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA – 2 locations

Providing services for people with disabilities and their families. York services: Child Development Center, American Sign Language classes, Speech Therapy, Therapeutic Recreation, Autism Resource Center, day camps.

York

Easter Seals Central Pennsylvania

2550 Kingston Road

Suite 219

York, PA 17402

Phone: 717-741-3891

Fax: 717-741-5359

Harrisburg

Easter Seals Central Pennsylvania

3029 N. Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 717-901-3993

Fax: 814-283-2383

[Visit Easter Seals Central PA](#)

<http://centralpa.easterseals.com>

## **FAMILY-CHILD RESOURCES, INC.**

Early Intervention (EI) services are specialized services provided to families in York and Adams Counties with young children (ages birth to three years) who have or are at risk for developmental delay. An evaluation to determine if your child is experiencing developmental delay is required to receive EI services. Provide counseling services and parent education classes.

Family-Child Resources, Inc.

3995 East Market Street

York, PA 17402

Phone: 717-757-1227

Fax: 717-757-1353

[Visit Family-Child Resources, Inc.](#)

## **FORSIGHT VISION**

Personal and family counseling; information and referral; rehabilitation services' vision screenings; eyeglass assistance fund; access technology; support groups.

ForSight Vision

1380 Spahn Avenue

York, PA 17403

Phone: 717-393-5894 ext 4115 or 1-800-255-6578

Fax: 717-845-3889

## **BUREAU OF BLINDNESS AND VISUAL SERVICES (BBVS)**

To assist Pennsylvanians who are blind or visually impaired gain the skills necessary to live and work independently in their communities

Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services

Blindness and Visual Services

Forum Place

555 Walnut Street, 8th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: 717-787-7500 or 1-866-375-8264

TTY: 717-787-1733 or 1-888-575-9420

[Visit BBVS](#)

## CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE (CPL)

Places assistance dogs with individuals with mobility impairments/physical disabilities such as muscular dystrophy, MS, cerebral palsy spinal core injuries, seizure disorders. English only. Fee depending on income.

Canine Partners for Life

334 Faggs Manor Road

Cochronville, PA 19330

Phone: 610-869-4902

Fax: 610-869-9785

Email: [info@k94life.org](mailto:info@k94life.org)

[Visit CPL](#)

[www.k94life.org](http://www.k94life.org)

## CASE MANAGEMENT – YORK/ADAMS OF CAP4KIDS

Case Management and Assessment of Service Needs

100 West Market Street

3rd Floor

York, PA 17401

(717) 771-9618; 1-800-441-2025 (option 3, then 4)

# **CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICE SYSTEM PROGRAM (CASSP)**

Develop and coordinate a plan of care for children ages newborn to 21 with emotional, mental health, mental retardation or behavioral issues.

York County

York County Human Services Department

100 West Market Street, Suite 401

York, PA 17401

Phone: 717-771-9347

Fax: 717-771-4663

[Visit CASSP](#)

# **CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY – THE FRANCES LEITER CENTER**

Provides child centered outpatient therapy, parent /child relationship therapy, support groups, referrals.

Children's Aid Society

The Frances Leiter Center

255 Miller St

Chambersburg, PA 17201

Phone: 717-263-4159

Fax: 717-264-0680

[Visit Children's Aid Society – The Frances Leiter Center](#)

# **CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY – THE NICARRY CENTER**

Art Play Therapy is provided to children experiencing significant life events including conflict, divorce, school problems, mental illness, a form of abuse, and/or behavioral problems. English only. Medical assistance with possible fee.

Children's Aid Society

The Nicarry Center

343 Lincoln Way West

New Oxford, PA 17350

Phone: 717-624-4461

Fax: 717-624-3011

[Visit Children's Aid Society – The Nicarry Center](#)

## ADAMS COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

Mission is to ensure that each child in Adams county has a safe and permanent home. Services provided: a) foster care – program designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child who needs care for a temporary or extended period of time, b) intake/referral – investigating and making assessments of need for intervention, c) placement- to foster homes, emergency shelters, group home and residential facilities, and d) protective – referral services for counseling, support groups, training or evaluation. Child abuse and neglect investigations.

County of Adams

Children and Youth Services

525 Boyds School Rd#100

Gettysburg, PA 17325-2376

Phone: 717-337-0110

Emergency After Hours: 717-334-8101

Fax: 717-337-0616

## AMAZING KIDS CLUB – AUTISM

Autism Day Treatment Program 'The Amazing Kids' Club' is a specialized autism treatment program held in the Center for Childhood enhancement. The center uses research based treatment modalities from Applied Behavior Analysis and Relationship therapies. The curricula will focus on the main domains of development: play skills, socialization skill, communication skills, and safety /self-help skills. Treatment plans will be developed by highly trained Clinical Coordinators and will focus on individual and group goals. Family participation is a key to success. The on-site center would be available to children and adolescents on the Autism Spectrum, ages 2 to 18 (21 if still in school). English only. Takes medical assistance.

Center of Childhood Enhancement

1181 Westminster Rd.

Hanover, PA 17331

Phone: 717-632-4900



1195 Roosevelt Ave.

York, PA 17401

717-846-0800

## AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN (ASDC)

ASDC is a national, independent non-profit organization. Purpose is providing support, encouragement and information to families raising children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Supplies information and support families request to ensure that their decisions and actions are based on up-to-date and accurate knowledge.

American Society for Deaf Children

P.O. Box 3355

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Phone: 800-942-2732

717-334-7922

Fax: 717-334-8808

Email: [asdc@deafchildren.org](mailto:asdc@deafchildren.org)

3820 Hartzdale Drive

Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: 717-703-0073

Fax: 717-909-5599

[Visit ASDC](#)

## ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Provide services and offers various programs to help people with arthritis cope with their disease. Special events held throughout the year like arthritis walk and jingle bell run to raise money and awareness. Provide exercise programs, educational programs and support groups for people with arthritis. Evidence based exercise programs; outreach, fundraising events for research. English only.

Arthritis Foundation Center PA Chapter

3544 N. Progress Avenue, Suite 201

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Phone: 215-574-3060

800-776-0746

Fax: 215-574-3070

Email: [info.cpa@arthritis.org](mailto:info.cpa@arthritis.org)

[Visit Arthritis Foundation Central PA Chapter](#)

<http://www.arthritis.org>

## AUTISM YORK

Provide support to parents, family and friends of individuals on the autism spectrum. Plan family friendly, autism-friendly fun events like game night, tumbletown playdates, morning at the movies and other fun activities for children with autism and their families.

Autism York

PO Box 7322

York, PA 17404

Phone: 717-801-1272

Email: [info@autismyork.org](mailto:info@autismyork.org)