



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Local Housing and Services Information for Berks County

This information is provided through a partnership with PHFA and the Regional Housing Coordinator Program of the Self-Determination Housing Project. It is designed to help individuals identify and contact local resources to help with housing and services issues. Updates or corrections may be provided to your local Regional Housing Coordinator.

### Local Housing Contact Information

A Free Service to List and Find Affordable Homes and Apartments across Pennsylvania

#### **Regional Housing Coordinator:**

RHCs work with state agencies, service providers and housing professionals to improve access to housing for people with disabilities.

For more info, go to: [www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org)

Arlette Wright [arlette.wright@handi-crafters.org](mailto:arlette.wright@handi-crafters.org)  
 Residential Living Options  
 330 West Market Street  
 West Chester, PA 19382  
 610.701.9301 Fax: 610.701.9304 TTY:

#### **Access Modification Program:**

This program provides resources to enable eligible people with disabilities make their home more accessible. For more info, go to:

Abilities in Motion  
 210 N. 5th St Attn: Stephanie Miller  
 Reading, PA 19601  
 610.376.0010 Fax: TTY:

#### **Builder's Association:**

Voluntary association of area builders may have housing information or contacts for developers.

No Information  
 , PA  
 Fax: TTY:

#### **Fair Housing Resources:**

US, PA and local organizations offer info about fair housing and respond to complaints.

#### **HUD Fair Housing Enforcement Center**

Philadelphia Office 888.799.2085  
 Pittsburgh Office 412.644.6428

**PA Human Relations Commission** [www.phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)  
 Harrisburg Office 717.787.0784  
 Philadelphia Office: 215.560.2496  
 Pittsburgh Office: 412.565.5395

#### **The Human Relations Alliance**

P.O. Box 8075  
 Reading, PA 19601  
 610.373.4819 Fax: TTY:  
[www.hrapa.org](http://www.hrapa.org)

#### **Habitat for Humanity:**

Organization builds "simple, decent and affordable" housing using volunteer labor and houses are sold at no profit.

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

#### **Reading-Berks Habitat for Humanity**

PO Box 13666  
 Reading, PA 19612-3666  
 (610) 373-3439 Fax: 610.373.3439 TTY:  
[brobst55rs@aol.com](mailto:brobst55rs@aol.com)

#### **Housing Coalition or Local**

#### **Housing Options Team:**

Coalitions of housing and service providers organized to resolve local housing issues, including housing for people with disabilities.

#### **Reading Housing Authority**

Dept of Resident Services 125 N 10th St  
 Reading, PA 19601  
 610.376.8413 Fax: 6103768415 TTY:

[skeppen@readingha.org](mailto:skeppen@readingha.org)

**Housing Trust Fund:**

Potential local source of funds for affordable housing. Funds are distributed as follows: County Commissioners Decide

**Berks County Community Dev Office**

32 N State St  
Reading, PA 19601  
610.478.6325 Fax: TTY:

**Landlord Association:**

Voluntary association of area landlords may offer information about available rentals.

**Real Estate Investors Assoc. of Berks County**

730 Penn Ave  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608  
610.678.3595 Fax: 610.678.3595 TTY:

**Public Housing Authority:**

Housing Authorities in PA are operated at the county or local level. Most authorities offer low-income housing (public housing units) and vouchers to subsidize rent for eligible households.

**Berks County Housing Authority**

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

1803 Butter Lane  
Reading, PA 19606  
610.370.0822 Fax: 610.370.2766 TTY:

Housing Choice Voucher Info:

Public Housing Unit Info

**Reading Housing Authority**

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

815 Franklin St  
Reading, PA 19602  
6107754813 or 610 Fax: 610.777.5965 TTY:

Housing Choice Voucher Info:

Public Housing Unit Info

**Rural Housing Office:**

USDA Rural Housing Service operates rental housing, home purchase/repair loans, and other housing programs. The PA website is: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa)

**Lehigh Area Office #2**

2211 Mack Blvd  
Allentown, PA 18103-5623  
6107919810 x123 Fax: 6107919820 TTY: 1.800.654.5984  
[jack.kauffman@pa.usda.gov](mailto:jack.kauffman@pa.usda.gov)

**Local Service Provider Contact Information for Berks County**

**General Information and Referral:** To be updated  
www.communityassetspa.org

TTY

**For Energy and Utility Related Assistance go to [www.turnsealsave.org](http://www.turnsealsave.org)**

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**Area Agency on Aging**

AAA's provide info and services for older adults and their caregivers. Services vary by agency.

**Berks County Office of Aging**

County Services Center  
Reading PA 633 Court St  
610.478.6500 19601  
Fax: 610.478.6886  
[aging@countyofberks.com](mailto:aging@countyofberks.com) [www.berksaging.org](http://www.berksaging.org)

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**Arc (Association of Retarded Citizens) Arc of Berks County**

Arc works to include all children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, working for inclusion in every community.

1829 New Holland Rd Suite 9  
Reading PA 19607  
Fax:  
[berksarc@aol.com](mailto:berksarc@aol.com) [www.berksiu.k12.pa.us/arc](http://www.berksiu.k12.pa.us/arc)

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**Center for Independent Living (CIL)**

Each CIL provides 4 core services, including advocacy, information and referral, peer mentoring and independent living skills.

**Abilities in Motion**

210 N. 5th St  
Reading PA 19601  
888.376.0120 Fax: 610.376.0021  
[Aimed@abilitiesinmotion.org](mailto:Aimed@abilitiesinmotion.org) [www.abilitiesinmotion.org](http://www.abilitiesinmotion.org)

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**Community Action Agency**

Community Action Agencies help individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency while strengthening communities.

**Berks Community Action Program, Inc.**

PO Box 22  
Reading PA 19603-0022  
610.376.6571 Fax: 610.376.6575  
[jeinsla@bcapberks.org](mailto:jeinsla@bcapberks.org)

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**Mental Health - Housing Specialist**

The MH Housing Specialist provides housing supports so people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders can be integrated into community living.

Housing Specialist: Lorena Keely  
610.236.3925 Fax: TTY:  
[lkeely@sam-inc.org](mailto:lkeely@sam-inc.org)

**Mental Health Hot Line:**

MH Admin: Ed Michalik

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**Homelessness Prevention Agency**

The agency provides case management, rental assistance, transitional and emergency housing.

**Berks Human Services Coordinator**

County Services Center  
Reading PA 19601  
610.478.6194 Fax: 610.478.6206

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**Nursing Home Transition Team**

A collaborative effort using federal, state and local resources and partnerships moves people from nursing homes to the community.

**PA Office of Long Term Living**

**www.ltlinpa.org**

Sharon Wilkes 717.346.0495 [ra-nht@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-nht@state.pa.us)  
Jennifer Mikos 717.346.9782 [c-jmikos@state.pa.us](mailto:c-jmikos@state.pa.us)

**Abilities in Motion (AIM)**

Stephanie Miller (< 60) 6103760010 x1 [aimsnht@abilitiesinmotion.org](mailto:aimsnht@abilitiesinmotion.org)

**Berks County Office on Aging**

Anne Field (60+) 610.478.6500 [Afield@countyofberks.com](mailto:Afield@countyofberks.com)

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**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1090 Commons Boulevard  
Reading PA 19605  
610.916.2316 Fax:  
[www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

**United Way**

Services vary in each community and typically include fund-raising and information and referral.

**United Way of Berks County**

501 Washington St., 6th Floor P.O. Box 702  
Reading PA 19603  
610.371.4550 Fax: 610.685.4596  
[postmaster@uwberks.org](mailto:postmaster@uwberks.org) <http://www.uwberks.org>

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**VA Homeless Services**

Benefits include an array of services to help veterans live as independently as possible, including transition, case mgmt, rehabilitation and income supports.

**Veterans Administration Medical Center**

1400 Black Horse Hill Rd  
Coatesville PA 19320  
610.384.7711 Fax: 610.466.2235  
[Rhonda.sanford@va.gov](mailto:Rhonda.sanford@va.gov)

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**Waiver Service Providers for Individuals Aged <60 Under 60 Waiver Provider to be updated**

Waiver service providers are certified by the Dept of Public Welfare to provide an alternative to care in a nursing facility.

**For Individuals Aged 60+ See Area Agency on Aging**