



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Quick Start Housing and Services Information for Blair 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

**Pennsylvania Affordable Apartment Locator:** <http://pal.phfa.org>

#### **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.sdhcp.org](http://www.sdhcp.org)

Howard Ermin [hermin@cilcp.org](mailto:hermin@cilcp.org)  
Center for Independent Living of Central PA  
207 House Ave Suite 107  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
717.731.1900 Fax: 717.731.8150 TTY: (717) 737-1335

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

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

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

Self-Determination Housing Project (Applications)  
717 E Lancaster Ave Attn: Celia Michl  
Downingtown, PA 19355  
610.873.9595 Fax: 610.873.9597 TTY:  
[celia@sdhp.org](mailto:celia@sdhp.org)

#### **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**

Harrisburg Office 717.787.0784  
Philadelphia Office: 215.560.2496  
Pittsburgh Office: 412.565.5395

[www.phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)

, PA  
Fax: TTY:

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

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

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

#### **Habitat for Humanity of Blair County**

302 E Wopsonnock Ave  
Altoona, PA 16601  
(814) 944-3219 Fax: 814.944.3220 TTY:  
[info@habitatblaircounty.org](mailto:info@habitatblaircounty.org)

#### **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.

#### **Blair County MH/MR**

423 Allegheny St Suite 441  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-2022  
8146933023 x2 Fax: 8146933042 TTY:  
[lnhann@blairco.org](mailto:lnhann@blairco.org)

#### **Housing Trust Fund:**

Potential local source of funds for affordable housing. Funds are distributed as follows:  
Board Reviews and approves

#### **Blair County Housing & Redevelopment**

PO Box 167  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814.695.7548 Fax: TTY:

**Landlord Association:**

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

**Central PA Landlord's Association (CPLA)**

RD 2 Box 262  
Tyrone, PA 16686  
814.742.8774 Fax: 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.

**Blair County Housing Authority**

1407 Blair Street Village PO Box 167  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814.695.7548 Fax: 814.695.5102 TTY:

**Housing Authority of the City of Altoona**

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

2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard  
Altoona, PA 16602  
814.949.2006 Fax: 814.949.2025 TTY:

**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)

**Westmoreland Area Office**

214 Donohoe Rd Suite A  
Greensburg, PA 15601-9217  
724.853.5555 Fax: 7248329721 TTY:

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

**General Information and Referral:**

To be updated  
[www.communityassetspa.org](http://www.communityassetspa.org)

TTY

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

**Area Agency on Aging**

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

**Blair Senior Services, Inc.**

1320 12th Ave  
Altoona PA 16601-3308  
800.245.3282 Fax: 814.949.4857  
[anevins@blairsenior.org](mailto:anevins@blairsenior.org)

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

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

431 Jackson Ave  
Altoona PA 16602  
Fax:  
mbrandt@thearcblair.org www.thearcblair.org

**Center for Independent Living (CIL)**

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

**Center for Independent Living of South Central PA**

1603 9th Ave  
Altoona PA 16602  
800.237.9009 Fax: 814.949.1909  
[sestep@cilscca.org](mailto:sestep@cilscca.org) [www.cilscca.org](http://www.cilscca.org)

**Community Action Agency**

**Blair County Community Action Agency**

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

PO Box 1833  
Altoona  
814.946.3651

2100 6th Ave, Ste. 102  
PA 16602  
Fax: 814.946.5451

### **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: LuAnn Rabenstein

814.693.3023 Fax: TTY:  
[lnhann@blairco.org](mailto:lnhann@blairco.org)

### **Mental Health Hot Line:**

MH Admin: Theresa Rudy

### **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](http://www.ltlinpa.org)**

Sharon Wilkes 717.346.0495 ra-nht@state.pa.us  
Jennifer Mikos 717.346.9782 c-jmikos@state.pa.us

### **Blair Senior Services**

Angel Nevins 814.946.1235 [Anevins@blairsenior.org](mailto:Anevins@blairsenior.org)

### **Blair Senior Services**

Melissa Raley 814.946.1235 [Mraley@blairsenior.org](mailto:Mraley@blairsenior.org)

### **CRI Inc.**

Bill Essigman 814.838.7222 [bessigmann@crinet.org](mailto:bessigmann@crinet.org)

### **CRI Inc.**

Kristy Dovichow 814.838.7222 x10 [kdovichow@crinet.org](mailto:kdovichow@crinet.org)

### **CRI Inc.**

James Payne 814.944.2645 [jpayne@crinet.org](mailto:jpayne@crinet.org)

### **CIL Opportunities**

Hillary Hasson 717.849.0991 [hhillary@verizon.net](mailto:hhillary@verizon.net)

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1101 Green Ave  
Altoona PA 16601  
814.946.7240 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 Blair County**

1216 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Suite C  
Altoona PA 16602  
814.944.0884 Fax: 814.946.5113

[unitedwayofblaircounty@atlanticcbbn.net](mailto:unitedwayofblaircounty@atlanticcbbn.net) <http://www.unitedwayofblaircounty.c>

### **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**

2907 Pleasant Valley Blvd  
Altoona PA 16602  
814.943.8164 x7640 Fax:  
[caroline.mccauley@va.gov](mailto:caroline.mccauley@va.gov)

### **Waiver Service Providers for Individuals Aged <60 UCP Southern Alleghenies Region**

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

814.262.9600  
[info@ucpsar.org](mailto:info@ucpsar.org)  
[www.ucpsar.org](http://www.ucpsar.org)

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