



QUICK START HOUSING AND
SERVICES INFORMATION FOR

Columbia 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 (listed below).

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LOCAL HOUSING PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Regional Housing Coordinator Manager:

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

Self-Determination Housing Project

261 Old York Rd., Suite 321A

Jenkintown, PA 19046

Ph: 610.873.9595 Website: www.sdhp.org

Access Modification Program:

This program provides resources to enable eligible persons with disabilities make their home more accessible.

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Columbia County Redevelopment Authority

700 Sawmill Rd.

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

rkisner@columbiacountyhousing.com

Ph: 570.784.9373

Builders Association:

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

Central Susquehanna Builders Association

300 Walnut St.

Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Ph: 570.966.0625

Fair Housing Resources:

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

PA Human Relations Commission

Philadelphia Office: 215.560.2496

Website: www.phrc.state.pa.us

HUD Fair Housing Enforcement

Philadelphia Office: 888.799.2085

Habitat for Humanity

Organization builds “simple, decent, and affordable” housing using volunteer labor and supplies. Houses are sold at no profit.

Columbia & Montour Counties Habitat for Humanity

PO Box 273
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Ph: 570.784.1454

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.

Columbia/Montour Homeless Task Force

Rich Kisner
700 Sawmill Rd., Suite 101
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Ph: 570.784.9373

Housing Trust Fund:

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

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Landlord Association:

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

Berwick Area Landlords Association

812-D Central Rd.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
berwickarealandlords@gmail.com
Ph: 570.784.9373

Public Housing Authority:

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

Clinton County Housing Authority

Rich Kisner
700 Sawmill Rd., Suite 101
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
rkisner@columbiacountyhousing.com
Ph: 570.784.9373

Rural Housing Office:

USDA Rural Housing Service operates rental housing, home purchase/repair loans, and other housing programs.

Lycoming Area Regional Office

542 County Farm Rd., Suite 205
Montoursville, PA 17754
Ph: 570.433.3006 ext. 4
Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Local Lead Agency:

PHFA encourages housing providers to partner with these Local Lead Agencies to establish a referral system for targeted rental units. LLAs serve as a clearinghouse to provide qualified referrals for available units in a timely fashion

CMSU Behavioral Health and Development Services

Joseph Baker
jbaker@cmsu.org
Ph: 570.275.5422

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

ADRCs (also called LINKs) promote communication and training for agencies working with older adults and adults with disabilities.

ADRC/LINK
Susan Church
schurch@usaa17.org
Ph: 1.800.598.5001

Area Agency on Aging

AAAs provide info and services for older adults and their caregivers. Services vary by agency.

Columbia/Montour Counties Area Agency on Aging
Lynne Rosbach
702 Sawmill Rd.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
lrosbach@cmaaa.org
Ph: 570.784.9272

Arc

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

ARC of North East PA
115 Meadow Ave.
Scranton, PA 18505
Ph: 570.346.4010

Center for Independent Living (CIL)

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

Northeast PA CIL
1142 Sanderson Ave., Suite 1
Scranton, PA 18509
Ph: 800.344.7211 Website: www.nepacil.org

Community Action Agency

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

Columbia County Planning Commission
26 W. First St.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Ph: 570.389.9146

Mental Health—Housing Specialist

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

Housing Specialist
Joseph Baker
jbaker@cmsu.org
Ph: 570.275.5422

Homelessness Prevention Agency

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

Columbia County Human Services Department

PO Box 380
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Ph: 570.389.5700

Nursing Home Transition Team

A collaborative effort using federal, state, and local resources and partnerships to move people from nursing homes back to their community or to help keep people in their community.

Website: www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/alternativestonursinghomes/nht/

To contact a local Nursing Home Transition Coordination Agency, visit the DHS Nursing Home Transition website using the link to the right. Scroll down to the section titled "Transition Preparation" to access the list of Nursing Home Transition Coordination Agencies.

PA Office of Long Term Living

Rachel Sink
ra-pwnhtinfo@pa.gov
Ph: 1 (800) 833-5196

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

300 G Laird St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Ph: 570.826.2011 Website: www.dli.state.pa.us

United Way

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

United Way of Columbia County

10 Penn St., PO Box 313
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
uwcolco@verizon.net
Ph: 570.784.3134
Website: www.unitedwaycolumbiacounty.com

VA Homeless Services

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

Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center

1111 East End Blvd.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
Ph: 610.766.4664

Columbia County Veterans Affairs

11 W. Main St.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Ph: 570.387.6501

Medicaid – HealthChoices

HealthChoices is the name of Pennsylvania's managed care programs for Medical Assistance recipients. There are three programs: Physical HealthChoices, Behavioral HealthChoices, and Community HealthChoices. Each offers quality medical care for your physical health, behavioral health, or your long-term support needs. For more information, please use the link to the right.

Website: www.healthchoices.pa.gov/info/index.htm

Medicaid – Waiver Information

Waivers are part of Pennsylvania's Medicaid program and provide supports and services to help people to live in their communities instead of a facility like a nursing home. For more information, please use the link to the right.

Website: www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/index.htm