



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Quick Start Housing and Services Information for Jefferson 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.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org)

Amy Wehler [rhc@liftil.org](mailto:rhc@liftil.org)  
Life & Independence for Today  
503 E. Arch St  
St. Mary's, PA 15857  
8147813050 or 800 Fax: 814.781.1917 TTY:

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

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

[www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.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.

Greater DuBois Area Builders Assoc  
PO Box 664  
DuBois, PA 15801  
814.371.8088 Fax: 814.371.8874 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

, PA  
Fax: TTY:

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

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

, PA  
Fax: TTY:

#### **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.

#### **Community Action, Inc.**

105 Grace Way  
Punxsutawney, PA 15767-1209  
814.938.3302 Fax: 8149387596 TTY:  
[mcarlson@jccap.org](mailto:mcarlson@jccap.org)

**Housing Trust Fund:**

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

**Jefferson County Dept of Development**

155 Main St 2nd Floor  
Brookville , PA 15825  
814.849.3047 Fax: TTY:

**Landlord Association:**

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

, PA  
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.

**Housing Authority of the County of Jefferson**

201 N Jefferson St  
Punxsutawney , PA 15767  
814.938.7140 Fax: 814.938.7333 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)

**Crawford USDA Service Center**

14699 N Main St Extension  
Meadville , PA 16335  
8143366155 ext.4 Fax: 8143370294 TTY:

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

**General  
Information  
and Referral:**

To be updated  
www.communityassetspa.org

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**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.

**Jefferson County Area Agency on Aging**

186 Main St  
Brookville PA 15825  
814.849.3096 Fax: 814.849.4655

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

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

128 Darrell Dr  
Brockway PA 15824  
Fax:  
[jcarc@care2.com](mailto:jcarc@care2.com)

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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.

**Life & Independence for Today**

503 East Arch Street  
St. Marys PA 15857  
800.341.5438 Fax: 814.781.1917  
[lifted@alltel.net](mailto:lifted@alltel.net) [www.liftcil.org](http://www.liftcil.org)

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**Community Action Agency**

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

**Community Action, Inc.**

105 Grace Way  
Punxsutawney PA 15767  
814.938.3302 Fax: 814.938.7596  
[rcardamone@jccap.org](mailto:rcardamone@jccap.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: Sue Blakeslee**

814.265.1060 Fax: TTY:  
[sblakeslee@cljhmhmr.com](mailto:sblakeslee@cljhmhmr.com)

**Mental Health Hot Line:**

MH Admin: Bill Mendat

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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](http://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)

**CRI Inc.**  
**Life and Independence for Today**  
**Jefferson County AAA**

Bill Essigman 814.838.7222 [bessigmann@crinet.org](mailto:bessigmann@crinet.org)  
Sandy Major 814.781.3050 [nht@liftcil.org](mailto:nht@liftcil.org)  
Cheryl Muders 814.849.3096 [jcaaamuders@alltel.net](mailto:jcaaamuders@alltel.net)

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**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

PA  
Fax:  
[www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)

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**United Way**

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

**Brookville Area United Fund**

P.O. Box 296 175 Main Street  
Brookville PA 15825  
814.849.6716 Fax: 814.849.8455

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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.

**VAMC/55 SW**

325 New Castle Road  
Butler PA 16001  
8003628262 x2439 Fax:  
[Daniel.slack@va.gov](mailto:Daniel.slack@va.gov)

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**Waiver Service Providers for Individuals Aged <60 Community Resources for Independence**

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

800.530.5541

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