



QUICK START HOUSING AND  
SERVICES INFORMATION FOR

## Lehigh 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).

**FREE to search FREE to List local housing in PA**



## 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**

Megan Bolin  
261 Old York Rd., Suite 321A  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
[MBolin@sdhp.org](mailto:MBolin@sdhp.org)  
Ph: 610.873.9595 Website: [www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org)

### **Access Modification Program:**

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

### **Self-Determination Housing Project**

261 Old York Rd., Suite 321A  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
Ph: 610.873.9595 Website: [www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org)

### **Builders Association:**

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

### **Lehigh Valley Builders Association**

Charles Hamilton  
1524 Linden St., 3rd Floor  
Allentown, PA 18102  
[lvba@lvba.org](mailto:lvba@lvba.org)  
Ph: 610.432.4101  
Website: [www.lvba.org](http://www.lvba.org)

### **Fair Housing Resources:**

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

### **PA Human Relations Commission**

Harrisburg Office: 717.787.0784  
Website: [www.phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)

### **HUD Fair Housing Enforcement**

Philadelphia Office: 888.799.2085

### **Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania**

PO Box 558  
Fort Washington, PA 19034  
[info@equalhousing.org](mailto:info@equalhousing.org)  
Ph: 267.419.8918 Website: [www.equalhousing.org](http://www.equalhousing.org)

**Habitat for Humanity**

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

**Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley**

245 N. Graham St.

Allentown, PA 18109

[info@habitatlehighvalley.org](mailto:info@habitatlehighvalley.org)

Ph: 610.776.7737 Website: [www.habitatlv.org](http://www.habitatlv.org)

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**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.

**Disability Friendly Community Lehigh Valley**

Bob Wittman

[bob4dfc@ptd.net](mailto:bob4dfc@ptd.net)

Website: [www.dfclv.org/committees/housing-accessibility/](http://www.dfclv.org/committees/housing-accessibility/)

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**Housing Trust Fund:**

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

**County of Lehigh**

17 South 7th St.

Allentown, PA 18101

Ph: 610.782.3001

[virginiahaas@lehighcounty.org](mailto:virginiahaas@lehighcounty.org)

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**Landlord Association:**

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

**None**

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**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.

**Lehigh County Housing Authority**

120 North 3rd St.

Emmaus, PA 18409

Ph: 610.433.2312

Website: [www.lehighcountyha.org](http://www.lehighcountyha.org)

**Allentown Housing Authority**

1339 W. Allen St.

Allentown, PA 18102

Ph: 610.439.8678

Website: [www.allentownhousing.org](http://www.allentownhousing.org)

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**Rural Housing Office:**

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

**Lehigh Area Office**

Karen Solt

2211 Mack Blvd

Allentown, PA 18103

[Karen.Solt@pa.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.Solt@pa.usda.gov)

Ph: 610.791.9810 ext. 117

Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://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

### **DHS Administrative Services**

Kay Achenbach  
[kayachenbach@lehighcounty.org](mailto:kayachenbach@lehighcounty.org)  
Ph: 610.782.3475

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### **Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)**

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

### **Lehigh & Northampton County LINK**

Kim Melusky  
[kimberlymelusky@lehighcounty.org](mailto:kimberlymelusky@lehighcounty.org)

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### **Area Agency on Aging**

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

### **Lehigh County AAA**

17 S. Seventh St., Room 230  
Allentown, PA 18101  
[agingandadult@lehighcounty.org](mailto:agingandadult@lehighcounty.org)  
Ph: 610.782.3034

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### **Arc**

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

### **Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties**

2289 Avenue A  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
[kgrady@arcofl-n.org](mailto:kgrady@arcofl-n.org)  
Ph: 610.849.8076 Website: [www.arcofl-n.org](http://www.arcofl-n.org)

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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.

### **Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living**

713 North 13th St.  
Allentown, PA 18102  
[info@lvcil.org](mailto:info@lvcil.org)  
Ph: 610.770.9781 Website: [www.lvcil.org](http://www.lvcil.org)

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### **Community Action Agency**

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

### **Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.**

1337 E. Fifth St.  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
[ajennings@cadv.org](mailto:ajennings@cadv.org)  
Ph: 610.691.5620

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### **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.

### **Mental Health Clearinghouse**

[clearinghouse@lehighchurches.org](mailto:clearinghouse@lehighchurches.org)  
Ph: 610.439.8653

**Homelessness Prevention Agency**

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

**Lehigh Conference of Churches**

457 W. Allen St.

Allentown, PA 18102

[info@lehighchurches.org](mailto:info@lehighchurches.org)

Ph: 610.433.6421

Website: [www.lehighchurches.org](http://www.lehighchurches.org)

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**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/](http://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.

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**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

45 N. Fourth St.

Allentown, PA 18102

Ph: 610.821.6441 Website: [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, information, and referral.

**United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley**

1110 American Parkway Northeast, Suite F-120

Allentown, PA 18109

Ph: 610.758.8010 Website: [www.unitedwayglv.org](http://www.unitedwayglv.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 management, rehabilitation, and income supports.

**Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center**

David Warke

1111 East End Blvd.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

[David.warke@med.va.gov](mailto:David.warke@med.va.gov)

Ph: 570.824.3521 ext. 7956

**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](http://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](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/index.htm)