



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Local Housing and Services Information for Schuylkill 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



#### **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:

[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.

Kay Brown  
Schuylkill Builders Assoc  
1036 Schuylkill Mountain Rd  
Schuylkillhaven, PA 17972  
570.385.3360 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

, PA  
Fax: TTY:

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

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

#### **Schuylkill County Habitat for Humanity**

PO Box 2  
Pottsville, PA 17901-0002  
(570) 628-5110 Fax: TTY:  
[Contact: Jane Kruse](mailto:jkruse@schuylkillhabitat.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.

#### **Service Access and Mangement, Inc.**

Contact: Jerry Achenbach 1 South Second St  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
570.573.6608 Fax: TTY:

**Housing Trust Fund:**

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

**Schuylkill Community Action**

225 N Centre St  
Pottsville , PA 17901  
570.622.1995 Fax: TTY:

**Landlord Association:**

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

**None**

, 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.

**Pottsville Housing Authority**

[www.pottsvillehousing.net](http://www.pottsvillehousing.net)

410 West Laurel Blvd  
Pottsville , PA 17901  
570.628.2702 Fax: 570.628.5910 TTY:

Housing Choice Voucher Info:

Public Housing Unit Info

**Schuylkill County Housing Authority**

245 Parkway  
Schuylkill Haven , PA 17972  
570.385.3400 Fax: 570.385.7695 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 Schuylkill County**

**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.

**Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services**

110 E Laurel Blvd  
Pottsville PA 17901  
570.622.3103 Fax: 570.622.1732  
[pohl@co.schuylkill.pa.us](mailto:pohl@co.schuylkill.pa.us)

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

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

85 E Main St PO Box 271  
Ringtown PA 17967  
Fax: krfarley@geisinger.edu

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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.

**Anthracite Region Center for Independent Living**

44 W. Broad Street  
Hazleton PA 18201  
800.777.9906 Fax: 570.455.1731  
[dcorcoran@anthracitecil.org](mailto:dcorcoran@anthracitecil.org) [www.anthracitecil.org](http://www.anthracitecil.org)

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**Community Action Agency**

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

**Schuylkill Community Action**

206 N Second St Administrative Offices  
Pottsville PA 17901  
570.622.1995 Fax: 570.622.4339  
[tdreisbach@schuylkillcommunityaction.com](mailto:tdreisbach@schuylkillcommunityaction.com)

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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: Jerry Achenbach  
570.573.6608 Fax:   
[gachenbach@sam-inc.org](mailto:gachenbach@sam-inc.org)

TTY:

**Mental Health Hot Line:** 570.628.0152  
MH Admin: Dan McGrory

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**Homelessness Prevention Agency**

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

**Schuylkill County Department of Human Services**

420 North Centre Street  
Pottsville 17901  
570.628.1099 Fax:

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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  
Jennifer Mikos 717.346.9782 c-jmikos@state.pa.us

**Anthracite Region CIL**

Sharon Kaftka (<60) 570.455.9800 [skafka@anthracitecil.org](mailto:skafka@anthracitecil.org)

**Schuylkill County AAA**

Pam Ohl (60+) 570.622.3103 [pohl@co.schuylkill.pa.us](mailto:pohl@co.schuylkill.pa.us)

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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.

**Schuylkill United Way**

P.O. Box 1139 91 S. Progress Ave.  
Pottsville PA 17901  
570.622.6421 Fax: 570.622.7424  
[info@schuylkillunitedway.org](mailto:info@schuylkillunitedway.org) [www.schuylkillunitedway.org](http://www.schuylkillunitedway.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.

**Wilkes Barre VA Medical Center**

1111 East End Blvd Paul Casner  
Wilkes Barre PA 18711  
610.766.4664 Fax:

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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**