



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Quick Start Housing and Services Information for Somerset 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)

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.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.

Doug McCall Bell, Esq.  
Somerset County Builders Assoc  
PO Box 221  
Berlin, PA 15530  
814.267.4490 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.

#### **Somerset County Habitat for Humanity**

PO Box 785  
Somerset, PA 15501-0785  
(814) 445-6247 Fax: TTY:  
[cook1@wpia.net](mailto:cook1@wpia.net)

#### **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.

#### **Bedford Somerset MH/MR**

1243 Shed Rd  
Bedford, PA 15522  
814.443.4891 Fax: TTY:  
[sharona@besmhmr.dst.pa.us](mailto:sharona@besmhmr.dst.pa.us)

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

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

#### **Tableland Services, Inc.**

535 E Main St  
Somerset, PA 15501  
8144459628 ext20 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 Somerset County**

350 Garrett Ave PO Box 38  
Boswell , PA 15531-0038  
814.629.5147 Fax: 814.629.7394 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 Somerset County**

**General Information and Referral:**

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

**Area Agency on Aging of Somerset County**

1338 S Edgewood Ave  
Somerset PA 15501  
800.452.0825 Fax:  
[ltinsmith@somersetaaa.org](mailto:ltinsmith@somersetaaa.org) [www.somersetaaa.org](http://www.somersetaaa.org)

**Arc (Association of Retarded Citizens) NA**

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

PA  
Fax:

**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**

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

**Community Action Partnership for Somerset County (Tableland)**

535 E Main Str  
Somerset PA 15501  
814.445.9628 Fax: 814.443.3690  
[jpm1066@tbl.org](mailto:jpm1066@tbl.org)

### **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: Sharon Arden

814.443.9185 Fax: [sharona@besmhmr.dst.pa.us](mailto:sharona@besmhmr.dst.pa.us)

TTY:

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

MH Admin:

### **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

**UCP SAR  
Somerset AAA  
Somerset Co AAA**

John Foster 800.270.2393 [jfoster@unlimitedcareproviders.org](mailto:jfoster@unlimitedcareproviders.org)  
Laurel Tinsmith 814.443.2681 [ltinsmith@somersetaaa.org](mailto:ltinsmith@somersetaaa.org)  
Karen Ritchey 814.443.2681 [karitchey@somersetaaa.org](mailto:karitchey@somersetaaa.org)

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

### **Hiram G. Andrews Center**

727 Goucher St  
Johnstown PA 15905  
814.255.8200 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 the Laurel Highlands**

422 Main Street, Suite 203  
Johnstown PA 15901-1687  
814.535.2563 Fax: 814.535.2690  
[www.uwlaurel.org](http://www.uwlaurel.org)

### **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  
8149438164 x7640 Fax:  
[caroline.mccaulley@va.gov](mailto:caroline.mccaulley@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**