



# PHFA

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## Quick Start Housing and Services Information for Venango 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)

Jodi Schersten [jschersten@ucppittsburgh.org](mailto:jschersten@ucppittsburgh.org)  
UCP-CLASS  
P.O. Box 33  
Mill Village, PA 16427-0033  
814.449.6606 Fax: 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.

Ernie Pellow  
Tri-County Builders Assoc  
5183 Georgetown Road  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.2035 Fax: 814.437.2090 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

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Fax: TTY:

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

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

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Fax: TTY:

#### **Housing Coalition or Local**

#### **No LHOT**

#### **Housing Options Team:**

Coalitions of housing and service providers organized to resolve local housing issues, including housing for people with disabilities.

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Fax: TTY:

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

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

#### **Venango County OEO**

PO Box 1130  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.9767 Fax: TTY:

**Landlord Association:**

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

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Fax: TTY:

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**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 City of Franklin**

[www.franklinhousingpa.org](http://www.franklinhousingpa.org)

1212 Chestnut St  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.3416 Fax: 814.432.5793 TTY:

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**Oil City Housing Authority**

110 Moran St  
Oil City, PA 16301  
814.676.5764 Fax: 814.677.5901 TTY:

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**Venango County Housing Authority**

PO Box 988 19 Rockwood Ave  
Oil City, PA 16301  
814.677.5926 Fax: 814.677.5505 TTY:

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**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 Area Office**

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

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

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**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.

**Venango County Area Agency on Aging**

PO Box 1130  
Franklin PA 16323  
814.432.9711 Fax: 814.432.9759

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**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.

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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.

**Community Resources for Independence**

3410 West 12th Street  
Erie PA 16505  
800.530.5541 Fax: 814.838.5104  
[www.crinet.org](http://www.crinet.org)

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**Community Action Agency**

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

**Venango Co. Office of Economic Opportunity**

PO Box 1130  
Franklin PA 16323  
814.432.9767 Fax: 814.437.2338  
[smays@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:smays@co.venango.pa.us)

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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: James Sandok  
814.432.9750 Fax: TTY:  
[jsandok@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:jsandok@co.venango.pa.us)

**Mental Health Hot Line:**

MH Admin: Jayne Romero

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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**

Sharon Wilkes 717.346.0495 ra-nht@state.pa.us  
Jennifer Mikos 717.346.9782 c-jmikos@state.pa.us

**Venango County AAA**  
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Donna Kalamajka 814.432.0711 [dkalamajka@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:dkalamajka@co.venango.pa.us)  
Barb Hinds 814.432.9711 [bhinds@co.venango.pa.us](mailto:bhinds@co.venango.pa.us)

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**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.

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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.

**United Way of Vanango County**

P.O. Box 303/1999 Allegheny Avenue  
Reno PA 16323  
814.676.6545 Fax: 814.676.6540  
[uwvc@verizon.net](mailto:uwvc@verizon.net)

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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** **Voices for Independence**

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

800.838.9890

[www.voicesforindependence.org](http://www.voicesforindependence.org)

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