Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation

2020 Summer Camp Gifting Program

The Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation offers a “Gifting” of dollars to help families and students with special needs to pay for day and residential summer camp programs. This program is made possible from participation of many educators and business partners in an annual Golf Tournament and donations of various community leaders, as well as businesses.

Students can apply if they are:
- Students who are completing Kindergarten through 12th grade or to age 21.
- Students who receive services through an IEP in school.
- Students who attend a public school in Carbon or Lehigh Counties.
- Students who have a summer camp they want to attend during Summer 2020.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Foundation Gifting Committee. Only complete applications will be accepted that meet student criteria. Gifts will not exceed $300 per student and will only pay a percentage of the registration fee. Students awarded summer camp gifts will be notified in writing as to the amount of the “gift.” Gift amounts will be sent from the Foundation Gifting Program to the camp directly to support registrations and camp fees. Funds are limited. Not all eligible applications may be granted.

We encourage and appreciate any pictures and letters from students about their camping experience.

“This opportunity is made possible through The Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation.”

Our Mission is to enhance educational and recreational opportunities for children with special needs enrolled in the public schools of Carbon and Lehigh Counties.

If you have any questions, contact June Kmetz at 610-769-4111 ext. 1673 or kmetzj@cliu.org.
2020 SUMMER CAMP GIFTING PROGRAM APPLICATION

All items must be completed to be processed
Complete all sections before submitting
Please see reverse side of application for instructions to complete application.

☐ Student Information
Camper Name ___________________________ Date of Birth

Parent/Guardian Name ___________________________

Address ___________________________________________ Phone

City ___________________________ State ____________ Zip

Phone ___________________________ Email __________

School District ___________________________ Grade, September 2019

☐ In 100-150 words describe why you want to go to summer camp. (Written, dictated, or shared by the student); use back to continue essay.

☐ Camp Information (Attach a copy of the brochure or flyer of the camp you wish to attend.)
Name of Camp Attending ___________________________

Name of Camp Contact and Phone Number ___________________________

Camp Address ___________________________

City ___________________________ State ____________ Zip

Phone ___________________________ Email __________

Fax ___________________________ Theme, Focus, Area ___________________________

Cost of Camp per week __________

☐ Parent Information (Gifting amounts will be from $25 to $300; and not guaranteed full cost of registration if less than $300.)

By submitting this application, I authorize CLSNCF to verify the registration and costs of camp with the Agency responsible for the Camp.

☐ Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date __________

☐ School Information
I am verifying that the student named above does attend a public school within the CLIU Region and the student received services through an IEP
this school year, 2019-2020.

CLIU Program Supervisor/Public School Administrator Signature: ___________________________ Date __________

School ___________________________ Phone __________

Deadline for application is May 15th, 2020

Mail completed application form and camp brochure to:
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Camp Application, Attention: June Kmetz, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

The Mission of the Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation is to enhance educational and recreational opportunities for children with special needs enrolled in the public schools of Carbon and Lehigh Counties.

The official registration and financial information of the Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Right-of-way does not imply endorsement.
Directions to fill out Summer Camp Gifting Application
(all items listed below must be filled out in completion or application will not be accepted)

1. Student Information:
   • Student Name
   • Student Date of Birth
   • Parent/Guardian Name
   • Address
   • Phone Number
   • City
   • State
   • Zip Code
   • Email
   • Home School District
   • Grade that student will be in the following September
   • 100-150 Essay from student why they want to attend Camp

2. Camp Information:
   • Complete Name of Camp Attending
   • Please attach a copy of the brochure or flyer of the camp you wish to attend
   • Complete Name of Camp Contact and their phone number
   • Complete Address of Camp Attending
   • City
   • State
   • Zip
   • Complete Camp Contact Email and Fax number
   • Theme and/or Focus of Camp
   • Cost of Camp per week

3. Parent/Guardian Signature:
   • Parent or Guardian must sign and date

4. School Information:
   • Signature of CLIU Program Supervisor or Public School Administrator to verify that the student attends a Public School within the CLIU Region and the student received services through an IEP in the current school year
   • Name of School must be listed
   • Contact phone number of signing Administrator must be listed.
   • Must be dated.
THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Right to Education Consent Agreement guarantees a free public program of education and training to school-age students with special needs. The State Task Force and twenty-nine Local Task Forces were established to ensure that the intent and spirit of the consent agreement is followed. The Local Right to Education Task Force is consumer driven, comprised of parents, educators, agency representatives, and other persons concerned with educational services for students with disabilities.

Local Task Force Meetings

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**The Local Right to Education Task Force & Carbon & Lehigh Counties 2020**

**All meetings** will be held at CLIU #21 Central Office in Schnecksville.

Meetings and presentations begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.**

All parents and interested persons are welcome to bring questions and concerns to the meetings. Call 610-769-4111 X1218 or 800-223-4821 for more information.

**Meeting Dates:**

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<td>All Purpose Room (APR)</td>
<td>Overview of Lehigh &amp; Carbon County’s Intellectual Disabilities Office. This event is free, however, please email <a href="mailto:localtaskforce@gmail.com">localtaskforce@gmail.com</a> for planning.</td>
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<td>In lieu of the LTF21 Spring Conference, we are going to maximize our efforts by partnering with the LTF20 to promote collaboration on presuming competence of individuals with disabilities. <strong>Date TBD</strong></td>
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For more information on the LTF, please visit our webpage on the CLIU #21 website at www.cliu.org, Special Programs and Services Department, Local Task Force.

You can also keep in touch with us through email, localtaskforce21@gmail.com or mandaphdl@gmail.com, and on Facebook at Local Task Force 21.

**Lehigh Valley Autism Guide**

A comprehensive resource guide to help families navigate the complicated journey of parenting a child or adult diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is also an informational resource for professionals to align their services to meet the needs of Lehigh Valley families. Stay in the loop of autism friendly events, training and important announcements.


Facebook: [https://b-m.facebook.com/LVAutismGuide](https://b-m.facebook.com/LVAutismGuide)
24th Annual National Autism Conference - August 3-6, 2020

The Penn Stater Conference Center
Hotel State College, Pennsylvania

Conference Mission: This conference provides comprehensive, evidence-based information to assist all educational team members, other professionals, and families in developing effective educational programming for all students with autism spectrum disorders.

Who Should Attend: Family members, physicians, speech-language pathologists, administrators, higher-education faculty, general and special education professionals, early intervention staff, related service personnel, behavioral health analysts/professionals, and anyone interested in autism spectrum disorders.

Scholarships, Exhibits, and Childcare: A limited number of conference scholarships will be available for parents of school-aged children with autism and undergraduate and graduate students completing their program of study in 2018 in a related field. We will collect and showcase a variety of artwork by school-aged students with autism and we will continue to host a Children’s Institute and Camp for Teens concurrent to the conference for a limited number of children, ages 6 months to 21 years, with autism and their siblings.

Registration: Conference registration will be available beginning in April at https://autism.outreach.psu.edu

Continuing Education Credits offered: Act 48, POTA, PT, ASHA, Psych, BACB, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.

Behavior Specialist Licensure Hours: The National Autism Conference will again be coordinating with PDE/BSE to preapprove sessions toward the Behavior Specialist Licensure that you will be able to self-report.

For more information, visit https://autism.outreach.psu.edu

Invited Speakers Include:

Eb Blakely  Francesca degli Espinosa  Tammy Kasper
Vince Carbone  Barb Esch  Barry Morganstern
Charles Catania  Isabelle Henault  Dan Sundberg

Perry Zirkel

Multiple sessions will be available for CEUs via live webcasting.
See the website for Penn State graduate credit opportunities.

NEW – Complimentary wireless connection will be provided for participants while at the Penn Stater Conference Center.

Bureau of Autism Services Resource Center


www.paa autism.org is designed to bring together existing resources for families, providers, and self-advocates, and allow them to access a broad array of information to help meet the needs of those living with or serving people with autism.
The following is help for families and advocates of children with special needs for special education regulations and the complaint system:

- The Special Education Consult Line - 1-800-879-2301 - A service of the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, Division of Compliance
- The Education Law Center - 215-238-6970 or www.elc.pa.org

Local Autism Task Force Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Lehigh County Government Center, 17th Street, Allentown, PA 18101 at 6:00 pm. These meetings try to focus on issues that affect all who are touched by autism. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Patricia Theodore at patriciatheodore@lehighcounty.org.

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**Easton Parent Support Group - March 21, 2020**

Easton Parent Support Group Faith Lutheran Church
2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton PA March 21, 2020 from 2-4 PM

Do you have a child or adolescent who is on the autism spectrum or has an intellectual disability? Would you like to meet other families who share your world? We welcome you.

Our group offers great information, support, and frequent guest speakers. At our March meeting, Betsy Martellucci, Licensed Professional Counselor Clinical Therapist with Glenn R. Koch & Associates and Clinical Director of MARS, will present on working families through the challenges of grief, joy, transformation and shifting focus on rebuilding the family dynamic.

For more info or to RSVP, please contact Leslie at leslie.mckelvey@yahoo.com or call 610-554-1988.

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**Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast - March 21, 2020**

You’re invited to an Applebee’s® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force

$7.00 per person
Kids 2-12, $4.50

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
1510 Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown PA

For More Information:
Email Maia Geiger at geigerm@cliu.org

Valid only at participating restaurant listed above. Thicket valid for pancake event only.
Applebee’s menu items are not included as part of purchase.
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME
LEHIGH VALLEY IRON PIGS VS GWINNETT STRIPERS

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

TIME: GAME STARTS AT 1:35 P.M.
(Gate opens at 12:15 P.M.)

TICKET: $11.00 per person
(Admission ticket, $2.00 of Ballpark credit, redeemable for food concession)
LIMIT 170 TICKETS - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2020
NOTE: PARKING TICKET IS NOT INCLUDED! BRING $5.00 TO PARK. Tickets are to be mailed to you in the third week of April. To reserve tickets, email Denise Brown at Brown8164@rcn.com or call her at (484) 866-8404. For more questions about this game or other events, please contact Maia Geiger at (484) 735-0101

If your child participates in signing the national anthem, please inform Maia and the ticket will be included for her/him. Please do not include her/him in the order slip.

Cash, Check or money order payable to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force and send to Denise Brown, 1406 S. Race Street, Allentown, PA 18103

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________

How many:_______ X $11.00 Total:_______ Donation:_______

_______ My child will participate in signing the National Anthem

Child's name: ____________________________________________

Donations to the D/HH Task Force would be gratefully accepted to support future events and defray the cost of sign language interpreters.
Movie Night - Trolls 2 World Tour - April 18, 2020

Brought to you by the Lehigh Valley D/HH Task Force

WHEN: Saturday, April 18th
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Movie Tavern
6150 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, PA 18106

$10 a person
Open Captioned Movie
Deaf and Hard of Hearing under 18 free

RSVP & Payment: Friday, March 27th to Nicole Hausman at nhausman@tiu11.org or Maia Geiger at geigerm@cliu.org

American Sign Language Class (March & April)

Presented by Deaf Connection
For children ages 7-12
Taught by Deaf Instructor, Christina Derhammer

When: March 17th, 2020, March 24th, 2020, March 31st, 2020, and April 7th, 2020
TIME: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Christ Church UCC, 75 E Market Street, Bethlehem, PA
Cost: $60 for four sessions

RSVP: March 10th, 2020 to Heather Snyder at 610-417-4291 for Registration and Payment Information

Cooking Class for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids - April 4, 2020

WHEN: Saturday, April 4th, 2020
TIME: 11a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21,
4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA

Personal Chef Christina will teach cooking class. She is deaf & uses ASL.
NO COST. This class is open to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from Preschool to High School. Preschool and Elementary age students must be with a parent to take this class.

RSVP: Friday, March 27th to Maia Geiger at geigerm@cliu.org
Do you have a child or adolescent who is on the autism spectrum or who has an intellectual disability? Although we are taking a break from a presentation, there is NEVER a break in our caring & support for each other! Our April meeting provides a valuable opportunity for families to interact in a relaxed, nonjudgmental atmosphere. Don’t let the rainy weather keep you home when you have a chance to connect with other families. We need each other. Parents have so much to give and receive from each other. Whether you speak, ask questions, or just listen & observe, you will gain a lot by attending. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Leslie at leslie.mckelvey@yahoo.com or 610-554-1988.

**Hosted by the Intellectual Disability Awareness Steering Committee of Lehigh & Northampton Counties**

March 26, 2020
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Lehigh Valley Hotel
(formerly known as The Best Western)
300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017

This event was developed to recognize March as Intellectual Disabilities Month in Pennsylvania. Just about every day, individuals with intellectual disabilities accomplish amazing things, and this is our chance to honor their achievements! Individual awards for achievements are given to one person from Lehigh County and one person from Northampton County!

Jessica McKenty
jmckenty@arcoflehighnorthampton.org

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the differences between eligibility for special education in Early Intervention and School-Age programs
- Understand options for developing an IEP as child transitions from Early Intervention to School-Age
- Understand the importance of informed decision making in determining educational placement

Register at: www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events or call The Arc at 610-849-8076

Questions? Please contact: training@pealcenter.org
The Germantown Grove Club and the Jim Thorpe American Legion Post 304 will host their annual fishing derby for children with special needs. Special needs classes in Carbon County are invited to attend this annual event. It was all started in 1954 as an American Legion function by Germantown resident, Phil Rodgers, and others.

The students are given the opportunity to experience the thrill of the sport by getting to catch fish from the section of the stream that is maintained and stocked with fish by the Germantown Grove Club. In addition to being able to catch some fish, every student is treated to food and refreshments.

The fishing dates are Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th.

ADD/ADHD: 504 or IEP? - March 14, 2020

Do you know the difference between ADD and ADHD? How about the difference between a 504 plan and an IEP? Our guest speaker will explain these terms. Which one is right when your child has attention issues? There is no “best choice”. Henry Young is special education attorney with McAndrews, Mehalick, Connolly, Hulse, Ryan and Marone. He has over 20 years of experience.

Choosing between Section 504 and an IEP depends on what the child needs and the degree of impairment. For students who can learn with simple accommodations or minor changes to their day, Section 504 may be the choice. For students who need a wider range of services or protections, IDEA may work better.

When registering, it would be helpful to know whether your child has a 504 plan or an IEP and the child’s diagnosis/diagnoses. For example, there is a frequent overlap of autism and ADHD. This information is optional, but it will help the speaker tailor his remarks.

This is a legal look, not a medical look, at a prevalent and complex topic. Seating limited to 20 to allow for Q&A. If possible, please register online at www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events or you may contact Jessica McKenty at jmckenty@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076, ext. 330.

Germantown Grove Club Annual Fishing Derby - May 7-8, 2020

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The fishing dates are Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th. Life skills and MDS B and Functional IU classes from Carbon County area, as well as BHA attend this 2-day event. Classes make a variety of food to share with all. Volunteer groups from the local school attend as helpers for the students fishing. Jim Thorpe Legion also sponsors this event. Volunteers also clean the fish for the students that wish to take their fish home. Fishing poles and bait are also provided. Lunch is provided for the students. There is a contest for the largest fish. Each student leaves with a gift and many memories. As for some students, this is their first time fishing.

The contact person is Maureen Gurka at: (570) 325 - 3682 EXT 1314.

Please be aware that they are diligently trying to keep the numbers attending per day even and underwhelming.
The Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council meets four times per year to discuss and collaborate on issues pertaining to transition for students with disabilities ages 14 to 21. The Council includes agency personnel, transition coordinators, parents, and teachers and is always looking for new members. Please join us for our next meeting.

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
CLIU Transportation Office
4850 W. Mountain View Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Look for Updates and ALL minutes on the CLIU21 Website under:
cliu.org > Departments > Special Programs and Services >
Transition resources > Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council

Or Visit
http://www.clin.org/Page/352

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The Arc Summer Camp

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania - Lackawanna County Office
115 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
(570) 346-4010
FAX (570) 346-8436
www.thearcnepa.org

The Arc of NEPA's Camp is based at Salem Bible Fellowship Church Lehighton, PA. The Arc offers a wide selection of opportunities to experience and explore. Individual choice and preference is promoted in order to contribute to your child's growth and development. We aim to create an environment that is not only rich with "fun" activities, but also rich in "worthwhile" activities.

Selecting a camp program is an important decision and, should you have any questions or require additional information, you are encouraged to contact Mari or Holly at The Arc's Recreation Services at 570/346-4010. Before you apply please be certain that your son/daughter is registered with your County Office. If you need to register, telephone the MH/DS Department at CMP County Office at 570/420-1900.

Transportation is available but limited. Please indicate on the application if transportation will be needed. We try to accommodate individual special transportation concerns.

We ask that you complete the **Camp Application in its entirety.** We will also need a copy of camper's Behavior Plan or ISP, please mail them to:

The Arc of NEPA
Recreation Services
Attention: Mari Pizur
115 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, Pa 18505
The Ben Yorgey Foundation is pleased to announce the Ben Event which has been scheduled for July 18, 2020, at Macungie Memorial Park. The planned events will serve as the Foundation’s primary fundraising opportunity in 2020. Events include many free carnival activities for families, live performances, and a Special Olympics swim meet. The Ben Event will have a little different look this year. The award winners will still be honored in the same way, but everything will be on Saturday. We will no longer have a Friday night. Details to follow.

Nominations for the 2020 Ben Yorgey Scholarships are now being accepted. The nomination form is on the website www.heyiknowyou.org. You can find the nomination form on the main page. Nomination forms are due by March 1st. This scholarship is meant for students with Intellectual Disabilities who are leaving school at the age of 21. The scholarship hopes to assist families and young adults transitioning into the adult world. This is a monetary award which will be presented to each recipient at the end of the year graduation/ceremony. As always we are grateful for your continued support of this very worthy cause. If you have any questions, please visit https://heyiknowyou.org/.

The 27th CLSNCF Golf Tournament, presented by Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation, in cooperation with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at The Olde Homestead Golf Club, 6598 Route 309, New Tripoli, PA. Proceeds from the tournament support special needs children in recreational and educational activities.

If you are interested in more information, please visit our website at www.clsncf.org. The contact person is Val Borman at 610-769-4111 x1159, email bormanv@cliu.org.

We are particularly interested in potential sponsors and have different levels of sponsorship available to suit any business. Proceeds support special needs children in recreational and educational activities.

Ben Event - July 18, 2020

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Pennsylvania Miss Amazing - March 27-28, 2020

Miss Amazing is a nationwide program that provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to build self-confidence. Here’s our approach!

**Who can participate?**
Girls and women ages 5 and older who have an IEP, IPP, 504 plan, SSI, or a physician’s records proving disability are eligible to participate.

**What is the cost to participate?**
The only cost to participate is 5 cans of food! We donate the total amount collected back to the community.

**What is required to participate?**
Our skill areas are carefully selected to empower the participants to share their abilities and strengthen their communication skills. The skill areas include interview, personal introduction, and passion presentation!

**Location:** Emmaus High School

**NURTURE A SISTERHOOD**
Meet girls and women from different walks of life and develop a valuable support system

**BUILD LIFE SKILLS**
Test your boundaries and take on new challenges

**INCREASE VISIBILITY**
Utilize our public platform to define yourself on your own terms and dispel stereotypes
The Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club is proud to offer a TOP Soccer program in the Spring, Fall, and Winter seasons. Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club is the only club in the Lehigh Valley dedicated 100% to offering the game of soccer to children with special needs. TOPSoccer is open to children with disabilities.

**What Is TOPSoccer?**
The Outreach Program for Soccer—TOPSoccer—is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, or Cerebral Palsy. The program provides meaningful learning, development, and physical participation opportunities to young athletes through the game of soccer.

The Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club was founded by the parent of a child with special needs who felt that the existing soccer programs in the Lehigh Valley did not even come close to meeting the needs of aspiring players with special needs.

**What are the Key Elements of the Program?**
- Fun! Fun! Fun!
- PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- Community support – monetary and non-monetary
- Volunteers willing to work with children
- Oodles of patience
- ‘Buddy’ system: some players paired with a buddy
- Placement of players primarily by ability, not age
- Emphasize ability, not disability
- Involve players and provide meaningful experience
- Dependability of coaches

**Who Can Enroll?**
TOPSoccer is open to all children in the Lehigh Valley (Lehigh, Northampton, and Carbon counties) with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, or Cerebral Palsy.

**When Is It?**
TOPSoccer will run in the spring from April to mid-June and in the fall from Sep to mid-November following regular soccer season schedules.

**When and Where Is TOPSoccer Played?**
We play on Saturday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm at the Lehigh County Soccer fields in South Whitehall Township (youth fields 1, 2, and 3). The address of the Lehigh Country Soccer fields is: 4238 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18104

**How Do I Register My Child?**
Print the registration form located at [http://www.lvtopsoccer.org](http://www.lvtopsoccer.org) and follow instructions to register.

**How Can I Help?**
The TOPSoccer program exists for athletes to achieve, develop, and compete according to their abilities. We need volunteers to make this a reality for these children. Get involved!
Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

Baseball Team: Outdoor baseball on our state-of-the-art and fully accessible field takes place from April to October broken up into Spring and Fall Seasons. We have weekend games as well as night games under the stadium lights! Our baseball program is non-competitive, so everyone gets to bat and everyone goes around the bases, regardless of ability. We do offer several scheduled competitive games throughout the season for players who want to work on their skills! Fill out a Baseball Registration Form at mllv.org.

Cheer Team: We offer a cheerleading program for those that wish to try their hand at rallying the crowd. Cheerleading is open to girls and boys of all abilities. Cheerleading is excellent for helping self-confidence and for making new friends. Our cheer coach will assist them in learning organized cheers and they will even be featured in between innings for special performances! Fill out a Cheerleader Registration Form at mllv.org.

Activities: Everyone who is registered for baseball or cheerleading is automatically registered in our activities program! Not interested in baseball or cheerleading, but still want to be involved in year-round activities? That's okay! We have a membership just for you! Our activities membership is a discounted rate for those that want to be part of our Miracle League family without playing ball. Our activities run all year long and we have a wide variety of FREE, inclusive events. Fill out an Activity Membership Registration Form at mllv.org.

Call or email for more information:
610-769-2096
info@miracleleaguevl.org

Activities Membership includes:
Bowling
Annual Gala
Basket Bingo
Talent Show and more!

Cost: $20 per child per year
(fee is waved if signed up for soccer or cheerleading)
Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

Pennsylvania’s Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and First Responders and local law enforcement.

How does it work?
Participants complete a personal information form, which includes the participant’s name, contact information, emergency contact information, medical history, and medications, allergies and the participant’s doctors’ names. A photo — showing only the participant’s head and shoulders – is then taped to the front of the completed information sheet.

The yellow dot decal provided in the program kit is placed in the lower left corner of the participant’s vehicle’s rear windshield. The decal should be no higher than 3 inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle.

Place the completed information sheet, with the attached picture, into the Yellow Dot folder, and then place the folder into the vehicle’s glove box.

http://www.yellowdot.pa.gov/
Best Buddies

We are promoting **Best Buddies** for the upcoming school year. Best Buddies seeks to make mutually rewarding friendship matches between individuals with intellectual disabilities and local college students. In Northampton County, the participating colleges are Lehigh University and Lafayette College. Remember, previous participants must reapply each year.

Are you a new applicant? Ideally, participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35 years old and be able to provide their own transportation. This is important because very few college students can provide it. Participants must also be free of aggressive or inappropriate behaviors that could jeopardize a friendship.

**Online registration at [www.bestbuddiesonline.org](http://www.bestbuddiesonline.org) is strongly preferred over a hard copy. Returning buddies only need to complete the consent form. Newcomers should select Membership Application, choose their college, and then complete the application.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jessica McKenty at jmckenty@arcoflehighnorthampton.org, 610-849-8076 ext. 330

Bob Madden at bmadden@arcoflehighnorthampton.org, 610-849-8076 ext. 317

There is no guarantee that all applicants can be matched, but we’ll try. A great deal depends on college recruitment efforts. We try to make based on same gender, shared interests, and location. If a 1:1 match cannot be made, you may still participate in the monthly group activities.

CLIU Annie Sullivan Award - Nominate a Professional Today!

The CLIU is participating in the Annie Sullivan Award program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units. This award, named for Helen Keller’s teacher and friend, honors an educator who exemplifies caring involvement with students with disabilities and helps others in our schools and the community to understand and accept students with disabilities. This award is open to any CLIU employee, and is intended to recognize those individuals who have superseded the general expectations of their employment.

To acquire a nomination form, please visit our webpage at [www.clui.org](http://www.clui.org) - go to Departments — Special Programs and Services — Annie Sullivan Award Nomination. You can also contact Kelly Danner at dannerk@clui.org or 610-769-4111, ext. 1218.

Volunteers Needed

The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 is in need for volunteers to act as Surrogate Parents for students who do not have a guardian available to act on their behalf. Volunteers typically will attend IEP or ER meetings, and act in place of a parent or guardian in making school-related decisions. This is a service that the CLIU #21 provides for students who attend any of the 14 districts within the Carbon and Lehigh Counties.

If you have time during the day, and want to help meet the needs of a child in your area, please call or email Maia Geiger or Amy Snyder. They would be glad to answer any questions you have.

Steve Hawkes 610-769-4111

**hawkess@clui.org**

Lehigh County Surrogate Parent Coordinator

Amy Snyder 610-769-4111

**snyderag@clui.org**

Carbon County Surrogate Parent Coordinator
when life happens, help is available

DIAL 2-1-1
GET CONNECTED.
GET HELP.

2-1-1 is a toll-free hotline connecting the community to health and human services.

Free, confidential information and referral available 24/7:
Phone: 2-1-1 or 855-501-6785
Email: 211@uwlan.org
Web: www.pa211east.org

Aging Services
Child & Youth Services
Counseling
Education/Training
Food/Shelter/Clothing

Health Services
Parenting
Substance Abuse
Support Groups
Volunteer Opportunities

and much more!

YOUR COMMUNITY HELP LINE:
PENNSYLVANIA 2-1-1 EAST

Pennsylvania Premise Alert System

The Premise Alert System was created in 2004 by Susan F. Rzucidlo and Police Chief Kevin McCarthy, Sr., to provide a uniform method to alert first responders to the special needs of individuals in their community and support families and individuals with disabilities, challenges, or complex medical diagnosis in the event of a crisis. It was the first system in the nation that connected families and individuals directly to the police serving their community. By providing first responders with advance knowledge, it allows for quick and educated responses during crises, evacuations, and disasters. The service is provided free of charge. Information and resources can be found at www.papremisealert.com or by emailing SPEAKsusan@gmail.com.
Community Resources for Families & Children in the Lehigh Valley

**General Information**
Childline ........................................... 800-932-0313
Lehigh County
  Information & Referral .......................... 610-782-3200
  Crisis Intervention ............................ 610-782-3127
Northampton County
  Information & Referral ........................ 610-829-4800
  Crisis Intervention ............................ 610-252-9060
  ............................................. 610-559-3270
Social Security ................................... 1-800-772-1213

**Advocacy and Support**
Allentown City Health Bureau ....................... 610-437-7760
The Arc ........................................... 610-849-8076
ARCH .............................................. 610-573-2500
Bethlehem City Health Bureau ................. 610-865-7083
Center for Independent Living ............... 610-770-9781
Consult Line .................................... 800-879-2301
Disability Rights Pennsylvania ................. 800-692-7443
Education Law Center ........................... 215-238-6970
Elks Nurse ....................................... 610-365-1426
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation .......... 610-821-6411
PA Office for Dispute Resolution ............ 800-879-2301
Parent Education Network ......................... 800-522-5827
Project Child .................................... 610-954-9561

**Behavioral Health Services (Provider 50)**
Intake & Referral
  Lehigh County .................................. 610-782-3200
  Northampton County ............................ 610-829-4800
Access Services .................................... 610-866-6667
ARCH .............................................. 610-573-2500
Behavioral Health Associates ................. 610-379-0067
Carbon-Lehigh IU#21 ............................ 610-769-4111
Colonial IU#20 .................................... 610-252-5550
Concern ............................................ 610-691-8401
Glenn R. Koch & Associates ....................... 610-266-0610
Holcomb Behavioral Health ....................... 610-435-4151
KIDSPeace ......................................... 800-257-3223
New Story (aka Salisbury) ....................... 610-973-0970
Northwestern Human Services .................. 610-866-8331
PA Mentor ......................................... 610-867-3173
Penn Foundation ................................... 215-257-6551
Progressions ....................................... 610-266-2656
Team Counseling Concepts ......................... 610-395-6322
Valley Youth House ............................... 610-954-9561

**Child Health**
Allentown City Health Bureau ...................... 610-437-7760
AmeriHealth Caritas ................................ 1-888-991-7200
Bayada Home Health Care ......................... 610-776-7000
Bethlehem City Health Bureau .................... 610-865-7083
CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) ... 800-966-KIDS
HIPP (Health Insurance Premium Payment) .... 215-861-4155
Department of Public Welfare
  Lehigh County .................................... 610-821-6509
  Northampton County ............................. 610-250-1700
Easton Hospital .................................... 610-250-4000
Epic Agency ....................................... 610-432-7403
Gateway Health Plan .................................. 1-800-392-1147
Good Shepherd Pediatrics ......................... 610-776-3578
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation ...................... 1-888-447-3422
Lehigh Valley Hospital ............................ 610-402-8000
Magellan ........................................... 1-866-238-2312
March of Dimes ..................................... 610-814-7000
Birth Defects Foundation ............................
  PA Department of Health
  Lehigh County .................................... 610-821-6770
  Northampton County ............................. 610-250-1825
Sacred Heart Hospital ............................ 610-776-4500
Shriners Hospital (Philadelphia) .............. 215-430-4000
  (toll-free) 800-281-4050
Shriner's Burn Center (Boston) ................. 800-255-1916
St. Luke's University Health Network
  Allentown ........................................ 610-628-8300
  Bethlehem ....................................... 484-526-4000
  Community Health ................................ 484-526-2100
  Visiting Nurse Assn. ............................. 484-526-1100
  Anderson ......................................... 484-503-3000

**Counseling**
Bethlehem Counseling Associates ................ 610-865-8177
Catholic Charities ................................ 610-435-1541
Center for Integrative Psychotherapy ........ 610-432-5066
Community Psychological Services ............. 610-434-2431
Crime Victims Council
  Lehigh County .................................... 610-437-6610
  24 Hour Hotline .................................. 610-437-6611
  Northampton County ............................. 610-250-6313
Early Childhood ................................ 1-800-528-7222 x2328
Mental Health Consultations
Hispanic American Organization .................. 610-435-5334
Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health .......... 610-691-4357
Olivewood Counseling ............................. 610-417-0463
Pinebrook Family Answers ......................... 610-432-3919

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Community Resources for Families & Children in the Lehigh Valley, cont.

**Developmental Pediatricians**
- Children's Specialized Hospital, (NJ) . 888-244-5373
- CHOP (Philadelphia) .................. 800-879-2467
- DuPont Hospital (Philadelphia) .. 800-416-4441
- Geisinger Medical Center .......... 800-275-6401
- Good Shepherd, Pediatrics .......... 610-776-3578
- Einstein Hospital .................. 215-456-7890
- Develop. Medicine
- Hunterdon Medical .................. 908-788-6396
- Center-Child Devel. Ctr.
- Johns Hopkins Children’s Center ... 410-955-2000
- Penn State Children’s Hospital .... 800-243-1455
- Dr. Boosara Ratanawongsa (“Dr. Boo”) . 610-398-9898
- St. Luke’s Developmental Pediatrics . 484-426-2542

**Education Information Services**
- Community Services for Children, Inc.  610-437-6000
  Head Start & Early Head Start
- Connect Information Services ........ 800-692-7288
- Mercy Special Learning Center ...... 610-797-8242
- Child Care Program ................. 610-868-8501
  Bethlehem School District

**Housing Assistance**
- Allentown Housing Authority .......... 610-439-8678
- Bethlehem Housing Authority ....... 610-865-8300
- Easton Neighborhood Center ........ 610-253-4253
- Easton Housing Authority .......... 610-258-0806
- Habitat for Humanity ................. 610-776-7737
- Lehigh County Housing Authority ... 610-861-0121
- New Bethany Ministries ............... 610-691-5602
- Northampton County ............... 610-759-8488
- Housing Authority
- Pathways (Conference of Churches) ... 610-439-8653
- Salvation Army Shelter ............. 610-432-0128
- Sixth Street Shelter ................. 610-435-1490
- Third Street Alliance ............... 610-258-6271
  for Women & Children
- Turning Point of Lehigh Valley ...... 610-437-3369

**Legal Services**
- Attorney Referral & Information Service
  Lehigh County .................. 610-433-7094
  Northampton County ............ 610-258-6333
  Lehigh Valley Legal Service ...... 610-317-8757

**Nutrition/Food Services**
- Allentown Area .................... 610-821-1332
- Ecumenical Food Bank
- Assistance Office (Food Stamps SNAP)
  Lehigh County .................. 610-821-6503
  Northampton County ............ 610-250-1700
- Casa Jeanette ..................... 610-432-2222
- Central Moravian Food Bank ...... 610-866-5661
- Coplay Food Bank ................. 610-262-6088
- Nazareth Area Food Bank .......... 610-365-8869
- New Bethany Ministries .......... 610-691-5602
- Northampton Food Bank ........... 610-262-8030
- Northern Lehigh Food Bank ....... 610-767-9525
- Northeast Ministry .......... 610-691-3355
- Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center . 717-525-9805
- Penn State Cooperative Extension (Education Services)
  Lehigh County .................. 610-391-9840
- ProJeCT (Easton) ............... 610-258-4361
- Safe Harbor (Easton) .............. 610-258-5540
- Salvation Army
  Allentown ..................... 610-432-0129
  Bethlehem ...................... 610-867-4681
  Easton ......................... 610-258-9531
- Trinity Episcopal Church ........ 610-867-4741
  Soup Kitchen
- WIC (Women, Infant & Children) . 800-367-6347
  Allentown ..................... 610-432-3455
  Bethlehem ...................... 610-691-6491

**Recreation/Therapeutic Activities**
- Twinkle Babies .................... 610-838-7306
- Easter Seals of Eastern PA ......... 610-289-0114
- Equi-Librium: Healing Through Horses 610-365-2266
- Imagin Nation ...................... 610-841-5919
- Live, Learn, & Play .............. 610-797-5483
- Music Therapy Associates ........ 610-740-9890
- Recreation & Leisure Line ........ 1-800-986-4550
- Soccer Tots Lehigh Valley ........ 610-737-5098
- The Miracle League .............. 610-769-2096
- Theraplay ....................... 215-804-1002
- Top Soccer ....................... www.topsoccer.us
- VIA of the Lehigh Valley ........ 610-317-8000
Community Resources for Families & Children in the Lehigh Valley, cont.

Support Groups/Hotlines

Aids Hotline ...................... 1-800-662-6080
Angel 34 (Childhood Cancer) .... 610-533-1923
ARCH ................................. 610-573-2500
Lehigh Valley Autism Society .... 610-751-6532
National Autism Society of America . 800-3 AUTISM
Bereavement Support Group ....... 610-969-0330
Brain Tumor Foundation of LV .... 267-272-2553
Camelot for Children ............ 610-791-5683
Support Group
Center for Vision Loss .............. 610-433-6018
Cleft Palate Foundation ............ 1-800-242-5338
Compassionate Friends of LV ...... 610-837-7924
(for Parents who have suffered the death of a child)
Eastern PA .......................... 610-402-0184
Down Syndrome Center
Epilepsy Assoc. of SE PA .......... 610-737-0613
Guide by Your Side .............. www.handsandvoices.org
(supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing)
Healthy Baby Line .............. 800-966-BABY
(for pregnant women)
Healthy Kids Line .............. 800-986-KIDS
Lauren's Hope Foundation ........ 610-703-2423
(Supports Children with Brain Injuries and Their Families)
Lead Poisoning .................. 800-440-LEAD
Lehigh Valley Apraxia Support Group . 215-850-7485
Lehigh Valley Family .............. www.lehighvalleyfamily.com
Lilly's Hope Foundation .......... 267-776-4673
(Premature Birth)

Support Group/Hotlines Cont.

Macaroni Kids ................... www.macaronikid.com
(things to do locally)
March of Dimes ................ 610-814-7000
Moms of Multiples ............... www.mmlv.org
Mothers of Twins Lehigh Valley . www.lvmotc.org
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. ....... 610-391-1977
NAMI ................................ 610-882-2102
PA Department of Health Line .... 1-877-PAHEALTH
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania .. 888-727-2706
Pediatric Cancer .............. www.pcfvl.org 610-297-7292
Foundation of LV
Poison Control Center .......... 1-800-222-1222
Special Kids Network ........... 800-986-4550
Sugar Free Kids ................ 610-969-3230
(for children with diabetes & their families)

Transportation

LANTA Metro Plus .............. 610-776-7433
VAST ................................. 610-432-3200

Community Resources for Families & Children is provided as a service to parents and professionals with an interest in Early Intervention. The Family & Early Intervention Partnership does not endorse any provider or service. This list is not all inclusive.

If you have a concern about your child’s development call:

Children birth to 3 years old: Northampton County - 610-829-4800
Lehigh County - 610-782-3200
Children 3 to 5 years old: Colonial Intermediate Unit - 610-849-0260
Carbon/Lehigh Intermediate Unit - 610-769-4111

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CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN’S TEAM
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES and HOTLINES:

General Emergency ............................................................................................................ 911
Child Abuse Hotline (ChildLine) ......................................................................................... 1-800-932-0313
Child Abuse Prevention (ChildHelp) .................................................................................... 1-800-4-A-CHILD
Department of Health Hotline ......................................................................................... www.health.state.pa.us 1-877-724-32584
Domestic Violence ............................................................................................................ 1-800-424-5600
Drug and Alcohol Hotline ................................................................................................. 1-866-824-3578
Lead Poisoning .................................................................................................................. 1-800-440-5323
MH/DS Crisis Intervention Hotline .................................................................................... 1-800-338-6467
Poison Control .................................................................................................................... www.aapcc.org 1-800-222-1222
Victims Resource Center ................................................................................................... www.vrcnepa.org 610-379-0151

YOUR DOCTOR ....................................................................................................................

YOUR HOSPITAL ................................................................................................................

EMERGENCY FRIEND/NEIGHBOR ...................................................................................

HEALTH INSURANCE NUMBER ........................................................................................

Carbon County Children’s Team
is offering FREE developmental screenings for young children.

Contact your local Early Intervention Program-
For children younger than 3 years old call:
570-420-1900
For children older than 3 years old call:
1-800-223-4821
Don’t wonder...get answers...call now!!!

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Carbon County Children’s Team Resource Directory, cont.

**CHILD CARE/PRE-SCHOOL:**
- Carbon County Child Care Information Srvs ........................................ 1-570-325-2226 or 1-888-212-0483
- Carbon County Pathstone/Head Start/PA Pre-K Counts .......................... 1-610-377-3214
- Carbon County Right From the Start ................................................ 1-570-325-2771
- Keystone STARS/ Northeast Regional Key ......................................... 1-610-437-6000 or 1-800-528-7222
- PA Pre-K Counts (Jim Thorpe Area) ................................................ 1-570-325-3691

**EARLY INTERVENTION:**
- Carbon County Early Intervention Department .................................... www.clui.org
- CLIU #21 Early Intervention ............................................................ 1-800-223-4821 x1256

**FAMILY RESOURCES:**
- Al-Anon/Alateen .................................................................................. www.pa-al-anon.org
- Alcoholics Anonymous ........................................................................ www.district49aa.org
- American Red Cross ........................................................................... www.redcrosslv.org
- Area Agency on Aging ......................................................................... www.carboncounty.com/aging.htm
- Autism Society of America .................................................................... www.aslehighvalley.org
- Autism Speaks ...................................................................................... www.autismspeaks.org
- Better Business Bureau of Northeast Pennsylvania .............................. 1-570-342-9129
- Big Brothers - Big Sisters ..................................................................... 1-570-455-6742
- Breastfeeding Support Group .............................................................. www.facebook.com/mamamilkcafe
- Camelon for Children .......................................................................... www.camelotforchildren.org
- Carbon County Children and Youth .................................................... 1-570-325-3644
- Carbon County Commissioner’s Office ............................................... 1-570-325-3611
- Carbon County Community Transit/The LYNX .................................... 1-800-990-4287
- Carbon County Environmental Center ................................................. www.carboncoec.org
- Carbon County Right From the Start .................................................. 1-570-325-2771
- Carbon County Safe Kids ..................................................................... www.pasafekids.org
- Carbon-Monroe-Pike County Drug & Alcohol ...................................... 1-610-377-5177
- Care Net of Carbon County .................................................................. www.caronce.org
- Career Link .......................................................................................... www.carboncareerlink.org
- Catholic Social Charities ..................................................................... 1-570-628-0466
- CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder). ......... www.chadd.org
- Consumer Protection Bureau ............................................................. 1-800-441-2555
- Domestic Violence Service Center ..................................................... www.epdsc.net
- Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center .................................................. 1-610-402-0184
- Family Promise of Carbon County ..................................................... 1-800-318-2025
- Game Commission NE Field Division Headquarters ......................... 1-570-675-1143
- Healthy Baby ....................................................................................... 1-800-986-BABY
- Jewish Family Services ....................................................................... 1-610-821-8722
- LEARN-Local Education & Resource Network .................................. www.carboncountyce.com
- Mothers of Preschoolers ..................................................................... www.bluemountaincommunitychurch.org
- Narcotics Anonymous .......................................................................... 1-888-251-2426
- National Adoption Center .................................................................... www.adopt.org
- NHS Human Services .......................................................................... www.nhsline.org
- North Penn Legal Services .................................................................. www.northpennlegal.org
- PA Breastfeeding Coalition ................................................................ 1-610-753-3900 x663535
- PA Recreation & Leisure Line ............................................................. 1-800-986-4550
- Parent Education Network ................................................................... www.parentednet.org
- Parent to Parent .................................................................................. www.parenttoparent.org
- PBA Lawyer Referral Service ............................................................... www.pabar.org
- Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange ....................................................... www.adoptakids.org
- Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau .................................................. www.800poconos.com
- Products Safety Commission ............................................................... www.epsc.gov
- PSU Cooperative Extension-PROSPER .............................................. www.prevention.psu.edu
- Right to Education Task Force ............................................................ 1-610-769-4111 or 1-800-223-4821
- Second Blessings Victim Resource Center ......................................... 1-610-377-2834
- Smoking Quit Line ............................................................................... 1-877-724-1090
- Special Kids Network .......................................................................... 1-800-986-4550
- Special Olympics ................................................................................ 1-570-325-3611
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline ................................................................. www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- Super Cupboard .................................................................................. 1-570-427-4366
- SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network) ................................................ www.adoptakids.org
- Valley Wide Help ................................................................................ 1-610-435-7111
Carbon County Children’s Team Resource Directory, cont.

**FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE:**
Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services .......................................................... 1-610-377-6400
Carbon County Assistance Office ......................................................................................... 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-692-7462
Consumer Credit Counseling ............................................................................................... 1-800-769-3571
Money Management International ...................................................................................... 1-866-889-9347
Shepherd House Food Pantries ......................................................................................... 1-610-377-6048
Social Security Administration ............................................................................................ 1-800-772-1213
WIC ................................................................................................................................. 1-610-377-6097

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES:**
AIDS Facetline .................................................................................................................... 1-800-662-6080
American Cancer Society .................................................................................................. 1-800-227-2345
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Information .............................................................. 1-800-949-4232
Arc of Northeast PA ........................................................................................................... 1-570-346-4010
Bayada Pediatric Home Care Services .............................................................................. 1-610-377-4717 or 1-888-995-0788
Blue Mountain Health System - Lehighton Campus ......................................................... 1-610-377-1300
Blue Mountain Health System - Palmerton Campus ......................................................... 1-610-826-3141
Blue Mountain Health System Physician Referral Line ................................................ 1-888-707-4464
Brain Injury Resource Line ............................................................................................... 1-800-444-6443
Carbon County Assistance Office ...................................................................................... 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-314-0963
Carbon County Medical Society ......................................................................................... 1-610-826-6255
Carbon County Children’s MH/DS .................................................................................... 1-610-377-0773 or 1-800-338-6467
Center for Vision Loss ...................................................................................................... 1-610-433-6018
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) ................................................................. 1-800-879-2467
CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) .......................................................................... 1-800-986-5437
Easter Seals Eastern PA ..................................................................................................... 1-610-289-0114
Elks Home Service Nurse Program ................................................................................. 1-570-622-7920
Family Planning Clinic ..................................................................................................... 1-800-367-6347
Geisinger Medical Center ................................................................................................. 1-800-275-6401
Geisinger Wyoming Valley ............................................................................................... 1-570-808-7300
Good Shepherd Developmental Pediatrics .................................................................... 1-610-776-3578
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital .......................................................................... 1-888-44-REHAB
Good Shepherd Therapy Services - Palmyra ................................................................. 1-610-824-7440
Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids Mobile Dental Van ............................................................. 1-610-377-7354
Healthy Baby Helpline (Love ‘em With a Check Up) ....................................................... 1-800-986-2229
Hershey Medical Center .................................................................................................. 1-800-243-1455
Institute on Disabilities ..................................................................................................... 1-215-204-1356
KidsPeace Hospital - Toll Free ......................................................................................... 1-800-257-3223
Epic Health Services ........................................................................................................ 1-570-223-6543 or 1-866-979-7337
Nemours Dupont Hospital for Children ........................................................................... 1-800-416-4441
Nurse Family Partnership ................................................................................................. 1-888-526-2786
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation .................................................................................. 1-800-922-9536
PA Department of Health - Carbon County .................................................................. 1-877-PA-HEALTH
PA Health Access Network ............................................................................................. 1-877-570-3642
PA Health Law Project ..................................................................................................... 1-800-274-3258
PA Medical Society .......................................................................................................... 1-800-228-7823
Shriners’ Hospital ............................................................................................................. 1-800-281-4050
Special Care Health Plan Blue Cross of NE PA .............................................................. 1-800-829-8599
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ........................................................................... 1-215-427-5000
St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital .............................................................................. 1-570-645-2131 or 1-866-STLUKES

*Developmental Pediatricians*

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ............................................................................... 1-800-879-2467
Geisinger Medical Center ............................................................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Good Shepherd Pediatrics ............................................................................................... 1-610-776-3578
Hershey Medical Center ................................................................................................. 1-800-243-1455
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ......................................................................... 1-215-427-5000
Carbon County Children’s Team Resource Directory, cont.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:**
Access Services.............................................. www.accessservices.org .................. 1-570-366-1154 or 1-800-200-7701
ARCH .......................................................... www.elwyn.org .................. 1-610-573-2500
Carbon Lehighton Intermediate Unit #21 ............. www.clin.org .................. 1-800-223-4821
ReDCo KI-DSS ................................................. www.redcogrp.com .................. 1-570-420-8070
Youth Advocate Program (YAP) .......................... www.yapinc.org .................. 1-610-681-2488

**SCHOOLS/EDUCATION:**
Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI) ........ www.carboncti.org .................. 1-570-325-3682
CCTI - Adult Education Center .................. www.carboncti.org/main/adult-education-center.htm .................. 1-570-325-4140
Carbon Lehighton Intermediate Unit #21 ............. www.clin.org .................. 1-800-223-4821
Jim Thorpe Area School District .......................... www.jimthorpesd.org .................. 1-570-325-3691
LCCC - SHINE 21st Century Afterschool Program .... www.shineafterschool.com/about-shine ... 1-570-325-2771
Lehigh Carbon Community College (Carbon Center) www.lccc.edu .................. 1-570-669-7010
Palmer Area School District ............................... www.palmerton.org .................. 1-610-826-7101
Panther Valley Area School District ...................... www.panthervalley.org .................. 1-570-645-4248
Weatherly Area School District .......................... www.weatherlysd.org .................. 1-570-427-8681

Go Online! Find Child Care and Other Early Learning Programs Near You:
https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.web/ProviderSearch/Home/#/BasicSearch

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**US Congress**
Congressman Lou Barletta .................. info@loubarletta.com .................. 1-570-501-8683
Senator Pat Toomey .................. www.toomey.senate.gov .................. 1-610-434-1444
1-866-461-9159
(toll free)

**State Legislature**
Senator David Argall .................. dargall@pasen.gov .................. 1-570-773-0891
(Mahanoy City)
1-570-621-3400
(Pottsville)

Senator John Yudichak .................. yudichak@pasenate.com .................. 1-570-325-3274
Representative Doyle Heffley .................. dheffley@pahousegop.com .................. 1-610-377-6363
Notice of Special Education Services
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice

The Following Carbon & Lehigh School Districts & Charter Schools and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Provide Special Education Services to Special Needs Children

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The public school districts of Carbon and Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ("the Carbon/Lehigh County school entities"), provide special education and related service to resident children with disabilities who are ages three through twenty-one. The purpose of this notice is to briefly describe (1) the types of disabilities that might qualify the child for such programs and services, (2) the special education programs and related services that are available, (3) the process by which each of the Carbon/Lehigh County School entities screens and evaluates such students to determine eligibility, and (4) the special rights that pertain to such children and their parents or legal guardians. For a full detailed version of this notice, please visit www.clia.org.

Types of Disabilities Served
Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, commonly referred to as the “IDEA,” children qualify for special education and related services if they have one or more of the following disabilities and, as a result, demonstrate a need for special education and related services:

1. Intellectual disabilities
2. Hearing impairments including deafness
3. Speech or language impairments
4. Visual impairments, including blindness
5. Serious emotional disturbance
6. Orthopedic impairments
7. Autism, including pervasive developmental disorders
8. Traumatic brain injury
9. Other health impairment
10. Specific learning disabilities
11. Multiple disabilities
12. For preschool age children, developmental delays

Programs and Services Available
(1) Regular class placement with supplementary aids and services provided as needed in that environment
(2) Regular class placement for most of the school day with itinerant service by a special education teacher either in or out of the regular classroom for 20 percent or less of the school day
(3) Regular class placement for some of the school day with supplemental instruction provided by a special education teacher for more than 20 percent, but less than 80 percent of the school day
(4) Instruction provided by a special education teacher for more than 80 percent of the school day
(5) Special education services, with or without regular classroom placement, either in an alternative public school setting or in a private school, treatment facility, hospital, detention center or prison, on a day or residual basis.

Location of Services
(1) The public school the child would attend if not disabled
(2) An alternative regular public school either in or outside the school district of residence
(3) A special education center operated by a public school entity
(4) An approved private school or other private facility licensed to serve children with disabilities
(5) A residential school
(6) An approved out-of-state program
(7) The home

Types of Service Available
(1) Learning support, for students who primarily need assistance with the acquisition of academic skills
(2) Life skills support, for students who primarily need assistance with development of skills for independent living
(3) Emotional support, for students who primarily need assistance with social or emotional development
(4) Deaf or hearing impaired support, for students who primarily need assistance with compensatory skills to address deafness
(5) Blind or visually impaired support, for students who primarily need assistance with compensatory skills to address blindness
(6) Physical support, for students who primarily require physical assistance in the learning environment
(7) Autism support, for students who primarily need assistance in the areas affected by autism spectrum disorders
(8) Multiple disabilities support, for student who primarily need assistance in multiple areas affected by their disabilities.

Screening
All Carbon/Lehigh County School entities undertake screening activities before referring students for a multidisciplinary team evaluation. Screening activities could involve Multi-Tiered System of Supports, commonly referred to as the “MTSS,” or an alternative screening process. Regardless of the particular screening method employed, the screening process must include (1) periodic vision and hearing assessments by the school nurse as mandated by the School Code and (2) screening at reasonable intervals to determine whether all students are performing based on grade-appropriate standards in core academic subjects. If screening activities produce little or no improvement after a reasonable period of intervention or remediation, the child will then be referred for a multidisciplinary team evaluation. Parents who wish to request screening and evaluation for their child may do so by contacting the principal or counselor in their child’s school building.

Multidisciplinary Team Evaluations
Carbon/Lehigh County School entities must conduct a multidisciplinary team evaluation of every child who is thought to have a disability. The multidisciplinary team is a group of professionals who are trained in and experienced with the testing, assessment, and observation of children to determine whether they have disabilities and, if so, to identify their primary educational strengths and needs. The multidisciplinary team is a group of professionals who are trained in and experienced with the testing, assessment, and observation of children to determine whether they have disabilities and, if so, to identify their primary educational strengths and needs. Parents are also members of the multidisciplinary team. Carbon/Lehigh County School entities must reevaluate school-age students receiving special education services every three years and must reevaluate children with mental retardation and pre-school-age children receiving special education services every two years. Parents may request a multidisciplinary team evaluation of their children at any time. They must do so in writing. Every public school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation.

Special Rights and Protections of Children with Disabilities and their Parents/Legal Guardians
State and federal law affords many rights and protections to children with disabilities and their parents. A summary of those rights and protections can be found in the full detailed version of this notice, located at www.clia.org. Interested persons may obtain a complete written statement of the rights and protections afforded by the law, together with information about free or low cost legal services and advice, by contacting their school district’s special education or student services department at the address and telephone number listed at the end of this notice.
Preschool Children with Special Needs

Children preschool age three through five, are served by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit in a variety of home and school-based settings that take into account the chronological and developmental age and primary needs of the child. As with school age programs, preschool programs must ensure that the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities are educated with non-disabled peers at no cost to the parent. Parents/guardians of these children may obtain information about screening, evaluation, programs, therapy, parent involvement, and referrals to community agencies by calling or writing the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Early Intervention Services, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078-2580. The telephone number for the Early Intervention Program is (610) 769-4111 ext. 1256.

Nonpublic Schools/Private Schools

Duties owed to students with disabilities enrolled in private schools by their parents are limited to child find activities and a genuine offer of a Free Appropriate Program of Education (FAPE) from the school district of residence. Students unilaterally enrolled in private schools by their parents have a right to participate in services; however, no private school child with a disability is entitled to any particular service or to any amount of service. (300.455(2)) Parents/guardians of these children may obtain information by contacting the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Non-Public/Private Schools Supervisor, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078-2580. The telephone number for the Non-Public/Private Schools Supervisor is (610) 769-4111 ext. 1625.

Questions regarding services for special needs children can be addressed to:

Allentown
Mr. Brian Siket (484) 765-4070
Catasaqua
Ms. Shelley Keffler (610) 264-5571
East Penn
Dr. Linda Pekarik (610) 966-8354
Jim Thorpe
Mrs. Sandra Michalik (570) 325-3691
Lehigh
Ms. Samantha Kistler (610) 377-4490
Northern Lehigh
Ms. Michele Dotta (610) 767-9849
Northwestern Lehigh
Ms. Andrea Edmonds (610) 298-8661
Palmerton
Ms. Suzanne Rentschler (610) 826-7101
Panther Valley
Dr. Tammy Chrin (570) 645-4248
Parkland
Ms. Brenda DeRenzo (610) 351-5559
Salisbury Township
Ms. Tracey Jacobi (610) 797-2062
Southern Lehigh
Mrs. Andria Buchman (610) 282-3121
Weatherly
Dr. Catherine Nelson (570) 427-8681
Whitehall-Coplay
Ms. Brooke Clary (610) 439-1431
Carbon Career & Technical Institute
Ms. Christine Trovato (570) 325-3682
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
Ms. Kristin Jachowicz (610) 799-1326
Early Intervention
Mrs. Allison Haberman/Mr. Matthew Martucci (610) 769-4111

Nonpublic/Private Schools
Ms. Maryalice Grogan (610) 769-4111

Youth Forestry Camp
Mr. Dan Fisher (570) 443-0231

Arts Academy Charter Middle School
(Salisbury Township SD)
Ms. Kathleen Adol-Silva (610) 351-0234

Arts Academy Elementary Charter School
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Michele Banks (610) 841-4560

Circle of Seasons
(Northwestern Lehigh SD)
Ms. Elena Steidinger (610) 285-6267

Executive Education Academy
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Sarah Evans (610) 841-7044

Innovative Arts Academy Charter School
(Catasaqua SD)
Mr. Doug Taylor (610) 403-2787

Lincoln Leadership Academy
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Sandra Figueroa-Torres (484) 860-3300

Roberto Clemente
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Alyssa Newman (610) 439-5181

Seven Generations
(East Penn SD)
Mr. Paul Hunter (610) 421-8844
Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the date the LEA (Local Education Agency) receives a written request for access, or before any due process hearing or IEP team meeting, whichever is sooner.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the appropriate LEA official a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The LEA official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If, upon inspection, a parent or eligible student requests copies of such records, a fee may be charged.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the LEA to amend a record should write the appropriate LEA official, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the LEA decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the LEA will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the LEA discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to LEA officials with legitimate educational interests. An LEA official is a person employed by the LEA as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a school board member sitting in executive session in consideration of matters concerning a student upon which the school board may act. An LEA official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the LEA would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the LEA with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist. An LEA official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the LEA discloses education records without consent to officials of another LEA in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled, or receives services, if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires an LEA to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that LEAs, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, LEAs may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the LEA to the contrary in accordance with LEA procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the LEA to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbook, showing your student’s role in a drama production
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members
- The annual yearbook
- Graduation programs
- Honor roll or other recognition lists

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, federal law requires LEAs receiving assistance under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to provide armed forces recruiters or institutions of higher education, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent.1

If you do not want the LEA to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the LEA in writing by the start of the current school year. The CLIU#21 has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student’s name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph/video image
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access educational records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student’s SN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose

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