

Accessing Community Supports and Resources

If you are looking for resources and supports, here are some links to begin your search. These links also may lead to more specific information.

- **The ARC Connections**
 - *Advocacy and Resources for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families*
<http://www.arcofchestercounty.org/resources/arconnections/>

- **Autism Society of Greater Philadelphia**
 - *Promotes lifelong access and opportunities for individuals with autism and their families*
<http://www.asaphilly.org/>

- **Best Buddies**
 - *Friendships, employment and leadership opportunities for individuals with Intellectual Disability*
www.bestbuddies.org

- **Charting the Life Course**
 - *Helps individuals with disabilities think about and plan for living the life they want to live*
www.lifecoursetools.com

- **Chester County Department of Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
 - *Information for eligibility and systems for Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and Early Intervention*
 - *Chester County Self Determination Action Team*
<https://www.chesco.org/615/Mental-HealthIntellectual-Dev-Disabiliti>

- **Chester County Intermediate Unit**
 - *Special education and compensatory educational programs provided to the 12 school districts in Chester County*
<https://www.cciu.org/>

- **Chester County Refer Web**
 - *Data Base used to search for resources and supports in Chester County such as housing, transportation, etc.*
<https://www.chesco.org/498/ReferWeb>

- **Citizens Advocacy**
 - *Community advocates*
<https://citizenadvocacycc.org/>

- **Department of Human Services**
 - *Apply for benefits such as Medical Assistance, SNAP and Cash Assistance*
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/>

- **Disabilities Health Law Project**
 - *Consultation to access health care for low income consumers, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.*
<http://www.phlp.org/>

- **Disabilities Rights Network**
 - *Protection and Advocacy Services*
<https://www.disabilityrightspa.org/>

- **Education Law Center**
 - *Legal advocacy for ensuring access to quality education*
<https://www.elc-pa.org/>

- **Office of Developmental Programs**
 - *Supports Pennsylvanians with Developmental Disabilities to achieve independence, choice and opportunities in their lives*
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/dhsorganization/officeofdevelopmentalprograms/>

- **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**
 - *Job finding and job support*
<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/Pages/Disability-Services.aspx>

- **Orion Communities**
 - *Assistance accessing food, shelter, clothing*
orioncommunities.org

- **Parent to Parent PA**
 - *Linking families of children or adults with disabilities*
<http://www.parenttoparent.org/>

- **Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PATTAN)**
 - *Register for online or in person trainings throughout PA*
<https://www.pattan.net/>

- **Rejoicing Spirits**
 - *Programs to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with disabilities*
<https://www.rejoicingspirits.org/>

- **Social Security**
 - *Disability related information and resources*
<https://www.ssa.gov/>

- **Special Kids Network**
 - *Resources to help children with special health care needs access services and supports*
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Special%20Kids%20Network/Pages/Special%20Kids%20Network.aspx>

- **Speaking for Ourselves**
 - *Individual run group to increase self-sufficiency and independence*
www.speaking.org

- **Special Olympics**
 - *Year round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults*
<http://pasocc.org/blogger/>

- **Temple Institute on Disabilities**
 - *Education, research and services*
<https://disabilities.temple.edu/>

- **Vision for Equality**
 - *Empowering individuals and families to seek quality and satisfaction in life as well as equal access to services and supports*
www.visionforequality.org