

RESOURCES



LEGAL AND ADOPTION



PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

pabar.org

Phone: 1-800-932-0311

The Pennsylvania Bar Association provides lawyer referrals and information on local bar associations.

PA LAW HELP

palawhelp.org

E-mail: palawhelp@palegalaid.net

PA LAW HELP provides free information on a variety of civil legal issues including adoption, guardianship and custody. You can find information about legal proceedings, your local courts and referrals to legal service providers.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL AID NETWORK

palegalaid.net

Phone: 1-800-322-7572

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network connects individuals and families who meet income requirements to local Legal Aid programs that can assist them with legal matters.



STATEWIDE ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY NETWORK (SWAN)

pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/adopt-pa-kids

Phone: 1-800-585-7926

E-mail: swanhelpline@diakon-swan.org

Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, SWAN offers a network of resources and/or information for families and children going through the adoption, custody and guardianship processes. SWAN offers a variety of post-permanency services such as support groups and referrals to local family centers.

GRANDFAMILIES.ORG

grandfamilies.org

Grandfamilies.org is a national resource that provides information to grandparents as they navigate the child welfare system. Their website offers a searchable database of laws and pending legislation of importance to grandfamilies, as well as resource guides to guardianship, custody, foster care, financial assistance and contact information for local bar associations.

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RAISING GRANDPARENTS



A HANDY GUIDE FOR



RESOURCES CAREGIVER

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES/ COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICES/COMPASS

pa.gov/agencies/dhscompass.dhs.pa.gov
Phone: 1-800-692-7462
TTY/TDD 1-800-451-5886

County Assistance Offices can help Pennsylvanians identify and apply for available benefits such as the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)*, *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)*, *Child Care Works* and the *Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*. Residents can also search for benefits using COMPASS, which is an online tool that allows users to find out what benefits they qualify for and apply for those benefits online.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

p4a.org
Phone: 717-541-4214
E-mail: info@p4a.org

Provides contact information for your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Some AAA's offer a Caregiver or Grandparent Support Program which can provide resources, support groups and financial assistance to grandparents raising their grandchildren.

FIND YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

ssa.gov/locator/
Phone: 1-800-772-1213
TTY: 1-800-325-0778

You can search for your local Social Security Office and contact them to determine if you or your grandchild(ren) are eligible for any additional benefits.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDES

pa.gov/agencies/health/programs/healthy-living/help-in-pa

The Department of Health has created guides for available health and human services in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.



UNITED WAY OF PENNSYLVANIA

uwp.org
Phone: 211 or 717-238-7365

By dialing 211, you are connected with a United Way operator who has access to a database of health and human services resources available in local areas. These services include support groups, counseling centers, relevant non-profit organizations and more.

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK

pa.gov/agencies/health/programs/healthy-living/special-kids-network
Phone: 1-800-986-4550

The Special Kids Network connects providers and parents of children and youth with special health care needs or physical disabilities with local services and supports. The Network provides information and resources on education, waiver programs and more.

PA FAMILIES

pafamiliesinc.org
Phone: 1-800-947-4941
E-mail: info@pafamiliesinc.org

PA Families Inc. is a non-profit that offers a database of resources for families caring for children with emotional, behavioral or special needs. You can find resources by searching for your county and/or the type of services you are seeking.



PA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

pafsa.org
Phone: 1-800-448-4906

The PA Family Support Alliance is a non-profit that provides education, support and training to help ensure the safety of children throughout Pennsylvania. The website includes many parenting resources as well as information on events they frequently hold in different communities throughout the state.

BEREAVEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

elunanetwork.org/national-bereavement-resource-guide

This resource guide includes information about Pennsylvania organizations available to help children and families affected by grief, addiction, a suicide death or other mental health challenges.

KEEP KIDS SAFE

pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe/resources

Keep Kids Safe provides resources to support families and decrease harm to children in PA. To report child abuse and neglect, please call ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313

PA KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

aese.psu.edu/outreach/intergenerational/program-areas/kinship/programs

As a part of Penn State's Intergenerational Program, the PA Kinship Navigator is an online database of resources, programs and services for kinship caregivers. You can find kinship programs by selecting your county of interest.