

## **Quick Start Housing and Services Information for**

## **Berks County**

This information is provided through a partnership with PHFA and the Inglis Self-Determination Housing of PA— Regional Housing Coordinator Program. It is intended to be an initial resource to housing services, therefore it is not an all-inclusive document. We encourage the use of PA 211 for additional information.

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## **Local Housing Provider Contact Information**

<b>Regional Housing Coordinator Program</b> Coordinators work with state agencies, service providers, and housing professionals to improve access to housing for people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians.	Inglis Self-Determination Housing of PA 2562 Belmont Ave Philadelphia, PA 19131 <u>SDHPInfo@inglis.org</u> <u>Information &amp; Referral Request</u> <u>www.Inglis.org/RHC</u>
Access Modification Program This program provides resources to enable eligible persons with disabilities make their home more accessible.	ACCESS Home Modification Assistance   Home Improvement & Repair Loans (phfa.org)
<b>Builders Association</b> Voluntary association of area builders; may have housing information or contacts for developers.	Home Builders Association of Berks County 2907 Mannerchor Rd. Temple, PA 19560 (610) 777-8889 Info@HBAberks.org https://hbaberks.org

<b>Fair Housing Resources</b> U.S., PA and local organizations offer info about fair housing and respond to complaint.	PA Human Relations Commission Harrisburg Office 717-787-9780 www.phrc.state.pa.us
Habitat for Humanity Organization builds "simple, decent, and affordable" housing using volunteer labor and supplies. Houses are sold at no profit.	Habitat for Humanity of Berks County 201 Washington St, Suite 329 Reading, PA 19602 info@habitatberks.org Ph: 610.373.3439 Website: www.habitatberks.org
Housing Coalition or Local Housing Options Team Coalitions of housing and service providers organized to resolve local housing issues, including housing for people with disabilities.	Berks Coalition to End Homelessness 600 Penn St, Reading, PA 19602 Third Floor (610) 372-7222 info@bceh.org https://bceh.org/contact/ https://bceh.org/agency-support/coc- membership/
Housing Trust Fund Potential local source of funds for affordable housing. Funds are distributed as follows: board reviews and approvals.	Greater Reading Chamber Alliance 606 Court Street Reading, PA 19601 (610) 376-6766 info@GreaterReading.org https://greaterreading.org/contact-us/ https://business.greaterreading.org/list/member/r edevelopment-authority-of-the-county-of-berks- 12918
Public Housing Authority Housing authorities in PA are operated at the county or local level. Most offer low-income, public housing units and vouchers to subsidize rent for eligible households.	Berks County Housing Authority 1803 Butter Lane Reading, PA 19606 <u>contact@berksha.org</u> Ph: 610.370.0822 Website: <u>www.berksha.org</u> Reading Housing Authority 400 Hancock Blvd. Reading, PA 19611 <u>info@readingha.org</u> 610-775-4813 Website: <u>www.readingha.org</u>
Rural Housing Office USDA Rural Housing Service operates rental	Pennsylvania Rural Development State Office 359 East Park Drive, Suite 4

Harrisburg, PA 17111 (717) 237-2299

Local Service Provider Contact Information		
Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) ADRCs (also called LINKs) promote communication and training for agencies working with older adults and adults with disabilities.	<b>PA Link to Aging and Disability Resource Center</b> Toll-Free Helpline: 1-800-753-8827	
<b>Area Agency on Aging (AAAs)</b> Provide info and services for older adults and their caregivers. Services vary by agency.	Berks County AAA 633 Court St., 8th Floor Reading, PA 19601 <u>aging@countyofberks.com</u> Ph: 610.478.6500 Website: <u>www.co.berks.pa.us/aging</u>	
<b>The Arc</b> Arc works to include all children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, working for inclusion in every community.	The Arc Alliance 3075 Ridge Pike Eagleville, PA 19403 610-265-4700 https://thearcalliance.org/contact-us/ https://thearcalliance.org/	
<b>Center for Independent Living (CIL)</b> Each CIL provides 4 core services, including advocacy, information, and referral, peer mentoring, and independent living skills.	Abilities in Motion 755 Hiesters Ln Reading, PA 19605 info@abilitiesinmotion.org Ph: 610-376-0010 Toll free: 1-888-376-0120 Website: www.abilitiesinmotion.org	
<b>Community Action Agency Community Action</b> Agencies help individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency while strengthening communities	Berks Community Action Program, Inc 645 Penn St, 3rd Floor Reading, PA 19601 info@bcapberks.org Website: www.bcapberks.org Ph: 610-376-6571	
<b>Mental Health—Housing Specialist</b> The Mental Health Housing Specialist provides housing support so peoples with mental illness and co-occurring disorders can be integrated into community living.	Service Access & Management, Inc 19 North 6th Street, Suite 300 Reading, PA 19601 610-236-0530 or 877-236-4600 housingassistance@sam-inc.org https://sam-inc.org/	
Homelessness Prevention Agency This agency provides case management, rental assistance, and transitional/emergency housing.	Berks Coalition to End Homelessness 600 Penn St, Reading, PA 19602 Third Floor	

	(610) 372-7222 info@bceh.org <u>https://bceh.org/contact/</u>
Nursing Home Transition Team A collaborative effort using federal, state, and local resources and partnerships to move people from nursing homes back to their community or to help keep people in their community. To contact a local Nursing Home Transition Coordination Agency, visit the DHS Nursing Home Transition website using the link to the right. Scroll down to the section titled "Transition Preparation" to access the list of Nursing Home Transition Agencies.	Transition from Nursing Home to Community Care   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (pa.gov) Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Nursing Home Transition Helpline: 1-800-833-5196
<b>Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)</b> OVR helps people with disabilities achieve employment and independence.	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation 3602 Kutztown Rd., Suite 200 Reading, PA 19605 Ph: 610.621.5800 Website: <u>OVR Office Directory   Department of Labor</u> and Industry   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
<b>United Way</b> United Way services vary in each community and typically include fund-raising, information, and referral.	United Way of Berks County 25 N. 2nd Street, Suite 101 Reading, PA 19601 610-685-4550 unitedway@uwberks.org https://www.uwberks.org/
VA Homeless Services Benefits include an array of services to help veterans live as independently as possible including transition, case management, rehabilitation, and income supports.	
<b>Medicaid—Waiver Information</b> Waivers are part of Pennsylvania's Medicaid program and provide supports and services to help people to live in their communities instead of a facility like a nursing home.	Pennsylvania Enrollment Services <u>www.enrollnow.net</u> 1-800-440-3989 (toll free)   1-800-618-4225 (TTY) Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Medicaid—HealthChoices HealthChoices is the name of Pennsylvania's managed care programs for Medical Assistance recipients. There are three programs: Physical HealthChoices, Behavioral HealthChoices, and Community HealthChoices. Each offers quality medical care for your physical health, behavioral health, or your long-term support needs. For more information, please use the link to the right.	