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SDHP is a statewide non-profit organization working to expand housing options for people with disabilities and older adults in Pennsylvania. We work tirelessly to:

- Bridge the information gap between the housing and disability and older adult communities
- Promote state and local partnerships that enable people with disabilities/Older Adults to choose and control their own housing
- Increase the stock of affordable, accessible integrated housing



Who we work with:



Housing Providers

- Housing Authorities
- Landlord Associations
- Property Managers
- Developers
- Redevelopment Authorities
- Home Modification Providers
- PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)
- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Social Services

- Area Agencies on Aging
- Nursing Home Transition Providers
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Veterans' Affairs
- Advocacy Groups
- Department of Human Services
- Centers for Independent Living
- Office of Vocational Rehab



SDHP Trainings and Presentations

Audiences

- Case managers
- Social service agencies
- Housing providers
- Professionals that are new to the housing field
- Providers that would benefit from a basic review

Topics

- Housing 101
- Fair Housing
- Landlord Engagement
- PAHousingSearch.com
- Disability Etiquette
- Prepared Renters Education Program (PREP)



PREP

PREP is a train-the-trainer program that prepares individuals to enter the rental process, navigate housing issues, and successfully retain housing that meets their needs.

Participants learn how to:

- Assess housing needs
- Budget for housing
- Understand common barriers to housing
- Locate housing
- Understand common components to a lease
- Communicate with landlords
- Understand the eviction process
- Create housing folder





- One-stop shop for people in need of housing and related resources
- Features Include: details about amenities, **bilingual call center**, rent calculator, pictures, map links

www.pahousingsearch.com

Toll Free: 1.877.428.8844

PA Housing Resources & Programs

<http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider/>



This information is provided through a partnership with PHFA and the Regional Housing Coordinator Program of the Self-Determination Housing Project. It is designed to help individuals identify and contact local resources to help with housing and services issues. Updates or corrections may be provided to your local Regional Housing Coordinator (listed below).

FREE to search FREE to List local housing in PA



LOCAL HOUSING PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Regional Housing Coordinator:

RHCs work with state agencies, service providers, and housing professionals to improve access to housing for people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians.

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Amy Auman
310 West Mill St.
St. Marys, PA 15857
amy@sdhp.org
Ph: 814.389.4440 Website: www.sdhp.org

Access Modification Program:

This program provides resources to enable eligible persons with disabilities make their home more accessible.

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Celia Jenkins
711 E. Lancaster Ave.
Downingtown, PA 19355
celia@sdhp.org
Ph: 610.873.9595 Website: www.sdhp.org

Builders Association:

Voluntary association of area builders; may have housing information or contacts for developers.

Builders Association of Northwestern PA

Bob Himes
PO Box 9546
Eric, PA 16506
Ph: 814.833.3999 Website: www.banwpa.com

Fair Housing Resources:

U.S., PA and local organizations offer info about fair housing and respond to complaints.

PA Human Relations Commission

Pittsburgh Office: 412.565.5395
Website: www.phrc.state.pa.us

HUD Fair Housing Enforcement

Pittsburgh Office: 412.644.6428

Habitat for Humanity

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

None

811 Project Rental Assistance

HUD funded collaboration between Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS)

- Provides extremely low income person with disabilities access to affordable, integrated, and accessible housing
- Project-based rental subsidy - pay 30% gross income for rent
- PHFA determines place of subsidy with input from DHS, Regional Housing Coordinators, and the Local Lead Agencies
- Subsidy for 400 units awarded to Pennsylvania. HCV leveraged for application by certain Housing Authorities



811 Eligibility

- Age 18 to 61 (at time of lease up)
- Person with a disability
- Medicaid eligible
- Eligible for long-term service and supports
- At or below 30 % area median income

Not eligible:

- Registered lifetime sex offender
- Conviction of methamphetamine possession or production in a federally subsidized building



Regional 811 Availability & Active Counties

County	# units in RAC or LIHTC	# units currently available	LLA Name	LLA Contact
Bradford	4	0	Mayme Carter	carterm@bradfordco.org
Centre	12	0	Betsy Barndt	bjbarndt@centrecountypa.gov
Luzerne	3	0	Keith Williams	kwilliams@mycil.org



Regional Housing Updates

- Current development nearing completion in the following counties: Bradford, Carbon, Center, Columbia, Lycoming and Monroe
- United Neighborhood Centers in Lackawanna County are starting development this month on Fallbrook which will have 4 1 bedroom units dedicated for 811
- Local Housing Authorities are continuing to build waitlists for public housing



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