

CHESTER COUNTY TRANSITION COORDINATING COUNCIL REFERENCE GUIDE 2015-16

If a student has...	Initial Contact	Who	Contact Phone	Age	Services
Intellectual Disability*	Department of Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MH&IDD) www.chesco.org/mhidd	Michelle Davis, EI Julie Moyer, IDD	610-344-5948 610-344-6265	Birth to 3 years 3 years on	Information & referral, case management, support & socialization, early intervention, therapy, advocacy
	The Arc of Chester County	Jeanne Meikrantz	610-696-8090	Birth on	Information & referral, advocacy, early intervention, recreation, socialization, job coaching, employment services, life skills and support groups
Mental Health Concerns*	Base Service Unit		610-344-5358	Birth on	Intake, diagnosis, referral and/or case management
	Community Svcs. of Devereux (Phoenixville) Human Svcs., Inc. (Downingtown) Human Svcs., Inc. (Downingtown) Human Svcs., Inc. (West Goshen) Human Svcs., Inc. (Oxford) Creative Health, Inc. (Pottstown) Creative Health, Inc. (Spring City) Holcomb Behavioral Health (Kennett) Child Guidance Resource Centers (Coatesville) Chester County Intermediate Unit (Downingtown) For Emergency Situations: Crisis Intervention, Chester County		610-935-0850 610-873-1010 610-873-1005 610-430-6141 610-998-1807 610-326-9250 610-948-6490 610-388-7400 610-380-9982 484-237-5241 610-918-2100		Emergency assessment and referral, outpatient, wrap-around, vocational and/or family-based services
Deafness, Hard of Hearing*	Center on Hearing and Deafness	Bill Lockard	TTY: 610-918-6251 VOICE: 610-918-6250	Birth on	Referral for counseling and treatment
Physical Disabilities*	Chester County Disability Svcs./Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County	Linda Redding	610-524-5850	Birth to 3 years 18+	Information, referral, socialization, counseling, computer program CSPPPD Waiver Services, early intervention to 3 years
Traumatic Brain Injury	PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	Cheryl Novak	484-250-4340, Ext. 145	2 years prior to graduation	Vocational counseling, evaluation, training, coaching, placement
	Brain Injury Association of PA/BrainSteps Program	Brenda Eagan Brown	eaganbrown@ biapa.org		
Blind & Visual Services	PA Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services	Giovanna Ochabillo	215-965-4870	2 years prior to graduation	Counseling, evaluation, training, coaching, placement, adaptive equipment
Drug & Alcohol Addiction	Chester County Dept. of Drug/Alcohol		610-344-6620	Birth on	Referral for counseling, treatment
Legal Problems	Chester County Office of Juvenile Probation	Intake Dept.	610-344-6295	10-17	Case management

* Please note: For all disability categories marked with an asterisk (*), the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (listed above) should also be contacted.

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WHERE CAN A STUDENT GET VOCATIONAL SERVICES?

Where can a student get vocational services?	Contact	Phone	Disabilities Served	Services	Funding Sources
Adult Community Autism Program		717-412-7400	Adults 21yrs or older with ASD DX	Medical Services, Behavioral health supports, community integration, supported employment	
Brian's House Enterprises	Beverly Piccione, Job Placement & Transitioning Students Linda Zackey, Adult Vocational Referrals Tina Iyare, Adult Training Referrals	610-873-3500, Ext. 228 610-873-3500, Ext. 226 610-873-3500, Ext. 221	All	*Adult training, student transition, vocational evaluation, and job placement Transitioning students, prevocational referrals Adult training referrals	Chester, Delaware & Philadelphia Offices of Disabilities, OVR, and self-pay
Comprehensive Employment Svcs. at Arc of Chester County	Carol Huyett	610-696-8090	All	*Work readiness, job development, coaching, follow-up	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, OBRA Autism Waiver, DCD, self-paid, school district
Devereux (The Shops/Alpha Services)	Dorothy Carter Cynthia MacBain	610-964-3207 610-964-3108	All	Adult training, pre- and vocational training, mobile work crews	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/MR, self-paid
Devereux (Community Supported Employment)	Rebecca Ross	610-688-8597	All	Job development, exploration and coaching services	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid
Devereux (Community Adult Autism Partnership Program - CAAPP)	Amanda Duffy	610-688-8597	All	Job development, community integration, behavior therapy, exploration and coaching (specifically for individuals on the spectrum)	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid, and Autism, OBRA, and Commcare Waivers
Elwyn Employment Support Services	Jessica Bickmire	610-644-3767	All	Work readiness, development, coaching, training, placement, social security benefit consultation	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, DCD, self-paid
Goodwill Keystone Area	Corey Nelson Joyce Burkholder Cathie Lammy	610-777-7875 610-777-7875 610-401-5712	All	Job placement/coaching; career development, SSA work incentives counseling	Berks MH/IDD; WIA Berks, Goodwill Foundation; OVR; SSA
Handi-Crafters, Inc.	Chris Broome	610-384-6990	All	*Evaluation, readiness, coaching, training, follow-up	Chester, Delaware & Philadelphia Counties MH/IDD, OVR, DCD, self-paid, DPW, Dept. of L & I, school district
Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems	Helene Long	610-363-1488	Mental health	Supported employment	Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid
The Hood	Nika Love	610-280-1060	At risk youth	Workplace development, academic remediation (16-23 years old)	Department of Community Development, Council for Workforce of Tomorrow
KenCrest Employenet	Donna Clemens Allison Smale	610-327-4606, ext. 2422 610-327-4606, ext. 2430	All	Evaluation, work readiness, job development, coaching, farm program	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, self-paid, school district
Main Line Rehabilitation Associates www.mainline-rehab.com	Mark Cola	610-280-0180, ext. 109	Brain injury, ASD, learning disability, neurological disability	Evaluation, readiness, therapy, development, coaching, group program, skill building	Waivers, OVR, PHIP, ACAP, private insurance, self-paid
OVR www.dli.state.pa.us/ovr	Cheryl Novak	484-250-4340 Ext. 145	All	Vocational counseling evaluation, training, coaching, placement	State and Federal Government
Remed	Christine Dentith	484-595-9300	Brain injury, learning disability, autism	*Evaluation, readiness, development, coaching	Self-paid, private insurance, OVR, MH/IDD

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What special schools/programs are available?	Contact	Phone	Population Served	Services
Aspire Program	Lisa Tzanakis	484-237-5212	Special education - Itinerant	College readiness, self advocacy, vocational training, job development, travel training assessment and instruction, and independent living
AHEDD	John Eccleston	1-866-560-1600 / john.eccleston@ahedd.org	Special education	Vocational assessment, job development
CHAAMP (Communities Helping Adolescents with Autism Make Progress)	Katie Corry	610-518-6862	Special education	Community integration, vocational assessment and exploration, and building functional life skills, communication skills and social skills
Child & Career Development Center	Susan Mateka	610-383-7400	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
Chester County Technical College High School Brandywine, Pennock's Bridge and Pickering Campuses	Jennifer Chicosky	484-237-5325	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
CCIU Classes and Programs • Emotional Support • Life Skills Support • Autistic Support • Project Search at Phoenixville Hospital • Transitional Living Program (Kennett & West Chester) • Transitional Work Program	Lisa Tzanakis Tammy Wickstrom Lisa Tzanakis	484-237-5029/5064 484-237-5570 484-237-5058 610-983-1722 484-237-5212	Special education Special education Special education Special education Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development Vocational assessment, training, job development Vocational assessment, training, job development Vocational assessment, training, job development Vocational assessment, training, job development
Devereux	Martina Raison	610-725-5601	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
Discover Program	Laurie Masino	484-237-5140	Ages 14-21	Vocational assessment, job coach, travel training instruction
Elwyn, Inc.	Tom Brazell	610-891-2201	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
Chester County Learning Center	Kristin Gallahan	610-384-6030	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, job development
The Vanguard School	Jacque Murray	610-296-6700, Ext. 261	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

For issues involving...	Contact	Phone
Abused, neglected and dependent children	Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families	610-344-5800 or State Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
Social Security questions	www.ssa.gov	1-888-306-3216
General help with finding a job	PA CareerLink	610-280-1010
Department of Community Development	Patrick Bokovitz	610-344-6900
CCIU Parent Mentor Services	Maryann Amici	484-237-5123
Handi-Crafters Independent Living Solutions	Laurie Richardson	610-384-6990, Ext. 217
Home & Community Habilitation Services	Chester County Intermediate Unit	484-237-5296

APPROXIMATE TRANSITION TIMELINE

Age 14: Must complete a transition plan. Contact agencies, funding sources, recreation/leisure opportunities.	At least two years prior to graduation from public school or exiting public education: Work with employment agencies, school districts, transportation, funding sources, recreation/leisure opportunities.
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KEY MH/IDD = Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities DCD = Department of Community Development OVR = Office of Vocational Rehabilitation PHP = Pennsylvania Head Injury Program
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Please direct questions to Sharon Shoemaker, CCIU education consultant, at 484-237-5041.
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