### Social Security Administration

**104 Margaret Street**  
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County  
**Telephone:** 800-772-1213  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Services:** Retirement Benefits – From FICA taxes, Full retirement, early retirement, delayed retirement; Disability benefits; Survivors benefits; Medicare coverage; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Social Security Numbers  
**Fee Policy:** Free  
**Eligibility:** Retirement: contact local office, usually age 65; Survivors: Can be paid to widow, widower, unmarried, dependent parents; Disability: there is a strict definition of disability; SSI: must be 65 or older or blind or disabled

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**PA Association for Retarded Citizens – Lawrence County Chapter**

101 South Mercer Street, Room #306
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County

**Telephone:** 724-658-8515

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Services:** Residential arrangements; preschool-early intervention; children's day care; recreation; summer camp; respite/sitter; adult training facility; assisted living; personal care home

**Fee Policy:** Most programs are free to qualified persons; personal care home and children's day care involve a fee

**Eligibility:** Must be MR (except for children’s day care –this program is open to all children one month old to school age); residents of the personal care home must be ambulatory (and MR)

**People In Need**

2540 New Butler Road
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County

**Telephone:** 724-657-3303

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Website:** [http://pinpa.org/index.html](http://pinpa.org/index.html)

**Services:** The People In Need staff is dedicated to providing supportive and therapeutic assistance to aid individuals and families to make positive changes and to develop stability in their lives. People in Need is an agency that was founded to help people in our community cope with particular problem areas and various needs. This is accomplished by offering various support programs and social services.

- Food Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Utility Assistance
- Testing and Evaluations
- Counseling
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

**Eligibility:** Lawrence County Residents who are in-need

**Adult Literacy Lawrence County**

927 Moravia Street
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County

**Telephone:** 724-654-1500

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily

**Services:** One-on-one tutoring for those adults reading below 8th grade level. Also small-group classes for the 5-8th reading level. English as a Second Language tutoring. Family Reading Workshops.

**Fee Policy:** Free

**Eligibility:** Adults 16 years and older who are not participating in a public school program

**Allied Coordinated Transportation Service, Inc.**

241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County

**Telephone:** 724-652-5588

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Website:** [www.lccap.org](http://www.lccap.org)

**Services:** Public Utility Commission licensed company for transportation services brokering.

- Provide door-to-door round-trip transportation within Lawrence County. Services provided:
  - (a) Medical needs-round trip transportation to meet medical need for eligible clients
  - (b) Employment-round trip transportation to and from work for eligible senior citizens
  - (c) Personal visits, shopping, recreation for aged clients over 65 years of age
- Wheel chair lift van services as required
- Out-of-County trips to Pittsburgh facilities

**Eligibility:** All Lawrence County residents. Eligible customers 65 and over save 86% of full fare on medical, nutritional and employment trips. Ride service for recreational, community affairs, visiting, etc. is available for those paying full fare. You may be eligible for sponsorship of trips by Lawrence County Agency on Aging, Allied Human Services (handicapped).

**Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (ACLD)**

28 Pine Street
Sharon, PA 16146

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County and surrounding areas

**Telephone:** 724-346-5887

**Office Hours:** Phone answered 24 hours a day/Hours open are program specific

**Services:** Advocacy for learning disabled children and their families to insure appropriate education placement; peer counseling from parent to parent of learning disabled child; tutoring program-year round for person with learning disabilities; parent support group meeting.

**Fee Policy:** Small fee for tutoring

**Eligibility:** Open to those with learning disabilities and their families
Autism Society of America-Midwestern PA Chapter
Human Services Center
130 West North Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence, Butler and Mercer Counties
Telephone: 724-658-3578
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Website: www.autism-society.org
Services: Support group for parents, family members and professionals who deal with Autistic individuals; Provides advocacy to promote appropriate education and services for Autistic individuals; Promotes the welfare of Autistic individuals in the community through presentations; Library containing books, journals, audio-visual materials concerning aspects of Autism - considered to be one of the best in the state; Monthly meetings held at the Human Services Center.
Fee Policy: Small fee for tutoring
Eligibility: Open to those with learning disabilities and their families

Blindness & Visual Services in PA
3100 Lovell Place
Erie, PA 16503

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence & Mercer Counties
Telephone: 814-871-4401 or 866-521-5073
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Services: Vocational Rehabilitation Program includes basic education and rehabilitation, mobility training and employment preparation.
Social Services helps individuals cope with the activities of daily living: In-home services to help maintain safe living; Counseling; Housing; Life-skill to perform daily; and Transportation to receive social and medical services.
Blindness Prevention Program consists of services such as vision screening, glaucoma screening, public education, and informational services including eye-safety education in schools and industry.
Children's Services assists children who are blind or visually impaired achieve their maximum sensory, cognitive and social development.

Catholic Charities
Ellwood City
1405 Woodside Ave
New Castle, PA 16101
724-758-3421

Ellwood City, PA 16117
413 Highland Ave
New Castle, PA 16101
724-658-5526

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Services: • Emergency Assistance
• Utility Assistance
• Holiday Assistance
• Pregnancy and Parent Support
Eligibility: Program Specific

Fee Policy: No charge for applying for services, diagnostic service, vocational evaluation counseling or job placement assistance. For other services, eligible individuals may have to contribute to the cost of OVR services.
Eligibility: Must have a disability (a physical, mental or emotional problem) and the disability must cause a vocational impairment

New Castle Area Transit Authority
311 Mahoning Ave
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: City of New Castle and portions of surrounding areas
Telephone: 724-654-3130
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm • Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: http://newcastletransit.org
Services: Fixed route and demand respond service (curb-to-curb)
Fee Policy: Varies by service – Call for Information
Eligibility: Varies by service – Call for Information

New Castle Community YMCA
20 West Washington Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-4766
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 5:30 am - 9:00 pm • Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon
Website: http://ncymca.org
Services: Recreation- varied programs for people of all ages and abilities;
Fee Policy: It is the policy of the New Castle Community YMCA to provide services for any person who desires to participate in Y programs and understands the benefits of the Y, regardless of the ability to pay the standard membership and program fee. Limited financial assistance available.

Office of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI)
1521 North 6th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Geographic Area Served: State of Pennsylvania
Telephone: 800-233-3008
Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Services: Provide information, referral and advocacy – Act as a clearing house of information about deafness and hearing loss

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
100 Margaret Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Butler, Lawrence, Armstrong and Beaver Counties
Telephone: 724-656-3070 or 800-442-6379
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Services: Vocational Rehabilitation Services to individuals with disabilities. Services available include, but are not limited to: Diagnostic Services, Vocational Evaluation, Counseling and Guidance, Restoration Services, Training and Job Placement Assistance, depending upon need.
Fee Policy: No charge for applying for services, diagnostic service, vocational evaluation counseling or job placement assistance. For other services, eligible individuals may have to contribute to the cost of OVR services.
Eligibility: Must have a disability (a physical, mental or emotional problem) and the disability must cause a vocational impairment
Lifesteps  
383 New Castle Road  
Butler, PA 16001  

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County as well as Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Mercer, Indiana and Westmoreland Counties  

Telephone: 724-283-1010  
Office Hours: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Website: www.lifesteps.net  

Services: Community Living Arrangements - C.L.A; Adult Training Facility; Speech and Hearing; Geriatric Day Program; Child Care and Preschool  

Fee Policy: Community Living Arrangement - Referred by Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR) Offices; Adult Training Facility - Referred by MH/MR Offices; Speech and Hearing - based on a sliding scale  

Eligibility: Community Living Arrangement - Referral through BASE Service Unit; Adult Training Facility - Referral through MH/MR; Speech/Hearing Services - Available for all speech and language needs

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV  
453 Maple Street  
Grove City, PA 16127-2399  

Geographic Area Served: Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties  

Telephone: 724-458-6700  
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Website: www.miu4.k12.pa.us  

Services: Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU 4) provides programs and services to the 27 school districts, 3 vocational schools and the nonpublic schools in Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties. A variety of consultative, advisory and educational programs and services are offered in the following areas: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Continuing Education, Education Research and Planning, Instructional Materials, Distance Education, Nonpublic School Services, Technology and Information Services, and Special Education. Communications & Publications, Arts in Education, MIU 4 also operates a variety of State and Federal programs including a Teen Parenting Program, Child Care Information Services and the Frew Mill School at the Youth Development Center, New Castle, PA.  

Serving Students:  

Enrichment opportunities for students include Kids on the Block and the annual Very Special Arts exhibit

City Rescue Mission  
319 Croton Ave PO Box 965  
New Castle, PA 16103  

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County  

Telephone: 724-652-4321 (Call to arrange an appointment and more information)  
Website: http://cityrescuemission.org  

Services:  
• Community Meal Program:  
  Monday – Friday: 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm  
  Saturday and Holidays: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm  
• Family Care Food Bank  
  Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am & 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
• Shelter  
• Youth Programs  
• Spiritual Services  

Eligibility: Program Specific

Covenant Cottage  
1018 Rebecca Street  
New Castle, PA 16105  

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County  

Telephone: 724-652-4321  

Services: Provides temporary emergency shelter (1 to 90 days) to homeless men with children

Covenant House  
1018 Rebecca Street  
New Castle, PA 16105  

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County  

Telephone: 724-652-4349  

Services: Temporary emergency shelter (1-30 days) for women, women with children, married couples, and married couples with children. Those in need of shelter or referring agencies should contact the Covenant House staff prior to client arrival.

Cray Youth and Family Services  
321 North Jefferson Street  
New Castle, PA 16101  

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County  

Telephone: 724-654-5507  

Services: Group homes and home-based services for troubled youth; Big Brother Program – mentoring for youth from single parent families  

Eligibility: Court referred for group homes
Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County
1218 West State Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-652-9036
Services: Domestic Violence Shelter

Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh
5513 William Flynn Highway # 400
Gibsonia, PA 15044
Geographic Area Served: Western PA
Telephone: 724-658-0402 – Stacey Nativio, Contact
Program: Lawrence County Parent Support Group
Place: Jameson Hospital South, Conference Room 1
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Date: 3rd Tuesday each month
Website: www.dsapgh.org
Services: DSAP are a volunteer organization of parents and professionals committed to improving the quality of life, health, and well being of individuals who have Down syndrome. The Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh is comprised of a Board of Directors and a mailing membership of over 1000. Our purpose is to educate the public through awareness projects and community events, inform parents and caregivers about developments in research and clinical practice and to promote acceptance in the community for people with Down syndrome.

The mission at the Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh (DSAP) is simple. We are here to provide support to families and individuals with Down syndrome through education and information. We also believe in supporting the best practice of medical care; which is the philosophy of individual attention and specialized clinical services throughout the lives of people with Down syndrome. Eligibility: Children, adults and families of those who have Down Syndrome.

Down Syndrome Center at Children’s Hospital
3705 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Geographic Area Served: Western PA
Telephone: 412-692-7963
Website: http://www.chp.edu/CHP/downsyndrome
Policy Statement: The Down Syndrome Group of Western PA and the Down Syndrome Center at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh are interested in and work toward enhancing the lives of individuals who have Down Syndrome. We provide information on educational, vocational, medical, social, adult and legal issues which may benefit children and adults who have Down Syndrome. However, we do not support or endorse specific therapies or programs.

Mission Statement: The mission statement of the Down Syndrome Center is to educate families and others about Down Syndrome and related issues via quarterly newsletters, an annual conference, and packets of information for new parents. The mission of the Down Syndrome Center is to provide medical and developmental assessments and family, behavioral, psychology, and psychiatric services to individuals of all ages who have Down Syndrome and/or their families. Research, writing articles about Down Syndrome and related issues, and teaching medical residents and other professionals are also important services offered. The center is associated with the Ohio-Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Network, The National Down Syndrome Congress, The National Down Syndrome Network, The National Down Syndrome Society and The Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group.

Lawrence County Red Cross
222 North Mercer Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence and Beaver Counties
Telephone: 724-652-7724
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • 24 Hours for Emergencies
Website: http://www.forcomm.net/arcbearver
Services: Disaster Services
Fee Policy: Program Specific
Eligibility: Program Specific

Lawrence County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Program
217 North Jefferson Street, Suite A
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-253B
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: http://www.co.lawrence.pa.us/MHMR/index.html
Services: The County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Office is a State-Mandated program designed to plan, coordinate, and develop and provide preventative, rehabilitative and treatment services to mentally disabled persons in Lawrence County. Eligibility: Residents of Lawrence County

Lawrence County Social Services
241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-7258
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountycares.org/LCSocialServices.htm
Services: A non-profit corporation designated as a centralized planning, coordinating and administering arm by the Lawrence County Commissioner for some state and federal Block Grant programs and other funds. Purposes are: • promote social welfare through the provision of services to disadvantaged individuals • help promote relief to the poor, unemployed and distressed
Eligibility: Any resident of Lawrence County meeting categorical or low-income requirements
Lawrence County Cooperative Extension of Penn State continued

Program Areas:

- Agriculture – Dairy, Livestock, Agronomy, Fruit and Vegetable, Farm Management.
- Family Living – Expanded foods and nutrition, education program
  - Nutrition, health & food safety
  - Family strengths
  - Parenting education
  - Money Management
  - Care giving for children and elderly
  - Water quality
- 4-H and Youth Development
- Community Development

Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: All residents of Lawrence County

Lawrence County CareerLink

102 Margaret Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-656-3165
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Services: Placement – a free, centralized source for job seekers to obtain referral to suitable job openings and for employers to recruit needed workers. Apply for interview to determine job classification.

Veteran’s Service – Special employment and counseling service for veterans.

Labor Market Information – The providing of labor market data to employers, workers, community groups and the general public.

Unemployment Compensation – Processing claims for Unemployment Compensation and related state-federal insurance benefits for unemployed workers.

Training Program – In cooperation with West Central Job Partnership, Lawrence County Vo-Tech, Job Corp, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligibility: No requirement for placement application. Contact office eligibility for Unemployment Compensation at 724-656-3168

Lawrence County Head Start (via Social Services)

- The Learning Tree
  701 North Mercer Street
  New Castle, PA 16101
  724-657-1285
- Ellwood City Head Start
  924 Crescent Ave & 10th Street
  Ellwood City, PA 16117
  724-752-0239

- Ben Franklin Head Start
  815 Cunningham Ave
  New Castle, PA 16101
  724-658-7671

- Pulaski Head Start
  320 Shenango Street
  Pulaski, PA 16143
  724-658-7671

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Website: www.lccap.org

Services: The goal of the Head Start program is to develop the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. This is done through a well-balanced program of health, education, social services, and parent involvement.

Eligibility: Residents of Lawrence County

Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence

PO Box 988
New Castle, PA 16103

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-656-5100
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountyha.com

Services: Providing safe, decent and affordable housing to eligible low-income families and individuals in Lawrence County. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Fee Policy: Monthly rent does not exceed 30% of the applicant’s adjusted gross household income
Eligibility: Applicant must meet financial and/or other eligibility criteria

Human Services Center (Base Service Unit)

130 West North Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-656-5100
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountyha.com

Services: Intake and Referral is responsible for conducting initial assessments and developing service plans for individuals seeking mental health or mental retardation services. Psychological and psychiatric evaluations may also be included in the intake process. In addition, referrals to other agencies, self-help groups, or private practitioners may be arranged by the BSU staff.

Fee Policy: Sliding scale, co-payment for people with medical assistance, will accept major insurance
Eligibility: Any person who has a diagnosis of mental retardation/any person who has emotional problems can receive services through the mental health system.

Lark Enterprises, Inc.

2725 Ellwood Road
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County; Adkins Life Skills Training: Lawrence, Beaver, Butler and Armstrong Counties

Telephone: 724-658-5676
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: www.larkenterprises.org

Services: Lark Enterprises, Inc. is an agency that provides training and work opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Some are trained and employed within Lark’s facilities performing jobs in Subcontract, Screen Print, Furniture Refinishing and Food Service. Others are assisted in obtaining and maintaining competitive jobs in the community. Lark’s other services include Vocational Evaluation and Adkins Life Skills Training.

Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: At least 18 years of age; have a desire to work; have a disability which presents a barrier to obtaining and/or sustaining full-time competitive employment.
Lawrence County Assistance Office – Department of Public Welfare
108 Cascade Galleria
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-656-3000
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Services: • Public Assistance Income Maintenance Payments - Mercer County residents may be eligible for cash grants if they are in need. “Need” may exist if income, assets and other means of support are less than the Department of Welfare standard for basic living requirements
• Medical Assistance
• Food Stamp Program
• Social Services
• Basic information and referral services are offered to all applicants or recipients who request or have a need
• Emergency Energy Assistance Program
Eligibility: Residents of Mercer County. Refer to office for eligibility check; consideration is on an individual basis.

Lawrence County Association for the Blind
319 N. Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-652-4571
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountycares.org/BlindAssn.htm
Services: The Lawrence County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind supports social services for blind and visually impaired people. These services include casework, recreation, adapted aids and Talking books, transportation, education and prevention of blindness activities. They promote and sell products made by individuals with disabilities. A workshop is on the premises for mat making, chair caning and microfilming. Proceeds invested back into PAB Programs.
Eligibility: Any blind or visually-impaired resident of Lawrence County meeting requirements. Call for further information.

Lawrence County Children & Youth
1001 E. Washington Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-2558
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Services: The goal of the agency is to provide social services which support supplement or substitute for parental care and supervision for the purpose of (1) preventing or remodeling, or assistance in the solution of problems which may result in the neglect, abuse, exploitation, or delinquency of children, (2) protecting and caring for homeless, abused, dependent or neglected children. Prevention of the family breakdown -whenever possible, attempt to keep children in their home.

To meet these goals, the following services are provided—Information (intake)- Direct or Agency Referral; Screening; Referrals; Protective Services; Temporary/Emergency Shelter; Foster Family Care; Family Counseling; Family Preservation.
Eligibility: Families with children under 18 years of age; children under 18 years of age; Lawrence County
Lawrence County Assistance Office – Department of Public Welfare
108 Cascade Galleria
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-656-3000
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Services:
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• Basic information and referral services are offered to all applicants or recipients who request or have a need
• Emergency Energy Assistance Program

Eligibility: Residents of Mercer County. Refer to office for eligibility check; consideration is on an individual basis.

Lawrence County Cooperative Extension of Penn State
Courthouse
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-654-8370 or 724-654-2741
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: www.lawrence.extension.psu.edu

Services: Penn State Cooperative Extension in Lawrence County gives local residents easy access to the resources and expertise of the Pennsylvania State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, cooperative extension agents deliver unbiased, research-based information to Lawrence County citizens. People can participate by attending workshops, learning from demonstrations, attending individual and group meetings, volunteer programs, and much more.

Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP)
241 W. Grant Street
New Castle PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-7258 or 888-252-5104
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: www.lccap.org

Services: Lawrence County Community Action Partnership is made up of three agencies that seek to involve the community in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty.

Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.
• Funding Administrator of the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership
• Designated Community Action Agency for Lawrence County
• Team PA CareerLink Operator
• Head Start Program Administrator
• Lawrence County Homeless Coordinator
• Housing and Urban Development Counseling Agency
• Medical Assistance Transportation Program Administrator
• Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsoring Organization

United Community Services of Lawrence County, Inc
• Child Care Operator
• In-Home Services

Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc.
• Senior Shared Ride Program Administrator and Provider
• Shared Ride Program for Persons with Disabilities Provider
• Welfare to Work Program Administrator and Provider

Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: Through these agencies, Lawrence County Community Action Partnership reaches out to low-income people in Lawrence County to address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develops partnerships with other community organizations, involves low-income clients in agency's operations, and administers a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty.

Lawrence County Association for the Blind
319 N. Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-652-4571
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountycares.org/BlindAssn.htm

Services: The Lawrence County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind supports social services for blind and visually impaired people. These services include casework, recreation, adapted aids and Talking books, transportation, education and prevention of blindness activities. They promote and sell products made by individuals with disabilities. A workshop is on the premises for mat making, chair caning and microfilming. Proceeds invested back into PAB Programs.

Eligibility: Any blind or visually-impaired resident of Lawrence County meeting requirements. Call for further information.

Lawrence County Children & Y outh
1001 E. Washington Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-2558
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Services: The goal of the agency is to provide social services which support supplement or substitute for parental care and supervision for the purpose of (1) preventing or remedying, or assistance in the solution of problems which may result in the neglect, abuse, exploitation, or delinquency of children, (2) protecting and caring for homeless, abused, dependent or neglected children. Prevention of the family breakdown -whenever possible, attempt to keep children in their home.

To meet these goals, the following services are provided—Information (intake)- Direct or Agency Referral; Screening; Referrals; Protective Services; Temporary/Emergency Shelter; Foster Family Care; Family Counseling; Family Preservation.

Eligibility: Families with children under 18 years of age; children under 18 years of age; Lawrence County
Lawrence County Cooperative Extension of Penn State continued
Program Areas:
- Agriculture – Dairy, Livestock, Agronomy, Fruit and Vegetable, Farm Management.
- Family Living – Expanded foods and nutrition, education program
  - Nutrition, health & food safety
  - Family strengths
  - Parenting education
  - Money Management
  - Care giving for children and elderly
  - Water quality
- 4-H and Youth Development
- Community Development

Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: All residents of Lawrence County

Lawrence County CareerLink
102 Margaret Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-656-3165
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Services: Placement – a free, centralized source for job seekers to obtain referral to suitable job openings and for employers to recruit needed workers. Apply for interview to determine job classification.
- Veteran’s Service – Special employment and counseling service for veterans.
- Labor Market Information – The providing of labor market data to employers, workers, community groups and the general public.
- Unemployment Compensation – Processing claims for Unemployment Compensation and related state-federal insurance benefits for unemployed workers.
- Training Program – In cooperation with West Central Job Partnership, Lawrence County Vo-Tech, Job Corp, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligibility: No requirement for placement application. Contact office eligibility for Unemployment Compensation at 724-656-3168

Lawrence County Head Start (via Social Services)
The Learning Tree
701 North Mercer Street
New Castle, PA 16101
724-657-1285
Ellwood City Head Start
924 Crescent Ave & 10th Street
Ellwood City, PA 16117
724-752-0239

Ben Franklin Head Start
815 Cunningham Ave
New Castle, PA 16101
724-658-7671
Pulaski Head Start
320 Shenango Street
Pulaski, PA 16143
724-658-7671

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Website: www.lccap.org
Services: The goal of the Head Start program is to develop the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. This is done through a well-balanced program of health, education, social services, and parent involvement.
Eligibility: Residents of Lawrence County

Housing Authority of the County of Lawrence
PO Box 988
New Castle, PA 16103
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-656-5100
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountyha.com
Services: Providing safe, decent and affordable housing to eligible low-income families and individuals in Lawrence County. Equal Housing Opportunity.
Fee Policy: Monthly rent does not exceed 30% of the applicant’s adjusted gross household income
Eligibility: Applicant must meet financial and/or other eligibility criteria

Human Services Center (Base Service Unit)
130 West North Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-656-5100
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountyha.com
Services: Intake and Referral is responsible for conducting initial assessments and developing service plans for individuals seeking mental health or mental retardation services. Psychological and psychiatric evaluations may also be included in the intake process. In addition, referrals to other agencies, self-help groups, or private practitioners may be arranged by the BSU staff.
Fee Policy: Sliding scale, co-payment for people with medical assistance, will accept major insurance
Eligibility: Any person who has a diagnosis of mental retardation/any person who has emotional problems can receive services through the mental health system.

Lark Enterprises, Inc.
2725 Ellwood Road
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County; Adkins Life Skills Training: Lawrence, Beaver, Butler and Armstrong Counties
Telephone: 724-658-5676
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: www.larkenterprises.org
Services: Lark Enterprisers, Inc. is an agency that provides training and work opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Some are trained and employed within Lark’s facilities performing jobs in Subcontract, Screen Print, Furniture Refinishing and Food Service. Others are assisted in obtaining and maintaining competitive jobs in the community. Lark’s other services include Vocational Evaluation and Adkins Life Skills Training.
Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: At least 18 years of age; have a desire to work; have a disability which presents a barrier to obtaining and/or sustaining full-time competitive employment.
Lawrence County Red Cross
222 North Mercer Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence and Beaver Counties
Telephone: 724-652-7724
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • 24 Hours for Emergencies
Website: http://www.forcomm.net/arceaver
Services: Disaster Services
Emergency Assistance toward food, clothing, shelter immediately after a disaster
Information and Referral
Fee Policy: Program Specific
Eligibility: Program Specific

Lawrence County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Program
217 North Jefferson Street, Suite A
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-2538
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: http://www.co.lawrence.pa.us/MHMR/index.html
Services: The County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Office is a State-Mandated program designed to plan, coordinate, develop and provide preventative, rehabilitative and treatment services to mentally disabled persons in Lawrence County.
Eligibility: Residents of Lawrence County

Lawrence County Social Services
241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-7258
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://www.lawrencecountycares.org/LCSocialServices.htm
Services:
- A non-profit corporation designated as a centralized planning, coordinating and administering arm by the Lawrence County Commissioner for some state and federal Block Grant programs and other funds. Purposes are:
  - promote social welfare through the provision of services to disadvantaged individuals
  - help promote relief to the poor, unemployed and distressed
- Homemaker Chore Services for eligible adults
- Job Search Assistance – resume services
- Transportation services through Allied Coordinated Transportation Services (ACTS) Phone: 724-652-5588
- Unlimited Community Services Day Care and Preschool Programs
- Administers the Community Services, Emergency Shelter and Human Services Development Block Grants
Eligibility: Any resident of Lawrence County meeting categorical or low-income requirements
Lifesteps
383 New Castle Road
Butler, PA 16001

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County as well as Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Mercer, Indiana and Westmoreland Counties

Telephone: 724-283-1010
Office Hours: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Website: www.lifesteps.net

Services: Community Living Arrangements - C.L.A; Adult Training Facility; Speech and Hearing; Geriatric Day Program; Child Care and Preschool

Fee Policy: Community Living Arrangement - Referred by Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR) Offices; Adult Training Facility- Referred by MH/MR Offices; Speech and Hearing - based on a sliding scale

Eligibility: Community Living Arrangement- Referral through BASE Service Unit; Adult Training Facility- Referral through MH/MR; Speech/Hearing Services- Available for all speech and language needs

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
453 Maple Street
Grove City, PA 16127-2399

Geographic Area Served: Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties

Telephone: 724-458-6700
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Website: www.miu4.k12.pa.us

Services: Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU 4) provides programs and services to the 27 school districts, 3 vocational schools and the nonpublic schools in Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties. A variety of consultative, advisory and educational programs and services are offered in the following areas: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Continuing Education, Education Research and Planning, Instructional Materials, Distance Education, Nonpublic School Services, Technology and Information Services, and Special Education. Communications & Publications, Arts in Education, MIU IV also operates a variety of State and Federal programs including a Teen Parenting Program, Child Care Information Services and the Frew Mill School at the Youth Development Center, New Castle, PA.

Serving Students:

Enrichment opportunities for students include Kids on the Block and the annual Very Special Arts exhibit

City Rescue Mission
319 Croton Ave PO Box 965
New Castle, PA 16103

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-652-4321 (Call to arrange an appointment and more information)
Website: http://cityrescuemission.org

Services:
- Community Meal Program:
  - Monday – Friday: 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
  - Saturday and Holidays: 10:00 pm - 1:30 pm
- Family Care Food Bank:
  - Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am & 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- Shelter
- Youth Programs
- Spiritual Services

Eligibility:
Program Specific

Covenant Cottage
1018 Rebecca Street
New Castle, PA 16105

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-652-4321

Services: Provides temporary emergency shelter (1 to 90 days) to homeless men with children

Covenant House
1018 Rebecca Street
New Castle, PA 16105

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-652-4349

Services: Temporary emergency shelter (1-30 days) for women, women with children, married couples, and married couples with children. Those in need of shelter or referring agencies should contact the Covenant House staff prior to client arrival.

Cray Youth and Family Services
321 North Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 724-654-5507

Services: Group homes and home-based services for troubled youth; Big Brother Program – mentoring for youth from single parent families

Eligibility:
Court referred for group homes
**Autism Society of America-Midwestern PA Chapter**

Human Services Center
130 West North Street
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence, Butler and Mercer Counties

**Telephone:** 724-658-3578  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Website:** www.autism-society.org

**Services:**  
- Support group for parents, family members and professionals who deal with Autistic individuals;  
- Provides advocacy to promote appropriate education and services for Autistic individuals;  
- Promotes the welfare of Autistic individuals in the community through presentations; Library containing books, journals, audio-visual materials concerning aspects of Autism - considered to be one of the best in the state; Monthly meetings held at the Human Services Center.

**Fee Policy:** Small fee for tutoring

**Eligibility:** Open to those with learning disabilities and their families

**Blindness & Visual Services in PA**

3100 Lovell Place  
Erie, PA 16503

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence & Mercer Counties

**Telephone:** 814-871-4401 or 866-521-5073  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Services:**  
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program includes basic education and rehabilitation, mobility training and employment preparation.  
- Social Services helps individuals cope with the activities of daily living: In-home services to help maintain safe living; Counseling; Housing; Life-skill to perform daily; and Transportation to receive social and medical services.  
- Blindness Prevention Program consists of services such as vision screening, glaucoma screening, public education, and informational services including eye-safety education in schools and industry.

Children's Services assists children who are blind or visually impaired achieve their maximum sensory, cognitive and social development.

**Catholic Charities**

**Elwood City**  
1425 Woodside Ave  
413 Highland Ave  
724-758-3421

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Services:**  
- Emergency Assistance  
- Utility Assistance  
- Holiday Assistance

**Eligibility:** Program Specific

**New Castle Area Transit Authority**

311 Mahoning Ave  
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** City of New Castle and portions of surrounding areas

**Telephone:** 724-654-3130  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm • Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Website:** http://newcastletransit.org

**Services:** Fixed route and demand respond service (curb-to-curb)

**Fee Policy:** Varies by service – Call for Information

**Eligibility:** Varies by service – Call for Information

**New Castle Community YMCA**

20 West Washington Street  
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Lawrence County

**Telephone:** 724-658-4766  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 5:30 am - 9:00 pm • Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

**Website:** http://ncymca.org

**Services:**  
- Recreation- varied programs for people of all ages and abilities;

**Fee Policy:** It is the policy of the New Castle Community YMCA to provide services for any person who desires to participate in Y programs and understands the benefits of the Y, regardless of the ability to pay the standard membership and program fee. Limited financial assistance available.

**Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI)**

1521 North 6th Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

**Geographic Area Served:** State of Pennsylvania

**Telephone:** 800-233-3008  
**Office Hours:** 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Services:**  
- Provide information, referral and advocacy – Act as a clearing house of information about deafness and hearing loss

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**

100 Margaret Street  
New Castle, PA 16101

**Geographic Area Served:** Butler, Lawrence, Armstrong and Beaver Counties

**Telephone:** 724-656-3070 or 800-442-6379  
**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Services:**  
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services to individuals with disabilities. Services available include, but are not limited to: Diagnostic Services, Vocational Evaluation, Counseling and Guidance, Restoration Services, Training and Job Placement Assistance, depending upon need.

**Fee Policy:** No charge for applying for services, diagnostic service, vocational evaluation counseling or job placement assistance. For other services, eligible individuals may have to contribute to the cost of OVR services.

**Eligibility:** Must have a disability (a physical, mental or emotional problem) and the disability must cause a vocational impairment
PA Association for Retarded Citizens – Lawrence County Chapter
101 South Mercer Street, Room #306
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-8515
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Services: Residential arrangements; preschool-early intervention; children’s day care; recreation; summer camp; respite/sitter; adult training facility; assisted living; personal care home
Fee Policy: Most programs are free to qualified persons; personal care home and children’s day care involve a fee
Eligibility: Must be MR (except for children’s day care – this program is open to all children one month old to school age); residents of the personal care home must be ambulatory (and MR)

People In Need
2540 New Butler Road
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-657-3303
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Website: http://pinpa.org/index.html
Services: The People In Need staff is dedicated to providing supportive and therapeutic assistance to aid individuals and families to make positive changes and to develop stability in their lives. People in Need is an agency that was founded to help people in our community cope with particular problem areas and various needs. This is accomplished by offering various support programs and social services.
- Food Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Utility Assistance
- Testing and Evaluations
- Counseling
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!
Eligibility: Lawrence County Residents who are in-need

Adult Literacy Lawrence County
927 Moravia Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-654-1500
Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily
Services: One-on-one tutoring for those adults reading below 8th grade level. Also small-group classes for the 5-8th reading level. English as a Second Language tutoring. Family Reading Workshops.
Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: Adults 16 years and older who are not participating in a public school program

Allied Coordinated Transportation Service, Inc.
241 W. Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-652-5588
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Website: www.lccap.org
Services:
- Public Utility Commission licensed company for transportation services brokering.
- Provide door-to-door round-trip transportation within Lawrence County. Services provided:
  - (a) Medical needs-round trip transportation to meet medical need for eligible clients
  - (b) Employment-round-trip transportation to and from work for eligible senior citizens
  - (c) Personal visits, shopping, recreation for aged clients over 65 years of age
- Wheel chair lift van services as required
- Out-of-County trips to Pittsburgh facilities
Eligibility: All Lawrence County residents. Eligible customers 65 and over save 86% of full fare on medical, nutritional and employment trips. Ride service for recreational, community affairs, visiting, etc. is available for those paying full fare. You may be eligible for sponsorship of trips by Lawrence County Agency on Aging, Allied Human Services (handicapped).

Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (ACLD)
28 Pine Street
Sharon, PA 16146

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County and surrounding areas
Telephone: 724-346-5887
Office Hours: Phone answered 24 hours a day/Hours open are program specific
Services: Advocacy for learning disabled children and their families to insure appropriate education placement; peer counseling from parent to parent of learning disabled child; tutoring program-year round for person with learning disabilities; parent support group meeting.
Fee Policy: Small fee for tutoring
Eligibility: Open to those with learning disabilities and their families
Rehabilitation Center of Lawrence County
Subsidiary of Jameson Health System
3410 Wilmington Road
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-658-4539
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Website: http://www.drugrehabpennsylvania.com

Services: Testing, evaluation and therapy programs.
- Physical Therapy: medically prescribed treatment to promote healing and increase mobility in children/adults
- Speech Therapy: Therapy for all types of communication disorders and speech impediments
- Complete Audiological Testing: Test hearing, evaluate hearing aids, teach lip reading and sign language and sell hearing aids.
- Perceptual Testing: Evaluate and provide therapy for children with perceptual-motor problems.
- Language development Therapy Classes: Therapy for children delayed in language development and/or with neurological impairments.
- Adult Stroke Program: Therapy and educational/socialization programs for stroke victims.
- MS Programs: Socialization and educational programs for multiple sclerosis clients
- Amputee Brace Clinics
- Occupational Therapy
- Occupational Medicine Programs
- Sports Medicine Programs

Counseling provided to clients and families
Regular Preschool Classes
Education

Eligibility: Services available to all handicapped persons of Lawrence County regardless of age or severity of handicapping condition.

Salvation Army
240 West Grant Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County
Telephone: 724-652-7921
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Services: •Crisis Counseling
- Project Bundle-Up (Winter Clothing)
- Transient Services (No Local Address)
- Emergency Housing
- Emergency Food Assistance

Eligibility: Program Specific
Social Security Administration
104 Margaret Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: Lawrence County

Telephone: 800-772-1213
Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Services: Retirement Benefits – From FICA taxes, Full retirement, early retirement, delayed retirement; Disability benefits; Survivors benefits; Medicare coverage; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Social Security Numbers
Fee Policy: Free
Eligibility: Retirement: contact local office, usually age 65; Survivors: Can be paid to widow, widower, unmarried, dependent parents; Disability: there is a strict definition of disability; SSI: must be 65 or older or blind or disabled

Spina Bifida Association of Western PA
134 Shenot Road
Building 1
Wexford, PA 15090

Geographic Area Served: 28 counties in Western Pennsylvania and bordering counties in NY, OH and WV

Telephone: 800-243-5787
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Website: www.sbawp.org
Services: Developmental camping program, ages 7 thru adult; School consultation services; Gatehouse Independence Training Program - Residential Facility (18 weeks); Woodlands Weekend Retreats - weekend programs twice a month for teens and adults with Spina Bifida
Fee Policy: Varies depending on program
Eligibility: Persons with Spina Bifida

Western Central Job Partnership
Colonial Building
44 South Beaver Street
New Castle PA, 16101

Geographic Area Served: Mercer and Lawrence Counties

Telephone: 724-658-2501
Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Website: www.wcjp.org
Services: Older Worker Program; In School youth programs; Dislocated Worker Program; Educational and Testing Services; Assessment; Classroom Training; On-the-job Training; Job Search Assistance; Remedial Education; General Education Diplomas; Computerized Library and Adult Basic Education; Summer Community Service Corps; Summer School in Math and Reading; Single Point of Contact
Fee Policy: Program specific
Eligibility: Low income and disqualified

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