

CHESTER COUNTY TRANSITION COORDINATING COUNCIL REFERENCE GUIDE 2013-14

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	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	Jonathan Gaddis	1-800-221-1042, Ext. 142	2 years prior to graduation	Vocational counseling, evaluation, training, coaching, placement
Blind & Visual Services	PA Bureau of Blindness and Visual Svcs.	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. 304 610-873-3500, Ext. 228 610-873-3500, Ext. 230	All	*Adult training, pre-vocational training, work crew, student transition, vocational evaluation, and job placement	Chester, Delaware & Philadelphia Offices of Disabilities, CCIU, school districts, 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/MR, OVR, OBRA Autism Waiver, DCD, self-paid, school district
Devereux (The Shops/Alpha Services)	Dorothy Carter Sally Harpold	610-964-3207 610-964-3272	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/MR, self-paid
Devereux (Community Adult Autism Partnership Program - CAAPP)	Maggie Haag	610-710-4026	All	Job development, community integration, behavior therapy, exploration and coaching (specifically for individuals on the spectrum)	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/MR, 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/MR, 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/MR; 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/MR, 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/MR, self-paid
The Hood	Marliessa Armentrout	610-344-4225	At risk youth	Workplace development, academic remediation (14-21 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/MR, OVR, self-paid, school district
Main Line Rehabilitation Associates www.mainline-rehab.com	Meghan Ascitutto	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	Tara O'Kon	484-250-4340 Ext. 142	All	Vocational counseling evaluation, training, coaching, placement	Federal Government
Remed	Christine Dentith	484-595-9300	Brain injury, learning disability, autism	*Evaluation, readiness, development, coaching	Self-paid, private insurance, OVR, MH/MR

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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
Steps Program	Lauren Otto	610-384-6030	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, job development
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	Kevin Ballisty	484-237-5325	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
CCIU Cross District Classes • Emotional Support • Life Skills Support • Autistic Support • Project Search at Phoenixville Hospital • Transitional Living Program (Kennett & West Chester)	Jane Houtmann 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
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 - Walter Urban, Jr.	610-384-9393
Department of Community Development	Patrick Bokovitz	610-344-6900
CCIU Parent Mentor Services	Maryann Amici	484-237-5123
Handi-Crafters Independent Living Solutions	Diana Belnavis - diane.belnavis@handi-crafters.org	610-384-6990, Ext. 217

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