

## **Local Transition Resources**

### **AHEDD Employment Services for Chambersburg/Bedford/Somerset/Huntingdon**

PO Box 1153  
Somerset, PA 15501

*Contact Information:* Marisa Pelto, Area Manager [marisa.pelto@ahedd.org](mailto:marisa.pelto@ahedd.org)  
866-902-4333 ext. 55001  
Monica Fortney, Employment Specialist [monica.fortney@ahedd.org](mailto:monica.fortney@ahedd.org)  
866-902-4333 ext. 66002

*Services Available:* Community-Based Work Assessments, Job Coaching and Work Placement Services. AHEDD is a regional private, non-profit organization with a mission to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of persons with disabilities. Established in 1977, AHEDD is a human resource organization specializing in the design and delivery of programs to assist persons with disabilities to achieve their greatest levels of independence through employment.

### **Appalachian Intermediate Unit 8**

4500 Sixth Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16602

*Contact Information:* Don Arotin – Supervisor/Educational Consultant for Secondary Transition  
445 Schoolhouse Rd.  
Johnstown, PA 15904

*Services Available:* Special education services for preschool and school age students including: Psychological & Speech/Language Evaluations, Individualized Education Programs, Transportation, Transition and Behavior Support Plan Development. For more information, go to [www.iu08.org](http://www.iu08.org)

### **Bedford County Assistance Office (CAO)**

150 North Street  
Bedford, Pa 15522

*Contact Information:* Linda Brouse, Executive Director  
814-623-6127 or 800-542-8584 (toll free)

*Services Available:* Programs for: Financial and Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, State Blind Pension Payments, Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, Low Income Energy Assistance, Energy Crisis Assistance plus Information, Referrals and Social Services.

### **Bedford County Special Olympics**

Special Olympics began in Bedford County in 1975/76 with a County track meet that was originally held at Everett Elementary School and then moved to Chestnut Ridge High School. More sports were added and Special Olympics Bedford County (SOBC) now offers year round training in five sports. Our fall sport is bocce. Bocce runs from August until November and takes place at the Bedford Elks. Our winter sports include bowling and floor hockey. Snow shoeing is being added this winter. We are also looking into a Young Athlete program for children from ages 2-7. We are in need of volunteers and children to begin this exciting program.

SOBC offers opportunities for traditional and unified sports. Unified sports enable peers, siblings, community and family members to participate alongside our traditional athletes in training and competition. Currently, bocce, bowling and softball are unified sports. If interest is shown, floor hockey has the potential also, although it is currently a traditional sport. Our spring sports are track and field (athletics) and softball. Softball continues into the summer months. Both sports are held at the Bedford High School and Middle School fields.

We always have need of additional volunteers, coaches, and athletes. Our meetings are

**Bedford County Technical Center**

195 Pennknoll Road

Everett, PA 15537

*Contact Information:* David DiPasquale, Administrative Director

[ddipasquale@bedfordctc.org](mailto:ddipasquale@bedfordctc.org)

For More information, go to [www.bedfordctc.org](http://www.bedfordctc.org)

814-623-2760

*Services Available:* To provide a three-year technical training program to high school students. Programs available include: AgriScience, Auto Technology, Biotechnology Building Construction, Cosmetology, Institutional Foods, Health Assistance, and Welding. Eligible students can also earn Allegany College of Maryland college credits in some programs, and there are articulation agreements with several other postsecondary institutions for college credits as well. Some technical programs are also offered to adults in the evening.

**Bedford County Children and Youth Services**

2204 South Juliana Street, Suite 201

Bedford, PA 15522

Located in the Courthouse Annex #1

*Contact Information:* 814-623-4804

800-932-0313 Child Abuse Hotline

*Services Available:* Youth Information and Referral, Crisis Intervention, Family/Individual/Adolescent Group Counseling, Socio-Education Group Awareness, Investigation and Treatment Services for Child Abuse and Neglect, Parent Effectiveness Training, Homemaker Services, Home Management Training, Intensive Family Preservation Services, Emergency Shelter/Foster Family\Group Home Care, Adoption, Home Studies, Services to Unwed Parents, 24-Hour Emergency Services, Education and Prevention Services.

**Bedford/Somerset Developmental & Behavioral Health Services**

1243 Shed Road

Bedford, PA 15522

*Mental Health Services Available:* Administrative and Blended Case Management, Outpatient/Clinical Services, Psychiatric Services including Telepsychiatry, Group Counseling, Supportive Housing, Crisis Intervention, Long Term Structured Residential Program, Student Assistance Program, Children Services, Early Intervention Services, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services.

*Contact Information:* Initial Intakes –Brent Smith 814-623-5166

*Intellectual Disability Services Available:* Family Driven Services, Residential Services, Vocational Rehabilitation –Cornerstone Vocational Resource Center Job Support Services, Lifesharing

*Contact Information:* Vocational Services – Bill Williams 814-623-9026/9027

181 Friendship Village Road

Bedford, PA 15522

Lifesharing & Residential Services – Renee Pepple 814-623-9026

**Center for Independent Living of Southcentral Pennsylvania [www.cilscpa.org](http://www.cilscpa.org)**

2900 Beale Ave. Suite 118

Altoona, PA 16601

*Contact Information:* Jody Kris  
1-800-237-9009 or 814-949-1905  
E-mail- JodyKris@gmail.com

*Services Available:* The Center provides services and programs which help people with disabilities take control of their own lives. The Center works with individuals or with any referring agency. Services include: Advocacy, Information and Referral, Housing Data Referral, Technical Assistance Peer Counseling, Independent Living Skills Training, Accessibility Consultation, and Service Coordination.

**East Penn Counseling Services**

119 East Penn Street

P.O. Box 435

Bedford, PA 15522-0435

*Contact Information:* Mary A. Mack, M.S. LPC  
814-623-5422

*Services Available:* Individual, Couples, Family Group Counseling

**Extended Family Programs**

10565 Lincoln Highway

Everett, PA 15537

*Contact Information:* Director; Frank Casner  
814-623-2220 or 814-693-6507

*Services Available:* Alternative day programming, after school mentoring, In-school mentoring, Wrap around services in cooperation with the Meadows, Kids summer day Camp Summer day treatment and summer backpacking program.

**Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Inc.**

1130 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 200B

Altoona, PA 16601

*Contact Information:* Tara Burkey or Colleen Wolfhope (Peer Support)  
814-949-9395 814-536-3536

*Services Available:* Offers job coaching, job readiness and job development services to the youth and adult disability population in the community. Provides on-site job training at the retail store and Peer Specialists

**Healing Patch**

5416 Sixth Avenue

Altoona, PA 16602

*Contact Information:* 1-800-445-6262

*Services Available:* Offers bereavement support for children and families through educated volunteers and peer support.

**KBE Services LLC. [www.kbeservicesllc.com](http://www.kbeservicesllc.com)**

We believe in assisting and educating people with disabilities and the community in succeeding together.

*Corporate Office:* 18 East Main St.

P.O. Box 21  
Everett, PA 15537

*Contact Information:* Lorie Silvestre, Owner KBE Services LLC [lsilvestre@kbeservicesllc.com](mailto:lsilvestre@kbeservicesllc.com)  
[\(888\) 651-0480](tel:8886510480) (phone)  
[\(888\) 651-0481](tel:8886510481) (fax)  
[www.kbeservicesllc.com](http://www.kbeservicesllc.com)

*Services Available:* Community Based Work Assessments, Supported Employment/Job Coaching, Benefits Counseling, Employment Readiness Training, Work Adjustment Training, Extended Services and Youth Transitional Services.

**NHS Human Services**

Laurel Springs Center  
5137 Business 220  
Bedford, PA 15522

Offices located in Hollidaysburg, Ebensburg, Somerset

*Contact Information:* Anthony Molinari, Case Manager-BHRS  
814-623-6326 ext. 209

*Services Available:* Mental Retardation, Wraparound, and Autism Services, Stepping Stones, Comprehensive psychological evaluations, Therapeutic Family Care and Foster Care Plus, Sexual Offender, Adoption and Gender Specific Training

**Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center, P.C./Children's Behavioral Health, P.C.**

608 East Pitt St.  
Bedford, PA 15522

\*Offices also in Blair, Somerset & Cambria Counties

*Contact Information:* Dr. Larry J. Nulton, President  
Johnstown: (814) 262-0025  
Bedford: (814) 624-3121  
Toll Free: (888) 918-5465  
Email: [info@nulton.com](mailto:info@nulton.com) Website: [www.nulton.com](http://www.nulton.com)

*Services Available:* Psychiatric Care/Medication management, Functional Family Therapy: in-home ages 10-18, School-based Outpatient Counseling, Partial Hospitalization Programming: K-12, Brief Treatment Program: in-home K-12, Comprehensive Psychological Evaluations, Mobile Mental Health Treatment: adults over 21.

**PA CareerLink® Bedford County**

One Corporate Drive, Suite 103  
Bedford, PA 15522

*Contact Information:* Pam Wilt/Youth Team [pwilt@piccc.org](mailto:pwilt@piccc.org)  
814-623-6107 ext. 118  
Leanna Noon/Youth Team [lnoon@piccc.org](mailto:lnoon@piccc.org)  
814-623-6107 ext. 125  
888-465-9304 (Toll Free)  
TTY- 814-623-6029

*Services Available:* Online and in-person access to PA skills, Career counseling/planning, Skill assessment/Aptitude testing  
Job search/placement assistance Summer Youth Employment Program

**Pennsylvania Department of Health**

Contact Information: 717-787-8092  
1-877-724-3258

**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1130 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 500  
Altoona, PA 16601

Contact Information: Amanda Turner-Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
Schools-Bedford H.S., Bedford County Technical Center, Chestnut  
Ridge H.S., Everett High School, and Hope for Hyndman H.S.

George Diehl-Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
School-Tussey Mountain H.S.

Stacey Thompson- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
School-Northern Bedford County H.S.

Shasta Dreese, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for Deaf & Severe  
Hearing Loss (all schools)

Jacki Thornton – Early Reach Coordinator

814-946-7240 or 1-800-442-6343 to make referrals

*Services Available:* Diagnostic Services, Vocational Evaluation, Vocational Counseling,  
Physical and Mental Restoration Services, Job Training, Job Placement, and  
Support Services.

**Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation/Blind & Visual Services**

1130 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601

Contact Information: Alan Curtis, CRC/Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
Serving all Bedford County Schools  
814-949-7961

*Services Available:* Diagnostic Services, Vocational Evaluation, Counseling, Physical and  
Mental Restoration Services, Post-Secondary education services, Job  
Training, Job Placement, Support Services, Rehab. Teaching, Orientation  
and Mobility instruction, plus Social Workers for early childhood  
development.

**Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. (Skills) [www.skillsgroup.org](http://www.skillsgroup.org)**

651 E. Pitt Street  
Bedford, PA 15522

Contact Information: Katie Frantz at 814-310-2016 or [kfrantz@skillsgroup.org](mailto:kfrantz@skillsgroup.org)

*Services Available:* Adult Training Services

*For Employment Services:* Charles Lansberry at 814-944-4519 ext. 335 or [cvlansb@skillsgroup.org](mailto:cvlansb@skillsgroup.org)

*Services Available:* Community Based Work Assessments, Job Development/Placement Services,  
and Direct Training on Job Locations (Job Coaching)

*For Behavioral Health Services:* Sue Wion Director at 814-944-4519 ext 345 or [swion@skillsgroup.org](mailto:swion@skillsgroup.org)

**Social Security Administration**

3415 Pleasant Valley Boulevard  
Altoona, PA 16602

*Contact Information:* George Pasanik, District Manager  
814-943-5208 or 1-800-772-1213

*Services Available:* Provide information and applications for Social Security and supplemental Security income (SSI) payments. Provide application for Medicare health Insurance and assistance with resolving claims and coverage problems. Issues Original and replacement Social Security number cards. Updates pertinent information on Social Security Number records, Social Security, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income beneficiary records. Arranges direct deposit of benefit payments. Assists in the correction of earnings posted to the social Security Number records of lifetime earnings.

**Somerset County Technology Center/Adult Education Bedford**

Bedford CareerLink  
One Corporate Drive, Suite 103  
Bedford, PA 15522

*Contact Information:* Alyson Dehmke  
814-623-6107 ext. 124

*Services Available:* One-on-one tutoring, G.E.D. Prep Classes, Family Literacy services

**TASK Program**

1387 Lafayette Road  
New Enterprise Pa 16664

*Contact Information:* Lisa Phipps  
814-766-3916 or 814-381-3015 (cell)  
Fax: 814-766-2023  
[l.phipps@live.com](mailto:l.phipps@live.com)

*Services Available:* Job placement, job coaching, job readiness, community based work assessments and supported employment.

**Ticket to Work [www.chooseworkttw.net](http://www.chooseworkttw.net)**

*Contact Information:* 888-968-7842

*Services Available:* Services for people with disabilities who want to work. Social Security disability beneficiaries 18 through 64 qualify. The Ticket program is free and voluntary and exists specifically to help people with disabilities progress towards financial self-sufficiency. The Ticket program is a good fit for people who would like to improve their earning potential and who are committed to preparing for long-term success in the workforce. Ticket to Work offers beneficiaries with disabilities improved access to meaningful employment with the help of specialized providers.

**United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Alleghenies Region Adult Attendant Care Program**

Gables Office Building  
1331 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Room 106  
Altoona, PA 16601

*Contact Information:* Stephen Zupon, Altoona Office  
814-946-4036

*Services Available:* In-home personal care such as getting in and out of bed, wheelchair, etc. and assisting in routine bodily functions. Also providing approved support

**Valley Community Services**

PO Box 22

Fishertown, PA 15539

*Contact Information:* Kelly Fetsko, Director of Non-Residential Services [kfetsko@valley.org](mailto:kfetsko@valley.org)  
814-839-0091 ext. 15

Rick McDonald, Central Operations Director [rmcdonald@valleycs.org](mailto:rmcdonald@valleycs.org)  
814-839-0091 ext. 12

*Services Available:* Supported Employment Services like Community-Based Work Assessments, Job Finding and Job Coaching Services; Home and Community Habilitation & Companion Services, including daily living skills, group activities and volunteer opportunities; Transportation; Day Programming and Work Training Services; Respite Services; Behavior Supports and Community Living Arrangements for individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities.

**Work Incentive Planning and Assistance**

PO Box L

Irwin, PA 15642

*Contact Information:* Kris McNutt, Certified Community Work Incentive Coordinator  
866-902-4333 ext. 60001

*Services Available:* Ages 14 – 65. Assisting people receiving SSDI/SSI or Medicare to understand how disability benefits are affected by working.