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1-888-942-8257

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215-348-6000

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215-348-3146 (Care Management)
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1-800-243-3767

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Directory of Services

A COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS

WHO WE ARE

The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, one of 52 in Pennsylvania, is a public agency designated by the Bucks County Commissioners in 1973, and is responsible for the planning and implementation of a variety of services and programs to assist older persons in Bucks County. An appointed Senior Citizens Advisory Council approves the annual plan. Aging services are financed through federal, state and county funds, and with contributions.

WHAT WE DO

The broad goal of the agency is to develop comprehensive services to help persons age 60+ maintain independence in their homes and communities.

Our priority consumers are those with the greatest needs and fewest resources.

The Area Agency on Aging offers more than twenty programs to help older adults and their families and is an advocate for all older persons in Bucks County.

We also directly provide information and referral, outreach, care management and assessment, as well as a county-wide volunteer program. Additional services and projects are by agreement or contract with other community agencies.

STATE LOTTERY BENEFITS

Pennsylvania's Lottery is unique because its proceeds can only be used to fund programs for older persons. The major programs are:

Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) - helps to pay for prescribed medicines for Pennsylvania residents 65 years of age or older who meet income eligibility guidelines. A co-pay is also required and Lottery funds pay the balance.

Rent and Property Tax Rebates - reimburses, up to \$650 annually, persons whose income is less than \$35,000 per household who are age 65 and over, widows and widowers over age 50, and permanently disabled persons age 18 and over.

Transportation - free mass transit provided in urban areas to persons age 65 and over, and reduced-fare transportation services for persons age 65 and over in both rural and urban areas. There is also paratransit service for disabled persons.

Funds for Area Agencies on Aging - to provide a variety of services and benefits for older persons.

Applications for PACE, property tax and rent rebates, which must be filed each year, can be obtained at Area Agencies on Aging, pharmacies, senior centers, legislators' offices, or the Department of Aging in Harrisburg.

Services Provided By The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging

COMMUNITY SERVICES

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

The Area Agency on Aging has staff available to answer questions about our programs and services, as well as to offer referrals to other agencies that provide the specific services needed by the individual.

General information is also available on “aging” issues through the Aging Collection at Bucks County Libraries.

NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Hot meals are served in a group setting at eleven senior centers throughout the county, Monday - Friday at about 12 noon. For those older persons who are unable to prepare meals and have no other means of obtaining a hot, nutritious meal, home delivered meals can be provided.

TRANSPORTATION

The Area Agency on Aging subsidizes transportation for older persons in getting to and from senior centers, medical facilities, human service agencies, libraries, adult day services, pharmacies, banks, RSVP assignments and food shopping. Senior transportation is provided by *Bucks County Transport*. Call toll-free from anywhere in the county: 1-888-795-0740.

APPRISE

Trained volunteers are available in the community to offer health insurance counseling to older persons and their families. Questions are answered on Medicare, Medicaid, HMO's, Medigap and Long Term Care Insurance.

PRIME TIME HEALTH

This program provides information on a wide range of subjects to encourage disease prevention and health promotion. Activities are available throughout the year at various sites, including senior centers, senior housing and community events. A Prime Time Health Fair is held each year in conjunction with the *Senior Games*.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

The Area Agency on Aging is a partner in PA CareerLink, the one-stop resource for recruitment, hiring and finding a job. Call the Bristol office at 215-781-1073, or the Perkasie office at 215-258-7755. You may also visit their website at www.cwds.state.pa.us.

Persons with limited income may also be eligible for placement in part-time training positions with the goal of more permanent employment. Call 267-880-5700 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides opportunities for adults age 55 and older to volunteer in a variety of settings. Over 750 volunteers currently perform valuable services in more than 140 non-profit community organizations. Call 267-880-5700 for more information.

LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

CARE MANAGEMENT

Care Managers assess the situation of older persons who need assistance at home. They develop plans to meet those needs and coordinate to ensure that the services are delivered properly. Some services may be subsidized by the agency. Contributions toward these costs are encouraged; in some programs, clients whose incomes are greater than 125% of poverty are required to pay a portion of the cost of the services received. Support and financial assistance are available to eligible caregivers of disabled relatives.

NURSING FACILITY CARE

Individuals, age 18 or older, who are requesting Medical Assistance funding for nursing facility care are assessed to determine that placement in a nursing facility is appropriate.

Assessment is also performed for individuals seeking the state supplement for placement in a Personal Care Facility.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Trained aides can assist elderly clients with their personal care and other necessary tasks such as grocery shopping or laundry. This service may be privately obtained or may be subsidized by the Area Agency.

For those seniors who require constant supervision that their families are unable to provide, or for those seniors who need socialization opportunities but are too physically or mentally impaired to attend a senior center, Adult Day Service provides daytime supervision and activities which are geared to the abilities of the participants. This service may be obtained privately or may be subsidized.

PROTECTIVE AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

This service, mandated by law in 1988, establishes programs for training, information and public education concerning elder abuse, and provides protection to victims and those who report cases of abuse. Call 1-800-243-3767.

OMBUDSMAN

The Ombudsman investigates and helps resolve complaints about the care of older persons in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, boarding homes and in community care.

LEGAL

The Area Agency on Aging contracts with Legal Aid of S.E. PA to provide information, advice and counseling to older adults. Call 215-781-1111.

- SENIOR CENTERS -

Bensalem Senior Citizens Center

1850 Byberry Rd.
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-638-7720

Bristol Township Senior Center

2501 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007
215-785-6322

Central Bucks Senior Center

700 Shady Retreat Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-0565

Eastern Upper Bucks Seniors, Inc.*

8040 Rt. 611
Ottsville, PA 18942
610-847-8178

Falls Township Senior Center

Trenton and Oxford Valley Roads
Fairless Hills, PA 19030
215-547-6563

Lower Bucks Senior Activity Center

Wood and Mulberry Streets
Bristol, PA 19007
215-788-9238

Middletown Senior Citizens Center

2142 Trenton Road
Levittown, PA 19056
215-945-2920

Morrisville Senior Servicer

Borough Annex—31 E. Cleveland Ave.
Morrisville, PA 19067
215-295-0567

Neshaminy Senior Citizens Center

1842 Brownsville Road
Trevose, PA 19053
215-355-6967

Northampton Township Senior Center*

165 Township Rd.
Richboro, PA 18954
215-357-8199

Pennridge Community Senior Center

146 E. Main Street
Silverdale, PA 18962
215-453-7027

Upper Bucks Senior Citizens Center

c/o Milford Square Fire Co.
2183 Milford Square Pike
Milford, PA 18951
215-536-3066

Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Center

580 Delmont Ave.
Warminster, PA 18974
215-672-8380

*Activity Center Only (No Meal Program)