

OUTSIDE AGENCY LIST		
The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) www.dli.pa.gov , PA Keyword: OVR ERC: Jill Grossberg, jgrossberg@pa.gov VRC: Ian Wright, iwright@pa.gov or Sharon Silverman, ssilverman@pa.gov	OVR serves people who have disabilities that present a substantial impediment to employment. Services are provided to help individuals prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain employment. You should apply for OVR services if you: have a disability; your disability causes you substantial problems in preparing for, obtaining, or maintaining a career; and you want to work.	
	<u>EARLY REACH COUNSELOR:</u> Early Reach is a branch of OVR that works with students who are in need to Pre-Employment Transition Services. This is for students in younger grades who still have time before they graduate high school (e.g., 9 th /10 th grade). The Early Reach Counselor (ERC) is Jill Grossberg (jgrossberg@pa.gov)	<u>VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR (VRC):</u> Students who are in their junior or senior year of high school can register with OVR and start receiving services to help prepare for, obtain, and/or maintain employment. The VRC is Ian Wright (iwright@pa.gov).
Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS) http://www.dbhids.org/ Contact Person for IDS: Leslie Harmon-Coker, leslie.harmon-coker@phila.gov	The mission of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services is to educate, strengthen, and serve individuals and communities so that all Philadelphians can thrive. DBHIDS components provide services through a network of agencies while collaborating with the Philadelphia School District, child welfare and judicial systems, and other stakeholders.	
	<u>Intellectual disAbility Services (IDS):</u>	<u>Office of Mental Health (OMH):</u>

Contact Information for OMH: 1101 Market Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 685-5400	Students diagnosed with an Intellectual Disability and have an IQ of 70 or below qualify for IDS. Students must bring a copy of their RR, birth certificate, social security card, and medical insurance card to 701 Market Street , 5th floor, Suite 5200, Philadelphia, PA 19106. IDS can provide therapeutic services, respite services, employment, adaptive equipment, residential, etc. IDS is a lifelong service whose goal is to support individuals to achieving a happy and successful life.	Philadelphia's Office of Mental Health (OMH) provides mental health services for adults and children requiring medical, social, and educational services. The office provides these services through an extensive network of contracted provider agencies located throughout Philadelphia including 11 community mental health centers, 30 specialized behavioral health agencies, and 5 crisis response centers. OMH offers access to a comprehensive range of behavioral health services including: emergency and crisis intervention, social and psychiatric rehabilitation, individual/group counseling, family support, residential support, outreach, recovery support, and consumer directed services.
Bureau of Autism Services http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/autismservices/index.htm	The Bureau of Autism Services administers two programs for adults with autism, the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and the Adult	

Interest List: 1-866-539-7689	Community Autism Program (ACAP). There are 2 ways to request an application for the autism programs: to request to be added to the interest list call 1-866-539-7689 or you can request an application online https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/irt The Adult Autism Waiver is specifically designed to help adults with autism spectrum disorder participate in their communities in the way they want to, based on their identified needs. It is a Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid waiver designed to provide long-term services and supports for community living, tailored to the specific needs of adults age 21 and older with autism. For students in high school, it is <u>highly recommended</u> that their families call and request an application to get on the interest list (see above). There is limited funding for the waiver, so the earlier the better.
AHEDD http://www.ahedd.org/ Contact Person: Cathy McGough, cathy.mcgough@ahedd.org	AHEDD is a specialized human resource organization with a mission to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of people with disabilities. AHEDD provides community employment services throughout Pennsylvania. AHEDD can provide both employment services and Work Incentive Counseling. For individuals receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income), there are many myths that they cannot work or they will lose their benefits. This is not true. If you have a family that believes their child cannot work due to being on SSI, please refer them to AHEDD.
Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRNP) http://disabilityrightspa.org/	The Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN) is a statewide, non-profit corporation designated as the organization to advance and protect the civil rights of adults and children with disabilities. DRN works with people with disabilities, families, organizations, and

Contact Person: Normal Realpe, nrealpe@disabilityrightspa.org	advocates to ensure that people with disabilities can live in their communities free of discrimination, abuse, and neglect. DRN can provide work incentive counseling for individuals who receive SSI and are interested in working. They can also support families with participating in various employment programs such as Ticket to Work, OVR, etc.
PATH, People Acting to Help http://www.pathcenter.org/INDEX.HTM Contact People: Janet Cooper, 215-305-6932, Terese Egan-Ehrlich, 215-728-4602	PATH is a comprehensive community center that offers a wide array of services and supports to adults, adolescents, or children. PATH offers mental health services, employment services for people with disabilities, and other behavioral health services.
HUNE http://www.huneinc.org/ Contact Information: contactus@huneinc.org, 215-425-6203	HUNE is a not for profit organization that provides FREE BILINGUAL training, technical assistance, and individual assistance to parents of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and to professionals that work with children. HUNE also has an after school program specifically for youth with disabilities that are struggling in school. The after school program has transportation and they work with the child's school to support him or her in succeeding in the classroom environment. It's also a great opportunity for students to increase their social skills.
Liberty Resources http://www.libertyresources.org/ Contact Person: Mary Beth Morgan, marybethmorgan@libertyresources.org	Liberty Resources advocates and promotes independent living for all people with disabilities. Liberty Resources is a Center for Independent Living (CIL). Liberty Resources provides 5 core services: advocacy, information and referral, peer support, skills training, and transitioning/youth services.