

CHESTER COUNTY TRANSITION COORDINATING COUNCIL REFERENCE GUIDE 2019-20

If a student has...	Initial Contact	Who	Contact Info	Age	Services
Intellectual Disability* www.chesco.org	Department of Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MH&IDD) www.chesco.org/mhidd	Michelle Davis, EI Julie Moyer, IDD	610-344-5948 610-344-6265	Birth to 3 years 3 years on	Information & referral, case management, support & socialization, early intervention, therapy, advocacy
http://www.arcofchester-county.org/	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
Physical Disability*	Office of Long-term Living	Maximus, IEB	877-550-4227	18+	Assists with facilitating and streamlining the eligibility/enrollment process for applicants with physical disabilities seeking services for several PA waivers/programs
Mental Health Concerns* www.chesco.org	Base Service Unit 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		610-344-5358 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	Birth on	Intake, diagnosis, referral and/or case management Emergency assessment and referral, outpatient, wrap-around, vocational and/or family-based services
Deafness, Hard of Hearing* www.chesco.org	Center on Hearing and Deafness	Bill Lockard	TTY: 610-918-6251 VOICE: 610-918-6250	Birth on	Referral for counseling and treatment
Physical Disabilities* www.ccdisability.org	Chester County Disability Svcs./Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County	Kim Sharpe	610-524-5850	18+	Information, referral, socialization, person-centered counseling, Community Healthchoices, PATF resource center, Early Intervention Services
Traumatic Brain Injury www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services www.biapa.org	PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Brain Injury Association of PA/BrainSteps Program	Cheryl Sample Brenda Eagan Brown	484-250-4340, Ext. 145 eaganbrown@biapa.org	2 years prior to graduation	Vocational counseling, evaluation, training, coaching, placement
Blind & Visual Services www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services	PA Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services	Giovanna Ochabillo	215-560-3308	2 years prior to graduation	Counseling, evaluation, training, coaching, placement, adaptive equipment

APPROXIMATE TRANSITION TIMELINE

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

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Adult Community Autism Program www.keystonehumanservices.org	Julie Rizzo	717-412-7400	Adults 21 years or older with ASD DX	Medical services, behavioral health supports, community integration, supported employment	
Brian's House Enterprises www.brianshouse.org	Elisa Shephard, Job Placement Linda Zackey, Adult Vocational Referrals Tina Iyare, Adult Training Referrals	610-873-3500, Ext. 228 610-873-3500, Ext. 224 610-873-3500, Ext. 221	All	Community-based needs assessment and job placement Transitioning students, prevocational referrals Adult training referrals	Chester, Delaware & Philadelphia Offices of Disabilities, OVR, self-pay
Career Corps	Linda Marino	610-280-1060	At-risk youth	Workplace development, academic remediation (16-23 years old)	Department of Community Development, Council for Workforce of Tomorrow
Comprehensive Employment Svcs. at Arc of Chester County www.arcofchestercounty.org	Shane Kennedy	610-696-8090	All	*Work readiness, job development, coaching, follow-up	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, OBRA Autism Waiver, DCD, self-paid, school district
Devereux (The Shops/Alpha Services) www.devereux.org	Dorothy Carter Cynthia MacBain	610-964-3207 610-964-3108	All	Adult training, pre- and vocational training, mobile work crews	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/MR, self-paid
Devereux (Community Supported Employment) www.devereux.org	Rebecca Ross	610-688-8597	All	Job development, exploration and coaching services	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid
Devereux (Community Adult Autism Partnership Program - CAAPP) www.devereux.org	Amanda Duffy	610-688-8597	All	Job development, community integration, behavior therapy, exploration and coaching (specifically for individuals on the spectrum)	Private insurance, OVR, Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid, and Autism, OBRA, Commcare Waivers
Elwyn Employment Support Services www.elwyn.org		610-497-0320	All	Work readiness, development, coaching, training, placement, social security benefit consultation	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, DCD, self-paid
Handi-Crafters, Inc. www.handi-crafters.org	Rob Henry	610-384-6990	All	*Evaluation, readiness, coaching, training, follow-up	Chester, Delaware & Philadelphia Counties MH/IDD, OVR, DCD, self-paid, DPW, Dept. of L & I, school district
Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems chimes.org	Helene Long	610-363-1488	Mental health	Supported employment	Chester County MH/IDD, self-paid
KenCrest Employenet www.kencrest.org	Allison Smale	610-327-4606, Ext. 2430	All	Evaluation, work readiness, job development, coaching, farm program	Chester County MH/IDD, OVR, self-paid, school district
Ken's Krew, Inc. www.kenskrew.org	Karen LaPera Debbie Callaghan Office	347-266-8628 347-266-8638 212-290-8999	Young adults, ages 18-35 Individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability	Assessment, placement, and job training	OVR, school contracts (if student is in school), self paid
Main Line Rehabilitation Associates www.mainline-rehab.com	Mark Cola	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	Shanae Stallworth	484-250-4340 Ext. 145	All	Vocational counseling evaluation, training, coaching, placement	State and Federal Government
Project Search Bryn Mawr www.mainlinehealth.org	Michelle Epstein	epsteinm@mlhs.org	Adults 18 and older who have completed high school, all DX	Vocational education internship placements, job development and employment placement all supported by job coaching	OVR
ReMed www.remed.com	Christine Dentith	484-595-9300	Brain injury, learning disability, autism	*Evaluation, readiness, development, coaching	Self-paid, private insurance, OVR, MH/IDD

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Valley Forge Educational Services - The Vanguard Transition Center www.vanguardschool-pa.org	Kavitha Patel 610-296-6725, Ext. 128 info@vfes.net	Autism, emotional disturbance, speech-language, impairment, specific learning disability and other health impairments	Academic support, community based vocational training, post-secondary college support and vocational school support	School district and private pay
What special schools/programs are available?	Who	Contact Info	Population Served	Services
AHEDD -- www.ahedd.org	John Eccleston	1-866-560-1600 -- john.eccleston@ahedd.org	Special education	Vocational assessment, job development
CHAAMP (Communities Helping Adolescents with Autism Make Progress) www.cciu.org	Kim Ring	610-518-6862	Special education	Community integration, vocational assessment and exploration and building functional life skills, communication skills and social skills
Child & Career Development Center www.cciu.org/ccdc	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 www.cciu.org	Jennifer Chicosky	484-237-5227	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
CCIU Transition Pathways -- www.cciu.org • Aspire • Transitional Living Program (West Chester & TCHS Pennock's Bridge) • Transitional Work Program (TCHS Brandywine, Pennock's Bridge & Pickering)	Lisa Tzanakis	484-237-5212	Special education - Itinerant	College readiness, self advocacy, vocational training, job development, travel training assessment and instruction, independent living
Chester County Learning Center www.cciu.org	Chamise Taylor	610-384-6030	Regular & special education	Vocational assessment, job development
Devereux -- www.devereux.com	Ladislo Buljavich	610-725-5601	Learning Center, Employment and Transition Services	Vocational assessment, training, job development
Discover Program -- www.cciu.org	Laurie Masino	484-237-5140	Ages 14-21	Vocational assessment, job coach, travel training instruction
Elwyn, Inc. -- www.elwyn.org	Tom Brazell	610-891-2201	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development
The Vanguard School -- vfes.net/vanguard	Jacque Murray	610-296-6700, Ext. 261	Special education	Vocational assessment, training, job development

* Please note: For all disability categories marked with an asterisk (*), the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (listed above) should also be contacted.

** Please note: There may be a fee for certain services depending upon family income and type of service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

For issues involving...	Contact	Contact Info
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	610-280-1010
Department of Community Development	Patrick Bokovitz	610-344-6900
CCIU Parent Mentor Services	Maryann Amici	484-237-5123
Handi-Crafters Independent Living Solutions	Laurie Richardson	610-384-6990, Ext. 217
Home & Community Habilitation Services	Chester County Intermediate Unit	484-237-5296