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Supporting Families, Individuals and Communities

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*Beech President/CEO
Dr. Kenneth Scott*

Welcome to the **Beech Community Resources Directory**. In celebration of our 30th Anniversary in service to the community, the Beech Companies, Inc., through Beech Community Services, has published this directory in a sincere effort to identify local, regional and national resources that can help uplift and improve the quality of our lives. This is especially important to those in need during the current national crisis and this unique time in the world's history.

The resources in this directory can be accessed from organizations, programs and digital data that provide valuable information on civics & government, healthcare, law & justice, housing & homelessness, families & children, seniors, food insecurity, education, disaster preparedness, employment & training, reentry, veterans, business and more. It includes detailed descriptions of programs and services from local, regional and national sources that are just a click away when you need them.

Some of the unique resources available include information on the three branches of government, a database of all academic programs offered by the 107 HBCUs, the digital Slave Narratives collection, a digital collection of Trans-Atlantic and Intra-American slave trade databases, and the Library of Congress Digital Collection.

Much thanks to Progressive Images Marketing Communications for partnering with Beech to compile and produce this outstanding directory on our behalf. Supporting Black families and our communities will continue to be our mission for another 30 years and beyond. We strive to inform, educate and empower!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kenneth Scott
President/CEO

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Beech Community Services

“Improving Quality of Life Through Participation”



*Director
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Established in 2006, **Beech Community Services** serves as a liaison between the residents and business owners of the Cecil B. Moore community. Beech Community Services works to strengthen, enhance and improve the quality of life for the residents of North Philadelphia, with the ultimate goal of empowerment and self-sustainability through positive, effective action and communication. We have developed an open dialogue between the residents, businesses, law enforcement and community leaders, which is essential in order to create positive change. The challenge is to create a shared commonality among the stakeholders who play a huge role in addressing serious quality of life issues. Beech Community Services is here to help and urges each of you to take charge of your community. We hope the information in our Community Resources Directory will educate and inspire you to take charge of your lives!

Some of the initiatives of Beech Community Services include:

The Alston Beech Foundation Grants for Local Nonprofits

Beech Registered Community Organization (RCO)

Cecil B. Moore Community Newsletter

Beech Jazz on the Ave Music Festival

Cecil B. Moore Business Coalition

Beech Scholarship Fund

Beech Avenue of Treats



For information on how you can become involved contact us at:

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Beech Business Bank

“Dedicated to Providing Financial Services to Underserved Communities”



iMunch Café was supported by a Beech Business Bank loan.

Beech Business Bank works to promote economic and community development in low- to moderate-income communities in North, West and Northwest Philadelphia. It offers lines of credit and loans to small businesses. It provides capital for existing businesses, new entrepreneurs and neighborhood organizations involved in community economic development in underserved communities in North, West and Northwest Philadelphia. Beech Business Bank is a loan program managed by the Beech Capital Venture Corporation and is a Certified Development Financial Institution of the U.S. Treasury Department. We encourage participation from banks and venture capitalists to assist us in creating more financially-stable communities.

Beech Business Bank is one of the local CDFIs managing the COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance Program that provides grants to small businesses economically impacted by COVID-19.

For more information and to apply for a COVID-19 grant visit

<https://beechcompanies.com/pa-covid-grant>

or call 866-913-7510



For information on other Beech Business Bank services contact:

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CIVICS, GOVERNMENT & LEADERSHIP

The Three Branches of Government – The basic foundation of federal, state and local governments. Important information needed to understand how the political system works. For details visit <https://www.history.com/topics/us-government/three-branches-of-government>.

The White House – Location of the executive offices and residence of the President/Chief Executive of the nation. To contact visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/get-involved/>.

Federal Agencies – Links to federal agencies under the direction of the President. To access visit <https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/white-house>.

U.S. Senate – Information on members, legislation, votes, proceedings, hearings, meetings and history. Watch livestream. To find your senator visit <https://www.senate.gov/index.htm>.

U.S. House of Representatives -- Information on members, legislation, votes, proceedings, hearings, meetings and history. Watch livestream. To find your representative visit <https://www.house.gov/>.

Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Official website of the Governor with information and news on activities and positions on issues. To contact the Governor visit <https://www.governor.pa.gov/>.

Governor's Cabinet Officials – Information and links to members of the governor's cabinet and executive staff. For information visit <https://www.governor.pa.gov/about/cabinet-and-executive-officials/>.

Pennsylvania General Assembly – Official website with information on the Legislature, members, sessions, legislation, votes, laws and more. Watch livestream. To find your state legislators visit <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>.

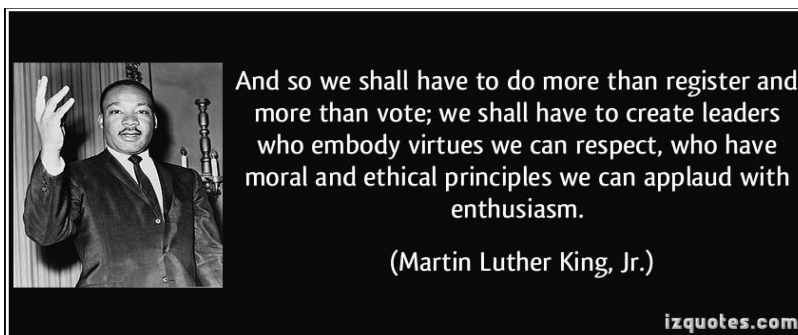
PA.Gov – Official Pennsylvania state government website with information on state issues, resources and links to departments and agencies. For information visit <https://www.pa.gov/>.

Office of the Mayor of Philadelphia -- Contact at 215-686-2181, email james.kenney@phila.gov or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/mayor/>.

Philadelphia City Council -- Official website with information on members, sessions, hearings, legislation, transcripts and more. Watch livestream. To find your council member visit <http://phlcouncil.com/>.

Pennsylvania Department of State -- Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation oversees the Commonwealth's electoral process as well as campaign finance, voter registration, Right to Know, Office of Notary Public, Commissions and legislation. For information visit <https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/Pages/default.aspx>.

Committee of Seventy -- A nonpartisan civic leadership organization that advances representative, ethical and effective government in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania through citizen engagement and public policy advocacy. For information call 215-557-3600 or visit <https://seventy.org/publications/elected-officials>.



PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOOD & CITY RESOURCES



Neighborhood Advisory Centers (NAC) -- Helps residents learn about city programs that could benefit them. NACs provide information on programs on neighborhood sustainability, preventing homelessness, preserving housing, reducing energy costs, developing job skills and mentoring youth.

ACHIEVEability	(215) 748-8800	http://www.achieveability.org/
Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)	(215) 235-6070	http://apmphila.org/
Brewerytown Sharswood	(267) 858-4246	http://brewerytownsharswood.org/
Diversified Community Services	(215) 336-5505	http://www.dcsphila.org/
Frankford CDC	(215) 743-6580	http://www.frankfordcdc.org/
Germantown United CDC	(215) 856-4303	https://germantownunitedcdc.org
Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service (GPASS)	(215) 456-1662	https://www.gpasspa.org/
HACE	(215) 426-8025	https://www.hacecdc.org/
Hunting Park NAC	(215) 225-5560	http://www.huntingparknac.org/
Mt. Vernon Manor	(215) 475-9492	http://www.mvmcdc.org/
New Kensington CDC	(215) 427-0350	https://nkcdc.org/
Nicetown CDC	(215) 329-1827	https://nicetowncdc.org/
Parkside Community Association	(215) 877-1198	http://www.parksideassociation.org
People's Emergency Center	(267) 777-5820	https://www.pec-cares.org/
Philadelphia Chinatown Development Center	(215) 922-2156	https://chinatown-pcdc.org/
South Kensington Partners	(215) 427-3463	www.southkensingtoncommunity.org
Southwest CDC	(215) 729-0800	https://southwestcdc.org/
Strawberry Mansion NAC/CDC	(215) 235-7505	www.strawberrymansioncdc.org
The Enterprise Center CDC	(215) 895-4020	https://www.theenterprisecenter.com
Tioga United, Inc.	(267) 639-6912	www.facebook.com/tiogauited19140
Universal Companies NAC	(215) 732-6518	https://universalcompanies.org/
Whitman Council, Inc.	(215) 468-4056	https://www.whitmancouncil.com/
Yorktown CDC	(215)-769-0225	www.facebook.com/YorktownCDC/

Philly 311 -- Call 3-1-1 for information or help with the City of Philadelphia government services.
<https://www.phila.gov/311/pages/default.aspx>.

Mayor's Office of Public Engagement -- Manages the city's community outreach and engagement efforts. For information call 215-686-2181 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/mayors-office-of-public-engagement/>.

Registered Community Organizations -- Are community organizations that ensure residents have the opportunity to learn about and give feedback on developments in their area. RCOs get advanced notice of projects that will be reviewed by the City Zoning Board of Adjustment or the Civic Design Review Committee. For an application to start a RCO and for a list of RCOs visit www.phila.gov/documents/registered-community-organization-rco-materials/ or call 215-636-4646.

Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee/Block Captains -- Helps bring positive change to neighborhoods through a network of dedicated block captains. PMBC organizes events, provides support and empower residents to come together for a more beautiful Philadelphia. If you want to be a block captain call 215-685-3981 or visit www.philadelphiastreet.com/pmbc.

Zoning Board of Adjustment -- An independent board within the Department of Planning and Development which regulates development, property uses, parking requirements and signage within the city. For information on ZBA code, regulations, hearings and meetings visit www.phila.gov/departments/zoning-board-of-adjustment.

Office of Property Assessment -- Determines the value of all property within Philadelphia. For information on property tax abatement and homestead exemption call 215-686-4334 or visit www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-property-assessment.

Fair Housing Commission -- Enforces the Philadelphia Fair Housing Ordinance, Chapter 9-800 of the Philadelphia Code that prohibits certain unfair rental practices by landlords against tenants. For more information call 215-686-4670. To file a complaint visit www.phila.gov/FairHousingCommission/Pages/default.aspx.



Historical Commission -- Protects the City's historic resources. Together with its advisory committees, the commission identifies and designates historic landmarks, maintains the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places, works with property owners to protect landmarks and research the history of their properties, and reviews building permit applications and nominations to the register. For information call 215-686-7660 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-historical-commission/>.

Permits, Violations & Licenses -- Issues permits for zoning, building repair, rental or sale of property, special events, vending, block parties and burglar alarms. Also issues licenses for marriage, business and trade, guns and dogs. To apply for a permit or license visit www.phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/apply-for-a-permit.

Disabled Parking Permit -- Free to eligible residents who submit a certification of disability from their treating physician. For an application call 215-683-9746 or visit <http://philapark.org/disabled-parking-permit/>.

Street Tree Maintenance -- Homeowners can request maintenance for dead or hazardous street trees next to their property. For a request form visit www.phila.gov/services/trees-parks-the-environment/tree-related-services/request-street-tree-maintenance/.

Water, Gas, Utilities -- For information on water pipe and meter maintenance, water shut-offs, disputing a water bill, getting your water tested or emergency home heater repair visit www.phila.gov/services/water-gas-utilities/.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



ASPCA Disaster Preparedness – Information on protecting pets during a disaster. For information visit <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness>.

Business Disaster Recovery -- Information about business continuity and disaster recovery plans. Includes free templates. For information visit <https://www.disasterrecovery.org/>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -- Works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. For information call 800-232-4636 or visit <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Environmental Protection Agency -- Responds to oil spills, chemical, biological, radiological releases, and large-scale national emergencies. EPA also provides additional response assistance when state and local first responder capabilities have been exhausted or when additional support is requested. To report an oil or chemical spill contact the National Response Center at: 800-424-8802 or visit <https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response>.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) -- Responsible for helping people before, during and after disasters. For information contact the Region III Office at 215-931-5597, disaster survivors call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or visit <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/7877>.

National Center for Disaster Preparedness -- Carries out research that helps prepare for, respond to, and recover from large-scale disasters — including hurricanes, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, pandemic flu and terrorist attacks. Provides both web-based and in-person trainings for public health workers, local and regional governments, hospitals and community partners. For information call 646-845-2300 or visit <https://ncdp.columbia.edu/>.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration -- Disaster Preparedness Program strengthens existing operational capabilities to ensure the National Ocean Service and its partners have the tools to plan for and respond to disasters so commerce, communities and natural resources can recover as quickly as possible from human-caused disasters such as chemical spills, to natural disasters such as hurricanes. Provides training for responders. For information call 206-526-6317 or visit <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/disaster-preparedness>.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) -- Helps communities and citizens mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies including natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other human-made disasters. For information contact the Eastern Area Office at 610-562-3003 or visit <https://www.pema.pa.gov>.

Ready.gov – A national campaign to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters. For information visit <https://www.ready.gov/>.

SAMHSA Disaster Preparedness -- Provides communities and responders with behavioral health resources that help them prepare, respond and recover from disasters. For information call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/disaster-preparedness>.

HEALTH CARE



FEDERALLY--QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS -- Are local, non-profit or city-run providers that offer a full range of primary care services for adults and children, including prenatal care. Additional services may include dental care, behavioral health services, substance abuse counseling and prescription drugs. FQHCs accept Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance. Uninsured patients receive care on a sliding scale depending on family size and income. No one is turned away for lack of ability to pay. Below is a list of Philadelphia area FQHCs:

Philadelphia Department of Public Health -- Promotes the health of all residents and provides a safety net for the most vulnerable citizens through City Health Centers and a broad network of community, hospital, academic and business partners throughout the city. Services include prenatal, pediatric, adult, mental, sexual and preventive health care. For information on programs and locations call 215-686-5200 or visit www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-public-health/.

Bernett L. Johnson Sayre Health Center -- Provides culturally-sensitive, high-quality, community-based primary and preventive health care services to the underserved West Philadelphia community surrounding the William L. Sayre High School. COVID-19 testing available. For more information call 215-474-4444 or visit www.sayrehealth.org.

BEBASHI -- A full-service HIV/AIDS organization serving low-income people of color with HIV disease that provides a continuum of care (free of charge) involving culturally-sensitive community education, HIV, STI, pregnancy counseling, testing services, support services and medical case management (for HIV+ individuals). Also has an emergency food pantry. For information call 215-769-3561 or visit <https://www.bebashi.org>.

Black Women's Health Alliance -- Works to improve health care outcomes and reduce health disparities for African American women, girls and other women of color and their families through advocacy, education, research and support services. For information call 215-225-0394 or visit <https://www.pbwha.org/>.

Covenant House Health Services, Inc. -- Committed to provide comprehensive health services, primarily to individuals and families residing in Greater Germantown communities and Northwest Philadelphia. Provides pediatric, geriatric medicine, prenatal care and behavioral health. Preventative care includes school-related vaccinations, flu shots and periodic check-ups. For information call 215-844-1020.

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. -- For over 50 years DVCH has been the safety net provider for Latino and African American communities through its eight health centers in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties. Services include adult & family medicine, pediatrics, women's health care, behavioral health, dental, social work, health education and other support services. COVID-19 testing available. For information on locations and appointments visit <https://dvch.org/>.

Esperanza Health Center – Church-related organization provides bilingual, multi-cultural, holistic primary health care services that look at the needs of the whole person, including physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being through its three health centers. COVID-19 testing available. For information on services and location call 215-302-3600 or visit <https://esperanzahealth.com/>.

Greater Philadelphia Health Action -- Since 1970 the African American-owned and operated nonprofit has provided comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy and child development services for diverse populations with a multi-cultural and African-diasporic staff through 12 locations in the Philadelphia area. GPHA also provides high-quality medical, dental, behavioral health counseling and intervention during the regular school day at four school-based health suites in South Philadelphia. COVID-19 testing available. For information on locations and services call 1-888-296-GPHA (4742) or visit www.gphainc.org.

Philadelphia FIGHT -- Provides culturally-competent comprehensive primary care, and state-of-the art HIV primary care to low income residents through its five locations. Also provides research, consumer education, advocacy, social services and outreach to people living with HIV and those who are at high risk, including the formerly incarcerated and young people. Also has access to the most advanced clinical research in HIV treatment and prevention. For information on services and locations call 215-985-4448 or visit <https://fight.org/>.

Quality Community Health Care Health Centers -- Provides quality comprehensive primary and preventive health care to uninsured, under-insured and low income residents at three locations that include two school-based health centers. Services include family medicine, dental, behavioral health, geriatrics, OB/GYN and daycare. For information on services and locations call 215-227-0300 or visit www.qchc.org.

Spectrum Health Services, Inc. – Provides a comprehensive program of primary care delivery, health education and health-related social services to patients regardless of the ability to pay at three locations. Services include medical, dental, OB/GYN, podiatry and a specialty care health center. SHS offers a 340b discount drug program and patient education. For information on services and locations call 215-471-2750 or visit www.spectrumhs.org.

Stephen Klein Wellness Center -- Addresses the health and wellness needs of people who are homeless, formerly homeless and people living in surrounding North Philadelphia communities through three locations. Provides primary medical care, behavioral health services, nurse care management, individual, couples and group counseling, peer-led outreach and care coordination, healing touch, on-site legal counseling, and assistance with applying for health insurance benefits. For information on locations and services call 215-320-6187 or visit www.projecthome.org/skwc.

The Family Practice & Counseling Network -- A program of Resources for Human Development, FPCN is a network of community health centers that uses a nurse-managed, integrated model to deliver primary care, behavioral health, dental and preventive services at five locations. Primary care is provided by nurse practitioners with advanced practice degrees and the expertise to diagnose illness, prescribe medication, make referrals to specialists, provide pre-and post-natal care, and to offer a wide variety of other primary health care services. COVID-19 testing available. For information on services and locations call 215-298-0405 or visit www.fpcn.com.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE – The City of Philadelphia Department of Health and many of the Federally-Qualified Community Health Centers include behavioral health and substance abuse programs. Below is a list of other resources that provide information on where to access those services.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration -- Is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. Its mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. SAMHSA is a clearinghouse for information on treatment centers and programs, data and reports, program evaluations, grants, and practitioner training. For information visit its comprehensive website at www.samhsa.gov or call the National Helpline at 1-800-662-4357.

National Alliance on Mental Illness -- The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of those affected by mental illness. The NAMI Helpline is a free, nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support to people living with mental health conditions, their family members and caregivers, mental health providers and the public. Call the NAMI Helpline at 800-950-NAMI (6264) or email info@nami.org. For information on NAMI Keystone PA visit www.nami.org/Find-Your-Local-NAMI/Affiliate?state=PA.

African American Therapists.com – A directory of Black therapists nationwide. For information visit <https://africanamericantherapists.com>.

Alcoholics Anonymous -- Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. For general information visit www.aa.org/pages/en_US. For information on meetings in Southeastern PA visit www.aasepia.org.

Al-Anon Family Groups – A worldwide fellowship that offers a program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of a drinking problem. For general information visit <https://al-anon.org/>. For information on meetings in the Philadelphia area visit <http://aisdv.org/meetings.html>.

Association of Black Psychologists -- Therapist Resource Directory <https://www.abpsi.org/find-psychologists/>

Black Psychiatrists of America – Works to address issues affecting the mental health of African people worldwide with special emphasis on people of African descent in the Americas and to provide a forum for continuing educations for those who provide psychiatric care to these underserved population groups. For information call 855-435-5077 or visit <http://www.bpaincpsych.org>.

Free Rehab Centers.org -- Provides a comprehensive, national list of free, low-cost, sliding scale and low-income assisted rehab centers and programs. The listings are updated weekly. You can also speak to an alcohol or drug counselor from the American Addiction Centers on the 24-hour Helpline at 1-800-780-2294 if immediate intervention is needed. To access the listings visit www.freerehabcenters.org/city/pa-philadelphia.

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. The NAMI HelpLine is a free, nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support call 800-950-NAMI (6264). For general information call 703-524-7600 or visit <https://www.nami.org>.

Narcotics Anonymous -- A global multilingual, multicultural nonprofit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. It's comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. The only one requirement for membership is the desire to stop using. For general information visit www.na.org/?ID=aboutus. For meetings in the Philadelphia area visit <https://naworks.org/find-a-meeting/>.



Nar-Anon Family Groups -- Primarily for those who have a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone close to you. It's a spiritual way of life based on the Twelve Steps of Nar-Anon. For general information visit www.nar-anon.org. For meetings in SE PA visit <http://www.naranonepa.org/>.

Parents Involved Network -- Assists caregivers and parents of children with emotional and behavioral disorders. PIN provides information, helps parents find services and will advocate on their behalf with any of the public systems that serve children. All services and supports are free. Call the Information Line at 267-507-3860.

Therapy for Black Girls -- An online space dedicated to encouraging the mental wellness of Black women and girls. For more information visit <https://therapyforblackgirls.com/>.

TherapyForBlackMen.org -- A forum where black men can be educated on mental health matters. For information visit <https://therapyforblackmen.org>.

The Bridge -- A nonprofit behavioral health treatment and youth opportunity program for adolescents and their families seeking to overcome substance abuse, mental health issues, truancy and other challenges. For information call 215-342-5000 or visit www.thebridgephiladelphia.org.

The Consortium, Inc. -- A recovery-oriented nonprofit Community Mental Health Center led by John White, Jr., former Secretary of the PA Department of Human Services, which provides behavioral health, addiction services and supports coordination services for all ages at two locations. For information call 215-748-8400 or visit <https://consortiuminc.org/>.

The Loveland Foundation -- Provides financial assistance for Black women and girls seeking therapy support. For information visit <https://thelovelandfoundation.org/loveland-therapy-fund/>.

Montgomery County Emergency Services -- A behavioral health emergency service for people experiencing a psychiatric emergency or serious mental health crisis in Montgomery County and adjacent communities on a 24/7 basis. MCES offers a crisis hot line at 610-279-6100, walk-in crisis center, acute inpatient psychiatric care, crisis residential program, elder abuse program and psychiatric emergency medical service (EMS). MCES also provides mental health crisis intervention education and suicide prevention programming. For information call 610-631-2480 for referrals or questions, or visit <http://www.mces.org>.

Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health -- Provides mental health services for adults, children/adolescents and transition age youth (18-26) and developmental disabilities. Also provides drug/alcohol counseling, emergency food and homeless programs. For information call 610-891-4000 or visit <http://www.delcohsa.org/behavioralhealth.html>.

Veterans Crisis Line -- A free, confidential resource that's available to anyone, even if you're not registered with the VA or enrolled in VA health care. The responders at the 24 hour Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping veterans of all ages and circumstances. If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING



Philadelphia Housing Authority -- Provides decent, affordable housing for low-income residents in Philadelphia. For information on its programs and activity visit <http://www.pha.phila.gov/>.

Delaware County Housing Authority -- Operates 1,000 plus units of affordable rental housing and administers 3,000 plus Housing Choice Vouchers for low-income, seniors and disabled residents under auspices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. For information call 610-876-2521 or visit <https://www.dcha1.org/>.

Montgomery County Housing Authority -- Provides housing and homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income persons, families, elderly and disabled. For information call 610-275-5720 or visit <http://www.montcoha.org>.

Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania -- Provides housing counseling for the Greater Philadelphia area from two locations. Serves as a resource center for clients and advocates on their behalf whether they are pursuing the purchase of a first home or searching for options to maintain status as a homeowner. For information on services and locations visit www.ahcopa.org.

Affordable Housing Online -- Provides information about housing assistance, low income apartments, other affordable housing opportunities and exhaustive information on individual apartment communities which receive Federal housing funding. To access the information visit <https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Pennsylvania/Philadelphia>.

Action Wellness -- Provides independent housing to people with AIDS. Participants locate their own housing and receive a subsidy to assist with rent payments. For information call 215-981-0088 or visit www.actionwellness.org.

Congreso de Latinos Unidos -- Provides rental assistance for people who have fallen behind on their payments and are at risk of becoming homeless, housing resources for people with HIV/AIDS, access to transitional housing and homeownership workshops. For more information call 215-763-8870 or visit www.congreso.net/services/family-and-housing/housing.

Diversified Community Services (Dixon House) – Provides rental and mortgage assistance for residents behind on their rent or in danger of defaulting. For more information go to <http://www.dcsphila.org/rmap/> or call 215-336-5505.

Fair Housing Rights Center of SE Pennsylvania – Is committed to ensuring equal access to housing opportunities for people protected by federal, state, and local fair housing laws. FHRC educates the public on fair housing laws, provides legal assistance to individuals who have experienced unlawful housing discrimination, monitors the community for compliance with applicable housing laws and offers information on housing related issues. For information call 215-625-0700 or visit <http://fairhousingrights.org/>.

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry/First Presbyterian Church – Provides small cash grants to residents of the Northwest who are experiencing a resolvable crisis and have exhausted public resources. They also have a food cupboard. For more information call 215-843-2340 or visit www.crisisministry.org/services.

Regional Housing Legal Services -- A nonprofit law firm with unique expertise in affordable, sustainable housing and its related components — community and economic development, utility matters and preservation of home ownership. For information call 215-572-7300 or visit <https://www.rhls.org>.

Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN) -- Also known as the Pennsylvania Community Real Estate Corporation, is a tenant service and advocacy organization that offers tenant rights workshops, individual counseling, hotline assistance and tenant union organizing. For emergencies call 267-443-2500, email questions@ourturn.net or visit <https://rturn.net/>.

Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF) – A one-stop shop that offers immediate resources to families facing utility and housing crises. Assistance includes help with back rent for families struggling to remain in their homes. For more information call 215-972-5170 or visit <https://uesfacts.org/>.

HOMELESSNESS



ACHIEVEability -- Provides housing to families in the [Family Self-Sufficiency Program](#) as a first step toward their journeys to self-sufficiency. Also provides families the stability they need to pursue the education, obtain the employment and develop the life skills necessary for self-sufficiency. For more information call 215-748-8800 or visit <http://www.achieveability.org>.

Catholic Social Services – Operates several residences and shelters that feed and shelter homeless men, women with children and elderly women. For information on accessing these services visit <https://cssphiladelphia.org/housing-homeless-services/>, call the CSS HELPLINE at 267-331-2490 or email csshelp@chs-adphila.org.

City of Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services -- Provides prevention services which include cash assistance with rent and mortgages, security deposits, or utility payments to households citywide and referrals to resolve a housing crisis and prevent homelessness. For more information call the Response Line: at 215-686-4700 or visit <http://philadelphiaofficeofhomelesservices.org/stay-in-my-home/homelessness-prevention/>.

Covenant House Pennsylvania -- Provides an array of services for homeless young people, including housing, a clinic, help with going to college, finding employment, and one-to-one support to help young people plan, stay on track, and achieve their goals. For more information call 215-951-5411 or visit www.covenanthousepa.org/.

Dignity Housing -- Provides quality, affordable housing in three housing programs designed to meet the varying needs of the resident population in combination with support services designed to promote the self-sufficiency of our residents. For information call 215-713-0960 or visit <https://www.dignityhousing.org>.

Families Forward Philadelphia -- Provides information, advice, guidance, protection and transitional housing to families. They are Philadelphia's largest emergency shelter for families and keeps families together by accepting men and teen boys. For more information call 215-240-4800 Ext. #100 or visit <https://familiesforwardphilly.org/>.

Lutheran Settlement House --- Uses trauma informed and family systems model to provide comprehensive clinical case management. The focus is on locating and obtaining independent housing, case management. Services also include coordination of parenting education, employment, benefits, mental health services, addiction treatment, financial literacy and healthcare. For information call 215-426.8610 ext. 1200 or visit <https://www.lutheransettlement.org/jane-addams-place-services-offered/>.

Project HOME -- Empowers adults and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty through its programs. Project HOME's supportive housing programs offer permanent, subsidized housing for individuals and families who had been homeless. For more information call the Homeless Outreach Hotline at 215-232-1984 or visit www.projecthome.org/our-work/housing.

Salvation Army Red Shield Family Residence – Offers a variety of residential programs, including emergency homeless shelters, family shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing for the elderly and developmentally disabled, and independent living facilities. For more information call 215-787-2887 or visit <https://pa.salvationarmy.org/greater-philadelphia/salvation-army-greater-philadelphia>.

Self, Inc. -- Provides emergency and permanent supportive housing, housing-focused case management, mentoring, and other vital services and resources for Philadelphia's most resilient communities. For more information call 215-496-9610 or visit www.selfincorp.org.

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission -- Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission provides three meals a day every single day of the year to anyone in need. In addition to serving meals, the Mission provides emergency homeless shelter services and transitional housing to men. It also offers a host of health clinics. For information call 215-922-6400 or visit <https://sundaybreakfast.org/>.

Youth Service, Inc. -- Provides immediate shelter and support services to Philadelphia's children, youth and families for over 67 years. YSI offers Philadelphia's only Crisis Nursery program and the longest standing shelter in the area for runaway and homeless teens. For information call 215-222-3262 or visit <https://ysiphilly.org/our-programs/>.

Whosoever Gospel Mission -- A Christian nonprofit organization that provides shelter, food, clothing, education, counseling, rehabilitation and other assistance to homeless and/or needy men, women and children in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area. For more information call 215-438-3094 or visit www.whosoevergospel.org.



FOOD INSECURITY

Advocate Café – Serves lunch Monday – Friday. Dinner is offered 4 days per week to 30-35 children who participate in any aspect of the Advocate Center for Culture & Education After-school enrichment program. Also provides a clothes closet and social services. For information call Church of the Advocate at 215-978-8000 or visit <http://www.churchoftheadvocate.org/hours-and-services.html>.

Bethlehem of Deliverance Church/Real Deal Food Ministry -- A nonprofit that delivers groceries to communities in Philadelphia daily. The Real Deal Food Ministry is designed to make life easier for families who struggle to get to the supermarket or prefer not to go because of social distancing. They deliver food to central locations in various communities. For information call 215-765-2209 or visit www.bodjac.com/.

Chosen 300 Ministries Homeless Program -- Distributes meals and services to the homeless throughout Philadelphia and Montgomery County. Provide meals daily at four locations. Other services include expungement clinics, computer training, GED prep and grooming. For information call 215-243-0300 or visit <http://chosen300.org/homeless/homeless servingschedule.html>.

Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger -- Connects people with food assistance programs and nutrition education, provides resources to a network of food pantries, and educates the public and policymakers about responsible solutions that prevent people from going hungry. For information visit <http://www.hungercoalition.org/>.

Lighthouse, Inc. -- Provides free food boxes to needy families and senior citizens on a regular basis. The Beacon Program also distributes holiday packages, organizes ongoing educational workshops and special events for the community at several locations. For information on locations call 215-425-7800 or visit <https://www.lighthouse1893.org>.

Montco Hunger Solutions -- A department of the Share Food Program in Montgomery County. Provide referrals for emergency food supplies. Partners with over 60 agencies including food cupboards, soup kitchens, shelters, senior living facilities, and social service organizations. For information call 610-628-2400 or visit <https://www.sharefoodprogram.net/>.

Philabundance -- A member of Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks leading the fight against hunger in the United States. Provides resources for food cupboards/kitchens and information on where to access free food for those in need. For information call 215-339-0900 or visit <https://www.philabundance.org/>.

Philly Food Finder – Provides information on free and low-cost food resources through its digital map and guides. For information visit <https://phillyfoodfinder.org/>.

Share Food Program -- The largest provider of food to vulnerable citizens in the Philadelphia region. Share Food Program distributes food to 700,000 neighbors in need each month, 36% of whom are children, and 12% of whom are seniors. Provides home delivery for seniors and people with disabilities or significant health challenges. For information call 215-223-2220 or visit <https://sharefoodprogram.org/>.

The Table Food Pantry -- Provides food assistance to needy families in the Roxborough Community with most participants being 50 years and older. Low-income families who visit the pantry must live in 19128 and 19127 zip codes. For more information on pantry hours call 215-483-2762.

Walker Junior Unity Center – Delivers food to needy families in North Philadelphia weekly. For more information call 215-778-1325.



FAMILIES, CHILDREN & YOUTH



Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence -- Enriches, encourages and empowers children to reach their highest potential through safe, one-to-one mentoring relationships. Serves Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties in PA and NJ. For information call 215-790-9200 or visit <https://www.independencebig.org/>.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia -- The nation's first hospital devoted exclusively to the care of children. Since its inception in 1855, CHOP has been the birthplace for countless breakthroughs and dramatic firsts in pediatric medicine and is considered one of the best in the world. For information call 215-590-1000 or visit <https://www.chop.edu/>.

Concerned Black Men of America -- Provides guidance, support and encouragement to children while stabilizing families, positioning them to lead healthy, productive lives through prevention, parenting and mentoring programs. Local chapter available. For information visit <http://cbmnational.org/>.

Frontline Dads -- A community-based, nonprofit organization founded with a mission to provide cultural/educational programs and prevention/intervention services for youth and their families throughout Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties. For information call 267-414-4764 or visit <http://www.frontlinedads.org>.

Grands As Parents, Inc. -- Provides resources and support to grandparents and other relative/caregivers raising children. For information call 215-236-5848 or visit <https://gapsnow.org/>.

Need Help Paying Bills -- Provides a place to get information on assistance programs. Also provides general financial advice around budgeting, saving, investing, and other financial self-sufficiency topics. For information visit <https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/index.html> or email info@needhelppayingbills.com.

Juvenile Law Center -- Advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. Through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications, JLC fights for children who come into contact with the child welfare and justice systems. For help and information call 1-800-875-8887, email info@jlc.org or visit <https://jlc.org/>.

Lifeline Support -- A federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet. Eligible customers will get up to \$9.25 toward their bill. For information and to apply visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/>.

Maternity Care Coalition -- Works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and parenting families, and enhance school readiness for children 0-3 focusing on neighborhoods with high rates of poverty, infant mortality, health disparities, and changing immigration patterns. For information on resources call 215-972-0700 or visit <https://maternitycarecoalition.org/>.

Mazzoni Center -- Provides programs and services to promote the physical and emotional health and well-being of LGBTQ youth in the Philadelphia region. Clinical, prevention and education teams work with youth at our facilities, in schools and community centers. Also, offers training and assistance for parents, teachers, and service providers. For information call 215-563-0652 or visit <https://www.mazzonicenter.org/>.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. -- Advocates on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. For information on local chapter call 215-970-7114 or visit <https://www.nc100bw-pa.org/>.

100 Black Men of America, Inc. – Works to improve the quality of life within Black communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans through youth, mentoring, parenting and education programs. For information visit <https://100blackmen.org/>, or the local chapter call 267-238-2900 ext. 3 or visit <http://www.100blackmenphilly.org/>.

People's Emergency Center -- Offers more than 235 affordable housing units, job training, parenting and early childhood education, financial education and planning, life skills and technology classes. PEC seeks to change the life trajectory for the families who seek its services and inspire them to achieve housing security and financial stability. For information call 267-777-5880, Community Resource Hotline: 267-777-5477 or visit <https://www.pec-cares.org>.

Philly Childcare Collective -- Provides free childcare for grassroots activist meetings and events on racial and economic justice, so low-income and parents of color can participate in activism without worrying about paying for childcare. For information email phillychildcarecollective@gmail.com or visit [//phillychildcarecollective.com](http://phillychildcarecollective.com).

Shriners Hospitals for Children -- Destination of choice for parents whose children have orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip or palate, or other complex surgical needs. All children receive care regardless of the families' ability to pay. For information call 215-430-4000 or visit <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org>

The Attic Youth Center -- Serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth with services and counseling. It creates opportunities for LGBTQ youth to develop into healthy, independent, civic-minded adults within a safe and supportive community, and promotes the acceptance of LGBTQ youth in society. For information call 215-545-4331 or visit <https://www.atticyouthcenter.org/>.

The Center for Autism -- The oldest autism treatment center in the country. As a leading provider of services in the Philadelphia region today, the Center tailors its programs to the needs of each person and family. For information call 215-878-3400 or visit <https://www.thecenterforautism.org/>.

Support Center for Child Advocates -- Advocates for victims of child abuse and neglect with the goal of securing safety, justice, well-being and a permanent, nurturing environment for every child. For information on resources, training and attorneys visit <https://www.sccalaw.org/>.

The Center for Parenting Education -- Educates and supports parents in their efforts to foster confidence, responsibility and compassion in their children. The Center offers a multitude of resources, both on the Internet and in person. For information email info@parentingedu.org or visit <https://centerforparentingeducation.org/>.

United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern NJ – Provides referrals and information on health, human services, basic human needs and crisis resources for adults, children/youth and seniors. For information call the 24/7 Hotline at 211 or visit <http://211sepa.org/about-us/>.

Valley Youth House -- Provides shelter and services for vulnerable, abused, LGBTQ and homeless youth in several locations throughout the Delaware Valley. For information on locations and services call 610-272-2946 or visit <https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/>.

We Bloom -- Supports parenthood by connecting parents with the information and resources they need to need to confidently navigate their parenthood journey. Join the Parent Community Group on Facebook to connect with other parents as well as small business providers who can answer your questions and offer support. For information visit <https://webloom.io/>.

SENIORS



Center for Advocacy for the Rights of the Elderly (CARIE) – A nonprofit that works to improve the well-being, rights and autonomy of seniors through advocacy, education, and action through a "case to cause" model of advocacy that promotes equal access to justice. All services are free and confidential. Services include help for senior victims of elder abuse and crime, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Senior Medicare Patrol and resources for caregivers. For information call the CARIE Line at 215-545- 5728/1-800-356-3606 or visit <https://www.carie.org/>.

Center in the Park – A nonprofit senior community center located in Northwest Philadelphia that has evolved from a traditional senior center into a nationally--recognized "wellness center" model providing older adults with opportunities to engage their minds, bodies, and spirits. Programs include arts & culture, fitness & dance, technology and personal enrichment. Offers social services, housing counseling and an ombudsman. For information call 215-848-7722 or visit <https://centerintheparkphila.org/>.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program -- Provides free monthly boxes for limited-income adults 60 & older. To find a site near you, call the Why Hunger Food Help Line at 1-800-548-6479 or text your zip code to 1-800-548-6479.

Meals on Wheels – Nutritious meals delivered to seniors by several organizations. For a list of participating agencies visit <https://phillyfoodfinder.org/guide/seniors/>.

PACE and PACENET -- Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults offers low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older. For information call 1-800-225-7223 or visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/prescriptions/Pages/default.aspx>.

Pennsylvania Department of Aging – Provides a variety of resources and services for older adults 60 and over. For information call 717-783-1550 or visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging – Provides resources, services and activities for active seniors and those who are homebound. Provides the services and supports needed to enable them to remain in the community and live independently as long as possible through senior centers throughout the city. For information call PCA HELPLINE: 215-765-9040 or visit <https://www.pcacares.org/what-we-do/pca-services/>.

SeniorLAW Center -- Provides a wide range of services to protect the legal rights and interests of the elderly. For information call the SeniorLAW Help Line at 1-877- 727-7529 or 215-988-1242 or visit <https://seniorlawcenter.org/>.

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EDUCATION



Mayor's Office of Education -- Provides programs /resources for youth and adult learners, families and educators to improve education from pre-k through college in the City of Philadelphia. For information call 215-686-0333 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/mayors-office-of-education/>.

School District of Philadelphia -- The eighth largest school district in the nation with 19,000 employees and more than 203,000 students. Includes the Board of Education. For information and updates call 215-400-4000 or visit <https://www.philasd.org/>.

A Better Chance – A national program that helps academically--talented students of color access the best educational opportunities for middle school and high school. For more information call 800-562-7865 or visit <https://www.abetterchance.org/>.

Affordable Colleges Online -- Find affordable and accredited online programs. Resources include information about online degrees by various subjects, tuition cost, financial aid, return on investment and degree level. For information visit <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/>.

After School Activities Partnership -- Coordinates four citywide initiatives that engage Philadelphia youth (grades K-12) in fun, enriching out-of-school time activities and experiences that develop critical academic, social, and emotional skills through a combination of structured programming and informal play. For information call 215-545-2727 or visit <http://www.phillyasap.org>.

Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia – An academic enrichment program that builds a path from middle school to college graduation for underserved students from Philadelphia's public, parochial and charter schools. It recruits students in the sixth grade and makes a ten-year commitment to ensure that students enroll in selective high schools, graduate, attend college and ultimately graduate. For information call 215-261-6705 or visit <http://www.breakthroughphilly.org/>.

Center for Literacy -- Provides college and career readiness for adults to succeed in postsecondary education, to obtain knowledge--based jobs of the future, who have low levels of literacy or need a high school diploma, and individuals facing substantial cultural barriers to employment. For information call 215-474-1235 or visit <https://centerforliteracy.org>.

CollegeScholarships.org --- Online source for a wide array of over 700 scholarships, grants and loans in every category. To access visit <http://www.collegescholarships.org>.

Community College of Philadelphia -- A public, open--admission institution that provides both academic resources and support services to help students achieve their academic goals. As the largest public institution of higher education in Philadelphia, the College has served more than 685,000 of the city's residents since 1965. For information call 215-751-8000 or visit <https://www.ccp.edu/>.

Education Law Center -- Ensures access to a quality public education for all children in Pennsylvania. Advocates on behalf of the most underserved students. Gives families a voice in their children's education and hold officials and policymakers accountable for complying with the laws protecting the educational rights of the most disadvantaged children. For information call 215-238-6970 or visit <https://www.elc-pa.org/>.



Free Library of Philadelphia -- Advances literacy, guides learning and builds an enlightened community devoted to lifelong learning. All 54 branches provide a safe haven for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, providing homework help, English Language Learning (ELL) classes, computer classes, college prep, supportive job search assistance, adult education classes, homebound services, business resources and much more. For information call 215-686-5322 or visit <http://www.freelibrary.org/>.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey -- A nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire girls to be strong, smart, and bold by addressing the unique needs of girls through advocacy, education, and direct services, including the development of mentoring relationships. For information call 215-735-7775 or visit <https://girlsincpa-nj.org/>.

Mighty Writers -- Teaches youth to write. Online, or in-person, MW takes students through every genre of writing with the goal to get them to think clearly and write with clarity. For information call 267-239-0899 or visit <https://mightywriters.org/>.

National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering -- Provides scholarships, resources and opportunities for high-achieving, under-represented college students of color pursuing careers in engineering and computer science. For information visit <https://www.nacme.org>.

Outward Bound -- A nonprofit experiential education organization that serves people of all ages and backgrounds through active learning expeditions that inspire character development, self-discovery and service both in and out of the classroom. For information call 215-232-9130 or visit <https://outwardboundphiladelphia.org/>.

Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL Center) -- Works with families, youth and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs to help them understand their rights and advocate for themselves. Services are free to families. For information call 215-567-6143 or visit <https://pealcenter.org/>.

Pennsylvania Education for All Coalition, Inc. -- A community of parents, educators, individuals with disabilities and professionals who believe that children of all backgrounds and abilities should be successfully educated together in their neighborhood schools within the general education curriculum. PEAC provides individual technical assistance, advocacy and support to families. For information call 267-232-0570 or visit <http://www.paedforall.org/>.

Pennsylvania Department of Education -- Oversees 500 public school districts, more than 170 public charter schools, public cyber charter schools, Career & Technology Centers/Vocational Technical schools, public Intermediate Units, the education of youth in State Juvenile Correctional Institutions, Head Starts, publicly-funded preschools, and community colleges. PDE also oversees policies related to public, academic, and school libraries. For information call 717-783-6788 or visit <https://www.education.pa.gov>.



Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency -- One of the nation's leading student aid organizations. PHEAA is a provider of student financial aid services, serving millions of students and thousands of schools through its loan, grant, outreach, and other student aid programs. For information visit <https://www.pheaa.org/grants/state-grant-program/>.

Philadelphia Futures -- Merged with White-Williams Scholars in 2011 to provide high-potential, economically disadvantaged Philadelphia students with life-changing programs and resources as they make their way to and through college. For information call 215-790-1666 or visit <https://philadelphiafutures.org/>.

Philadelphia School Partnership -- Pools capital from a wide variety of investors to create educational opportunities and improve outcomes for low-income students in public, charter and private schools. Provides resources to empower families and develop skilled urban educators. For information call 484-785-8111 or visit <https://philaschoolpartnership.org/>.

Philadelphia Education Fund -- Provides critical educational support services for children in Philadelphia's economically-distressed schools and creates equitable access to opportunities for students by providing resources and expertise that build paths to college and career success. For information call 215-665-1400 or visit <https://philaedfund.org/>.

PhillyGoes2College -- Guides students through the process of applying and transitioning to college and other secondary opportunities. Whether you're going for the first time or coming back as an adult, they'll help you find the right programs, community resources, and financial supports to be successful. For information visit <https://phillygoes2college.org>.

Resources for High School Graduates -- Resources for soon-to-be graduates to help them start planning for their college or career path. For information visit <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/helpful-resources-share-high-school-graduates>.

Say Yes to Education – National program that gives students the opportunity to receive full-tuition scholarships to a range of public and private institutions, including the 120 private colleges and universities that are members of the Say Yes Higher Education Compact. For information call 212-415-4500 or visit <https://sayyestoeducation.org/where-we-work/>.

Scholarships.com -- Helps students find money for college as well as learn about the entire financial aid process. To access visit <https://www.scholarships.com>.

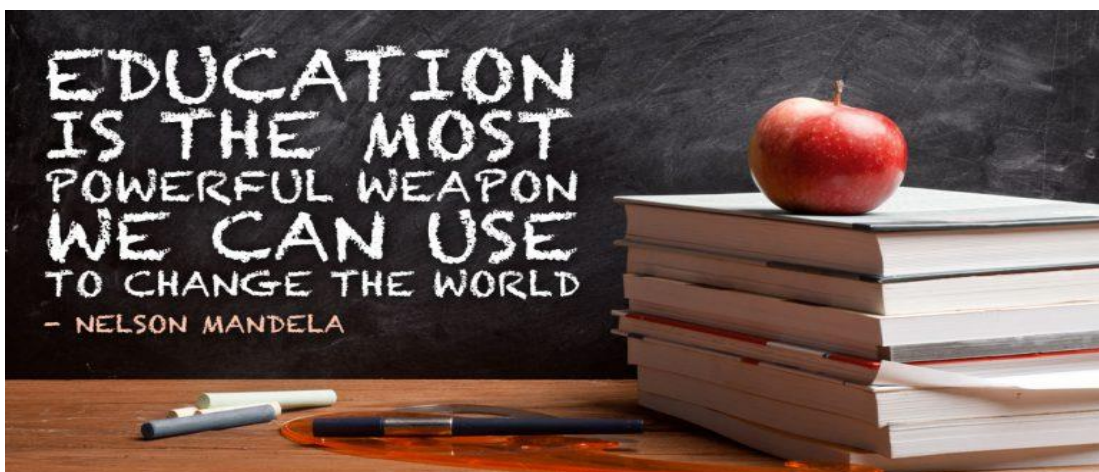
Steppingstone Scholars -- Prepares motivated students for acceptance and success at college preparatory schools. These schools include public, independent and parochial schools in the Philadelphia area. Students are accepted into the Scholars Program in fourth grade, begin the 14-month academic preparation component during the summer before fifth grade and begin attending their new schools in the sixth grade. For information call 215-204-5130 or visit <https://www.steppingstonescholars.org/>.

Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) -- The National Society of Black Engineers' premiere solution to the underrepresentation of African American students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. The free, three week program is a STEM pipeline designed to expose African American children to STEM fields. The program will be open to students who are currently 3rd through 5th grade. For information call 703-549-2207 or visit <https://www.nsbe.org/seek.aspx>.

The 107 Historically--Black Colleges and Universities – The first and only searchable database of all academic programs offered by and information on HBCUs. For information call 240-293-0107 or visit <http://www.thehundred-seven.org/index.html>.

WHYY -- Education initiatives support children, parents, teachers, and other adults who care for them. Offers free lesson plans, hands-on media arts training at WHYY's Philadelphia studios and more. WHYY Media Labs is a partnership with more than 28 schools across Philadelphia that brings equipment and instruction to thousands of students each year. For information call 215-351-3318 or visit <https://whyy.org/education/>.

Women In Natural Sciences (WINS) -- A free after-school and summer science enrichment program at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Since its founding in 1982, WINS has introduced hundreds of high school girls to future careers in science and other professions by providing hands-on science workshops, career and college exploration, and positive youth development. For information call 215-299-1000 or visit <https://ansp.org/education/programs/wins/>.



EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

AmeriCorps -- A national service program that provides participants with personal and leadership skill development, opens up diverse career paths, and promotes lifelong civic engagement. For information call the National Service Hotline at 1-800-942-2677 or visit <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps>.

American Red Cross Training Services -- From First-aid and CPR training, to lifeguard and EMT certification, the American Red Cross has several emergency, health and safety training and certification options available. For information call 1-800-733-2767 or visit <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>.

City of Philadelphia Office of Human Resources -- Works in partnership with city departments, agencies, boards, and commissions to attract and maintain a competitive and diverse workforce. For information call 215-686-0880 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/personnel/>.

Center for Social Policy and Community Development -- Operates a number of sponsored projects related to workforce development, adult literacy, youth development, professional development and community capacity building. For information call 215-204-7491 or visit <https://cspcd.temple.edu/programs>.

Community Integrated Services -- Empowers people with disabilities through individualized employment opportunities that foster self-sustainability, equality, and community. For information call 215-238-7411 or visit <https://cisworks.org>.

Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc. -- The Education and Workforce Services division provides youth and adult programs aimed at increasing academic and workplace success for those they serve. For information call 215-763-8870 or visit <https://www.congreso.net/services/education-and-workforce/>.

District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund -- Provides access to career pathways in healthcare and human services for incumbent workers and job seekers through education, training and work-based learning. For information call 215-568-2220 or visit <https://www.11199ctraining.org>.



Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey and Philadelphia -- Operates several job training programs at 6 locations in Philadelphia and South Jersey. For information call 856-439-0200, ext. 99227 or visit <http://goodwillnj.org/job-training/>.

JEVS Human Services -- Provides skills development, job readiness & career services, vocational rehabilitation, recovery services, adult residential and community participation services, and in-home personal assistance. For information call 215-854-1800 or visit <https://www.jevshumanservices.org/>.

Job Corps -- A no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 -- 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. For information call 800-733-5627 or visit <https://philadelphia.jobcorps.gov/>.

KEYSPOT -- A network of public, private, and nonprofit organizations that provide technology, training, and other opportunities through community-based public access centers. KEYSPOt is dedicated to improving education, economic, and social outcomes for all Philadelphians through technology. For information visit <https://www.phillykeyspots.org/>.

OIC of Philadelphia --- Provides a range of job training, education and related programs and services people need to get the skills and experience they need to get good jobs. For information call 215-236-7700 or visit <http://philaoic.org/programs/>.

PA CareerLink -- Offers a variety of free career development services to help you succeed in the workplace. Includes programs for veterans, 55+, the disabled, reentry, laid off workers and youth. For information call 1-833-750-JOBS (5627) or visit <https://www.pacareerlinkphl.org/>.



PAsmart -- A new workforce development initiative that helps connect Pennsylvanians with resources for working and training in Pennsylvania. For information visit <https://www.pa.gov/guides/working-training-pa/>.

Philadelphia Technician Training Institute – An African American owned and operated trade school located on the historic Berean Institute campus that offers hands-on training along with both online and classroom curriculum. For information call 215-381-9403 or visit <https://ptt.edu/>.

Philadelphia Unemployment Project -- Organizes the poor and unemployed to fight for economic justice, bringing diverse groups together to bring about major changes that benefit millions of unemployed and impoverished. PUP helps the unemployed access benefits and resources. For information call 215-557-0822 or visit <https://philaup.org/web/>.

Philadelphia Works, Inc. -- Leads a network of employment and training services that connect residents with career opportunities and provide employers access to the talent needed to be competitive. For information call 215-963-2100 or visit <https://www.philaworks.org/>.

Urban League of Philadelphia -- Connects career seekers from entry-level to professionals to skills development and career opportunities, and local businesses to quality talent from a diverse pool of candidates. For information call 215-985-3220 or visit <https://urbanleaguephila.org/>.

YouthBuild Philly -- Gives high school dropouts a second chance and the opportunity to build a brighter future for themselves and their community. Innovative programs offer young at-risk adults a high school diploma, valuable job skills, and the opportunity to learn and grow in a community-oriented, supportive environment. For information call 215-627-8671 or visit <https://youthbuildphilly.org/>.

BUSINESS & COMMERCE



African-American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ and DE --- The leading advocate for minority owned business in the Delaware Valley and Southeastern Pennsylvania. Works to enhance the growth and effectiveness of African-American owned businesses in the Delaware Valley, and to improve the economic conditions within the regional African-American community. For information call 215-751-9501 or visit <https://aachamber.com>.

African & Caribbean Business Council of Greater Philadelphia – Promotes the business interests of African and Caribbean entrepreneurs in the Greater Philadelphia area while bridging the cultural divide between member countries and the larger community. Works to empower all African and Caribbean businesses and professionals through education, business promotions and workshops, marketing, trade, and investment and finance. For information call 215-817-9887 or visit <http://www.acbcphilly.net/about-acbc/>.

Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia -- Promotes and fosters business relationships with Asian and non-Asian businesses, serve as the liaison for corporations seeking business relationship with the Asian community and actively participates in legislative matters affecting small and minority businesses. For information call 215-642-2333 or visit <https://business.asianchamberphila.org>.

Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia -- Brings area businesses and civic leaders together to promote growth and create opportunity in the region, representing 11 counties and three states. Advocates for regional development, business-friendly public policies, and economic prosperity. Supports members with practical programs, resources and events. For information call 215-545-1234 or visit <https://chamberphl.com>.

City of Philadelphia Business Services -- A one-stop shop for resources to plan, launch and manage your business. Information to help you obtain business licenses, tax numbers, options for financing and information for zoning. For information call 215-683-2000 or visit <https://business.phila.gov/>.

Community College of Philadelphia “Power Up Your Business” -- A FREE neighborhood-based approach to supporting small business owners to give them the tools needed to grow their business. They bring entrepreneurs and business owners together to learn from one another, and provide the education and training to help you run your business efficiently. For information call 215-496-6151 or visit <http://www.ccp.edu/business-and-industry/power-your-business>.

Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council -- EMSDC certifies and connects minority-owned businesses throughout Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware with member corporations who are committed to supplier development and want to purchase their products, services and solutions. For information 215-569-1005 or visit <http://emsd.org>.

Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce -- Serving Eastern Montgomery County and beyond as a catalyst by uniting businesses, community agencies, education and government to make the county a great place to live and work. Certifies Certificates of Origin for businesses that can prove their product is produced in the USA. For information call 215-887-5122 or visit <https://www.emccc.org>.

Entrepreneur Works -- Entrepreneur Works offers access to microloans, business training and one-on-one guidance to entrepreneurs. Provides loans for start-up purposes and offers classes and workshops to help you improve your business skills. For information call 215-545-3100 or visit www.myentrepreneurworks.org.

FINANTA -- A nonprofit lending institution facilitating access to capital and technical assistance. The #1 SBA micro-lender in the Philadelphia region and Pennsylvania, and #4 in the nation. Provides business training, incubator space and residential mortgages. For information call 267-236-7000 or visit <http://finanta.org>.

Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce -- The leading organization representing the Greater Northeast Philadelphia Business Community. Establishes relationships to create competitive advantages for sustainable economic development, provide advocacy by representing members in city and state political affairs, and connect leaders, developing a coalition to execute the community's vision. For information call 215-332-3400 or visit <http://www.nephilachamber.com/>.

Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce -- Promotes the advancement and economic growth of Hispanic businesses and professionals in the greater Philadelphia region through educational programs, and a broad range of services and special events. Recognized as the premier resources organization and voice servicing Hispanic businesses, as well as the major force of positive change in the Latino business community. For information call 215-845-5456 or visit <https://www.philahispanicchamber.org>.

Independence Business Alliance -- The Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Chamber of Commerce for the Greater Philadelphia region serving the LGBT and business communities of SE PA, NJ and DE. An official affiliate of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. For information call 215-557-0190 or visit <https://www.thinkiba.com>.

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce -- A catalyst through which county businesses and professional people work together for the common good of the community. For information call 610-265-1776 or visit <https://www.montgomerycountychamber.org>.

National Black Chamber of Commerce -- A nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African American communities. 140 affiliated chapters are locally based throughout the nation as well as international affiliate chapters based in Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, France, Botswana, Cameroon and Jamaica, businesses as well as individuals who may have chosen to be direct members with the national office. For information call 202-220-3060 or visit <https://www.nationalbcc.org>.

North Philadelphia Financial Partnership -- Helps people in forgotten communities start and grow their businesses by providing loans and business development mentoring. For information call 215-232-0516 or visit <https://npfp.org>.

Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop -- The go-to resource for planning, registering, operating, and growing a business -- while working smart and living happy in Pennsylvania. For information call 833-722-6778 or visit <https://business.pa.gov/>.

Pennsylvania Department of General Services -- Provides shared services to support the business operations of all agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by overseeing procurement; obtaining new and renovated facilities and operating fleet vehicles efficiently. For information visit <https://www.dgs.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers -- Provides one-on-one management consulting emphasizing education and guidance in finding practical solutions to business problems. Consulting is provided at no-charge by a staff of skilled professionals at 18 college-and university-based centers and more than 90 outreach centers located throughout Pennsylvania. To find a center near you visit <http://pasbdc.org/centers>.

Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce --- Advocates for business in the state Capitol to influence public policy. Through lobbying, testifying, developing key relationships, grassroots activities, and tracking bills and regulations, they promote pro-business legislation and fight anti-business legislation with the goal of improving the business climate for Pennsylvania's job creators. For information call 800-225-7224 or visit <https://www.pachamber.org>

Philadelphia Alliance for Capital and Technologies -- The go-to resource for fast growing companies and a driver of entrepreneurship and innovation in the Philadelphia region. Members receive valuable content and connections to talent, capital, and customers with over 30 programs to position your company for success. For information call 215-790-3800 or visit <https://philadelphiapact.com>.

SCORE Philadelphia -- SCORE is an organization of retired business executives who volunteer to help entrepreneurs and existing businesses solve problems through mentoring, workshops and support programs. For information call 215-231-9880 or visit <https://philadelphia.score.org>.

Sub-Saharan Africa Chamber of Commerce -- A trade and investment promotion organization whose mission is to enhance mutual partnership, trade and investment with Sub-Saharan Africa. Assists companies with finding suitable business partnerships, trade and investment opportunities as well as securing access to markets that result in increased business development and returns for exporters and investors. For information visit, <http://ssachamber.org/index.php> or email info@ssachamber.org.

The Enterprise Center -- Provides access to capital, capacity building, business education and economic development opportunities to high-potential, minority entrepreneurs. Headquarters for the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center of Pennsylvania. For information call 215-895-4000 or visit www.theenterprisecenter.com.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce -- World's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Advocates for pro-business policies that create jobs and grow our economy. Key issues range from smart tax policy and regulatory relief to legal reform and trade promotion. For information visit <https://www.uschamber.com>.

U.S.-Ghana Chamber of Commerce -- Dedicated to the facilitation and promotion of trade and investment, economic growth, increasing business opportunities and advocacy on behalf of its membership in both countries. For information call 215-839-4136 or visit <http://www.usghanachamberofcommerce.org>.

U.S. Small Business Administration -- SBA is an independent agency of the federal government established to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of the nation. For information call 800-827-5722 or visit <https://www.sba.gov/>.

West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution -- Provides economic development leadership and resources to the West Philadelphia Empowerment Zone. Its financial services (business loan program, loan brokering, home improvement loans) provide capital to the business community to enhance business attraction, retention, and expansion while facilitating residents' ability to maintain their properties. For information call 215-452-0100 or visit <https://wpfsi.com>.

Women's Business Development Center -- Offers a comprehensive menu of entrepreneurial training, counseling, networking programs and services for women starting new businesses and grow existing ones. Also facilitate the relationship between corporations, government and women-owned businesses to provide growth and sustainability through our Women's Business Enterprise Council of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New Jersey. For more information call 215-790-9232 or visit www.womensbdc.org.

Women's Opportunities Resource Center -- Promotes economic self-sufficiency primarily for economically-disadvantaged women. Provides training, individual business assistance, incentive savings program, job placement, and access to business and financial resources. Provides start-up capital for graduates of our entrepreneurship training programs. For information call 215-564-5500 or visit www.worc-pa.com.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION & DOMESTIC ABUSE

Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia -- Works to reduce the cycle of violence by providing intervention, prevention, support programs for families who had lost a loved one to murder, and helping children and youth resolve conflict nonviolently. For information call 215-567-6776 or visit <http://avpphila.org/>.

Black Women's Blueprint -- Specializes in helping traumatized women, cis and trans and LGBTQ survivors of crime and abuse. Service includes counseling for youth, adults and their families who have experienced childhood sexual abuse or physical abuse, rape or sexual assault, human trafficking, or physical assault. For information call 347-533-9102 or visit <https://www.blackwomensblueprint.org/ending-sexual-violence>.

Bilingual Domestic Violence Program -- Provides FREE and confidential counseling services in Spanish and English for victims and former victims of domestic and dating abuse. For information call 215-426-8610 ext. 1236 or visit <https://www.lutheransettlement.org/services-offered/>.

City of Philadelphia Office of Violence Prevention -- Implements strategies and initiatives to prevent, reduce, and end violence in Philadelphia. OVP is particularly focused on addressing gun violence. Partners with law enforcement, city agencies and the community to develop and implement "The Philadelphia Roadmap to Safer Communities." For information call 215-686-0789 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-violence-prevention/>.

E.M.I.R. Healing Center -- When a murder occurs, EMIR offers holistic and trauma informed services to support individuals, families and communities. Services include legal assistance in trial preparation, in-court advocacy, funeral service referrals, counseling, conflict resolution, support for adults and children, and nutritional advice and food supplies during the trauma period. For information call 215-848-4068 or visit <http://emirphilly.org/>.

Healing Hurt People -- A program for people ages 8-35 who have been shot, stabbed or assaulted, and those who have witnessed these events. Offers an innovative, trauma-informed, hospital- based intervention designed to heal the wounds of trauma in young victims of urban violence. For information call 215-762-1177 or visit <https://drexel.edu/cnvsj/healing-hurt-people/overview/>.

Latina Domestic Violence Program -- A counseling and advocacy program for survivors of domestic violence as well as for children who have witnessed domestic violence. For information call 215-763-8870 x 1339 or visit <https://www.congreso.net/services/health-promotion-and-wellness/domestic-violence>.

Menergy -- A Philadelphia-based intervention, treatment, training and education program working to stop harmful behavior and intimate partner violence. Provides therapy for people who have been physically or emotionally hurtful towards their partners and others through workshops, consultation, training, supervision and professional development for students, businesses, health professionals and others. For information call 215-242-2235 or visit <https://www.menergy.org/about-us-2/>.

Men's Resource Center -- Provides individual and group anger management and violence-ending counseling and programs. Programs for parents and caretakers who are raising boys, and advocacy on men's health, fathering, sexuality, and relationships. For information call 215-564-0488 or visit <http://www.cardboardself.com/>.

Men United Against Violence Network -- Grassroots, boots-on-the-ground organization that engages young Black men involved in violence where they are to enlighten and redirect their energy. For information contact Brother Wesley Wilson-Bey at muc7@verizon.net.

ManUpPHL -- Works with men 18-35 who are most likely to be victims or perpetrators of gun violence and provides them with the mentoring, accountability, resources and consistency they require to change their lives and make our communities better. Provides support in the areas of employment, criminal justice, education, family, fatherhood and financial literacy. For information call 267-748-7818 or visit <https://www.manupphl.org/>.

Mothers In Charge, Inc. -- A Philadelphia-based nonprofit which advocates for families affected by violence and provides counseling and grief support services for families when a loved one has been murdered. For information call 215-228-1718 or visit <https://www.mothersincharge.org/>.

National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community -- Serves as a national, culturally-specific services issue resource center to provide support to and be a voice for the Black Community in response to domestic, sexual and community violence. It is a clearinghouse for research literature, webinars, national issue forums, regional trainings, community-specific roundtables, blogs, articles, and on-site technical assistance. For information call 1-844-77-UJIMA or visit <https://ujimacommunity.org/>.

National Domestic Violence Hotline -- Highly-trained advocates are available 24/7/365 to speak confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship. To speak to an advocate, we recommend using the chat feature, or contact us by phone at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY), Video phone (for deaf callers only): 1-855-812-1001 or visit <https://www.thehotline.org/>.

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence -- A statewide collaborative membership organization committed to ending intimate partner violence and all forms of violence against women. Work in collaboration with local organizations to deliver a continuum of services, support, and systems to help victims and survivors find safety, obtain justice, and build lives free of abuse. For information call 717-545-6400 or visit <https://www.pcadv.org/>.

Philadelphia Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence Network -- Dedicated to addressing drug abuse and violence among our youth and their families. Works to transform their lives through drug intervention, counseling, education, job readiness, community service, academic achievement and various empowerment programs. For information call 215-940-0550 or visit <https://www.paan1989.org/>.

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) -- The nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. RAINN is comprised of experts in victim services, public education, public policy, consulting services, and technology. Created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers nationwide. **For assistance 24/7 call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673** or visit <https://rainn.org/>.

Sultan Jihad Ahmad Community Foundation -- Raises awareness of the perils of youth violence through education and outreach. The Foundation is dedicated to the education of "at risk youth" on methods and techniques to prevent youth delinquency and end violence. For information call 215-787-0857 or visit <http://www.sultanjihadahmadfoundation.org/>.

Cradle to Grave -- Offers young people a behind-the-scenes look into the physical, emotional, and social realities of firearm injury. During the 2-hour program, participants explore the real life and death experiences of a Philadelphia teen whose story serves as the backdrop for this unflinching look at gun violence. For information call 215-707-8398 or visit <https://www.templestetnet.org/cradletograve>.

Women in Transition -- Provides support, resources, advocacy and information and education about domestic violence and substance abuse. Calls from family members, friends and third-party professionals who are concerned about someone in their lives who may be experiencing abuse are welcomed. For information call 215-751-1111 or visit <https://www.helpwomen.org/telephone-counseling>.

WOAR -- Works to eliminate all forms of sexual violence through specialized treatment services, comprehensive prevention education programs and advocacy for the rights of victims of sexual assault. Offers FREE individual and group counseling services, court advocacy, crisis counseling, and a 24-hour hotline to victims and survivors of sexual assault, among other preventative and educational services. Provides **FREE** services to **Anyone** who has experienced sexual violence. For information visit <https://www.woar.org>. For assistance call the 24-Hour Hotline at 215-985-3333.

LAW & JUSTICE



Barristers' Association of Philadelphia -- An affiliate of the National Bar Association, for nearly 70 years Barristers has served the Black legal profession and Black community of Philadelphia. The Barristers' Association can assist you in your efforts to locate a local attorney. To request a referral complete the form at <https://www.phillybarristers.com/find-a-lawyer/>.

Community Legal Services -- Provides free civil legal assistance to low-income Philadelphians at three locations. Assists clients when they face the threat of losing their homes, incomes, health care, and even their families. CLS attorneys and other staff provide a full range of legal services, from individual representation to administrative advocacy to class action litigation, as well as community education and social work. For more information call 215-981-3700 or visit <https://clsphila.org/>.

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania -- Helps people with disabilities in areas such as abuse, neglect, access to community services, discrimination, ADA compliance, education, assistive technology, voting access, and Medical Assistance services. The help includes information, referrals, advocacy and legal action. DRP also provides assistance to attorneys and others, and provides education and training on a variety of issues to consumers, families, advocates, and professionals. For [live intake call 800-692-7443](https://www.disabilityrightspa.org/). For more information visit <https://www.disabilityrightspa.org/>.

Innocence Project – National organization that exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. To contact the local organization call 215-204-4255 or visit <https://www.innocenceprojectpa.org>.

Legal Aid of SE Pennsylvania – Provides free civil legal aid for low-income, vulnerable people at seven locations in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties. Call the LASP toll-free Helpline at 877-429-5994 Monday-Friday from 9AM to 1PM to speak to a trained paralegal or attorney or apply online 24/7. For information visit <https://www.lasp.org/>.

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. -- America's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice through litigation, advocacy and public education. To request legal assistance visit <https://www.naacpldf.org/contact-us/legal-assistance/>.

PALawHELP.org – An online guide to legal information and free civil legal services for low-income people and seniors in Pennsylvania. Provides information on a variety of legal issues and information on how to contact programs providing legal assistance in Pennsylvania. For information visit <https://www.palawhelp.org/>.

Pennsylvania Health Law Project – A non-profit law firm that represents Pennsylvanians who need help getting or keeping Medicaid (Medical Assistance) with a proven mix of collaborative strategies, including representing individual clients, engaging in community education and advancing systemic change. Call the Help Line at 1-800-274-3258. For information call 215-625-3990 or visit <https://www.phlp.org/en/>.

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network -- A statewide consortium of independent legal aid programs. PLAN coordinates the delivery of civil legal assistance to Pennsylvanians who need it most. For information call 800-322-7572 or visit <https://palegalaid.net/>.

Philadelphia Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Services – Will match clients with carefully screened and well-qualified lawyers. There is no fee to request a referral to a lawyer. You can obtain a referral for help in all areas of law by calling 215-238-6333 or online 24/7 at <https://iris.philadelphiabar.org/>.

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office -- Provides a voice for victims of crime and protects the community through zealous, ethical and effective investigations and prosecutions. It is the largest prosecutor's office in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the nation. District Attorney's Office has dozens of programs to keep you safe and to support your neighborhood including diversion programs, victim services, nuisance property, child support enforcement, real estate fraud, economic crimes, identity theft, private criminal complaints, youth aid panel, internships and more. For information call 215-686-8000, email justice@phila.gov or visit <https://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/pages/default.aspx>.

Philadelphia Bail Fund – A nonprofit that provides a revolving fund that posts bail for people who cannot afford bail. The goal is to keep families and communities together, and vigorously advocate for the end to cash bail in Philadelphia. To request help complete the form at <https://www.phillybailfund.org/client-referrals>. For information call 267-961-3391 or visit <https://www.phillybailfund.org/>.

Philadelphia Legal Assistance -- Provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals and families in Philadelphia. IN addition to direct legal services, PLA provides referrals and support to organizations that coordinate *pro bono* volunteer lawyers. For information call 215-981-3800 or visit <https://www.philalegal.org/>.

Philadelphia Police Department -- To reach the Commissioner's Office, email police.commissioner@phila.gov or call 215-686-3280. To submit a tip on suspicious, nuisance or criminal activity call 215-686-TIPS (8477), email a photo/video to tips@phillypolice.com, or submit anonymously by visiting <https://www.phillypolice.com/forms/submit-a-tip/>. For assistance with a protest or demonstration contact the Civil Affairs Unit at 215-685-3685. For information on contacting your police district visit <https://www.phillypolice.com/districts>.

Public Interest Law Center -- Uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure their access to fundamental resources and services. For information call 215-627-7100 or visit <https://www.pubintl.org>.

Racial & Economic Justice Fund – Bread & Roses Fund provides \$10,000 grants to groups that use community organizing to promote racial and economic justice at the local, state, national, or international levels. For groups applying to this grant, racial and economic justice must be central to their vision, to their understanding of the issue they seek to address and to their strategy for social change. For information call 215-731-1107 or visit <https://breadrosesfund.org/grants-scholarships/racial-economic-justice-fund/>.

Women's Law Project -- A state-based public interest legal center devoted to protecting and expanding the rights of women, girls and LGBTQ people in Pennsylvania and beyond. For information call 215-928-9801, email info@womenslawproject.org or visit <https://www.womenslawproject.org>. To speak to a counselor complete the form at <https://www.womenslawproject.org/need-help/>.

Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project -- Uses direct service and policy advocacy to transform the experiences of children prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system, and to ensure fair resentencing and reentry for individuals who were sentenced to life without parole as children ("juvenile lifers"). The goals are to keep children out of adult jails and prisons, to enhance the quality of representation juvenile lifers receive at resentencing, and as they prepare to reenter the community. For information call 267-703-8046, email info@ysrp.org or visit <https://ysrp.org/> to access the reentry navigator.

REENTRY



Ardella's House -- A service and advocacy organization committed to helping women with criminal justice histories realize new possibilities for themselves and their families. Program services make it possible for women to obtain work, housing and health care, to rebuild their families and to participate fully in civic life. For information call 215-200-6006 or visit <http://www.ardellashouse.org>.

Center for Returning Citizens -- Mentors and provides counseling for the children of incarcerated parents with an after school Drop In Center to assist parents in providing educational opportunities and social advancement to their at risk children for information call 267-324-5217 or visit https://www.facebook.com/pg/TCRCPhilly/about/?ref=page_internal

Connection Training Services -- Empowers economically disadvantaged populations, returning to Philadelphia from federal, state and county prisons to improve the quality of their lives. This program is a holistic approach to reintegration, centered on mentoring, education, supportive services, job placement, certified vocational skills training, Job placement and family reunification. For information call 215-430-0381 or visit <http://ctsworks.org/>.

I'm FREE (Females Reentering Empowering Each Other) -- A woman-centered organization that advances the life chances of women transitioning from corrections to community by advocating for gender-responsive, trauma-informed care, providing consultation to agencies and offering innovative services for them and their families. For information call 267-281-3733 or visit <https://imfreeonline.org/>.

Impact Services – Each year assists over 1,000 inmates incarcerated in the Philadelphia Prison System to get the identity documents they need to apply for employment and benefits. For information call 215-739-1600 or visit <http://www.impactservices.org/employment-training/>.

Institute for Community Justice -- A comprehensive prison services and reentry program providing health linkages, supportive services, education, and advocacy for individuals, families and communities impacted by mass incarceration. For information call 215-525-0460 or visit <https://fight.org/programs/institute-for-community-justice/>.

Jobs for Felons Hub -- #1 resource on the internet to help former felons to get employment. A one-stop-shop for resources to help you understand what your options are while trying to get back on your feet. To access the information visit <https://www.jobsforfelonshub.com/>.

PA Horticultural Society Roots to Re-entry -- Program supports people returning to their communities upon release from the Philadelphia Department of Prisons with paid training. The training also includes job readiness, conflict resolution, health education and occupational therapy. Upon graduating, PHS provides continued case management support and job placement with partnering. For information call 215-988-8800 or visit <https://phsonline.org/programs/workforce-development-programs>.

Pennsylvania Prison Society -- Works to ensure humane prison and jail conditions, and sensible criminal justice policies. It advocates for systemic policy change, responds to the concerns of inmates and their families, provides subsidized bus service for Philadelphia families visiting loved ones incarcerated in different parts of the state, and provides assistance to individuals returning home from incarceration. For information call 215-564-4775 or visit <https://www.prisonersociety.org/>.

Philadelphia Reentry Coalition -- Brings reentry partners together to increase collaboration, reduce duplication, align existing efforts and strengthen stakeholders' capacity to improve their own reentry programs. Also creates a permanent space to ensure perpetual communication among participating organizations even through administration, structural, and personnel changes. For information call 215-683-3379 or visit <https://www.philadelphiareentrycoalition.org/>.

Prison Reentry Network of Care -- Helps men and women released from prison lead productive lives in the community. We also offer information on other reentry resources. Regardless of where you begin your search for assistance, the Network of Care helps you find what you need. It helps ensure that there is "No Wrong Door" for those who need services. To access the listing of resources visit <https://philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/pr/library/learning-center.aspx?lc=reentry>.

Reentry Programs.com – An online resource directory for information on reentry programs nationwide. To access the directory visit <https://www.reentryprograms.com/in/pennsylvania>.

SOAR Re-entry Program -- In collaboration with OIC of America, through the U.S. Department of Labor, Philadelphia OIC offers services to adults over 18 years old who have had contact with the justice system and reside in designated high-poverty, high-crime communities in the Philadelphia area. Services include educational, vocational, career readiness, job placement and behavioral health services. For information call 215-236-7700 or visit <http://philaoic.org/soar/>.



Uplift Solutions – Founded by Jeff and Sandy Brown, is a workforce training program, developed to provide formerly-incarcerated individuals an opportunity to gain long-term employment through the remediation of social deficits and the development of power skills. Upon completion of the program, participants are placed with one of Uplifts' employer partners. For information call 267-507-6134 or visit <http://upliftsolutions.org/workforce-solutions/>.

Why Not Prosper – A grassroots organization founded by a formerly incarcerated woman for formerly incarcerated women. Provides programs that include Pre-Release Mentoring to incarcerated women, residential services at Why Not Prosper House and community services at our Resource Center located in Philadelphia. Also have programs on employment mentoring, graphic arts, leadership/advocacy and intimate partner violence workshops that are provided in the community and at Riverside Correctional Facility. For information call 215-842-2360 or visit <https://whynotprosper.wixsite.com/whynotprosper>.

X-Offenders for Community Empowerment – Works to empower formerly convicted people to become change agents in mobilizing the community to address issues threatening healthy family and community life, and to reduce recidivism. For information contact founder Wayne Jacobs by email jacobs19132@yahoo.com or call 215-668-8477.

VETERANS

Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network -- Dedicated to helping veterans through the entire lifecycle of their professional careers. For information email gpvninfo@gmail.com or visit <https://gpvn.org>.



HAVEN Women -- Formerly the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House. Serves women veterans who are homeless or in transition back to civilian life. Offers basic and extensive resources including case management, 24-hour monitoring, onsite counseling, fellowship and mentoring services, visiting medical professionals, healthy food and basic supplies to run the house. For information call 267-292-2052 or visit <https://havenwomen.org>.

Impact Services -- Provides housing and employment services for homeless veterans and veteran families. For information call 215-739-1600 or visit <http://www.impactservices.org/veterans-services/>.

Montgomery County Office of Veterans Affairs -- Helps the Montgomery County Veteran Community wade through the intricate and sometimes complicated process of obtaining veteran-related benefits and services. For information call 610-278-3285 or visit <https://www.montcopa.org/266/Veterans-Affairs>.

My Next Move For Veterans -- Dept. of Labor website allows veterans to input their military classification to receive suggestions on civilian-related careers. To access visit <https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>.

National Alliance of Women Veterans -- A Philadelphia-based nonprofit that works as an impetus for healing, educating and empowering women who have served in the armed forces. For information call 215-834-4228 or visit <https://nawvphilly.webs.com/>.

National Veterans Foundation -- Serves the crisis management, information and referral needs of all U.S. veterans and their families. The Lifeline for Vets assists veterans with needs including medical treatment, PTSD counseling, VA benefits advocacy, food, shelter, employment, training, legal aid, suicide intervention and more. For assistance call 888-777-4443 or visit <https://nvf.org/>.

Pathways to Housing PA -- Offers chronically-homeless veterans housing, case management, psychiatric, medical, addiction and other services - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For information call 215-390-1500 or visit <https://pathwaystohousingpa.org/veterans-services>.

Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs -- Provides quality services to the commonwealth's veterans and their families and oversees and support the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. For information visit <https://www.dmva.pa.gov>.

Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission -- Connects veterans, transitioning service members, and their families with the specific information, organizations, and resources to support their return home from service. For information call 215-686-3256 or visit <http://phlcouncil.com/veterans-home/about-vac>.

Real Warriors Campaign -- Encourages help-seeking behavior among service members, veterans and military families coping with invisible wounds. For resources 24/7 call 866-966-1020 or reach out at <https://www.realwarriors.net>.

The Veterans Group -- A nonprofit organization operating two homes in the University City section of Philadelphia providing shelter for up to 41 men, warm meals and a variety of programs and services. Develops individualized plans for each veteran while providing a family-like community of support and care. For information call 215-222-4397 or visit <http://theveteransgroup.org/>.



VeteranAid.org -- A free resource for veterans, their surviving spouses and their families who are looking for clear, concise information about the VA Aid and Attendance (A&A) pension benefit and how to apply for it. For veterans and surviving spouses who meet VA eligibility requirements, A&A can help pay for the cost of daily senior care, whether it's provided at home, in assisted living or in a nursing home. For information call 866-584-7191 or visit <https://www.veteranaid.org>.

Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office -- Helps veterans and their families access VA benefits. For information visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/philadelphia>.

Vets in the Hood, Inc. -- An advocacy organization that helps veterans get the medical assessments necessary to get their eligible benefits and ensure access to good physical and mental health. Works to provide assistance with housing issues, canine companionship, financial literacy and credit repair. For information call 267-627-4799 or visit <http://vetsnthet Hood.org>.

Veterans Multi-Service Center -- Provides services, programs, opportunity and advancement to veterans of the U.S. military and their families by advocating on all levels, giving voice to their concerns, bringing equity and quality to their earned benefits, and a just resolve to their needs. For information call 215-923-2600 or visit <https://www.vmcenter.org/>.

Vets Prevail -- An online mental health tool tailored specifically to today's veterans, helping ease transition to life after military service and tackle post deployment re-adjustment challenges. Program features dynamic, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy-based e-learning lessons and peer-to-peer support. For information email team@vetsprevail.org or to get started visit <https://www.vetsprevail.org/>.

Women Veterans ROCK! -- A coalition of women veteran organizations and women advocacy organizations supporting women veterans and military families in the areas of housing, employment, education financial stability, health & wellness. For information call 215-836-4262 or visit <https://womenvetsrock.org>.

Wounded Warrior Project -- Provides a variety of programs and services to help mentally and physically wounded veterans and their families readjust to civilian life. For information call the resource center at 888-997-2586 or visit <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Union League Veterans Initiative Fellowship Program -- Matches high-potential veterans with Union League members dedicated to helping veterans grow professionally and personally. Members serve as mentors to the veteran Fellows, offering assistance and guidance that is unique to each Mentor-Fellow relationship. The Fellows gather monthly over six months for team-building and educational workshops. For information call 215-563-6500 or visit <https://www.unionleague.org/veterans-initiative-vetmentor.php>.

RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE

RECREATION

Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia --- Since 1887, has provided sports, recreation & fitness, arts & culture, character & leadership development, life skills, literacy & career development and STEM education to children and youth of diverse populations at 8+ locations throughout the city. For information call 215-735-8818 or visit <https://www.bgcp Philadelphia.org/>.

Delaware River Waterfront Corporation -- Nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia as the steward of the Delaware River waterfront. Venues managed include Penn's Landing, Blue Cross RiverRink, Spruce Street Harbor Park, Cherry Street Pier, Riverlink Ferry, Washington Avenue Pier, Race Street Pier and Pier 68. For information call 215-922-2FUN or visit <https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com/>.

Greater Philadelphia YMCA – Programs and services enable children, adults and seniors to realize their potential, offer ways for families to have fun together and be healthier. Activities include group exercise, swimming class, yoga, martial arts, youth sports, summer camp, arts programs and much more. For information on locations call 215-963-3700 or visit <https://philaymca.org/>.

Legacy Youth Tennis and Education -- Prepares youth for success through an inclusive community using tennis, education and character building. Offers a range of programming options for young people of various ages and ability levels including customized tennis and learning activities at the center or at your site. Also offers STEM Thru Sport, USTA STEAM curriculum, Read and Rise in Partnership with the Free Library of Philadelphia, homework help, adult instruction, adaptive tennis, clinics and private lessons. For information call 215-487-3477 or visit <https://www.legacyte.org/>.



Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation -- Manages the city's large, diverse parks and recreation system, historically significant city events and special venues. Operates 300+ neighborhood parks, rec centers, playgrounds, performing arts camps and programs, trails and historic sites, community gardens, farms and orchards, environmental education centers, ball fields, pools, skating rinks, basketball and tennis courts, golf courses and public computer centers. For information call 215-683-3600 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-parks-recreation/>.

Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse -- Opened on July 23, 1899 to provide and promote opportunities for unstructured free play for children. Located in East Fairmount Park in the Strawberry Mansion section of the city, Smith has been serving the children of the Philadelphia area for more than a century providing year-round, urban nature play, community outreach, programs and special events. Advanced reservations required for groups of 11 or more children. For information call 215-765-4325 or visit <https://smithplayground.org/>.

Snider Hockey -- A nationally acclaimed nonprofit founded by Ed Snider, founder of the Philadelphia Flyers, that uses the sport of hockey to educate and empower under-resourced youth of Philadelphia to prosper in the game of life. The After School Excellence Program is open to boys and girls ages 5-18, at 7 locations in Philadelphia and South Jersey, regardless of skill or hockey experience. All programs and equipment are free. Participants receive educational support, tutoring, leadership development and are eligible for scholarship opportunities. For information call 215-952-5271 or visit <http://sniderhockey.org/>.

ARTS & CULTURE

African Diaspora Development Institute -- Founded by Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, former African Union Ambassador to the U.S. Membership is made up of people of African descent living outside Africa and friends of Africa. Working to address critical issues affecting Africa and people of African descent globally. Organizing the diaspora professionals and friends of Africa into continental, regional and strategic teams according to sector to start the development of each region through the building of an African Diaspora Center of Excellence, aka Wakanda One Smart City. For information visit <https://ouraddi.org/>.

Art-Reach – A nonprofit organization devoted to increasing cultural participation among traditionally underrepresented audiences in both the disability and low-income sectors. Member organizations are offered subsidized tickets to museums and cultural venues, and the opportunity to host creative performances and hands-on activities at their sites. Works with 205 human service agencies and community groups to provide discounted tickets to Philadelphia's cultural institutions. Allows ACCESS cardholders the opportunity to visit participating museums, science centers, gardens, historic sites, live-arts venue and attractions at a deeply discounted rate. For information call 267-515-6720 or visit <https://www.art-reach.org/>.

Art Sphere -- Engages Philadelphians year round with art workshops, special events and other projects. Provides free year-round art workshops in schools and recreation centers for youth 3-18 using art to develop long-range skills for success. Also brings art to seniors, veterans and homeless populations who are dealing with issues such as suicide, anger, PTSD and depression. For information call 215-413-3955 or visit <https://artsphere.org>.

BlackDemographics.com -- Created in 2007 to be the top resource for information regarding African Americans. A one stop unbiased site that showcases only the facts where people can see what Black America looks like without having to spend hours searching the Internet. To access visit <https://blackdemographics.com>.

Destination Modern Art – An online interactive gallery that offers children an introduction to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Look carefully at works of art and learn about artists and their techniques. To access visit <https://www.moma.org/interactives/destination/>.

Fleisher Art Memorial -- Founded in 1898, it is one of the country's oldest nonprofit community art schools. Mission is to make art accessible to everyone, regardless of economic means, background or artistic experience. Low-cost classes for adults. Saturday Young Artists Program offers free classes for young people ages 5 -- 18. Community Partnerships in the Arts program brings creative art-making experiences to children and youth in public schools and community after-school programs. Memberships available. Rental available for occasions from weddings and parties to performances and meetings. For information call 215-922-3456 ext. 300 or visit <https://fleisher.org>.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania -- Founded in 1824, is one of the nation's largest archives of historical documents. A leading center for the documentation and study of ethnic communities and immigrant experiences in the 20th century and one of the largest family history libraries in the country. Many of the collections are accessible online. For information call 215-732-6200 or visit <https://hsp.org>.



Keepers Of The Culture, Inc. -- A nonprofit, educational, cultural art organization which seeks to perpetuate the African and African-American oral tradition. Since 1991, the Afrocentric storytelling group has served schools and organizations throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware with quality educational cultural enriching storytelling experiences. For information call 317-759-4732 or visit <https://kotcinc.org/>.

Kulu Mélé African Dance & Drum Ensemble — A nonprofit Philadelphia-based dance company. Oldest continually performing African dance and drum ensemble in the nation founded in 1969 by Baba Robert Crowder. Dance and drum classes for adults and children, arts education programs for children and young adults, STEM-related arts education, residencies and workshops, concert performances by the adult and children’s ensemble, national and international touring. For information call 484-929-7352 or visit <https://www.kulumele.org/>.



Library of Congress Digital Collection -- The largest library in the world with millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections. The Library is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and home of the U.S. Copyright Office. For access visit <https://www.loc.gov/collections/>.

Mural Arts Program -- Offers year-round art instruction at no cost to Philadelphia youth ages 10 – 22. The program invites you to take risks in your art, give voice to your experiences and illustrate the world as you see it. Core program areas—art education, restorative justice, and Porch Light—yield unique, project-based learning opportunities for thousands of youth and adults. For information call 215-685-0750 or visit <https://www.muralarts.org>.

National Gallery of Art Kids Zone -- Online interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history. Featuring a variety of art-making tools that encourage exploration and creativity, these computer-based activities are suitable for all ages. To access visit <https://web.archive.org/web/20170905001957/https://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html>.

National YoungArts Foundation -- Identifies the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts and provides them with creative and professional development opportunities throughout their careers. Signature program is an application-based award for emerging artists ages 15–18 or in grades 10–12 from across the United States. Also aspires to empower artists to pursue a life in the arts. For information call 1-800-970-ARTS (2787) or visit <https://www.youngarts.org/>.

NetworkArts -- An international nonprofit organization that provides a variety of educational programs targeted toward potentially at-risk children which culminate in the creation of a mosaic — a physical testament to what the students have learned. Offers educational programs in science, humanities, intergenerational and region-specific outreach programs to promote environmental responsibility. For information call 215-592-1990 or visit www.networkarts.org.

Office of Arts, Culture and Creative Economy -- Focuses on supporting Philadelphia's thriving cultural and creative sector. Provides access to quality cultural experiences and creative expression through the support and promotion of arts, culture and the creative industries. Links local artists and cultural organizations to resources and opportunities. Preserves public art assets. For information visit <https://creativephl.org/>.

Opera Philadelphia Sounds of Learning -- Programs address the growing gap in arts education and access in the Greater Philadelphia region. Now in its third decade, the program has reached nearly 180,000 students in 10 counties through an intensive, in-school, literacy-based music education program that includes opportunities to see a live opera performance. After school programs provide students with hands-on opportunities to engage the art form on-stage and behind-the-scenes. For information call 215-732-8400 or visit <https://www.operaphila.org/in-schools/>.

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts -- Works to strengthen the cultural, educational and economic vitality of Pennsylvania's communities through the arts. Preserves and promotes Pennsylvania's diverse cultures and cultural heritage by investing in arts programming, community-based arts projects, arts education and individual artists. For information call 717-787-6883 or visit <https://www.arts.pa.gov/>.

Philadelphia Art Commission -- City's design review board. It ensures that development in Philadelphia is beautiful, orderly, and appropriate so that the City is a desirable place to live, visit, and do business. For information call 215-683-2095 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-art-commission/>.

Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts -- Celebrates and preserves the legacy of jazz through accessible music education for the Greater Philadelphia region and supports the evolving art form through talent development, programming and public performance. Music education program serves students through on-site, in-school programs and community outreach events. Includes concerts, a membership program and facility rentals. For information call 215-893-9912 or visit <https://clefclubofjazz.org>.

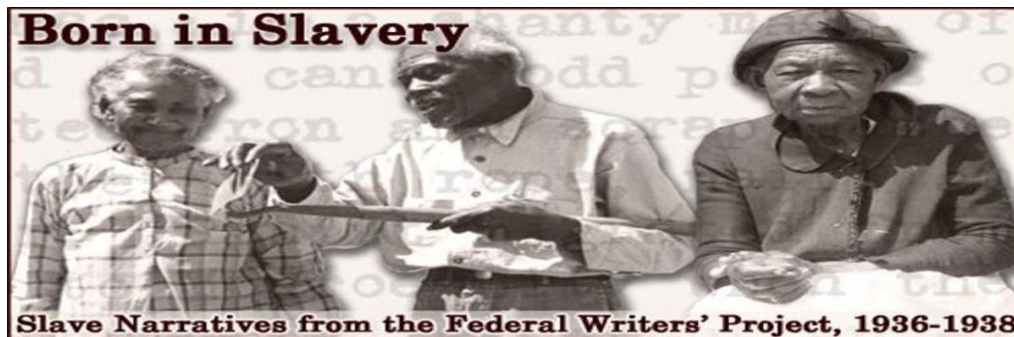


Philadelphia Cultural Fund --- A nonprofit organization that provide funds to enhance the cultural life and vitality of the City of Philadelphia and its residents. Promotes arts and culture as engines of social, educational and economic development in the Philadelphia region through art & culture grants and youth arts enrichment grants. For information call 267-419-7641 or visit <https://www.philaculturalfund.org/>.

Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO) -- A nonprofit organization that presents the highest quality of professional dance performance while increasing the appreciation of dance among its many communities. Resident company of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Instruction in ballet, modern, jazz and other dance styles for children and adults taught by internationally-renowned instructors. Community-based arts education through workshops, lecture-demonstrations, master classes and peer-to-peer conferences. For information call 215-387-8200 or visit <http://www.philadanco.org>.

Settlement Music School -- An inclusive, creative community that provides the Greater Philadelphia region with the highest quality education in music, dance, and the creative arts. By providing financial aid to more than 60% of our students, we ensure that arts education is accessible to all, from as young as 6 months to age 99. For information call 215-320-2601 or visit <https://settlementmusic.org>.

Slave Narratives/Federal Writers' Project – Library of Congress digital collection contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black & white photographs of the former enslaved. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects Administration. To access visit <https://www.loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938/about-this-collection/>.



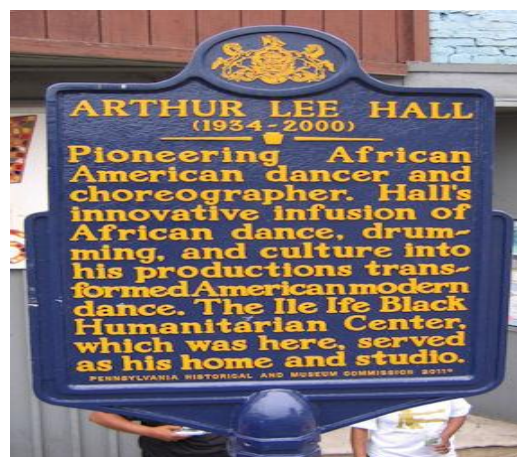
Slave Voyages.org – Digital collection of Trans-Atlantic and Intra-American slave trade databases. Also includes the African Names Database that provides personal details of 91,491 Africans taken from captured slave ships or from African trading sites. Opens a whole new aspect of the history of people who are the descendants of the enslaved Africans brought to the New World. To start your research visit <https://www.slavevoyages.org/>.

Smithsonian American Art Museum – Digital access allows you to search, research and view the collection, featured exhibits and explore works by art type or artist. To access visit <https://americanart.si.edu/art>.

Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access – Provides access to the Smithsonian Learning Lab to inspire the discovery and creative use of more than a million images, recordings and texts. Great resource for distance learning, educators, parents and art students. To access visit <https://learninglab.si.edu/>

The Mis-Education of the Negro – Classic book written by historian Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which critiques the American educational system of his time and its devastating effects on Black people. A must read for every educator and person of African descent. Everything in the book still resonates today. Free online at <https://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/misedne.html> and full PDF version available for download at <https://devontekwatson.wordpress.com/archives/>.

Village of Arts and Humanities -- Arts organization in the heart of North Philadelphia. Legacy is anchored in the artist-facilitated community building established more than 40 years ago as the Ile Ife Black Humanitarian Center founded by the legendary dancer/choreographer Arthur Hall. The village amplifies the voices and aspirations of the community by providing arts-based opportunities for self-expression and personal success that engage youth and their families, revitalize physical space, and preserve Black heritage. For information call 215-225-7830 or visit <https://villagearts.org/>.



IMMIGRANTS/IMMIGRATION

African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc. (ACANA) – A non-profit agency founded to provide culturally sensitive social services, arts and cultural programs, legal services, community engagement, development programs and other services to African and Caribbean immigrants in the U. S. For information call 215-729-8225 or visit <https://acanaus.org>.

AFRICOM --- Works to build a strong and inclusive African and Caribbean immigrant and refugee community. Advocates and organizes so that immigrants and refugees feel a sense of empowerment, belonging, and self-sufficiency. Provides health literacy, education, leadership training, citizenship assistance, community development and organizing. For information call 267-787-1302, 215-729-0800 Ext: 822 or visit <http://www.africom-philly.org>.

Black Alliance for Just Immigration -- A human rights organization working at the intersection of racial justice and immigration justice. Through our work we advocate for the nearly 10 million Black immigrants in the United States, while also engaging African-American communities on racial justice. Offers programs, resources, chapters and networks. For information visit <http://baji.org>.

JUSTIA Lawyers – Portal for immigration legal aid and pro bono services. For information visit <https://www.justia.com/lawyers/immigration-law/pennsylvania/philadelphia/legal-aid-and-pro-bono-services>.

Mayor's Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs -- Addresses the needs of Black immigrant communities in Philadelphia. The commission is chaired by former Councilperson Jannie Blackwell. For information visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-immigrant-affairs/mayors-commission-on-african-and-caribbean-immigrant-affairs/>.



Nationalities Service Center -- Philadelphia's leading immigrant and refugee service organization empowering immigrants to thrive in our communities and pursue a just future. Provides comprehensive services to immigrants and refugees, including legal protections, community integration, access to health and wellness services, and opportunities to achieve English language proficiency. For information call 215-893-8400 or visit <https://nscphila.org/>.

Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition – Works to advance immigrants' rights and promote immigrants' full integration into society by advocating with a unified voice for greater public understanding and welcoming public policies throughout Pennsylvania. For information call 215-832-0636 or visit <https://paimmigrant.org/>.

Philadelphia Immigration Court – Responsible for judging immigration cases. Duties include granting foreign nationals legal status in the U. S., having foreign nationals who have committed an immigration crime in the U.S. deported or removed, and hearing appeals from foreign nationals seeking asylum. For information call 215-656-7000 or visit <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/philadelphia-pa#about>.

Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs -- Promotes the well-being of Philadelphia’s immigrant communities by recommending and developing policies and programs, which provide opportunity and access to services. For information call 215-686-0876 or visit <https://www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-immigrant-affairs/>



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services -- Administers the nation’s lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while protecting Americans, securing the homeland, and honoring our values. For information visit <https://www.uscis.gov/>.

Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians -- A centralized resource center for immigrants where they can access information about ESOL, jobs and establishing small businesses as they started their new lives in our region. For information call 215-557-2626 or visit <https://welcomingcenter.org/>.