

Community Resources

Child Care Information Services (CCIS)

CCIS agencies are the hub of child care information in your local area. CCIS agencies provide you and your family with information on quality child care and personalized child care referrals to child care providers based on your specific needs or preferences. CCIS agencies also administer the Child Care Works subsidized child care program. For all of your child care questions and needs, contact the CCIS agency for your local area or call the Child Care Works Helpline at 1-877-4-PA-KIDS.

Car Seat Clinics

Pennsylvania State Law requires that children under age 4 be restrained in a federally approved car seat or booster seat that is appropriate for the child's age, height and weight. Children ages 4 to 8, must use a booster seat if they are no longer in a car seat. To find a Car Seat Clinic to help with the proper installation of your car seat, visit the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA). The NHTSA may also be able to help with reduced cost or free car seats.

Early Intervention Services

The Pennsylvania Early Intervention program provides support and services to families with children birth to age 5 with developmental delays or disabilities. Parents who have questions about their child's development may contact the **CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288**. The CONNECT Helpline assists families in locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children ages birth to age 5.

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania

[Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania](#) matches parents and family members of individuals with disabilities or special needs to supporting parents, on a one-to-one basis, according to condition or concerns.

Pennsylvania's Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN)

[LEARN](#) teams build support networks in every county for organizations and individuals interested in quality early education. LEARN Teams bring together early childhood programs, families, school districts and child-serving organizations to assess what quality early learning programs are currently available in the community and to develop ways to encourage quality early learning. They also work with school districts and community-based early learning programs to develop ways to make smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten for child, families, and teachers.

County Assistance Office (CAO)

Pennsylvania residents can seek assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), help with child care, health care coverage, home heating assistance (LIHEAP), school meals, SelectPlan for Women, long-term living services and cash assistance through their local County Assistance Office. For more information, [click here](#) and select the "Information for Families and Individuals" tab located on the left.

Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC)

[WIC](#) is a federally funded program that provides healthy supplemental foods and nutrition services for pregnant women, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age five in a supportive environment.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Pennsylvania's program to provide health insurance to all uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance. Regardless of the reasons your children might not have health insurance, CHIP may be able to help you. 1-800-986-KIDS.