

RECREATION / SOCIALIZATION

● **Big Hearts Little Hands Mentoring Program**

PH: 724-463-9622

Motivating our youth to embrace themselves and recognize their greatness within through establishing friendships and mentoring between adult and child; provides social/cultural/emotional/academic support for children ages 5-17 from economically/socially disadvantaged environments throughout Indiana County; Membership is free

● **Blairsville Public Library** - www.b-ssd.org/BPLib/

PH: 724-459-6077

Children's books, audiobooks, story hour, Summer Reading Program, free public use of computers with internet access, free access to downloadable music, DVD movies and interlibrary loan; Free to Blairsville Borough residents; \$10 non-residents

● **Boy Scouts/Laurel Highlands Council**- www.lhc-bsa.org

PH: 814-471-1090

♦Group activities for boys and girls, ages 5 to 10; and for girls/boys, ages 11 to 18; Venturing and Explorer groups for boys and girls ages 14-20; Trail Blazer Program for youth with disabilities and special needs; Camping opportunities; registration fee for 12 months; pro-rated when joining.

● **Chevy Chase Center** - www.chevychasecenter.org

PH: 724-349-0674

The Center hosts a free Summer Kids Program for 6 weeks each summer. Call or visit their website or Facebook page.

● **Evergreen After School Club** - www.Evergreenasc.org

PH: 724-910-1323

After-school and summer programming for youth in Indiana County; School based programs at Homer-Center, Indiana, Penns Manor, United, membership is free

● **Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania** - www.gswpa.org

PH: 1-800-248-3355

Girls gain skills and experiences that build their courage, confidence, and character to prepare them for life. Supported by their sisterhood, girls can simply be themselves. Membership fees; financial assistance available; available to all girls in grades K-12.

● **Homer Center Public Library** - FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/HCPlib/>

PH: 724-541-3381

books and summer programs available

● **Indiana Free Library** - www.indianafreelibrary.org

(Children's Dept.) PH: 724-465-8841 ext. 6

Extensive collection of children's books, audiobooks, DVD's, and on-line digital services; Variety of free children's programs and family activities throughout the year including summer reading program and literacy events.

● **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** - <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/camp>

Offer MS Adventures Camps. Virtual in 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic

● **The Salvation Army**

PH: 724-465-2530

Youth programs (ages 6-18); Residential and summer camp programs

● **Special Olympics, PA** - www.specialolympicspa.org; Facebook: Special Olympics PA Armstrong Indiana Counties

PH: 814-441-7981

Armstrong/Indiana Counties;

contact Michelle Jordan

Provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with

intellectual disabilities; they offer a variety of sports at various skill levels to include all athletes; free;

● **Spina Bifida Association of Western PA** - www.sbawp.org

PH: 1-800-243-5787

Firefly Camps and Weekend Retreats provide year-round opportunities for people with Spina Bifida and related disabilities of all ages to come together for skill development, mutual support, friendship, and physical and wellness activities in an environment of acceptance and understanding. Cost: Varies by program. Campership opportunities available.

● **Woodlands Foundation, Inc.** - www.mywoodlands.org

PH: 724-935-5470

Year-round and age-appropriate clubs, day programs, overnight retreats, and overnight summer camps for people ages 6 and over with disabilities and chronic illness. Activities include: golf, music, archery, nature encounters, indoor pool, and adaptive zip-line with care and support from trained staff. Camperships and waiver options available.

● **YMCA, Indiana County** - www.icymca.org

PH: 724-463-9622

Provides youth sports, day camp, H.Y.P.E. Mentoring Program, swimming, and youth fitness programs; Program fees vary (financial assistance available)

● **4-H Clubs** (Penn State Cooperative Extension) -

PH: 724-465-3880

www.extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/counties/indiana Provides year-round programs for youth ages 5-18; Activities

include: 4-H clubs, day camps, school, and homeschool enrichment programs. \$40 membership educational resource fee, plus some additional charges for certain programs.

- For a listing of **Coalition/Councils** that work on issues affecting children in Indiana County, visit www.humanservices-countyofindiana.org and click on Information About Human Services in Indiana County and then on Where to Turn for Help. They welcome community members to join their cause.
- For Information on human services **Dial 2-1-1** or go to www.pa211sw.org.

Children's Services in Indiana County

Published by Indiana County Department of Human Services

300 Indian Springs Road, Suite 203, Indiana, PA 15701

724-349-0500, ext 3 or TDD 724-465-3805 or mpounds@indianacountypa.gov

LARGE PRINT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

www.humanservices-countyofindiana.org August 2022-27th Printing

Like us on Facebook

Human Services Information and Resources Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.pa211sw.org

***Due to COVID-19, several programs may be working under new policies/procedures/interventions. Call for information.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

● **Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission (AICDAC)** - www.aicdac.org

PH: 724-354-2746

Alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and gambling prevention education and awareness programs available for youth, schools and the community; Programs can be tailored to your needs.

● **ARIN IU 28** - www.iu28.org

PH: 724-463-5300

Underage Users Group

● **The Open Door of Indiana PA**, A Behavioral Health Organization - www.theopendoor.org

Addiction/Gambling/Family Recovery-724-465-2605 (Mon-Thurs, 8am-8pm; Friday, 8 am to 5 pm);

Crisis Intervention Services (24/7): 1-877-333-2470

24-hr crisis phone and mobile intervention and walk-in crisis intervention Mon -Fri 8 am to 6 pm and

Weekends/Holidays-1 pm to 6 pm; Addiction/Gambling/Family Recovery Pre-Screening, Assessment, Outpatient

Counseling, Intervention, Education and Support. Services can be provided on site, in school, or via telehealth.

CHILD CARE

● **Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC)** -

PH: (724) 285-9431 Toll Free: (888) 864-1654

Region 3, based out of Butler County, serves 5 counties including Indiana County. The ELRC combines two programs: Child Care Works-formerly known as "CCIS" and Keystone STARS-PA's Quality Rating and Improvement System for certified child care providers on a regional level. THE ELRC helps parent(s) locate child care, provides free resources and referrals, and operates the child care subsidy program which helps families pay child care costs. The ELRC provides families, early learning service providers, and communities with information and access to services that support high-quality child care and early learning programs.

● **Compass Online Portal** - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/ProviderSearch/Home#BasicSearch>

Find Child Care and other Early Learning Programs near you. You have options when it comes to the care for your child.

Whether you need child care or another early learning program, you can find it here.

CLOTHING

● **Chevy Chase Community Center**- www.chevychasecenter.org

PH: 724-463-0674

Diaper and Feminine Hygiene products when available.

● **First United Methodist Church of Marion Center Clothing Closet**

PH: 724-397-5517

Marion Center, PA; Open only on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Free

● **Jacksonville Presbyterian Church Clothing Closet**

PH: 724-726-8895 or 724-479-8237

Kent, PA; Last Saturday of the month; 8:30 am - 11:30 am; March thru Sept; Oct-call to see if they are opening;

Closed Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb; (weather permitting in March); Free

● **Kiwanis Baby Cupboard-**

Provides diapers to qualifying families (income lower than 150% of the federal poverty guideline); call for cost; A family can receive 4 packages a month per child; diapers distributed at the ICCAP Food Bank located at 1849 South 6th Street, Indiana. Cash or check is accepted.

PH: 724-463-7440, ext. 313

● **Life-Way Pregnancy Center**

Free; clothing/nursery items for children birth to age 5 (as available) for program clients; intake and enrollment required

PH: 724-349-5307 or 1-866-549-6636

● **My Best Friend's Closet**

sponsored by the Saltsburg United Methodist Church; 9:00 am to 12 noon; free, gently used clothing; open the second Saturday of the month, every other month (Feb thru Sept); closed Oct thru Jan; confirm dates

PH: 724 639-9454

● **The Salvation Army**

Free; Coats for Kids (Sept/Oct) and Treasures for Children (Sept, Oct, & Nov sign-up for Christmas delivery)

PH: 724-465-2530

COUNSELING / SUPPORT

● **Alice Paul House** - www.alicepaulhouse.org

Children's counseling, support group, medical and legal advocacy for victims of sexual assault or domestic violence; Free

PH: 724-349-4444 or 1-800-435-7249 (for outside local calling area)

● **The Arc of Indiana County** - www.arcindiana.org ;

The Arc offers resources, support and Advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Educational Advocacy Program (EAP)- This program guides parents and their students through the special education process. This includes how to prepare for Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, and school mediation. Parents With Purpose (PWP)- is a new workgroup for parents of school-age students with disabilities. Provided by The Arc, ARIN IU#28, and the Local Task Force 28. The workgroup's purpose is to provide parents with advocacy, secondary transition, and special education support, training, and resources.

PH: 724-349-8230

● **Armstrong-Indiana Crisis**

Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drugs walk-in (no appointment necessary), telephone crisis intervention and mobile services; Free 24/7 crisis services (any problem/crisis) and mobile services; Referrals and community resource information also provided; Walk-in Mon-Fri, 8 am – 6 pm; 1 pm –6 pm on weekends and holidays.

PH: 877-333-2470

● **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA-** www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org

1-866-409-6455

Counseling and support for children whose parents are separated or divorced, children of adoption, and those in need of bereavement support; Variable fee scale; accepts a variety of insurance plans

PH: 724-837-1840 or

● **CARE Center of Indiana County** - www.carecenterofindianaco.org

Nurturing Parent Program-12 week evidence based parenting program offered at no cost to the community. Topics include: brain development, child development, empathy, feelings, stress and discipline. Other services: Supervised Visitation, Monitored Visitations, and Parenting Assessments.

PH: 724-463-8595

● **Center for Independent Living of South Central PA** - www.cilscpa.org Voice/TDD: 814-949-1905 or 1-800-237-9009

Non-residential program for people with physical or sensory disabilities, peer counseling, advocacy, information & referral;

● **Children & Youth Services** - www.countyofindiana.org

after 4:00 p.m. – call 911 for emergency/crisis; Childline: 1-800-932-0313

PH: 724-465-3895 or 1-888-559-6355;

Free services to prevent and resolve problems of neglect, abuse, and exploitation of children

● **Community Guidance Center** - www.thecgc.com

♦ Mental and Behavioral Health Services for children: full-time psychiatrist, children's and adolescent partial hospitalization, family-based services, individual and group therapy, case management services, school-based outpatient therapy, early intervention, intellectual disability support coordination. Most insurances accepted. Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify.

PH: 724-465-5576 or 1-888-686-1991

♦ Early Intervention Service Coordination: Services to children, age birth to 3 with developmental delays, or at risk for developmental delays; Coordination of services which may include physical, occupational, speech, hearing, and/or vision therapists and a developmental specialist. Services provided at no cost to families.

● **Community Psychiatric Center (C.P.C.)** - www.cpcwecare.com

C.P.C. treats children who are hyperactive, oppositional, depressed, have autism, or other conditions. Services include evaluation, counseling, medication management, in-home wraparound services, an autism unit, and school-based evaluations. C.P.C. has an educational TV program on PCNC and monthly support group. Ages 3-21; accepts all insurances

Ph: 724-850-7200

****Managed Care-Southwest Counties, including Indiana County:**

◆ **AmeriHealth Caritas PA-** www.amerihealthcaritasp.com

PH: 1-888-991-7200

◆ **Geisinger Health Plan, Inc.-** www.ghpfamily.com

PH: 1-855-227-1302

◆ **Health Partners Plans-** www.HPPlans.com

PH: 1-800-553-0784

◆ **Highmark Wholecare-SW** - www.highmarkwholecare.com

PH: 1-800-392-1147

◆ **UPMC for You-** www.upmchealthplan.com/foryou

PH: 1-800-286-4242

◆ **Indiana Regional Medical Center** - www.indianarmc.org

PH: 724-357-7000

• Emergency Dept 24/7, Urgicare- Blairsville, 8 am to 8 pm; Med Express/Urgent Care (merger); 8 am to 8 pm;

Pediatric and Family Medicine; Pediatric Psychiatry

● **IUP-Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic** - www.iup.edu/special-ed/more/sh-clinic/

Provides FREE speech, language, swallowing/feeding, cognition, and voice evaluations and therapy; Hearing screenings

PH: 724-357-2451

● **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** - www.lls.org

Free information on blood cancers including Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin Lymphoma, Myeloma and MDS; financial aid for those undergoing treatment or ongoing follow-up, educational programs and resources for patients and families

PH: 1-800-955-4572

● **Lifesteps** - www.lifesteps.net

Child Check: FREE Developmental screening for children from birth to age 5, including cognitive, personal-social, language, motor, speech and hearing. May also include Autism screening by request for children 18 months – 3 years of age; Calendar of screenings available online.

PH: 724-283-1010 or 1-800-225-2010

● **Medical Assistance Transportation Program** (Rabbit Transit) www.rabbittransit.org/Indiana

Supports paratransit, mileage reimbursement, and fixed route reimbursement for individuals receiving medical assistance going to medical assistance providers.

PH: 1-800-524-2766

● **Muscular Dystrophy Association** - www.mdausa.org

Parent Support; summer camp for children (ages 6-18); equipment, no cost

PH: 724-742-1710

● **My Choice Medical Clinic-** www.mychoicemedicalclinic.com

Pregnancy Testing, Options Counseling, Abortion Education, ultrasounds to determine viable pregnancy, STI testing; FREE. 24 hour helpline

PH: 1-877-223-7558

● **National Kidney Foundation serving the Alleghenies.** - www.kidneyall.org

Dialysis transportation reimbursement for those who qualify; no cost

PH: 412-261-4115 or 1-800-261-4115

● **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** - www.nationalmssociety.org

Pediatric MS information, education, support groups and services

PH: 814-696-1017 or 1-800-344-4867

● **Primary Health Network/Indiana Dental Center**

Various dental services for all ages; Medical assistance and all other insurances accepted

PH: 724- 465-6100

● **Spina Bifida Association of Western PA** - www.sbawp.org

Family-School partnership consultation for school aged children; Blue Prints – Program for pre-school aged children; Cost varies – depends on the program

PH: 1-800-243-5787

LEGAL

● **Laurel Legal Services**

Emergency child custody cases; Cost: None for service, client must pay court fees and expenses

PH: 1-800-253-9558

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

● **Children and Youth Services** (see Counseling/Support)- www.indianacountypa.gov

Childline – PH: 1-800-932-0313 to report abuse

● **The CARE Center of Indiana County** – www.carecenterofindianaco.org

Provides forensic interviews and forensic evaluations for children when there are allegations of sexual and physical abuse; professionals work with the family to help navigate the legal system and to obtain necessary treatment services; focus is justice and healing for victimized children; free

PH: 724-463-8595

- **American Diabetes Association** - www.diabetes.org PH: 1-888-342-2383
Information; Advocacy and Research; Summer Camp Program for children with diabetes-held virtually in 2020
- **American Heart Association** - www.americanheart.org PH: 412-208-3550
Information about defects and/or heart related problems
- **American Lung Association of Pennsylvania** - www.lunginfo.org PH: 412-321-4029 or 1-800-LUNG-USA
Camp and health education opportunities for children and families with asthma; Teens against Tobacco use Programs; information on topics such as asthma, tobacco, lung cancer, flu, radon and air quality issues; Cost: Nominal to none
- **BAYADA Pediatrics** - www.bayada.com PH: 459-0000
Home Health Care services for children, newborn through age 18-21; Nursing services (LPN or RN, as well as home health aides); can provide care in the child's classroom, during transportation to and from school, as well as provide these services in the home during the day and/or overnight. Fee: typically covered by the child's Medicaid
- **Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, Armstrong-Indiana (previously MH/MR)**- www.aibdhp.org
PH: 724-548-3451 or 724-349-3350
 - ◆ Early intervention Referrals: serving children from birth to three years of age who have or are at risk for developmental delays
 - ◆ Children/Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Referrals: Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) such as mobile therapy, behavioral health technician, behavior consultation, therapeutic staff support, behavior specialist, residential treatment, community residential rehabilitation, family based, and targeted mobile therapy
 - ◆ CASSP (Child & Adolescent Service System Program): a comprehensive system of care that assists children with behavioral health needs and their families gain access to needed services.
- **Breathe Pennsylvania** - www.breathepa.org PH: 724-772-1750
 - ◆ The School Asthma Initiative offers programs and resources to Early Learning Centers, K-12th grade, and beyond to educate school personnel, students, and early learning practitioners about proper asthma management. Smokeless Saturday- Teen tobacco cessation and awareness program for students who have been found with tobacco on school premises.
- **Community Guidance Center** - www.thecgc.com PH: 724-465-5576 or 1-888-686-1991
 - ◆ Mental and Behavioral Health Services for children: full-time psychiatrist, children's and adolescent partial hospitalization, family-based services, individual and group therapy, case management services, school- based outpatient therapy, early intervention, intellectual disability support coordination. Most insurances accepted. Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify.
 - ◆ Early Intervention Service Coordination: Services to children, age birth to 3 with developmental delays, or at risk for developmental delays; Coordination of services which may include physical, occupational, speech, hearing, and/or vision therapists and a developmental specialist. Services provided at no cost to families.
- **Department of Health, PA** - www.health.state.pa.us PH: 724-357-2995
 - ◆ Clinics – children's immunization, select pt tuberculosis testing;
 - ◆ HIV Clinic testing & counseling, communicable disease investigations; Cost: Free for most.
- **PA Elks Home Service Program**, - www.paelkshomeservice.org Contact Heidi Bouch at 724-840-2524
Provides in-home medical care coordination services, advocacy, and referrals to services. Services are provided via in-person home visits or telephonically to persons of any age with developmental disabilities. Fee: No charge
- **Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA** - www.eawcp.org PH: 1-800-361-5885 or 412-322-5880
Information & Referral, Summer Camp Program, Emergency Prescription Assistance, Movement/Sleep Monitors, Education Programs, High School Scholarships, Presentations for Schools and Communities; Cost: None, except camp program and some other educational programs. Fees can be waived upon request. Camp scholarships available. Programs on-line, virtually and in person when possible; Facebook at EAWCP.
- **Health Insurance for Children/PA Program (CHIP)** 1-800-986-5437
Free or low-cost health insurance to uninsured children through CHIP; Children (birth to 19) not enrolled in any other insurance and not eligible for public health insurance are eligible; must meet age, family size and income guidelines Cost: None for free programs; Premiums required for low-cost program.

- **Family A.C.T.S., Inc-** 1-800-860-4673 or 724-763-7600
Psychological evaluations, treatment, counseling, family therapy, Co-Parenting and Anger Management Classes, etc.; sliding fee scale
- **Family Behavioral Resources** - www.familybehavioralresources.com PH: 724-463-3600
 - ◆ Child centered, family focused therapeutic services in client's home and/or community settings. Services are individualized, available for a variety of mental health diagnosis, behavioral concerns, and autism spectrum disorders. Ages 0-21
 - ◆ Outpatient Clinic: 724-465-0369 Psychotherapy for children, adolescents, and adults (families, couples, individuals) in a variety of treatment approaches. Cost: Call for insurance information; self-pay; medical assistance
- **Family Psychological Associates-** PH: 724-349-6320
Outpatient Therapy and Mental Health Assessments, Psychiatric Evaluations and Medication Management, School Based Therapy, Blended Case Management and Peer Support Services.
- **Highmark Caring Place/A Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents, and Their Families** - www.highmarkcaringfoundation.com
Two Facilities: Downtown Pittsburgh –1-888-224-4673, Warrendale -1-888-734-4073
Free bereavement services, based on peer support. No therapy available.
- **Hopeful Hearts/A Service of Concordia-IRMC VNA/Bereavement Peer Support for Children, Adolescents, and Their Families** - www.hopefulheartspa.org PH: 724-463-6340
Free; child-focused peer support for children (ages 18 and under) and their families who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Evening meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month; light meal served.
- **IUP – Center for Applied Psychology** - <https://www.iup.edu/cap/> PH: 724-357-6228
Psychological treatment and assessment for children, adolescents, and families. Psychotherapy is provided for problems ranging from anxiety and depression to disruptive behavior and parent-child relational issues. Evaluations are conducted to assess concerns ranging from behavior problems to academic performance to child development, including autism spectrum disorder. Fees are set according to an income-based sliding scale, self-pay and medical assistance accepted. ***Teleservices are available.
- **JusticeWorks YouthCare-** www.justiceworksyouthcare.com PH: 724-672-0878
Provides a variety of in-home services to children and families including STOPP (Short-Term Therapeutic Outreach to Prevent Placements), JustCare, Family Group Decision Making, Truancy Remediation, Independent Living Services, Nurturing Parenting Program, Anger Management, Drug Testing, Violation Initiative Program, Supervised visits, and Visit Coaching
- **Merakey (formerly NHS Human Services)** - www.merakey.org PH: 724-349-2451 or 1-888-647-0020
 - ◆ Therapeutic Family Care: Place and support children with a mental health diagnosis that are referred by CYS, MH/MR, JPO, or self-referred by parents; Accepts medical assistance
 - ◆ Life Sharing: Place and support children and individuals with developmental disabilities in community homes
 - ◆ Permanency Services: A Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN) affiliate for Permanency Services and Post Permanency Services

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- **Adagio Health** - www.adagiohealth.org PH: 724-349-2235
Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention: Programs on sexual health and life skills to schools and other community agencies to reduce pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV among teens and young adults. CAPP also provides parent and professional education workshops
- **Adelphoi Village Academy in Indiana** - www.AdelphoiVillage.org PH: 724-463-1456
Treatment and education for dependent and delinquent youth
- **Alice Paul House** - www.alicepaulhouse.org PH: 724-349-4444 or 1-800-435-7249 (for outside calling area)
Child counseling, trauma-based medical and legal advocacy for all victims of sexual assault or domestic violence; free

● **American Red Cross** - <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class> PH: 1-800-733-2767
CPR and First Aid Training, Pediatric First Aid Training, Babysitter's Training, Lifeguard Training, Water Safety; Fees for classes.

● **ARIN Intermediate Unit 28** - www.iu28.org PH: 724-463-5300
♦ Early Intervention for children ages 3-5
♦ Little Apples Preschool: Preschool for children ages 3-5 for students with special needs as well as typically developing students
♦ PPT ELECT: Support services for pregnant and parenting teens
♦ Transition: Links school-age special needs students with community services to help the transition from school to adult life

● **Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission (AICDAC)** - www.aicdac.org PH: 724-354-2746
Alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and gambling prevention education and awareness programs available for youth, schools and the community; Programs can be tailored to your needs.

● **Care Center of Indiana County** - www.carecenterindianaco.org PH: 724-463-8595
Nurturing Parent Program- 12- week evidenced based parenting program offered at no cost to the community. Topics include: brain development, child development, empathy, feelings, stress and discipline. Other services: Supervised Visitation, Monitored Visitations, and Parenting Assessments.

● **Community Psychiatric Centers (C.P.C.)** PH: 1-877-899-6500
School-based evaluations to assess for learning disabilities or related educational concerns; For school age;

● **Head Start / Early Head Start, Indiana County** - www.indianacountyheadstart.org PH: 724-349-6200
Toll free: 1-877-346-3023

Provides education, health, nutrition, and social services to children, ages 0-5, and their families who are income-eligible

● **Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)**
♦ **Child Study Center** - www.coe.iup.edu/edsp/csc.html PH: 724-357-2445
Psychoeducational evaluation and short term treatment for learning and/or behavioral problems; \$75, can be waived

♦ **The Bill and Judy Scheeren Literacy Center** - <https://www.iup.edu/literacy/> PH: 724-357-2400

Offers an eight-week tutoring opportunity for children and adolescents in grades 1 to 8 who need additional help with reading and writing. Tutoring is provided by undergraduate teacher educator candidates, under the guidance of the Literacy Center Supervisor. Nominal fee for tutoring; see website for details.

● **Lifesteps Family Care Mobile Resource Center** - www.lifesteps.net PH: 724-283-1010 or 1-800-225-2010
Mobile resource center sharing and lending resources within a 20-mile radius of Indiana Borough. Topics and materials range and are helpful for children, adults and seniors. Complete schedule of visits posted online; free

● **Lifeway Pregnancy Center**- PH: 724-357-5307 or call/text 412-554-1600
Free evidence-based parenting lessons for ages newborn through school age children. Offered as in-person sessions and digital remote learning

● **March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation** - www.modimes.org PH: 1-800-422-2437
● **Merakey (formerly NHS Human Services)** - www.merakey.org PH: 724-349-2451 or 1-888-647-0021

Autism Schools provide specialized placements for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or emotional support needs. In the schools-specialized programs such as gender responsive programming for females with emotional disturbance as well as 18-21 year old transition services; schools located outside of Indiana County

● **New Story** - www.newstory.com PH: 724-463-5390
A licensed private school for children K-12 with autism and related disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders.

They provide specialized academic, behavioral and mental health supports to children with complex needs.

● **The Salvation Army** PH: 724-465-2530
Ark of Learning: grades K-12; Tuesday-Thursday; tutoring/homework assistance; free; Ark of Learning Day Camp- summer education program, Monday – Friday; Cost: \$50/week

EMPLOYMENT

● **Indiana County Career T.R.A.C.K., Inc.** - www.careertrack.org PH: 724-471-7220 or 1-888-573-5733
♦ Hires youth ages 16-21 for temporary summer work, GED assistance; Cost: None; income guidelines & Indiana County resident

● **ICW Vocational Services, Inc.** PH: 724-349-1211 (Workshop) PH: 724-349-4143 (Employment Services)
PH: 724-471-2485 (Steps to Success)

Work experience, vocational training, sheltered employment, independent living training, on-the-job training and placement in the community for persons with a disability. Workshop/Steps to Success: 18 years of age or older; Employment Services: 16 years or older; have a disability; be referred by OVR or MH-MR

● **Spina Bifida – Gatehouse** - www.sbawp.org PH: 877-310-5433 or 1-800-243-5787
Residential Program: provides life skills education & prevocational evaluation & support to high school grads w/Spina Bifida & related disabilities. *Referral by OVR*

FINANCES

● **Assistance Office, Indiana County (PA Dept. of Human Services)** - PH: 724-357-2900 or 1-800-742-0679
Cash Assistance, Emergency Housing Assistance, Energy Assistance, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance for dependent children; www.compass.state.pa.us

● **Catholic Charities Helpline** PH: 1-866-409-6455
Operates 24/7; for basic life necessities/emergency utility/fuel/rent and security deposits

● **Domestic Relations** - www.childsupport.state.pa.us PH: 724-465-3940
Processes and enforces applications for child/spouse support; establishes paternity (for client case information only); Filing fees and genetic testing fee

● **Social Security** - www.socialsecurity.gov PH: 1-877-405-7679 or 1-800-772-1213
Application for Social Security number; Supplemental Security Income; Social Security for retirement, disability or survivor's benefits (include: dependent children)

FOOD

● **Adagio Health WIC** - www.adagiohealth.org PH: 1-866-942-2778
Supplemental food and nutrition education program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to 5 years of age. Clients must meet income and nutritional need requirements

● **Chew Chase Center** - www.chewchasecenter.org PH: 724-349-0674
Meals2You home delivery program, emergency food pantry, Community Lunch Hour, Community Garden; Free

● **Creekside Area Food Pantry**, PH: 724-463-0580
For residents of Creekside, Ernest, and Washington Township; at Creekside United Methodist Church; available by appointment and on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

● **Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc.** PH: 724-465-2657
Food pantries; emergency food packages; Power Pack- food for children over the weekends, distributed in schools; free

● **Lifeway Pregnancy Center** PH: 724-349-5307 or call/text 412-554-1600
Baby food, baby cereals and baby formula offered free of charge to community residents.

● **The Salvation Army** PH: 724-465-2530
Choice Food Pantry; Tuesday and Thursday; 10 am to 1 pm; Call for an appointment

HEALTH / MEDICAL CARE

● **accessAbilities, Inc.** - www.accessAbilities.org PH: 724-465-6042 or 724-832-8272

♦ First Steps Early Intervention Program: Free services for any child, birth to age 3 with a developmental delay, diagnosis, or who is at risk of a developmental delay. Services may include the following: physical, occupational, speech, vision and nutrition therapy; special instruction, positive behavioral support, language coaching, therapeutic listening, sensory integration, feeding instruction and infant massage. A toy lending library is also available

● **Adagio Health Medical Office** - www.adagiohealth.org PH: 724-349-2022
Family planning services for teens (may be insured or uninsured). Services include birth control; screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases; breast and cervical cancer screening; most services are free to ages 17 and under.

● **American Cancer Society** - www.cancer.org PH: 1-800-227-2345
Free information on cancer and patient programs and services.