

Butler County Area Resources

Comprehensive Referral Sources These organizations provide referrals to many services in our area. This is a good place to call first.

1. Butler County Center for Community Resources Information and Referrals Department
724-431-3748 <http://www.ccrinfo.org/site/>
 - Provide referrals for available services in Butler County: Mental Health services, financial assistance, Wrap Around services (behavioral support for children), Early Intervention services, heat and utility crisis assistance, homeless case management, Substance abuse treatment programs, food banks, MR services, etc. Referrals made by phone. Website has additional information
2. Need Help Paying My Bills – Website Only.
www.needhelppayingbills.com
Many resource for those in need including resources and referrals for credit counseling, debt resolution assistance, rent assistance, medical bill assistance, tax assistance, utility assistance, free medical services, etc.

Mental Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Resources

1. Butler Mental Health 24/7 Mobile Response Team - A crisis professional will come to the home to assist with a behavioral or mental health crisis and assist with referrals (treatment, hospitalization). Free service to Butler County residents. 1-800-292-3866
2. Domestic Violence Services – VOICe
Provides housing, shelter, free counseling, legal support for requesting a PFA and a 24 hr hotline for domestic violence victims is available through VOICe. Free service. 800-400-8551.
3. Wrap Around Services – behavioral support for children ages 2-21. Free to family of children who have a qualifying diagnosis. Child must have a mental health or Autism Spectrum diagnosis identified during the evaluation. 724-431-3748
4. Early Intervention Services – free in-home therapeutic services for children 0-3 with physical, developmental, language delays or nutrition needs. Call for an evaluation. 724-431-3748
5. SAP – free support service for students k-12. Screenings for mental health, drug & alcohol and/or suicide concerns, Referrals to community resources and guidance with accessing needed services, Prevention, intervention and/or educational support groups, Grief counseling and supports for students and staff after a traumatic event in the school or community. Call 724-431-3748 for more information.

Home/Living Resources

1. Weatherization Program – 724-342-6222 x26. Assesses homes (rental or owned) to identify ways to decrease utilities and make the home more efficient. For qualifying individuals, they will potentially fix or replace appliances such as fridges, freezers, hot water tanks, furnaces and make repairs to address broken windows, exterior doors, roofs and poor insulation issues to make homes more efficient and cost effective. A complicated application, but they will provide significant assistance to those who qualify.
2. Hosanna Industries – organization that provides new home build and home repairs (roof repair, siding repair, window replacement and handicapped accessibility features). Must demonstrate financial need. <http://hosannaindustries.org/> 109 Rinard Lane, Rochester, PA 15074
Phone: 724-770-0262 Fax: 724-770-0266
3. Butler County Housing Authority (HUD). Housing assistance programs for individuals in financial need. There are section 8 housing programs and also rental assistance programs (provide assistance towards rent in the home of your choice). There may be significant waits, but those with disabled family members, who have been homeless or lived in a shelter get higher priority. 114 Woody Drive Butler PA 16001 724 287-6797 <http://housingauthority.com/>
4. Liheap (assistance with heating bills– apply annually after Nov. 1 each year). Apply by phone. Utility assistance for both renters and home owners in financial need. 724-658-7258 x1410
5. Heating and Energy Crisis Hotline. Information for individuals in need with energy crisis (furnace breaks and can't afford to fix it). Call 1-800-481-3653, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Weekends and evenings calls are received either by Crisis Services at 1-800-292-3866

Food

1. Food Stamps/SNAP. Provided with a card that is loaded monthly to be used on most groceries at the grocery store of your choice. Can apply by phone. Typically takes 30 days to process application. Call 724-658-7258 x1410
2. Reduced and Free Lunch Program for public school students. Can apply by phone. Call 724-658-7258 x1410
3. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) of Butler County Pregnant woman and children 0-5 in need (Very liberal qualifications of financial need – many families will qualify for WIC that may not qualify for food stamps or other services). Receive checks to buy specific staples such as bread, milk, cheese, baby food, baby cereal, eggs, protein and fruits and vegetables. Receive checks for

farm stands and any grocery store. 323 Sunset Drive, Suite 1, Butler, PA 16001. Dial 1-800-942-9467. Must have in person appointment 4 times a year. Many locations throughout the county.

4. Meals on Wheels For elderly and home bound individuals at 218 East Jefferson Street in Butler, PA 16001. Call (724) 285-3815.

5. County Food Banks (must demonstrate a financial need and select 1 location to register and participate in. *The Lighthouse (north of 228 on rt. 8) is the only food bank in the county that provides meat.* You must register and provide proof of need. The food banks distribute food on a set schedule. Locations in Southern Butler County:
 - Gleaners Food Cupboard is offered at St. Ferdinand's Church (Annex)
Main address - 2535 Rochester Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066-6496
Telephone number (724) 776-2888

 - The Lighthouse Foundation
1302 E. Cruikshank Road
Butler, PA 16002 Telephone : 724.586.5554 Fax : 888.457.7396
Email : info@thelighthousefoundation.com

6. Mars Area Food Pantry
 - The Kilian Cupboard Food Pantry. Operates weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 7:00pm and is located at 205 Clark Street, Mars, PA 16046 in the lower level of the former Saint Kilian Parish Rectory. For local Mars individuals in need.

Housing Programs

1. A variety of housing programs for families, single men and woman and single moms are available for those in need in Butler Country through The Lighthouse Foundation. 724.586.5554.

2. VOICe has housing programs for victims of domestic violence 1-800-400-8551.

Other services:

1. Free Tax Preparation
Free Tax Preparation Assistance Services – Locations in Butler, Cranberry and Slippery Rock.
Beginning January 2, 2014 you can call 724-431-3748 for eligibility screening and appointment scheduling.

2. Free Health Care – Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh. Provides free health care for those who don't have insurance and are in need. Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh, 212 Ninth Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-456-6910
3. Discount Legal Services - Neighborhood Legal Services. Reduced rate (\$50/hr) for individuals in Butler County who are in financial need. Must have an in-person meeting. (866) 761-6572.

Other Organizations:

1. Salvation Army
313 West Cunningham Street
Butler, PA 16003
Telephone - (724) 287-5532
Various social services are run. Include food pantry, clothing closet, Angel Tree, coats for kids, and much more. May even have funds for rent, electric and heating bills, and medications. Case manager, referrals, and advice are always available.
2. St. Vincent De Paul
400 East Locust Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
Main phone - (724) 287-3994
Similar to the Salvation Army above in the types and number of assistance programs run. Partners with local churches and charities.