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# HOUSING QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Pennsylvania has a variety of housing programs and services that can help older adults and people with disabilities, individuals and families with low incomes, or those who are at-risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

The information listed on the back of this sheet will help connect individuals, families, and providers with someone at the local level that can directly assist with housing needs.



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## GENERAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

### • PA Housing Search

[www.pahousingsearch.com](http://www.pahousingsearch.com)

**Toll-Free: 1-877-428-8844.**

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's search tool helps people search for housing by topics such as rent amount, area of interest, accessibility, or availability of public transportation. A bi-lingual, toll-free number is also available.

On the website, you can also find additional statewide information and resources, including a rental checklist, rent calculator, information on services, transportation, Frequently Asked Questions related to renting, and much more by visiting the "Resources" section of the website.

» **Providers:** You can schedule a free training for your agency to learn more about the features of PAHousingSearch.com and how to best use them at [www.socialserve.com](http://www.socialserve.com).

### • Public Housing Authorities

[portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts/pa](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts/pa)

If you need public housing assistance or information about public housing programs, such as Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), please contact your local public housing authority (PHA). The HCV program is the federal government's major program that assists very low-income families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities with obtaining decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private housing market. Pennsylvania's list of PHAs and contact information can be found at the above link.

### • Rural Development Multi-Family Rental Housing Search Tool

[rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov](http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's web-based rural housing search tool allows you to click on your county to find information about housing in your area.

### • Quick Start Housing Resources

[www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider](http://www.phfa.org/mhp/serviceprovider)

Use this web page to find the contact information, by county, for a variety of housing providers including housing authorities, homeless providers, community action agencies, and more. Click on the "Hot Topics" button to see a drop down menu of counties in Pennsylvania and select the county to view.

### • COMPASS and County Assistance Offices

[www.compass.state.pa.us/](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/)

In order to learn more about public benefits or apply for benefits, please visit the COMPASS website. You can also visit or call your local county assistance office: [www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/index.htm).

### • 2-1-1 United Way

[www.pa211.org](http://www.pa211.org) or dial 2-1-1.

PA 2-1-1 is a free resource and information hub that can connect you with customized health, housing, and human services information. By calling 211, you can receive information related to food, housing, employment, health care, along with a variety of other services. PA 2-1-1 also provides a 24/7 confidential phone service and website.

### • Pennsylvania LINK to Aging and Disability Resources

**Toll Free HELPLINE: 1-800-753-8827.**

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are a nationwide effort to assist older adults and individuals with disabilities who need help with activities of daily living. The ADRC in Pennsylvania is known as the Link. The PA Link can: easily connect you to local services through any LINK partner agency; help you explore existing options to ensure a secure plan for independence; assist you with applications to determine eligibility; and help you remain in, or return to, your community.