BUTLER

Support groups/support for parents whose children have any kind of behavioral challenges, developmental, social or emotional concerns or addictions

PA FAMILIES INC
STATEWIDE FAMILY NETWORK
1-800-947-4941
pafamilies@comcast.net

CALL OR EMAIL FOR CURRENT LIST

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE
Formerly parents anonymous
Group for parents raising challenging kids, feeling overwhelmed
Nancy McKee
216 N Washington St
Butler Pa 16001
724-284-4894

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
Stephanie Neely
305 East Penn St
Butler Pa 16001
724-285-8720

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR AUTISM
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/children_with_autism/

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP
Diane Gieraltowski
Every Child
6401 Penn Ave
Suite 300
Pittsburgh Pa 15206

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC.
Child advocacy, IEP help, drop in center, payee, guardianship etc
140 North Elm Street Suite A
Butler Pa 16001
724-287-1965
Mha007@aol.com

THE ARC
Support/programs for those who have mentally challenged children
Phil Rosenbauer
Pullman Commerce Center
Suite 202
112 Hollywood Drive
Butler Pa 16001

CRANBERRY CARES
Compassionate Asperger's Parents Reaching for Enrichment and Support
Asperger's/high functioning autism support group sponsored by ABOARD
Mary Limbacher
410 Auburn Drive
Cranberry Twp Pa 16066
724-772-5741
www.cranberrycares.org

PARENTS IN TOTO
Cranberry CARES Family Outreach Center
143 S Main Street
Zelienople Pa 16063
724-473-0990, 724-772-5741
Free support groups for teens, siblings, grandparents etc. Workshops and educational presentations .
http://www.parentsintoto.com/index.html

HEART 2 HEART SUPPORT GROUP
Group for parents of children with challenging behaviors
Group will start in May 2007
Info on website
www.heart2heartpa.org
814-758-1681

BAFFLES
Butler Autism Families and Friends Lending Encouragement and Support
Online support group and meets twice a month
Meets every
2nd Monday 6-8pm and every
4th Monday 9:30am-11:30am at Christ Outreach Church, 120 Walker Avenue
Butler Pa
Sally at kiasal@connecttime.net
Stephanie at stephanieneely@webtv.net
Sally Wood at mywish4cj@earthlink.net
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/baffles

NAMI
Support for those with family/friends with mental health/behavioral issues
Jennifer Frohnapfel.
140 North Elm St
Suite C
Butler Pa 16001
724-431-0069
724-287-7965

PARENT MENTOR/ADVOCATE
Lynn Pukylo
816 Timberwood Dr
Cranberry Twp Pa 16066
724-776-2785

CHANGE IN CONTACT/MEET 1/12
BUTLER AREA BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP
Dottie Ardell 724-285-3472
Monica Perry 724-287-4646
Meets at Butler Memorial Hospital
911 East Brady St
Butler Pa
Cimmick Room 7-9pm 3rd Thurs of month
724-283-6666
Dot204@aol.com
smczperry@zoominternet.net

.PARENTS OF HEROIN ADDICTS
Ann Loper
Butler Regional Recovery
911 East Brady St
Butler Pa 16001
724-284-4016

SEEDS OF HOPE SUPPORT GROUP
Support for those who have family/children abusing drugs
First United Methodist Church
200 East N St Butler Pa 16001
724-283-6160
Drug/alcohol

THE PARENTS GROUP
Support for those who have children with mental health/behavioral issues
Jamie Hook
Terry Brown
Kidscount II
403 West Jefferson St
Butler Pa 16001
724-287-3000

ALANON
Support for family/friends who have loved one abusing alcohol
Jane
724-285-7588

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE
Karns City Pa 16041
Call Deb or Mary Dee at
724-758-0526

SOMEONE'S CARING SURVIVOR'S OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP
Support for those who have had loved ones commit suicicde
Robin S Miller
Bereavement Specialist and Educator
724-287-3706
724-287-2273
millerr@zbzoom.net
www.thompson-miller.com

SOMEONE'S CARING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Support for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one
Robin S Miller
Bereavement Specialist and Educator
724-287-3706
724-287-2273
millerr@zbzoom.net
www.thompson-miller.com

SOMEONE'S CARING SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS
Parents who have experienced the death of a child
Robin S Miller
Bereavement Specialist and Educator
724-287-3706
724-287-2273
millerr@zbzoom.net
www.thompson-miller.com

RESOURCE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Support group for resource families providing kinship, foster and adoptive care for children
Family Pathways
100 Brugh Ave
Butler Pa 16001
724-284-9440
Eva Morter
Michelle Matthews

THE HOPE GROUP
Autism group
Debra Schaffner
Family Behavioral Resources
Warner Center
200 Renaissance
Suite 401
Butler Pa 16001
724-282-9010

AUTISM
FBR/ABOARD CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP FAMILY SUPPORT AND SOCIAL SKILL/PLAY GROUP
2nd Thursday of month,6pm
Facilitators- Jamie Grace/ Teresa O'Brien
20397 Route 19
Two Landmark North
Suite 310
Cranberry Twp, Pa 16066
724-772-2677
butler@familybehavioralresources.com

ADDITION 12/8
FBR AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
Family Support, Social Skill/Play
3rd Tuesday, 6pm
724-282-9010
Teresa O'Brien & Belinda Armstrong
Family Behavioral Resources
200 Renaissance Dr Suite 401
Butler Pa 16001

JACOB'S BLESSING SUPPORT GROUP
Autism group, ABOARD
724-283-6160
Cindy Cipoletti
200 East North St
Butler Pa 16001

THE SHEPHERD'S PLACE
Support group for family/friends of those abusing drugs
724-283-8675
Cabot United Methodist Church
PO Box 280
Cabot Pa 16023

AUTISM SOCIETY OF BUTLER COUNTY
Mary Wildman
PO Box 275
Evans City Pa 16033
724-538-4425

PLACE OF REFUGE
Support group for those who have family who are abusing drugs and support for the friends and families of those in addiction or recovery.
Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church
Donna Zeigler
Jerry Thomas
123 North Pittsburgh St
Zelienople, Pa 16063
724-816-8206

VICTORY GROUP, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ADDICTS
Kay Little
Victory Christian Fellowship
21150 Route 19
Cranberry Twp Pa 16066
724-453-6200
www.victorygrouponline.org

SUMMER CAMP PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
Tom DeGeorge
Family Services
216 North Washington St
Butler Pa 16001
724-284-4894

PARENT TRANSITION GROUP OF BUTLER COUNTY
Group of parents who provide guidance to parents of students with disabilities who are making the transition from high school. Support network is for before, during and after transition.
For information contact
Patricia Sassone at 724-287-0791 Ext 150
psassone@irenestacy.com
Betsy Rideout-724-431-0095
brideout@ccrinfo.org

PA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
www.pacec-sped.org
The principal purpose of the Assoc shall be to advance the education and welfare of children and youth with exceptionalities.
Contact:
Dreamalee Brotz
Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS
201 E. Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting Pa 19462
610-825-1500 Ext 2014
membership@pacec-sped.org

ABC EDUCATION ADVOCACY
www.ABCadvocacy.net
Step-by-Step Parent Advocacy and Resources for families of children with special needs in Pa public Schools
Contact is Pam Cook
412-851-0252

ADDITIONAL INFO 12/22
PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
Support and advocacy for those afflicted with Prader-Willi Syndrome and their families and friends.
Debbie Fabio
President
104 Persimmon Place
Cranberry Township Pa 16066
724-779-4415
debpwsapa@yahoo.com
www.pwsausa.org

RELATIVES AS PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
Butler Area Agency on Aging
Jo Donaldson
Martha Brown
111 Sunnyview Circle
Suite 101
Butler Pa 16001
724-431-1213

FACE 22: FAMILIES ADVOCATING FOR CHROMOSOMAL EDUCATION
Tammy Rose
PO Box 2115
Cranberry Township Pa 16066
724-622-6096
Megsmom008@aol.com
www.FACE22.org

KIDS TOGETHER INC
Advocates, volunteer non-profit who provide info on inclusive communities, schools, also education listserve, email newsletter and website
PO Box 45
Quakertown Pa 18951
staff@kidstogether.org
www.kidstogether.org

NAR-ANON WESTERN REGION
List of all Nar-anon sites in western Pa.
www.geocities.com/naranon/pgh
Help line is 412-782-2210

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK
Helps parents find resources for their special needs children and provides technical assistance to help groups develop, expand and maintain programs and support systems that serve children with special needs.
1-986-4550
WEBSITE
www.health.state.pa.us/skn

PARENT TO PARENT
Linking familes of children or adults with disabilities or special needs. Network created by families for families of children and adults with special needs. We connect families in similar situations with one another so that they may share experiences, offer practical information and/or support.
1-888-727-2706
www.parenttoparent.org

Parent to Parent of PA

1-888-727-2706 will connect you with your nearest regional office.
Web: www.parenttoparent.org

SE Region
Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, Schuylkill
Regional Coordinators: Lori Cerullo, Nicole Simon

NE Region
Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Wayne, Susquehanna
Regional Coordinator: Jody L. Benner
Office: 31 W Market Street, Wilkes-Barre PA 18701
Office Ph: 570-829-3040

SC Region
York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Huntingdon, Blair, Juniata, Mifflin
Regional Coordinator: Carmen Krawczak

NC Region
Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Centre, Lycoming, Clinton, Tioga, Potter
Melisa Engel
Office: 2400 Reach Rd, PO Box 3609, Williamsport PA 17701
Office Ph: 570-321-8585
Office Fax: 570-323-1738

SW Region
Somerset, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, Cambria, Indiana, Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver
Regional Coordinators: Maria Silva, Rachel Olbeter

Office: (Maria): 8500 Brook Tree Road Ste 100, Wexford, PA 15090
Office Ph: 724-935-8585
Office Fax: 724-934-1344

NW Region
Clearfield, Jefferson, Clarion, Venango, Lawrence, Mercer, Forest, Elk, Cameron, McKean, Warren, Crawford, Erie
Region Coordinator: Lisa Kray
Office: 3814 Asbury Rd, Erie PA 16506
Office Ph: 814-833-5599
Office Fax: 814-836-8690

ACHIEVA
711 Bingham St
Pittsburgh Pa 15203
contact@achieva.info
412-995-5000
1-888-272-7229
A member of The Partnership Group for people with disabilities and their families, helps them access support and services

MOMSTELL
Support/education/advocacy for parents of children involved with drugs
PO Box 450 Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
717-730-2020
Sharon Smith
www.momstell.com
momstell@verizon.net

VALUE
Vision and leadership uniting education
Ellen Mancuso
emancuso@ppainc.org
Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Coalition of Pa advocacy groups for children with special needs

PA TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION
Laura Jean Umbrell, Administrator
132 West Midlle Street
Gettysburg Pa 17325
Advocates will do IEP for any child diagnosed with tourette in any county in Pa
1-800-990-3300
717-337-1134
www.patsainc.org

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN PENNSYLVANIA
MHAPA works on behalf of mental health through advocacy, education and public policy.
Wendy Luckenbill, Family/Child Policy Coordinator
1-800-692-7443
Wluckenbill@mhapa.org
www.mhapa.org

PA EDUCATION FOR ALL COALITION
Diane Perry
The Partnership
Institute on Disabilities
Temple University
1301 Cecil B Moore Ave
Room 423 Ritter Annex
Philadelphia Pa 19122
215-204-3031
610-522-0698
Chapter meetings, on-line community, Parent Consultant Network
www.paedforall.org

WIC
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN NUTRITION PROGRAM
Provides nutrition education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support and referrals to health and social service Orgs. PLEASE NOTE; A CHILD WITH AN ACCESS CAR (MEDICAL ASSISTANCE) IS INCOME ELIGIBLE FOR WIC BENEFITS HOWEVER ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME, REGARDLESS IF THEY HAVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR NOT.
1-800-942-9467

JOEY ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP
Just Open Everybody's Eyes
Support for parents who have children with behavioral issues
gramaro@aol.com

AUTISMLINK
Support, information etc
Online support groups and discussion boards
376 Wagon Wheel Trail
Wexford, Pa 15090
412-377-8778
info@autismlink.com
www.autismlink.com

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH LAW PROJECT
Provides free legal services and advocacy to Pennsylvanians having trouble accessing publicly funded health care coverage or services.
1-800-274-3258
TTY- 1-866-236-6310
EMAIL- staff@phlp.org
www.phlp.org

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE- PENN SACCA
Group is committed to the expansion of high quality school-age care and after-school programs for children and youth. Membership is dedicated to the support of school-age professionals ands the development of quality school-age programs through advocacy and education.
www.pennsacca.net
Carolyn Hawk- 570-323-7134
Joyce Lang- 610-332-6541

EDUCATION LAW CENTER
Non-profit legal advocacy and educational organization dedicated to ensuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education
PHILADELPHIA CONTACTS
215-238-6970
elc@elc-pa.org

WEBSITE- www.elc-pa.org

ABOARD
Support for parents of children with autism/autism spectrum, website etc
Howard Carpenter
35 Wilson St
Suite 100
Pittsburgh Pa 15223
1-800-827-9385
info@aboard.org
www.aboard.org

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
List of Health and Human Services
List of Advocacy Resources
Parent Guides
www.pachildren.state.pa.us
A website with information for parents and families.

PENNSYLVANIA CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
CAP
Advocacy program helps people who are seeking services from the OVR, Blindness, Visual Services, and Centers for Independent Living and other programs funded under federal law. Provides you with info and advice about rehab programs, advises you of your legal rights and responsibilities, helps you resolve problems that may arise while you are seeking services from rehab programs,
There is no charge.
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
215-557-7112
1-888-745-CDLP
HARRISBURG OFFICE
717-364-1733
info@equalemployment.org

PEAL CENTERPennsylvania's Parents Training and Information Center serving Western and Central Pa. Organization provides disability info, info about special education process and parent's rights, Parent Advisors are available to provide info and resources to assist the family with problem-solving strategies and direct them to other community resources ,trainings in Understanding IEP's, IDEA'04, Building Continuity, etc
For information contact:
Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center
1119 Penn Avenue
Suite 400
Pittsburgh Pa 15222
412-422-1040
1-866-950-1040
acarter@pealcenter.org

STARFISH ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION
This is an Internet community for families of children with neurological disorders such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, Asperger's, PDD, SID, learning disabilities, OCD, tourette syndrome, etc. Services include forum boards, interactive chat room, moderated chats, informational resources, online classes in educational advocacy, education consultations.
216-283-2377
www.starfishadvocacy.org
starfish@starfishadvocacy.org
Starfish Advocacy Assoc
3341 Warrensville Center Road
Suite 203
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

TEENCENTRAL.NET
TeenCentral.Net is a prevention and intervention resource for teens and is dedicated to improving the lives of all youth by providing emotional support and appropriate references in a safe Web environment where identity is protected and anonymity is respected.
www.TeenCentral.Net
info@teencentral.net

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Mission is to administer and enforce the PHRAct and the PFEOA of Pa for the identification and elimination of discrimination and providing of equal opportunity for all persons.
PITTSBURGH OFFICE
412-565-5395
HARRISBURG OFFICE
717-787-9784
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
215-560-2496
www.phrc.state.pa.us
ACCESS DOCTORS
Gives you the tools you need to create an accessible home or public building.
www.accessdoctors.atate.pa.us

ATTACHMENT DISORDER**ATTACh, the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children, is an international coalition of professionals and families dedicated to helping those with attachment difficulties by sharing our knowledge, talents and resources.**
www.attach.org

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
OVR provides services to eligible persons with disabilities with the goal of getting or keeping competitive employment. You will be eligible for OVR services if: You have a disability that is physical, mental, or emotional impairment which results in a substantial impediment to employment, and you can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from services provided, and , Vocational Rehabilitation services are required for you to prepare for, enter, engage in or retain gainful employment. A Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor will determine eligibility.
OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. The individual being served and the vocational rehabilitation counselor develop an Individualized Employment Plan jointly. The services you receive will be arranged to meet your individual needs. Not everyone will need every service. OVR services include: diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, counseling, training, restoration services, placement assistance, assistive technology, and support services. There is no charge for diagnostic services, counseling and job placement. However, a customer maybe required sharing the cost of other services after a financial needs assessment is completed. Additional information, including local OVR office locations can be found on www.dli.state.pa.us, click on disability services. Also find OVR offices across the state.
724-656-3070
1-800-442-6379

DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK
Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN) is a statewide, non–profit corporation designated as the federally–mandated organization to advance and protect the civil rights of all adults and children with disabilities. DRN works with people with disabilities and their families to ensure their rights to live in their communities with the services they need, to receive a full and inclusive education, to live free of discrimination, abuse and neglect, and to have control and self–determination over their services.
General information /questions can be emailed to intake@drnpa.org where intake workers who are advocates and attorneys.
www.drnpa.org

Harrisburg Office
1414 N. Cameron St., Suite C
Harrisburg, PA 17103
drnpa-hbg@drnpa.org
1-800-692-7443 [Voice]
1-877-375-7139 [TDD]
(717) 236-8110 [Voice]
(717) 346-0293 [TDD]
(717) 236-0192 [Fax]

Philadelphia Office
The Philadelphia Building
1315 Walnut St., Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19107–4798
(215) 238-8070 (Voice)
(215) 789-2498 (TDD)
(215) 772-3126 (Fax)
drnpa-phila@drnpa.org
Pittsburgh Office
429 4th Avenue, Suite 1901
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1505
(412) 391-5225 [Voice]
(412) 467-8940 [TDD]
(412) 391-4496 [Fax]
drnpa-pgh@drnpa.org [Email]
Wexford Office
8500 Brooktree Road
Suite 100
Wexford, PA 15090
800-276-0928 [Voice]
724-934-1344 [Fax

BRAIN INJURY ASSOC OF PA
2400 Park Drive
Harrisburg Pa 17110
717-657-3601
866-635-7097
info@biapa.org
www.biapa.org

ACQUIRED BRAIN INURY NETWORK OF PA
Barbara A. Dively, President
Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Phone: 215-699-2139 Email: info@abin-pa.org
Web: www.abin-pa.org - brochures, resources
E-News: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/abin-pa

PA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION
We advocates for all those who care about children and their families. We work supportively with foster, adoptive, and kinship families, and with local foster parent associations and agencies who care for the children we serve.
Psfpa.info@psfpa.com
www.psfpa.com
800-951-5151
717-671-0102

JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK
JAN helps you hire,retain,promote qualified employees/applicants with disabilities, provide accommodationoptions,etc
jan@jan.wvu.edu
www.jan.wvu.edu

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE
http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/
Website provides info on FASD. FASD is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. These may include physical , mental, behavioral, and /or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.

ELKS HOME NURSE PROGRAM
Patricia O'Connor Director
814-781-7860 pato@ncentral.com
Margie Wood Ass Director
724-225-1395
mwood15301@comcast.net
ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP
Online groups for parents and children who have many different special needs
http://www.cafemom.com/groups/find.php?keyword=special%20needs

SELECTIVE MUTISM SITES
Several sites below with info on selective mutism.
http://www.healthline.com/search?q1=selective+mutism&utm_source=no_health_channel&utm_medium=google&utm_campaign=serp&utm_term=selective%20mutism

http://www.selectivemutismfoundation.org/

http://www.selectivemutism.org/

PITTSBURGH LEARNING CENTER
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh Pa 15237
412-931-3181
Maria Paluselli and Beverly Anderson, Directors
pghlearningcenter@comcast.net
www.childrenslearningcenters.org
Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges.

NEW CASTLE LEARNING CENTER
Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc
110 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle Pa 16101
Melissa J Merritt, Director
724-654-5408
Fax 724-654-3989
mmerritt@newcastlelearningcenter.com
www.childrenslearningcenters.org
Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges.

ADDITION 12/30

YOUTH OUTREACH UNION
Meets at the Beehive
1327 East Carson St
Pittsburgh Pa 15203
Contact Mike Reber
michaelreber@youthoutreachunion.com
YOU is a support and advocacy network of young adults for young adults. It's members are either involved in a child serving system or they were. This support is peer driven and the group works to meet youth where they are to solve problems and deal wit issues that are important to them.
Website: www.youthoutreachunion.com
Mail address:
Youth Outreach Union
PO Box 97771
Pittsburgh Pa 15227

ADDITION 1/12/09

GENERATIONS UNITED SENIORS 4 KIDS
Civic engagement initiative that demonstrates the important role older adults can play in support of issues directly benefitting children and youth. We help adults age 50+create statewide networks of community leaders and grassroots volunteers that raise visibility of older adults in support of high-quality early care and education.
Anne Tria Wise
Intergenerational Engagement Manager
Generations United
1331 H St. NW Suite 900
Washington DC 20005
202-289-3979
awise@gu.org
www.gu.org
www.seniors4kids.org

PLEASE SEND INFO ON ANY OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES, LEARNING, EMOTIONAL, AUTISTIC, DRUG, ALCOHOL, MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION, physical ETC
pafamilies@comcast.net
1-800-947-4941
Thank You.