

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

Polish American Social Services "PASS" United Social Services Outreach Program

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106
Open Monday to Friday • 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Those wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF) May Help You With Your Utility Bills

The UESF may be able to help you with an electric, gas or water bill to prevent a utility shut-off. UESF will provide up to \$500 in assistance for water and electric, and \$1000 for gas. All grants must be applied to bills that will be fully paid off. For example, if the account is \$600, UESF will help with \$500 if the applicant comes up with \$100.

Eligibility guidelines for the program are:

- Applicant must have notice of termination or must be off utility service
- Applicant must be a Philadelphia resident
- The utility bill must be in the applicant's name or they must show proof of responsibility for the bill
- Applicant must not have received a UESF grant in the past 24 months
- Applicant must have applied for LIHEAP Cash and Crisis when the programs are open
- Applicant must not be on a payment agreement with the utility company
- Applicant must meet the the following income guidelines:

Family Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$18,200	\$1,517
2	\$24,500	\$2,042
3	\$30,800	\$2,567
4	\$37,100	\$3,092

For site locations or any other information, call UESF at (215) 972-5174 or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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Business Directory continued...

Physicians & Surgeons

John S. Taras, M.D. • Hand Surgery
The Philadelphia Hand Center, P.C.
The Benjamin Franklin House
834 Chestnut Street, Suite G114
Philadelphia, PA 19107
For Appointments, call (800) 971-HAND
The South Jersey Hand Center, P.C.
Marlton & Cherry Hill

Relocation Services

Isaac's Relocation Service
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From the Desk of
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In the last newsletter there was an article about UESF, the Utility Emergency Services Fund, a program with funds to help folks with their utility bills. The article stated that \$500 of assistance would be put toward the gas, electric or water bill that was threatened or shut-off. As of July 1, 2008, however, the amount of assistance toward the gas bill will be raised to \$1,000 due to a grant from the City Council of Philadelphia. Assistance toward electric and water bills will remain at \$500. Kindly note this change and spread the word.

Another big change occurred with Unemployment Compensation. On June 30, 2008, President Bush signed into law the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 that provides for up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment compensation benefits, known as Emergency Unemployment Compensation or EUC. Depending on which state you live in or draw benefits from, you should contact your unemployment compensation program to see if you qualify for this extension of benefits.

There has been a great deal of publicity about autism in the media recently. There is an alarming increase in the number of children being diagnosed with this disease, about one in one hundred fifty. But this disease is not just a childhood disease. It stays with an individual into adulthood. The State of Pennsylvania provides a great resource for those affected by Autism through its Bureau of Autism Services, part of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. The Bureau not only has great information and programs to help children with autism, it now has an Autism Waiver program designed to meet the needs of people, 21 years of age and older, with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). To apply for the program, call 1-866-539-7689. For more information, visit the Bureau's website at www.autisminpa.org, or call PASS at 215-923-1900 for an informational brochure.

Finally, there are two underutilized programs in the State of Pennsylvania that are excellent resources for people. One is the PACE Program, the program that helps seniors pay for prescription drug benefits. The other is the Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program which gives a cash rebate back to a senior, disabled or widowed person based on income and age requirements. PASS as well as others continually advertise these programs, yet enrollments are lower than expected. These are not welfare programs. PACE is administered by the PA Department of Aging, and the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program is administered by the PA Department of Revenue. In these difficult economic times, why not explore programs that can help you, family or friends stretch your dollars just a little bit further.

PASS can help you, your friends and family explore many programs and services that are designed to keep people as self-sufficient as possible. There is no harm in exploring options, and always be assured that calls and information are kept confidential. For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We're there for you.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Safety Info

The Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Department of the Food and Drug Administration has a few interesting food safety and recipe brochures which it is offering in the English and Polish languages. Topics of these brochures include: Playing It Safe With Eggs, What Consumers Need to Know About Juice Safety, Food Safety for Seniors, Polish Baking (Healthy Minded Recipes) and Polish Cooking (Healthy Minded Recipes). To get a copy of any of these brochures, call PASS at (215) 923-1900 or go to www.fda.gov, and type the name of the brochure in their search box, and you will be directed to that publication.

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