

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Polish American Social Services United Social Services Outreach Program

The main office of PASS at 308 Walnut Street is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. to service the general public. You can call the main office at (215) 923-1900. Clients coming to the main office are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can be assigned to provide information and assistance and to secure appropriate documents and information necessary for processing each request.

Some services are listed in this newsletter, but the staff can assist you with many other programs available to both senior citizens and individuals of all ages. Services can be provided in the English or Polish language. Everyone is welcome to contact the agency for services.

PASS also makes many community outreach visits throughout the year. There are also several special outreach visits made to senior citizen groups which are announced in local newspapers or church bulletins.

The following outreach service locations and schedules are in operation: Daily services for clients from these areas are also available at the main office.

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street Monday to Friday
Downtown Philadelphia 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Port Richmond & Fishtown areas:

St. Adalbert Rectory Every Tuesday
Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Northeast/Bridesburg & Frankford areas:

St. John Cantius Hall Every 1st Wednesday
Thompson & Orthodox Streets 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Manayunk/Roxborough areas:

St. Josaphat Hall Every 3rd Monday
Cotton & Silverwood Streets 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Other outreach areas served by PASS are announced in community newspapers and in church bulletins.

For information on those outreach visits call the main office at (215) 923-1900.

Utility Assistance

There are several programs available to help seniors and others with the costs of utilities. Check out the following programs:

Philadelphia Water Revenue Bureau offers two programs to assist customers. **The Senior Citizen Discount Program** offers a 25% discount on each water bill for those 65 and older. Maximum income is \$28,900. The other program is called WRAP, the Water Revenue Assistance Program. Income guidelines range from \$1,579 per month for one individual to \$3,216 per month for a family of four.



LIHEAP - For information about the 2009-2010 Fuel Assistance Program, or to receive an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

PECO CAP - offers a discount on kilowatt hours, balance forgiveness and shut off prevention. Income limits are as follows: One person \$15,612 annually, \$31,812 for a family of four. Call CAP directly at 1-800-774-7040.

PGW CRP - offers low income customers to better afford and maintain their gas service. CRP customers pay a budget amount based on their gross household income. Income limits are as follows: One person \$16,245 annually, \$33,075 for a family of four. Call PGW at (215) 684-6100.



Attention Employers!

PASS will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported to us.

If your business or organization is about to or has posted a position, kindly let PASS know about that opening. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job information to:

Attn: Employment Information
Polish American Social Services
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

PACE

Pharmaceutical Assistance
Contract for the Elderly

Residents of Pennsylvania who are 65 years of age or older have an outstanding prescription medication plan, "**PACE**", the **Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly**. This program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and funding for this program is provided by

the Pennsylvania Lottery to help senior citizens pay for prescription medications.

There is also another level of the program called PACENET. This program is also funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Both of these programs are Medicare Part D approved and are considered creditable plans. With PACE, seniors only co-pay either \$6.00 for generic meds or \$9.00 for brand name meds. There are no deductibles or monthly premiums in PACE. With PACENET, seniors only co-pay \$8.00 for generic meds or \$15.00 for brand name meds. There is a monthly deductible or premium for this program of \$26.59 for 2009. Under PACE and PACENET, your assets are not counted, only your annual income.

The two income levels of the program are as follows:

PACE	monthly	annual
one person	\$1,208	\$14,500
couple	\$1,475	\$17,700

PACENET	max monthly income	annual (range of income)
one person	\$1,958	\$14,500 to \$23,500
couple	\$2,625	\$17,700 to \$31,500

Since PACE and PACENET are working with Medicare Part D, the program is now also referred to as PACE PLUS. This only means that PACE and PACENET enrollees receive the same coverage that they received with PACE and PACENET, and their costs are the same or possibly lower. The staff of PASS will be able to explain to seniors how these programs work together.

For more information and assistance with an application, contact PASS, Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at **(215) 923-1900**, or **PolishAmericanSocialServices.com**.

SNAP Raises Income Limits

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare has raised the gross limit for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the Federal Food Stamp Program) from 130% of the federal poverty line to 160%. Thousands of additional households will now be eligible for assistance.

In addition, Pennsylvania has amended its NET Income Test so that all one- and two-person households under the established Gross Income Limits - 200% of the federal poverty line (FPL) for households with a senior or disabled member - are eligible for a minimum of \$16 monthly, even if they do not meet the NET Income Limit. This rule change is especially important for senior citizens and others who often are low income but also have low expenses.

Number in Family	Old Income Limit (130% FPL)	New Income Limit (160% FPL)
1	\$14,079	\$17,328
2	\$18,941	\$23,312
3	\$23,803	\$29,296
4	\$28,665	\$35,280
5	\$33,527	\$41,264
6	\$38,389	\$47,248
7	\$43,251	\$53,232
8	\$48,113	\$59,216

For more information, you can call the Food Stamp Hotline at (215) 430-0556, or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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