

# Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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## 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.

Clients 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.

## Property Tax Rent Rebate Program Extended to December 31, 2010!

For seniors, widows and widowers, or disabled persons whose annual income is below \$15,000 for renters, and \$35,000 for homeowners, it's not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2009.



REMEMBER THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don't wait until the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900. **You can get back as much as \$650.**

## Look Out For LIHEAP Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, begins on **November 1, 2010** and is scheduled to end on **March 31, 2011**. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income guidelines will be approved shortly and be listed on PASS's Internet site.

**For more information on filing requirements or to get an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.**

## Social Security and Medicare Updates Annual Enrollment Period

This year, between **November 15, 2010 and December 31, 2010**, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their medical and/or prescription drug plans for 2011. To get ready for this enrollment period, throughout the month of October, 2010, Medicare plans, both medical and prescription, will be publishing their prices and policies. Medicare beneficiaries should seek out the help of trusted family members and friends, or community groups to determine if their current plan will be offered next year, what changes to expect in the plan, and if it is still the best plan based on their needs.

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

**For information about:** Healthcare, Senior Services, Utility Services, Employment Sites, Career Fairs, and many other programs, visit PASS on the Internet at: [PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](http://PolishAmericanSocialServices.com)



"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

[www.PCACares.org](http://www.PCACares.org)

## Job Training Program Information

If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The outreach program is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. **PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs** to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS's Employment Outreach Representative for more information at **(215) 923-1900**.

## Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted an employment opportunity, kindly let PASS know. 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.

## Be Wary of Scams

These days, everyone needs to be cautious of scams - Internet, mail and even phone scams - which can damage your credit score and pocketbook. Any time someone asks for your personal information, you should be wary. Particularly cruel are swindles that target Social Security beneficiaries.

Recently, Social Security became aware of a scam targeting beneficiaries in the Southern California area. Scammers telephoned beneficiaries to tell them they were due a "stimulus payment." The scammer offered to deposit the payment to each beneficiary's account once the personal and bank account information was provided. The scammer then contacted Social Security by telephone to request the benefits be deposited into a new account—the scammer's account, to steal the payments. In a similar version of this criminal ploy, the scammer calls the beneficiary to "confirm" the beneficiary's personal and financial information.

**As a rule of thumb, Social Security will not call you for your personal information such as your Social Security Number or banking information. If someone contacts you and asks for this kind of information, do not give it.**

You should never provide your Social Security Number or other personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the contact, or are confident of the person to whom you are speaking. If in doubt, do not release information without first verifying the validity of the call by contacting the local Social Security office or Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213.

Another way to protect yourself is to keep your Social Security card and other important documents locked away in a safe place. Do not give personal information to just anyone. If you've fallen victim to fraud or identity theft, be sure to file a report with the local police or the police department where the identity theft took place, and keep a copy of the police report as proof of the crime. Information on how to prevent scams and protect yourself can be found at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). You can also read Social Security's publication, Identify Theft And Your Social Security Number, available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html) and Your Social Security Number and Card, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html).

Be alert when dealing with people who want your personal information, such as your bank account number, date of birth, and Social Security Number. By using a little caution, you can protect yourself from scams.

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