



Casey Ball Supports Coordination

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Lawrence County Newsletter

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the Casey Ball Supports Coordination Newsletter. We want to thank you for allowing us to provide you with all your service coordination needs. We have decided to send out a newsletter to keep you informed of local events, non-waiver community resources and any changes within the waiver that may change and/or affect your services.

***All information in this newsletter is provided from the Agencies websites and/or the agency directly. Always call the agency to clarify questions and get all updates that have been made about the services the individual agencies and/or organizations provide! ***It is important to remember if you are attending any meeting or activity and you need assistance, that it is your responsibility to bring with you an aide or someone to assist you.**

It is our mission to support the individuals we serve to live independently and make their own choices. It is the Mission of Casey Ball Supports Coordination, LLC to ensure that informed choices are made by the people served and those choices are supported by any service provider, family members or appointed guardians.

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mail by mistake and delete this e-mail from your system. If you are not the intended recipient you are notified that disclosing, copying, distributing or taking any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited.

**** Please be advised all individuals must provide their own transportation to and from various programs they may select to visit.**

Agencies

Adagio Health for Women

Address:

200South Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 658-6681

Website: www.adagiohealth.org

Hours of Operation: Monday - 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. by Appointment

Tuesday – Friday - 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. by Appointment

If you make an appointment, ask if they will accept your insurance. Also, ask if there are any additional co-pays or payments that you must pay when you are at your appointment.

Adagio Health addresses a wide variety of health concerns, such as obstetrics and gynecology, breast and cervical cancer screening, STD testing and treatment, nutrition counseling, teen pregnancy prevention, sexuality education for teens, community education, parent education and professional training. (This information was taken directly from the Adagio Health website).

*Please check their website for current locations and times. Some of the offices have been closed.

American Red Cross in New Castle, PA

Address: Epworth United Methodist Church located at 805 East Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101.

Phone: (724) 283-2810 Extension 0

Please be aware that the phones are manned periodically by volunteers, therefore, you can leave a message and someone from the American Red Cross will return your call and/or set up an appointment if necessary.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation [Webpage Resource]

(888)744-1938 Foundation's mission is to provide financing opportunities to people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians helping them to acquire the assistive technology devices and services that improve the quality of their lives.

They review options such as waivers, grant funding, county funding and other resources to determine what might be available within the community. They also can discuss loan options with you.

Assistive Technology (often abbreviated as AT) is any item, piece of equipment, software or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Pennsylvania Career Link of Lawrence County

Phone: (724) 656-3165

Address: 102 Margaret Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Website: www.jobgateway.pa.gov

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10: 00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Programs and Services: A Career Link professionals provide one-on-one, personalized assistance for your job search. From completing your resume to helping you find the right financial aid and training to further your career- they are there to help you! ***Check out the website, too.**

PA Career Link can help you:

- Determine your skill set
- Plan the career path that's right for you
- Build your resume and polish your interviewing skills
- Obtain information on job fairs in your area
- Connect with training programs to gain new job skills
- Learn about financial aid options to further your education
- Find and get the right job for you

Goodwill Industries Calling Center

Website: <http://www.goodwill.org/>

Contact: 1.800.466-3945

Description: Goodwill's network of independent, community-based Goodwill's in the United States offers customized job training, employment placement, and other services to people who have disabilities, lack education or job experience, or face employment challenges. When you speak to the representative, they will ask for your zip code and they will then give you the number of the Goodwill Training Center in your area.

Catholic Charities of New Castle, PA

Address: 413 Highland Avenue, New Castle, PA

Phone: (724) 658-5526

Catholic Charities primarily provides counseling. Call and find out what the payment options are for you if you decide you want to go to counseling. Find out and ask what documentation you would need to bring with you for your appointment such as proof of income, cost of services, etc.

Catholic Charities offer additional services and classes that may be interesting to you or a loved one. Listed below are some of the services and classes. You can contact them at (724) 658-5526.

1. PA Work Ware of Lawrence County

- They work with you on your interview skills**
- You watch videos on interviewing**
- You learn how to dress for the job**

***Catholic Charities has a new program to help candidates that are preparing to interview for a job. If you are looking for a job and are preparing to go to an interview, call the Catholic Charities as they can help prepare you for the interview. It is my understanding they do not find jobs; they only help you prepare for the interview. If you are hired for the job, then they will assist you in getting some clothes for your new job. Call and talk to them about the job Interview preparation program.**

Additional Services and Classes Offered at Catholic Charities:

2. Pregnancy and Parenting - Supportive counseling and parenting information for women who are pregnant and/or have a child under one-year old. These services are also available for biological fathers. Additional services include free and confidential pregnancy testing and free baby care items.

3. Anger Management- Helps people manage their emotions and behavior in appropriate ways. Men's and women's groups available.

4. Basic Needs Assistance- Emergency help with utilities (Dollar Energy Fund and Columbia Gas CAP); disaster relief.

5. Counseling - Individual, family, couples and marriage. Counseling is based on a sliding fee scale. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. Evening appointments available.

6. Referrals- Referrals to other social service agencies to address the need for services not provided by Catholic Charities.

Dial 2-1-1-Sponsored by United Way

It's your friendly neighborhood 24 hours, seven days a week professionally staffed hotline for help with human services. If you need help and information to referrals in your community dial **2-1-1** first.

Disability Options Network New Castle:

Phone: (724)652-5144

Address:831 Harrison St, New Castle, PA 16101

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Disability Options Network provides services for individuals with physical disabilities such as independent living skills training, peer support, advocacy, information and referrals.

Disability Options Network's FREE Assistive Technology Reuse Program- Speak with Fred Hess and/or anyone in the program. Are you in need of a wheelchair, or other products?

-wheelchairs

-canes

-walkers

-bedside commodes

* They have other products too. If they do not have what you need, they will try and find it through one of their other affiliated programs such as the REEP Program and the MERP Program.

Lending Medical Equipment to People in Need

MERP

Lending Medical Equipment to People in Need. This is a program of the UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation.

MERP accepts donations of medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, life chairs, tub benches and shower chairs in good condition. Their staff and volunteers clean, repair, and check the safety of the equipment prior to lending it to someone in need. Those who receive MERP's equipment re-donate it when finished so the cycle of giving can continue. (This information is taken directly from their brochure).

MERP - Farrell Location

Address: 2200 Memorial Drive, Farrell, PA 16121

Phone: (724) 347-6377

Fax: (724) 983- 8734

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MERP - Greenville Location

Address: 103 North Main Street, Greenville, PA 16125

Phone: (724) 589- 6377

Fax: (724) 373-1999

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Easter Seals of Western and Central Pennsylvania

Phone: (412) 281-7244

Address: 153 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Children and adults with disabilities and special needs find highest-quality services designed to meet their individual needs when they go to the Easter Seals. Teams of therapists, teachers and other health professionals help each other overcome obstacles to independence and reach his or her personal goals. Easter Seals also included families as active members of any therapy program, and offers the support families need.

If you are interested in the programs at Easter Seals, please call and discuss the programs with their staff.

Project Bundle-Up - Lawrence County Service Center

The Salvation Army Western Pennsylvania Division - Project Bundle Up

Address: 240 West Grant Street, New Castle, PA 16103

Contact Name: Captains Geoffrey & Marisabel Swires

Phone:(724)652-7921

Geographical Area: Lawrence county, 16112, 16116, 16132, 16101, 16102, 16103, 16104, 16155, Bessemer, Edinburg, Hillsville, New Castle, Villa Maria.

Intake Procedures: Call or walk in. Telephones are not answered on the weekend.

Intake Requirements: Photo ID, social security numbers for everyone in the household, birth certificates for all children up to age 13, proof of income, proof of address (e.g. utility bill), Green Letter for Good fellows if received.

Description: Winter outerwear items for financially qualifying children and seniors.

Housing

Lawrence County Housing Authority (LCHA)

Phone: (724) 656-5100

Main Address: 481 Neshannock Avenue, New Castle, PA 16103 and/or P.O. Box 988, New Castle, PA 16103

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch Daily: 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HUD Housing- Section 8 Housing

Phone: (724)656-5106

Main Address: 481 Neshannock Avenue, New Castle, PA 16103

1) Pick up the Application on Tuesday and Thursday at the office from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. When you complete the application return it to the office.

OR

2) Download the applications from the website: www.lawrencecountyha.com

***PLEASE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A WAIT LIST FOR HUD-Section - 8 HOUSING**

***Criminal Background Checks are required for all individuals applying for Housing (LCHA and HUD). You must meet the eligibility requirements too.**

City Rescue Mission-Homeless Shelter for Men Only

Phone: (724) 652-4321

Address: 319 S. Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA

Emergency Shelter, Meals and Clothing. Open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Provides temporary, emergency shelter for homeless men. This program provides men with food, shelter, spiritual counseling, casework, and networking. As the City Rescue Mission is a Christian ministry, all shelter guests are required to participate in spiritual counseling as well as attend daily devotions and traditional evening Church services.

****Always call to clarify the availability of services being offered, what services are available and if there are any changes to existing services. Make sure you have the correct location and times of the programs.**

Important: Many Shelters now have waiting lists. Many waiting lists are very long. Shelters and services also go out of business. Always call ahead to confirm that the location you are calling about is still active.

Hope Place- Shelter for Women and Children Only

Address: 1018 Rebecca Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 652-4349

- You must first set up an appointment to have a phone interview
- You must pass a drug and alcohol test
- You cannot owe any money to the Housing Authority
- This is based on availability

Human Services Center

Phone: (724) 658-3578

Address: 130 West North Street, New Castle, PA

Website: humanservicescenter.net

**The web site gives a complete description of all the services they provide.

Call or visit the web site to learn about all the services provided at the Human Services Center. They provide a multitude of services such as counseling for individuals, children, families, appointments to meet with the psychiatrists just to name a few of their services.

To receive services: Call or Walk into the agency

****In Crisis or in an Emergency, Call 9-1-1 or the Human Services Crisis Line at: (724) 652-9000**

Department of Human Services located at the Lawrence County

Assistance Office (formerly called the Department of Public Welfare)

Phone: (724) 656-3000

Address: 108 Cascade Galleria, New Castle, PA 16101

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*If possible, it is a good idea to make an appointment. This might save you a lot of time and waiting. It is a good idea to find out what papers you might need to bring with you for your appointment. It is better to be prepared for the appointment.

Services Include: Office of Income Maintenance: This department serves low-income Pennsylvanians through cash assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or TANF; employment and training programs; the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, formally known as food stamps; home heating assistance; and assistance for refugees and the homeless.

Veterans Crisis Line

Call: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Confidential help for Veterans and their families

Kick the Habit

1-800-Quit-Now (1-800-784-8669) PA Free Quit line is a telephone based cessation service. 5 sessions are scheduled however, the participant can make unlimited calls into the Quit line. Available in multiple languages. Nicotine Replacement Products are available to qualified individuals as supplies permit.

Lawrence County Community Action Partnership

Phone: (724) 658-7258

Office Address: 241 West Grant Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

Website: lccap.org

**Call about their available services and see if you meet the eligibility requirements.

Lawrence County Community Action Partnership is made up of three agencies that seek to involve the community in assessing local needs and attacking the causes and conditions of poverty. They are the Lawrence County Social Services, Inc., United Community Services of Lawrence County, Inc. and Allied Coordinated Transportation Services Inc.

Through these agencies, Lawrence County Community Action Partnership reaches out to low-income people in Lawrence County to address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develops partnerships with other community organizations, involves low-income clients in agency's operations, and administers a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty.

Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Address: 20 East Washington Street, 2nd Floor
New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 658-5580

Hours: Monday thru Friday (8 am – 4 pm)

Description: The staff will assist you with your treatment needs and discuss options that can lead to the path of recovery. Their services are confidential.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Phone: (724)656- 3070 or (800)442-6379

*****Call and complete an Intake over the phone and set up an appointment if needed.**

Office Address: 100 Margaret Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Geographic Area Served: Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Armstrong counties

Services: Vocational Rehabilitation Services to individuals with disabilities. Services available include, but are not limited to: Diagnostic Services, Vocational Evaluation, Counseling and Guidance, Restoration Services, Training and Job Placement Assistance, depending upon need.

Fee Policy: No charge for applying for services, diagnostic service, vocational evaluation counseling or job placement assistance. For other services, eligible individuals may have to contribute to the cost of OVR services.

Eligibility: Must have a disability (a physical, mental or emotional problem) and the disability must cause a vocational impairment.

Salvation Army

Phone:(724) 652-7921

Address: 240 West Grant Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday-8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation: Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.

Services:

- They Do Pre-Screening by Phone for the P-Cap Program only.
- They have a Food Bank

* Always call to make sure there are no time changes or if they are out of the office for meetings.

****The Salvation Army only gives vouchers to people who have been a victim of a fire. Because of funding, they have not been able to give out any additional vouchers.**

Salvation Army Thrift Store

Address: 102 Grove Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 658-9331

Description: You can purchase pre-owned clothing, furniture, house hold items and more.

Goodwill Store

Address: 2611 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 652-4877

Description: You can purchase pre-owned clothing, furniture, house hold items and more.

Food Bank at the New Castle Salvation Army

*Call before you go to confirm they are open.

*Open Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements:

-Photo ID

-Proof Income

Safe Link- Free Phone Program

Phone:(800)723-3546

Website: safelink.com

*Call and see if you meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for this program. You may qualify if you are on food stamps, Medicaid or another government assistance program.

Social Security Office

Phone: (866) 331-5283

Address: 1708 Wilmington Road, New Castle, PA 16105

Office Hours: Monday - Tuesday-- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Thursday- Friday-- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Services: Retirement benefits – From FICA taxes, full retirement, early retirement, delayed retirement; Disability benefits; Survivors benefits; Medicare coverage; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); and Social Security Numbers.

Retirement: contact local office, usually age 65; Survivors: Can be paid to widow, widower, unmarried, dependent parents; Disability: there is a strict definition of disability. Check the eligibility requirements.

* It is a good idea to call and make an appointment. Make sure you ask what papers you need to bring with you when you have your appointment. Write down your questions before going to the appointment! Make sure you write down their answers so you can reflect upon them later.

The Starkey Hearing Foundation- Hear Now Program

*** Call first to find out the eligibility requirements and if you qualify!**

***Do Not complete the application until you find out if you would be an eligible candidate.**

Phone for Hear Now Program: 1-800-328-8602

E-Mail: hearnow@starkey.com

Application Processing Fee per hearing aid requested:

\$125.00

* Call them at the above phone number and see if you are eligible. If you are eligible then complete the application fee.

*******If you receive hearing aids, in part or total, through the VA, an insurance plan, Medicaid, a state or any other program may not qualify for Hear Now service. Each person is encouraged to call to discuss their individual situation and to find out if they are an eligible candidate.**

DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS AND OVER THE COUNTY MEDICATIONS

Lawrence County District Attorney's Office

Address: 430 Court St, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone:(724) 656-1916

You can hand over old prescribed medications only to a detective at the court house.

Neshannock Township Police Department

Address: 3135 Old Mercer Rd, New Castle, PA 16105

Phone:(724) 654-4211

In the Front Lobby, there is a bright red box. You can put old prescribed medications and over the counter medications in that bright red box.

**Check with your physicians and pharmacists about possible other places that you can dispose of prescribed medications and over the counter medications.

Utility Assistance

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

They have the Cap Program (Customer Assistance Program) and the Energy Assistance Program (Grant Programs)

The client would have to meet the eligibility criteria. Call and discuss your needs with them. Inquire about other available programs they may have to help you.

They will guide you on how you should proceed.

Phone:1-800-537-7431

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Emergency Repair Fund - This utility bill assistance program is designed to address emergency situations that involve unsafe service

conditions for residential heat customers with low incomes, and the applicant needs to own and be living in their home. **Dial 1-800-537-7431.**

Dollar Energy Fund

Phone:1-888-282-6816

*You should call them directly. They work with people to find out if they are eligible for the customer assistance programs and/or grants with their utilities. Inquire about other available programs they may have to help you.

Peoples Natural Gas- The Warm Program (CAP Program and Universal Services)

Phone: 1-800-400-WARM (9276)

They handle the Dollar Energy Fund Program for Peoples Natural Gas to help consumers with programs for gas, electric and water utilities. Inquire about other available programs they may have to help you. Call and discuss your needs with them. They will guide you on how you should proceed.

People in Need

Phone :(724)-657-3303 Receptionist @ Extension # 100

Address: 2703 West State Street, New Castle, Pa 16101

This organization will assist people applying for:

- Columbia Gas Customer Assistance Program (CAP)
- Dollar Energy Fund for Columbia Gas
- Pennsylvania Water Company
- PA Power

* Applicants must meet income guidelines to qualify for these programs. Inquire about their other programs too.

Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

***LIHEAP starts November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.**

- 1) Applications can be picked up at the Department of Human Services at 108 Cascade Galleria, New Castle, Pa 16101- **Phone:(724) 656-3000**
- 2) Apply on line at: www.compass.state.pa.us

- 3) You may call directly to the Harrisburg, PA Office and request an application be mailed to you. **Phone: (866) 857-7095**

Food Distribution and Food Bank Locations in New Castle

**** For further information, call the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank toll-free at (800) 343-3135 to find out additional current locations in your zip code area.**

Food Distribution

St. Vitas Catholic Church Food Program - Produce to People

When: Food Pick Up on the **2nd Saturday** of the month between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Gym located at:

Address: 915 South Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724)652-3422

**** To Register:** You must bring the current month's electric bill with your name on it. It must match your driver's license. Also, bring a box/bags to put your food in as they do not provide boxes or bags. In nice weather, people line up at 9:00 a.m.

Description: St. Vitus Food Program in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Food Bank and Produce to People, St. Vitus Parish sponsors a community- wide food distribution every month in Fabbri Hall, at St. Vitus School. They can provide much-needed food, including fresh produce, canned goods, meats and bakery items to over 600 families in need throughout our local region.

Food Bank

New Life Bread Basket (Epworth United Methodist Church)

Phone:(724)979-2283

Address: 805 East Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101

When: Food Pick Up on the **3rd Saturday** of the month between 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

****If you are registered, you would come in according to the Alphabet as you**

know, A-Z. If you need to register, please come in at 9:00 a.m.

****Bring Proof of ID and Proof of Income.**

Back Pack Program- This food pantry participates in providing for the Back-Pack Program. The staff of Lawrence county schools identifies children who may need this program. The food is quietly put in the child's backpack on Friday, so these precious kids have food for the weekend. The children are never singled out.

People in Need- Food Panty Food Assistance

People in Need has a food pantry contracted with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The Federal Government provides some basic commodity foods through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The Program helps those who meet the household income guidelines.

Main Office Only for Food Pantry

Address:2703 West State Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 657-3303

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30p.m.

- 1) Call and make an appointment
- 2) Must have ID
- 3) Proof of Income

Call and speak with Tim @ 724-657-3303 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tim manages the:

Food Pantry and Donation Program

The donation program sometimes gets furniture. If they have the furniture at the People in Need, and if it is available and you meet the criteria, you have to be responsible to move the furniture.

Lillyville Church of God- Food Pantry

Address: 408 Hickernell Road, Ellwood City, PA

Phone: (724) 758-8258

Description: The food pantry is open the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Mahoning Township Municipal	724-667-8801
(Bessemer Borough and Mahoning Township)	
New Beaver Borough	724-535-8868
New Bedford Presbyterian Church	724-964-8055
(Wilmington School District and Pulaski, Zip Codes: 16140,16142,16143,16156)	
North Beaver Township	724- 667-7956
People in Need	724- 657-3303
(Lawrence County including Shenango Township)	
St. Joseph the Worker Food Bank	724-652-3622
(Lawrence County)	
Salvation Army Ellwood City	724- 752-3059
(Zip Codes: 16117, 16120, 16123, 16157, 16160)	
Salvation Army New Castle	724-652-7921
(Zip Codes: 16101, 16102, 16103, 16104, 16112, 16116, 161132, 16155)	
Taylor Township	724-535-4627
Union Township	724-658-7921
Washington Township	724- 658-5529
(Volant Borough and Plain Grove, Scott and Washington Township)	

*** For further information, call the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at 412- 460-3663**

Meal Services Delivered and/ or Picked Up- Call Directly for Details

Meals on Wheels located at Jameson Hospital South Campus

Phone: (724)-654-6155

Address: 1000 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

*Special diets are available. Please discuss this with the Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels Program.

Meals on Wheels delivers only freshly made meals. Jameson UPMC South prepares the food under the guidance of a dietician, and volunteers deliver the meals. They deliver within a 5-mile radius of the hospital, but will consider expansion in the future.

Depending on where the client lives, and their preference, they can deliver MWF or M-F, exempting weekends and major holidays.

People usually receive their meals between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

There are no income restrictions or guidelines for eligibility. The daily cost for Meals on Wheels (MOW) is \$6, and they do not accept insurance or credit cards. Each delivery includes TWO meals. One is a hot meal and the other one is a cold meal.

*Clients must live within delivery area.

(This information is from the local church bulletin they advertise with each week)

You can try one of two plans:

Plans 1- 5 Meals per week are delivered Monday through Friday.

You receive a hot meal and a brown bag meal. The hot meal includes a meat, a vegetable and a starch. The brown bag meal includes a sandwich, fruit, salad and a beverage.

Plan 2- 3 Meals are delivered each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Cost- \$6.00 per meal.

*All meals have a date on them. Hot meals are delivered with re-heating

instructions. ***They said re-heating can be done in the microwave or the oven.**

Always check to make sure you can put the dinners in the microwave! Never put aluminum trays in the microwave!!

UPMC - Jameson Hospital North- To purchase frozen meals

Phone: (724) 658-9001 - **Please call if you have questions.**

Address:1211 Wilmington Ave, New Castle, PA 16105

The frozen meals are prepared by the Nutrition Services in the Dietary Department located on the First Floor of Jameson Hospital.

- They have meals for a regular, diet or a low sodium diet.
- The Cost is \$3.00 per each meal
- The hours to pick up the frozen meals are 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- You can pay by using cash or writing a check
- They have a great selection of meals

Meals Served

Feed My Sheep

Phone: (724) 856-3653

Address: 540 E. Long Ave, New Castle, PA

* Call and check to see what other programs they offer.

****Tuesday Only**-A meal is provided at no cost. This can be a hot meal or a cold meal.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You're invited to attend the church service.

Lunch Served: 12:00 p.m.- 12:45 p.m.

City Rescue Mission

Phone: (724) 652-4321

Address: 319 S. Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA

Emergency Shelter for men, Meals and Clothing. Open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. **Provides temporary, emergency shelter for homeless men.**

The City Rescue Mission Community Meal Program is open to anyone in the community.

Days: Monday- Friday 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Saturday and Holidays 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call to clarify times and check to see if there are any changes with time!

First Presbyterian Church- Meal

Address: 125 N. Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 652-7706

Glory Grille

Day: 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month even if it falls on a holiday

Time: 11:30 to 1:00 pm

Cost: Free and open to the public, No ID required

Entrance: Enter in the front of the church or the entrance by the church parking lot.

*** They don't have a food pantry but they do support the food pantry at the City Rescue Mission.**

Crisis Services

The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

Information provided by Lawrence County Mental Health & Developmental Services Program

Phone: (724)-652-9036(24-Hour Hotline)

Address: 1218 West State Street, New Castle, PA 16101

****Immediate Emergencies should call 9-1-1**

- Offers the following services: 24 Hour Hot-Line answered by trained volunteers and staff who offer non-judgmental support and information about options and services available.
- Temporary emergency shelter for up to 36 individuals fleeing abuse and violence
- Four transitional housing apartments with residency for up to 2 years
- Protection from Abuse Screenings
- Individual and group counseling for children and adults
- Ongoing and special topic support groups and workshops
- 24 hours medical and legal advocacy and accompaniment
- System & Individual Advocacy
- Assistance for Victims of Juvenile Offenders
- Assistance for Victims of Other Serious Crimes including services to older victims of crime
- Community Education

Human Services Center

(See detailed information about the services provided at the center at the beginning of this newsletter- See page 9).

In Crisis or Emergency - Call 9-1-1 Immediately!

You can also Call the Human Service Crisis Line at:(724) 652-9000.

Support Groups

New Castle Cancer Support Group

Phone: (724) 730-4075

Address: 100 West Washington
Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meets: the **3rd Thursday** of the month in the back room at **Eat N Park Restaurant**.

Group participants usually have something to eat at Eat N Park.

***Everyone is responsible for paying for their own food and drink selections.**

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group- Lawrence County

Date: They will meet the First Wednesday of every month

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Address: 724 Pershing St., Ellwood City, PA. This group meets in the Ellwood City Hospital Cafeteria Back Dining Room (take elevator to the basement and turn right).

RSVP: (724) 544-9845 **Facilitator:** Victoria Gatto, CEM

ALS Organization (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) A progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

Website:www.als.org

**For those who have a computer this is a great website to connect to learn about ALS, local support groups, Events, Advocacy and many other things.

Parkinson Foundation of Western PA (412) 837-2542

Speak with David VonHofen for referrals, information and education.

Parkinson Support Group in New Castle, PA

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Meets: the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Jameson Rehabilitation Center.

Address: 3410 Wilmington road, New Castle, PA 16105. There are no memberships and no charges.

Contact Person: Janet Altman at (724) 658-8377. For those people interested in attending the support group in New Castle.

*Find out about any group activities they have for members to participate. Also, find out about the featured speaker they have for their monthly meeting.

Bereavement Support Group

Phone:(724) 652-8847

Address: 1000 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month from Jameson Hospital South Campus, Second Floor in the Hospice Wing.

Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is welcomed to attend!

Bereavement Support Group at St. Camillus Catholic Church

Address: 314 West Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

Contact: Sr. Barbara Ann at (724) 652- 9471 Ext # 12, for the meeting day and time.

Ask Sr. Barbara about the Bereavement Support Groups for Children and Teens. Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one is welcomed to attend!

Grief Share Program

When: Sunday, January 15, 2017 and conclude April 23rdth, 2017

Where: Calvin Presbyterian Church located at 615 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Questions can be directed to Ginny Brest at: (724) 758-3838 or

The Church Office at: (724) 758- 4258

Transportation

(ACTS) Allied Coordinated Transportation Services

Phone: (724) 652-5588

Address: 241 West Grant Street, New Castle, PA 16101

*Call and discuss your transportation needs. Interested Individuals must complete a Registration Form with ACTS.

ACTS is for Everyone! Need Groceries? Doctor's Appointment? Going to Pittsburgh? (or Allegheny, Beaver, Butler or Mercer Counties) Visiting a Friend? Going Shopping

Lawrence County's Monday through Friday, Door to Door, Open-to-the-Public Bus Service! Call (724) 652-5588

ACTS TRANSPORTATION

Provides Free Transportation to Medical and Related Appointments to those Individuals who have Breast Cancer!

Phone: (724) 652-5588

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you or anyone you know has breast cancer, **ACTS** would like to help. **ACTS** are offering free transportation to any of your doctor's visits and treatment related destinations. **Call First** to discuss this program and the eligibility requirements.

Counties Served: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland.

Acts Vehicle Purchase and Repair Program

Address:241 W. Grant Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 652-5588

Call (724) 652-5588 or (724) 658-7258 and speak with someone to discuss if you would be an eligible candidate for these programs. If you are an eligible candidate, ask if you need to make an appointment and be sure to ask what documentation you would need to bring with you when you meet with them.

New Castle Area Transit Authority

Phone: (724) 654-3130

Address: 311 Mahoning Ave, New Castle, PA 16101

Geographic Area Served: City of New Castle and portions of surrounding areas

Office Hours:

Days: **Monday** – Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Website: <http://newcastletransit.org>

Varies by service – Call for Information

* Inquire about the Senior Pass and the Eligibility Requirements.

ATTENTION: THE OPTICAL PROGRAM PROVIDED BY LCCAP FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY AND FOR BEAVER COUNTY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. THE PROGRAM CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW PROGRAM. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.

Activities/Entertainment/Cultural/Education

Attention: If you are a person with a physical handicap and need assistance, you must provide your own aide or your own assistant to accompany you when attending the Senior Center. The Center does not have nurses or medical professionals on staff.

Any activities that you attend in general, it is your responsibility to make sure to provide your own aide to accompany you if needed. -Thank You

Challenges Center: New Castle- Shenley Square

Address: 2706 Mercer Road, New Castle, PA- Lawrence County

Phone: (724)-658-3729

Challenges: Ellwood City Center Location

Phone: (724) 752-9435

Address: 1405 Woodside Avenue, Ellwood City, PA

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

* This is a much smaller facility. Call and find out all the available programs and their membership program. They do not have a walking track.

***To Report Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of an Older Adult,
Call:724-658-3729. Answers 24 hours, Collect Calls Accepted.**

New Castle Services & Membership

Challenges Center at Shenley Square in New Castle is an innovative community facility offering a wide variety of educational, recreational and health-related activities to help support the independence of adults ages 50+ that live-in Lawrence County. While many of the Center's offerings are free, others require membership and/or separate fees.

The facility is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is wheelchair accessible.

New Castle Playhouse

Address:202 East Long Ave, New Castle, PA 16101.

Website: www.newcastleplayhouse.org

Phone: (724) 654-3437- Mon – Fri 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

***Call for additional information!**

**Join us in the Augustine Auditorium for:
Shrek JR – The Musical- Youth Musical Theater**

Director: Devin Householder

March 3 - 12, 2017

Cost: Adults - \$16.00, Adults Over 60 - \$13.00, Full Time Students- \$13.00.

Children 12 and under are \$11.

Coming in April at the New Castle Playhouse:

King O' the Moon: Over the Tavern Part II

This Play will be in the Annex Theater

A comedy by: Tom Drudix

Director: Annette Crowe

Dates: April 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th.

Description: This is a delightful comedy. More information will be provided closer to the time of the presentation.

Scottish Rite Cathedral

Address: 110 East Lincoln Avenue Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 654-6683 to find out about upcoming Shows, Events, and Dance Classes that may interest you. Ask for ticket specials.

Ellwood City Public Library

Address: 415 Lawrence Ave, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Phone: (724) 758-6458

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday 10:00 M – 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday Closed

Website: ellwoodcitylibrary.com

Find out about the "Library by Mail Program". Who is eligible for this program? Call to find out about all the available programs the library offers at (724)758-6458.

Look at the Library Calendar for all Upcoming Fun Events for both children and adults.

Books -If you enjoy reading, check out the latest book titles with a summary description.

New Castle Public Library

Address: 207 East North Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 658-6659

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Web: www.ncdlc.org

Find out about the "Library by Mail Program". Who is eligible for this program? Call to find out about this and other programs at (724)658-6659 Ext # 107.

Books -If you enjoy reading, check out the latest book titles with a summary description.

Computer Classes Every Wednesday and & Gadget Classes Every Thursday at the New Castle Public Library

Address: New Castle Public Library, 207 East North Street, New Castle, PA.

Date: Computer Classes Every Wednesday and & Gadget Classes Every Thursday

Contact: Susan at (724) 658-6659 extension # 107

Description: Registration is required for these classes. Please call and register if you are interested in these classes! Make sure you ask the cost of the program.

New Castle Community YMCA- has 2 locations listed below:

Downtown New Castle Y

Phone: (724) 658-4766

Address: 20 West Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Downtown Hours: Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday-1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Call and find out about membership costs, children's programs and other programs. Silver Sneaker and Silver Fit Program possibly can be paid for by your insurance if you are receiving Medicare. Financial Assistance is determined by the National Guidelines. You may also want to check out their website.

Y-Zone in Neshannock

Phone: (724) 658-9211

Y-Zone Address: 428 Eleanor Drive, New Castle, PA 16105

Hours at the Y-Zone: ****Always call to find out the updated change of hours and operations.**

Available Programs Include:

***Youth Development *Healthy Living*Social Responsibility**

Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts

Where Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts

Address: 124 East Leisure Avenue, New Castle PA 16101

Phone: (724)652-2882

WEBSITE: <http://www.hoytartcenter.org>

***See Website for schedule of events. They have classes for both adults and children. When you call, ask about the Classes and if there is a cost!**

Caritas Pet Care

Address: 2910 Princeton Road, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 730-9397

Description: This is a free full-service kennel for dogs and cats when the pet's owner is experiencing a short-term crisis such as: in-patient psychiatric hospitalization, a medical emergency, displacement due to a natural disaster, escape from domestic violence situation or other such emergency.

Additional Details:

- Owner must reside in Western Pennsylvania
- Owner must meet certain income eligibility requirements
- Pet must be up-to-date on all vaccinations
- Short term kennel stay

* You can **Google Caritas Pet Care** and find out more information about this service. Please be mindful that space may be limited. You can also inquire if there are other programs available within the community if they do not have the space to accommodate your needs for your pet when you call.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COMES THROUGH YOUR DOOR!

Local Events for Lawrence County

Website: PA-Vendors.com

PA-Vendors.com is your online source for vendors and events in Pennsylvania where you will find [Event Calendars](#) for events in PA such as arts and crafts shows, vendor fairs, festivals, fairs, farm shows, trade shows, bridal shows, expos, antique shows, collector events, flea markets, farmers markets, community and town yard sales, and other events that include vendors.

Community Events are especially scarce during January and February. During this time, you might want to think about looking at the events at your local library. There may be many things that you will find interesting.

Day at the Mall

Address: Center at The Mall- Lutheran Service Society
Beaver Valley Mall- 284 Mall Boulevard, Monaca, PA 15061

Phone:(724) 728-1422

Time: Begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends around 12:00 Noon

***The Day at the Mall will be on February 8, 2017!**

Cost: Free and Open to the public

Description: Many vendors from various agencies will have information and handouts about the services they provide. Many people from the Lawrence County area attend this event!

Looking ahead... Plan for the events that interest you.

Westminster College Celebrity Series for 2017

Address: Orr Auditorium- Westminster Drive, Wilmington, PA 16142

Box Office: Monday through Friday- 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: (724) 946-7354

Google: Westminster Celebrity Series to view the brochure and costs of tickets or call the Box Office and talk with them about the shows, times and the various prices for the shows. They are very nice and very helpful!

Description: Bringing the Best in the World Entertainment to the Campus and the Community.

The Westminster Celebrity Series started as part of an Artist-Lecture series and has developed over the years into its present format and identity. Many great performers have graced the stage of Orr Auditorium since the inception of the program in 1967.

Westminster List of Shows for the 2017 Season

April 1, 2017, Saturday - John Denver Musical Tribute starring Ted Vigil

May 6, 2017, Saturday - The Doo Wop Project

Celebrity Series for Kids

May 16, 2017, Tuesday -Peter Rabbit Tales

The Confluence

Address: 214 East Washington Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: (724) 698-7604

Website: confluencecoffee.org

The Confluence is a social enterprise of **Cray Youth & Family Services, Inc.** Cray is a local nonprofit seeking to help kids and families who are struggling but also has

ventured into initiative like, The Confluence, to build our community's health by bringing people together.

The Confluence is so much more than a coffee shop. They are a gathering place where each interaction, conversation, and purchase is a chance to grow together and contribute to building a stronger and healthier community. The common good of children and families in Lawrence County is the primary purpose of **The Confluence** – literally “slow-roasted” into the DNA of everything they do. The revenue generated by providing quality products and superior customer service fund the critical and life-changing programs of **Cray**. They are literally “Making life better for kids one cup of coffee at a time”.

Description: Designed to build community and inspire social interactions, when you visit **The Confluence**, you can enjoy your Food and Beverages in an inviting and cozy atmosphere. Curl up by the fireplace, play some board games, browse our Art Gallery, relax in the reading room and lending library or enjoy a variety of scheduled entertainment.

***Every Thursday Night at 7:00 pm Live Music and Entertainment!**

***Call and find out if there is any cost for the entertainment.**

Stop in and enjoy coffee, conversation and community!

Enjoy a Sunday Brunch

The First Sunday of the Month, you can attend a brunch. Always call to make sure they are still having the Brunch. Many say this is a great Brunch and an opportunity to meet others. Just a thought.

St. James the Apostle Breakfast Brunch

Address: Saint James the Apostle Church, 4019 US-422, Pulaski, PA

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

When: The First Sunday of Each Month **except** May and it is usually held on Mother's Day. Always call to check!

Phone: (724) 964-8276

Cost: \$8 Adults, \$4 Kids

Description:

Menu: French toast, sweet cheese filling, buttermilk and buckwheat pancakes, with fruit and maple syrups, scrambled eggs, eggs with peppers, onions and cheese, home fries, bacon, ham and sausage, toast and fresh cinnamon rolls, hot and cold cereals, coffee, tea, juices and milk.

"Second Saturday" Soup Supper

Where: The Wurtemberg United Methodist Church

Address: 1244 Portersville Road, Ellwood City, PA

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017 – This is the last Soup Supper for the Season!

Phone:(724) 758-9685

Time: 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Website: www.wurtemburghunitedmethodistchurch.com (to view their calendar of events!)

Description:

Eat-in and take-out are both \$6.00 per person. Free for children under the age of 5. Price includes chili beef soup, beef veggie soup, Italian bread, homemade rolls, dessert, beverages and refills. Grilled cheese sandwiches are \$1.00 and quarts of soup are \$6.00. Come, relax and enjoy fresh homemade soups and desserts!

FYI – This event will take place in Pittsburgh but you may want to participate.



Save the Date

UPMC Rehabilitation Institute 6th Annual Wheelchair Wash and Tune-Up

Friday, June 9, 2017, 4 to 7 p.m.
UPMC Mercy, Clark Auditorium

Caregiver Support Groups (These groups are new to the area. In future newsletters, they will be listed under support groups).

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER (The Focus is on Geriatric Caregiving)

Address: Clen-Moore Place located at 22 West Clen-Moore Blvd, New Castle, PA 16105

Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

When: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

RSVP: Valerie @ (724) 656-0132

Cost: Free and open to the community

Description: Learn from seasoned professionals in a supportive environment and grow in your role as a caregiver.

*** 3-13-17 Permission granted to include the information about the Support Group by Valerie Acosta, Community Relations Manager at Clen-Moore Place.**

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

***Are you caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or a related Dementia?**

***Have you felt like you have gotten lost in the world of being a care provider?**

***Could you use an evening out with people who are going through similar experiences that you can relate to?**

***Is it time to take care of you, your issues, and your needs?**

- **Learn practical care giving information**
- **Get mutual support**
- **Learn about local community resources**
- **Find solutions to challenging behaviors**

****Special Guest Speaker: Suzanne Weessies-** Constituent Services Coordinator with The Alzheimer's Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter
"Communication and Care Options for Dementia"

Date: Wednesday April 5, 2017

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: The Ellwood City Hospital Cafeteria Back-Dining Room (take elevator to the basement & turn right)

RSVP: 724-544-9845

Facilitator: Victoria Gatto CEM

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Where: Pearson Park

Address: 179 Pearson Park Drive, New Castle, PA

Phone: (724) 658 -6332

Time: Starts at 1:00 p.m. and the egg hunt goes quickly. Usually done by 1:05 p.m. for the egg hunt.

Cost: Free and open to children up to 12 years of age from Lawrence County.

Description: Children are invited to find eggs with candy or prizes.

Light refreshments will be served. You can bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Face Painting will be available for the children only.

"THE EVA SCHLOSS STORY: REMBRANCES OF THE HOLOCAUST"

Live Original Play

Date: April 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Address: Former Temple Hadar Israel located at 403 East Mood Avenue, New Castle, PA.

Cost: Free admission, but donations will be accepted.

Description: The Tri-State Professional Tour Features Molly Galano as Eva Schloss, the inspirational step-sister of Anne Frank who survived the Holocaust.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES- You must be 21 years old to attend this event.

Date: April 29, 2017

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Races start at 7:00 p.m.

Address: St. John's Hall, 725 Pearson Street, New Castle, PA.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

***Food and beverages will be available to purchase. Proceeds benefit Lawrence County Animal Relief Fund.**