

## **Community Agencies Offering Assistance for SCASD Families**

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**2-1-1: Pennsylvania 211** is a statewide collaborative for health and human services information for the state. All residents have easy access to customized health, housing and human services information in one place. Callers are re-directed to the appropriate agency.

### **BASIC NEEDS – financial, food, clothing, housing & utility needs:**

- **Community Help Centre/Basic Needs Case Management: CHC 814-237-5855**  
Basic Needs helpline: 814-272-1190 or Amanda Gentzel direct: 814-235-7615 –  
  
24-hour hotline for emergencies of any type and referral to appropriate community agencies that can help (such as the Food Bank and others below) or if needed, referral to basic needs case management.
- **State College Food Bank: 814-234-2310** – Carol Pioli, or Missy Garvin,  
  
Emergency food; open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.
- **Centre County Housing Case Manager: 814-237-1944** –Jennifer Stahl  
  
Help finding places to rent that are affordable and other help with housing issues
- **Interfaith Human Services: 814-234-7731** - Linda Kyle  
  
Emergency financial assistance; referral to other agencies that can help with financial needs; Budgeting and Money Management assistance services.
- **Salvation Army: 814-861-1785** – Ellen Mayer, Social Services Case Manager  
  
Help in crisis situations of any type; Back-to-School Program, Angel Tree Holiday Program, Coats for Kids (and also adults) Program, and much more!
- **St. Vincent De Paul Society and Thrift Store: 814-867-3131.**  
  
Clothing, Housing Assistance, Rental Assistance, Utilities, Food, Shelter
- **Central PA Community Action, Inc.** – 814-355-7501  
  
Provide housing services, case management, food services, heating a utility assistance, consumer information, transportation services.
- **West Penn Power Company WARM and LIPURP Programs for Low-Income Customers** – WARM: 1-888-406-8074; LIPURP: 1-800-207-1250  
  
Depending on how much electricity people within certain income guidelines use each month, the WARM program could provide energy saving home improvements. LIPURP offers reduced energy payments and some debt forgiveness.

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- **Centre County Office of Assistance: 814-863-6571** (main line) or press 0  
Provides medical, assistance, financial assistance, food assistance for those who qualify due to income; LIHEAP Energy Assistance also available
- **Shoe Bank of St. Paul's United Methodist Church:** Jan Becker, Coordinator.  
  
Infants and children up to age 18 with medical access may get a free pair of shoes periodically. Open Saturdays 9:00 AM – Noon, except holiday weekends. St. Paul's - Corner of McAllister Street/Locust Lane and College Avenue. Locust Lane entrance.
- **Coat Ministry:** Buffalo Run United Methodist Church on Rt. 550  
<http://www.buffaloruncharge.org/BuffaloRunInfo.html> Open Saturdays in winter from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
- **Consumer Credit Counseling Services - 814-238-3668.**  
  
Non-profit agency offers budget counseling and debt consolidation.
- **The Mommy Shoppe – Houserville United Methodist Church – 814-360-4148.**  
  
Open monthly; call for dates or email Sharon Poorman at [bchbumn@sandytoes.org](mailto:bchbumn@sandytoes.org). Low cost baby clothing and other baby items at yard sale prices.

#### **MEDICAL HEALTH/NUTRITION AND SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD :**

- **WIC (Women, Infants and Children): 814-234-8621**  
  
Supplemental food for pregnant or breastfeeding women and children up to age 5.
- **Centre Volunteers in Medicine: 814-231-4043** Shelley Murray, Case Manager  
Emergency health care for the uninsured

#### **TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:**

- **Centre County Transportation Office:** 355-6807 For people with medical cards; transportation within the county and for some cases, out of county to Geisinger, Hershey, etc. Must be arranged 3 days in advance.

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED SERVICES:**

- **Child Care Information Services: 814-231-1352.**  
  
Offers subsidized child care assistance to families who qualify. Emergency safety net funds may be available for those who qualify based on need and situation.
- **PA Career Link of Centre County: 814-272-5465.**  
  
Employment and educational programs. Unemployment services.
- **WATCH Project** (Work Attributes Toward Careers in Health) **1-855-292-8246**  
  
Offers help for low income people to afford training and education in medical professions.

## **YOUTH AND MENTORING:**

- **YMCA of Centre County: 814-237-7717** Offers scholarships for memberships to families who qualify. See their website for the applications. Provides many recreational opportunities to children and adults.
- **Youth Service Bureau/Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Phone: 814-237-5731; 237-2224 for voice mail; [bbbs@ccysb.com](mailto:bbbs@ccysb.com) for email.** YSB has many programs. BB/BS is one that provides one on one mentoring relationships for boys and girls.