Centre County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Resource Book

A Guide to Services and Supports for Children Birth to Five (0-5)

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Centre County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

The LICC was created based on the PA Act 212- The Early Intervention Services System Act in 1990. The Act stipulated the “establishment and maintenance” of a Local Interagency Coordinating Council. Each county in Pennsylvania has an LICC that addresses each county’s strengths and concerns.

The goal of the LICC is to create a comprehensive, coordinated, collaborative and cohesive system of supports that optimizes a child’s development.

The Objectives of the LICC are:
1) to ensure that children who are eligible for services are involved in Early Intervention.
2) to provide training to parents and community agencies.
3) to identify local community issues and determine solutions related to Early Intervention.
4) other local objectives as appropriate.

The LICC requires participation from the Department of Education, the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Health and the local Head Start program. Other participants include community agency representatives, parents, and others interested in early childhood education

LICC meetings are held regularly and are open to the public. Please check the Centre County Early Intervention website for more information https://www.centrecountypa.gov/336/Local-Interagency-Coordinating-Council
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C3 Kids Development Center
C3 KIDS is a non-profit childcare and learning center that is committed to providing high quality care and early learning. We are dedicated to offering a safe, nurturing and faith-based environment to enhance each child’s emotional, social and educational development through the perfect balance of learning and play.

C3 Kids is open Monday through Friday, 6:30am-6:00pm and is accepting full-time and part-time enrollment for ages six weeks through fifth grade. We accept childcare subsidy from Penn State University and the Early Learning Resource Center.

C3 KIDS schedules daily “Bible Time” where children learn Bible stories, different teachings from the Bible and Biblical principles to prepare them for higher education and for life with God’s help.

C3 Kids offers advanced security along with Watch Me Grow – A service where you can watch your child as they go about their day from any computer, tablet, or smartphone to ensure you and your child are never truly out of touch. We also offer a “keyless” key-fob system with a name database to enter and exit the building. This makes security when picking up your child easy, quick and safe.
C3 KIDS believes that physical development is key for intellectual and emotional development. We offer daily gross motor activities in two large outside play areas and in the C3 Sports gymnasium and sports dome complex.

C3 Kids offers after school pickup and a School Age Summer Camp program. Summer Camp is a wonderful opportunity for your child to have fun, learn, explore, make lasting friendships and to grow in their faith.

200 Ellis Place
State College, PA 16801
814-237-6263
Email: info@c3kidssc.org
Website: http://c3kidssc.org

**CenClear**
CenClear Early Head Start (EHS) offers weekly home visits to pregnant women and children up to age 3. The Home Visitor and parent/primary caregiver develop a plan together to help the child learn through daily parent-child interactions in the home environment. The home visitor also helps to connect the family to information, support, and community resources. Families also have the opportunity to socialize with other families at least twice a month. Transportation is available. Families must meet eligibility requirements. Applications can be submitted online at

[www.cenclear.org](http://www.cenclear.org)
Phone: 1-800-525-KIDS
CenClear
CenClear Preschool is offered to 3–5-year-olds. This high-quality program focuses on school readiness skills to prepare children for kindergarten. Children receive nutritious meals and snacks. There is no cost to eligible families. A variety of centers are located throughout Centre County. Families must meet eligibility requirements. Applications can be submitted online at www.cenclear.org.

Phone: 1-800-525-KIDS

Central Intermediate Unit Preschool Early Intervention (PS EI):
The Central Intermediate Unit 10 provides special education services to children ages 3 to kindergarten entry. Eligibility is determined by a 25% delay or an IDEA category. Services are provided at no cost to the family and can take place in the home or early childhood environment. To arrange a screening please call.

Phone: 814-342-0884 x 3060
Website: https://www.ciu10.org

Centre County Early Intervention Infants/Toddlers Program
Centre County Early Intervention (EI) provides services to children ages birth to 3 years old who exhibit a developmental delay of 25% or greater (-1.5 standard deviations), a medical or
mental health diagnosis, or the need for informed clinical opinion. Qualifying children may be eligible to receive physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, hearing therapy, vision therapy, and special instruction. In addition, each child is provided with a Service Coordinator who can be a resource and support for the child and family. All services are provided in families’ homes or the community, are voluntary and provided at no cost regardless of family income. If you have any concerns about your child’s development, call today to discuss a developmental evaluation.

Phone: 814-355-6786
Website: http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=335

**Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC)**

Early Learning Resource Center is funded by the Department of Human Services (PA DHS), Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). Pennsylvania’s Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRCs) provide a single point-of-contact for families, early learning service providers, and communities to gain information and access services that support high-quality child care and early learning programs. The ELRC has two major components, Keys to Quality and Child Care Works.
**Keys to Quality (KTQ)**

Child care professionals can obtain support in building quality outcomes for children by working with quality coaches to achieve Keystone STAR 3 and 4 status, building connections with community partners, and supporting children and families in accessing additional services, such as PA Pre-K Counts, Head Start, home-visiting, and Early Intervention.

Keystone STARS is a statewide initiative of the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to improve, support and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning and school-age programs in Pennsylvania.

PA’s continuous quality improvement system includes an automatic STAR 1 with certification through the Department of Human Services (DHS). Then early learning providers can move through our STARS System reaching higher and higher levels of quality working with our Keys to Quality Program to achieve STAR 2, 3 and finally STAR 4 status. Our Quality Coaches offer free support to all early learning providers.

**Child Care Works (CCW)**

Child Care Works is the subsidized child day care program to provide financial assistance to eligible, working families who are faced with the challenges of affording safe, reliable, quality child care. Parents must be working a minimum of 20 hours a week and meet other eligibility requirements to qualify.
Financial assistance is also available for individuals who are attending an accredited training program if they are working at least 10 hours per week. Part of the time spent in training counts toward some of the 20-hour hour per week work requirement. Training includes adult basic education, English as a Second Language, a 2-year to 4-year post-secondary degree program, an internship, clinical placement, apprenticeship, and lab work.

ELRC 2565 Park Centre Blvd. Suite 100, State College, PA 16801
Phone: 814-231-1352 or (888) 440-2247
Fax: 570-988-4454
Website: www.elrc8.org

Our Children's Center
Our Children's Center Montessori School (OCC) offers early childhood programs for children from 12 months through six years based on the Montessori Philosophy and Method of teaching young children, which encourages individual, whole-child development. Using this approach, we strive to achieve a balance in each child’s physical, social, emotional, and academic development. Our aim is to aid the children in their development of order, coordination, concentration, and independence. These are the basic principles of a Montessori education and are achieved through the use of the Montessori Materials in a prepared environment. In striving to promote access to early childhood education for all members of our
community, we offer scholarships and are also a Pre-K Counts site with eight tuition-free spots. Please visit our website or contact us for more information and to explore whether OCC would be a good fit for your family!

Phone: 814-237-1585
Website: www.occmontessori.org

**Park Forest Preschool**
Park Forest Preschool is a state licensed, nonprofit, tuition-free preschool that provides quality early childhood education for qualifying families. Park Forest Preschool prepares children for kindergarten success by promoting cognitive, social emotional, and physical growth in a diverse, nurturing, play-based environment. Parent programs are offered to support our families.
Open 8:45 am to 12:15 pm, with option for extended day until 2:30 available, September - May. Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are provided daily.

Phone: 814-231-8492.
Website: www.parkforestpreschool.org

**Schlow Centre Region Library**
Schlow Library is a public library serving everyone living in State College Borough and College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris, and Patton Townships. We are a Family Place Library featuring play
areas, storytimes, parenting classes, and a Toddler Learning Centre Program in partnership with Early Childhood Specialists from Strawberry Fields. Our award-winning Children's Department collection contains books, audiobooks, and DVDs, as well as educational puzzles, toys, and games that may be borrowed from the library free of charge with your library card. Help your child develop a love of reading and learning today!

Phone: 814-237-6236
Website: schlowlibrary.org

**WPSU Penn State**
WPSU Penn State is a PBS and NPR public media member station offering access to quality programming to central Pennsylvania, reaching over 515,000 households and 450,000 listeners. Through educational programming, WPSU reaches over 24 counties in the region to support teachers, students, and families. WPSU is proud to be a part of Your Learning Neighborhood, a collaborative partnership among the seven PA PBS stations, to offer free community resources, family friendly events, and engaging, educational programs for learners for all ages. We’re here to support educators, children, and families. Please reach out and let us know how we can support your organization and community.

Phone: 814-863-6223
Website: learn.wpsu.org
Email: education@wpsu.org
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

**Aveanna Healthcare**
Aveanna has a heritage of more than 30 years of care for both children and adults. We offer at-home, or in school, hourly shift care services to medically fragile children and provide exceptional care to thousands of patients across the country. At Aveanna, we work closely with families like yours to meet your needs and incorporate your goals in developing and carrying out your loved one's treatment plan. With care, compassion, and clinical excellence, our Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Aides give each patient the greatest opportunity to reach their optimal health and well-being with a focus on providing excellent short- and long-term clinical care. We also provide enteral nutrition and medical supplies. Call us today to learn more about how we can help your family.

Phone: **814.235.9583**  
Website: [https://www.aveanna.com/](https://www.aveanna.com/)

**The Bureau of Blind and Visual Services**
What is BBVS?  
The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS) helps Pennsylvania children (birth to age 21) learn how to be as independent as possible in their homes, schools and neighborhoods.
The number of children who are blind or visually impaired is low. Parents do not always know where to turn. We are here to help parents find their way through this new experience and help their child excel in a sighted world. The sooner BBVS becomes involved, the more likely it is that a child will be able to do his or her best in school now and in the future.

BBVS is a state agency. However, we work with the schools, intermediate units, and any other organizations working with the child. This help continues throughout the child’s school career.

Children’s Services are based on the needs of the child and the choices of his or her parents. A BBVS staff member will work with each child and his or her parents to set goals and identify services to reach those goals.

Specialized services for children offered can include, but are not limited to:

- Information and referral
- Advocacy
- Vision enhancement services
- Guidance and counseling for children and their families
- Summer instruction in daily living and travel activities
- Adaptive equipment and instruction
- Transition to vocational rehabilitation services for future employment
- Assistive technology equipment and instruction
For more information or to speak to a BBVS Social Worker, please contact your local BBVS office.

Altoona BBVS
1130 12th Avenue - Suite 300
Altoona, PA 16601
814-946-7330 Voice • 866-695-7673 Voice
814-949-7956 TTY • 866-320-7956 TTY

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**CenClear Family Centers** is a home-based program that offers a variety of services to promote parent-child interaction, healthy development for children and family well-being. This program is open to residents of Centre and Clearfield Counties for children birth through kindergarten. This program helps parents learn more about early childhood development, helps to make group connections, provides parenting tips, helps to identify developmental delays and health issues, and increase children’s school readiness. This is a free program and does not have any income guidelines.

Phone: 1-800-525-KIDS
CenClear Mental Health Services:
CenClear offers a number of different mental health services in Centre County to meet your unique needs. CenClear’s mental health services are available to all ages. Mental Health Outpatient Services include individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, psychological and psychiatric services. Other services available include Intensive Behavioral Health Services, Family Based Mental Healthy the Maintaining Strengths program and the Decision Support Center. CenClear also offers Certified Peer Specialists for those who wish to have a supportive advocate that has experienced mental health struggles and can share advice and resources on how to have a successful recovery journey.

Phone: 1-877-341-5845
Website: www.cenclear.org

Centre County Office of Adult Services
The Office of Adult Services provides and monitors services for low-income adults and their families, including the disabled population. Services focus on improving lives, providing tools towards self-sufficiency, and protecting those at their highest level of vulnerability. Those services include housing programs for homeless or near-homeless individuals and families, Section 811, rental assistance, food assistance, financial care, homemaker services, and case management.
Centre County Children & Youth Services
Centre County Children and Youth services provides child welfare and foster care services to families in need as a division of County Government. Centre County Children & Youth is dedicated to the task of assuring a safe home environment free from abuse, neglect and exploitation for all Centre County children referred to the Agency. Centre County Children & Youth Services is responsible for these tasks with the authority of the court. Child Welfare services are designed to protect children from abuse or neglect and assist families in staying together when safe and appropriate. When it is not safe for children to remain with their families, the Agency, along with the courts, provides a temporary home for the child until reunification or permanency occurs.

Phone: 814-355-6755
Website: http://centrecountypa.gov
Centre County Mental Health
Centre County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention-Drug & Alcohol (MH/ID/EI-D&A)

*ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL*
The Centre County Office of Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol (MH/ID/EI-D&A) is part of a statewide county-operated program of community-based services.

**Centre County Mental Health (CCMH)** serves individuals from the age of three through the lifespan that are diagnosed with emotional disorders or mental illness through the provision of case management services. CCMH provides Administrative Case Management (ACM) and Blended Case Management (BCM) Services to eligible residents of Centre County. ACM is provided in the office setting. Blended Case Management Services are provided mainly in the community at the level and frequency determined by the individual and their case manager through communication, engagement and assessment documentation.

Case managers partner with individuals to ensure that people are linked with community resources and supports that help achieve unique recovery goals while building skills that supports people’s independence.

CCMH is a contracted provider of Targeted Case Management (TCM) Services under Community Care.
Individuals are referred to contracted providers to access the array of services provided by CCMH.

If you would like information, please call (814) 355-6786, press zero (0) to get an operator and ask to speak with Mental Health Intake.

**Centre County Children’s Team** Meetings are a partnership between Centre County Youth Service Bureau (CCYSB) and Centre County Mental Health (CCMH) that was formed in conjunction with the Children’s Collaborative and as needed for individual and family follow-up. Team meetings are utilize to ensure that youth and families are linked with and receiving the services and supports they need. Referrals for a team meeting are requested through the Children’s Program Specialist at CCMH. The referral is reviewed with CCYSB who schedules and facilitates the meeting. During the meeting, individual and family strengths, areas of need and natural supports are discussed while a unique plan is developed. The individual plan is shared with all team members. Follow-up meetings are scheduled as needed.

3500 East College Ave, Suite 1200, State College, PA 16801
Phone: (814) 355-6786
Home Nursing Agency WIC Program

The Pennsylvania Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has improved the nutrition and health of families in Pennsylvania since 1974 by providing nutrition services, breastfeeding support, health care and social service referrals, and healthy foods. Through WIC, pregnant women, mothers, and caregivers of infants and young children learn about good nutrition to keep themselves and their families healthy!

Who is Eligible for WIC?

WIC serves the following Pennsylvania residents:

- Pregnant women
- Breastfeeding women, for up to one year postpartum
- Women up to six months postpartum, who are not breastfeeding
- Infants and children under 5 years old, including foster children

These residents must also meet WIC Income Guidelines, which is 185 percent of the poverty level set by the federal government and is based on household size. They must also have a medical or nutritional risk, which is determined at the WIC certification appointment. Call for the main office to apply or submit a pre-application online!
Medical Assistance (MA)
Medical Assistance, also known as Medicaid or MA pays for health care services for eligible individuals through the Department of Human Services. The Centre County Assistance Office (CAO) determines eligibility for entitlement programs funded and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS). An application, available at the office or mailed out upon request, must be filed. Eligibility is based on need as determined by income and resource guidelines. Benefits include cash assistance, medical assistance, food stamps, nursing home care, emergency shelter grants, special allowances monies for employment, medical transportation monies, and the energy assistance program, LIHEAP.

There are two ways to apply for or renew your benefits which are:
Online through COMPASS: (https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/public/cmphome)

In person:
Centre County Assistance Office (CAO)
2580 Park Center Boulevard
Parent to Parent of Pa
We connect families of children and adults with disabilities and special needs throughout their journey. We are driven to ensure no parent ever feels alone. We understand the “peaks and valleys” families may be experiencing raising a child with a disability or special need and offer you support by matching you to a volunteer Peer Supporter. We help to provide emotional support, share our own experiences, and let families know, whatever happens, they’ve got this. We believe that matching families with similar experiences and needs makes a positive difference in peoples' lives. Families can be matched for the following conditions or concerns: Physical disabilities, Developmental disabilities, Special health care needs, Behavioral/mental health concerns, foster care or adoption and educational concerns. If you are interested in our free and confidential services, please contact us!

Toll free -1-888-727-2706
State office -717-540-4722
Website: www.parenttoparent.org
LIHEAP: (814) 861-1955
Penn State Extension Nutrition Links
Penn State Extension Nutrition Links offers a series of free classes to parents on topics such as food preparation, meal planning, food storage and sanitation, shopping skills, nutrition for family members, and managing a healthy weight. The program is taught in small groups, led by a Penn State Extension nutrition education adviser. Classes include hands-on activities, food demonstrations, and tasting healthy recipes. Participants receive take-home items such as measuring cups, calendars, thermometers, cookbooks, and more. Classes are open to anyone eligible for WIC, SNAP benefits, or school meals.

Leoni Georgiou lum27@psu.edu
Phone: (814) 355 4897
Website: https://extension.psu.edu/nutrition-links

The Mommy Shoppe: Helping families since 2011
This is a store for parents or guardians to choose free clothes for children in the family. Staffed only by volunteers, we started with baby items only and quickly included older kids up to size 18-20. Included are all kinds of children's clothing, shoes, boots, coats, and more. Most of the items we offer are donated by families in the community. Non clothing items are sold at yard sale prices.
We use appointments for families to shop for free clothing, limited to once every 30 days. We do not require financial information, just contact information and the children’s names and birthdates. There are no geographical limits. We understand split custody arrangements, and will allow both mom and dad to register, but we ask for other caregivers (ex: grandparents, aunts) to not register for the same children. Registration can be done through our website, or in person at the first shopping appointment.

Open for scheduled free shopping appointments on Tuesdays from 7pm-9 pm, Thursdays from 11am-2pm and 7pm-9 pm and the third Saturday each month from 10am-2 pm. Buying customers may come any time we are open, without appointment. Hours subject to change due to weather, holiday or staff needs.

Masks are required for everyone over age 2, until further notice.

Facebook: The Mommy Shoppe- the best place for current information and Messenger for questions
Website: www.themommyshoppe.org -Register here and schedule appointments
Email: themommyshoppe@gmail.com
Phone: not preferred- Use Facebook messenger or email
Address: 1320 Houserville Road, State College, PA 16801 in the Houserville UMC
Nurse – Family Partnership
Nurse – Family Partnership provides first-time pregnant mothers with a personal nurse at no cost to the family. Nurses share information about pregnancy, health, care of children, child development and connections with community resources. Each mother is paired with her own nurse who stays with her throughout the duration of the program, which continues until the child is 2 years old. Your personal nurse’s primary responsibility is to listen to your concerns and questions. Our goals are to help mothers have a healthy pregnancy and help children have optimal health and development. To be eligible for Nurse – Family Partnership, a mother must be less than 29 weeks pregnant with her first baby. Program annual income limits are $54,121 for a family of 3 or $43,029 for a family of 2. Please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions about the program or eligibility.

Phone: 814-942-1903
Website: https://www.nursefamilypartnership.org/first-time-moms/

Strawberry Fields, Inc.
Blended Case Management (BCM): Strawberry Fields, Inc provides case management services for ages 3+. BCMs meet
with individuals anywhere from once a week to once a month depending on assessed need. Blended Case Management is billable through managed care if an individual is eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) and can be accessed directly. Another funding source is through county funding for those who are not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA).

**Early Intervention (EI):** Early Intervention is a program that provides supports and services designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with developmental delays. These services are family-centered, routines based, and are designed to reflect each family’s strengths, concerns, priorities, resources, and routines.

Therapists and teachers coach parents and caregivers in strategies designed to improve the child’s skills in their natural environment. All of SFI’s pediatric therapists and teachers are licensed/certified in their specific disciplines, are required to complete annual trainings specified by the state and are also required by their licensing boards to participate in on-going education.


Specialized areas include autism, infant massage, torticollis treatment, feeding difficulties, behavior concerns, communication devices, adaptive equipment, and assistive technology expertise.
Strawberry Fields, Inc Early Intervention team includes pediatric speech/language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and special instructors/developmental teachers.

3054 Enterprise Drive  
State College, PA 16801  
Phone: (814) 234-6023  
Website: http://www.sfionline.org/

**Youth Service Bureau (YSB): Parenting Plus Program**

YSB’s Parenting Plus program helps parents/caregivers navigate any immediate needs for services or supports within their family and assists them in making sure that their children’s needs are being met, so that they can grow and develop to reach their full potential. Parenting Plus serves families with children aged prenatal to 10 years old. Parenting Education services include:

- Regular in-home visits, usually on a weekly basis
- Monthly play groups for parents and young children
- Case management, including referrals to services that promote overall family well-being
- Regular screenings for young children to track their development
- Access to nationally recognized evidence-based and evidence-informed programming, including Parents as Teachers, SafeCare, and Early Childhood Coaching
- Individualized goals (could include behavior management strategies, routines for daily activities, toilet training, and more)

Phone: (814) 237-5731  
Website: ccysb.com