



Ambassadors
for
Hope

Family Resource Guide

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Serving Children with a Parent in Prison

When a parent goes to prison, the child's life changes forever! **Ambassadors for Hope is the only organization in Lancaster County with the sole function of supporting children as soon as the parent is incarcerated.** As a result of the advocacy of Ambassadors for Hope, a full-time caseworker, the Family Services Advocate, is available to identify resources to address guardianship issues, medical insurance for the child, financial assistance or food stamps, and other immediate needs.

Ambassadors for Hope looks for ways to involve the child in positive activities by subsidizing before and after school childcare and day camps when needed. We supply age-appropriate books for children and resources for caregivers to help them understand and navigate the criminal justice system. We encourage and facilitate letter writing in order to foster close family contact, which research shows makes it less likely the parent will re-offend.



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SCIENCE-BASED ADDICTION PREVENTION

Family Services Advocate

The Family Services Advocate meets with the children and their caregiver to discuss the needs of the family, such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Phone:

(717) 299-2831 x 229

Email:

kshambaugh@compassmark.org

Website:

www.compassmark.org/family-services-advocate

Eligibility

Children ages zero through 18 who live in Lancaster or Lebanon Counties are eligible for case management if they have an incarcerated parent.

Services

- Referrals are made to resources in the community to address needs
- Advocacy and support occur to maintain a connection and relationship with the incarcerated parent
- On-going case management supports the child until the parent is released from prison or jail

Outcomes

- Through early intervention and supports, the effects of trauma experienced by this children will be lessened
- The early identification of the needs of both caregivers and children will lessen the child's risk of abuse
- Recognizing and addressing early behavior problems will reduce the frequency of future incarcerations

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Childcare Resources

PA Department of Human Services – childcare expense assistance

Address: 29 N Duke St, York

Phone: 717-854-2273

Website: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children

Offerings: Provides a single point-of-contact for families, early learning service providers, and communities to gain information and access services that support high-quality childcare and early learning programs.

Lancaster Early Education Center

Address: 150 S Queen St

Phone: 717-392-7413

Website: www.lancasterearlyeducation.org

Offerings: Committed to providing early education and affordable childcare and to improve the quality of life of children.

Eligibility: Parents are employed or enrolled in full-time job training or education programs, children 8 weeks to kindergarten.

Lancaster Recreation Commission – McCaskey Child Development Center

Address: 525 Fairview Ave

Phone: 717-392-2115

Website: www.lancasterrec.org

Offerings: Before and after school programs

Eligibility: Some families may qualify for financial help for their child care.

Subsidized care is handled by Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC), formerly known as Child Care Information Services (CCIS). Call 717-393-4004 for details.

You cannot register online if you are applying for ELRC.

Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development

Address: 625 Community Way

Phone: 717-393-9425 xx 171

Website: www.schreiberpediatric.org

Offerings: Provide stimulating early care and education experience which promotes each child's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development

Eligibility: A prescription from a doctor is required for these services. Contact our Social Services Department at 717-393-0425 ext.158 to schedule an initial consultation. We must have a prescription to schedule the appointment.

YMCA - Lancaster Family

Address: 252 Harrisburg Ave

Phone: 717-393-9622 xx 1050

Website: www.lancasterymca.org

Eligibility: CCIS-payments accepted and financial assistance towards program fees available for those who qualify.

YWCA Lancaster

Address: 110 N Lime St

Phone: 717-393-1735

Website: www.ywcalancaster.org

Offerings: Summer camps, kindergarten wrap-around programs in partnership with Penn Manor schools, and programming for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age students.

CAP - Early Learning Resource Center

Address: 601 S Queen St

Phone: 717-393-4004

Website: www.caplanc.org

Offerings: The Early Learning Resource Center contributes to the cost of childcare for income-eligible families who are eligible under federal guidelines for subsidized child care, as well as families referred for child care services from the County Assistance Office.

CAP - Child Day Care Program

Address: 601 S Queen St

Phone: 800-732-0018

Website: www.caplanc.org

Offerings: Subsidized and non-subsidized childcare to parents working full time or who are enrolled in training or education programs. Breakfast, lunch, snacks provided to children
Eligibility: Children 6 weeks to kindergarten.

Child Care Works (part of Child Care Consultants)

Address: 29 N Duke St, York

Phone: 717-854-2273

Website: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children

Offerings: Assists eligible families to pay for some or all of the childcare costs incurred when they are employed and/or in training.



Clothing Resources



Coats for Kids – Salvation Army

Address: 131 S Queen St

Phone: 717-397-7565

Website: www.pa.salvationarmy.org

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services

Address: 2420 Gehman Ln Building 1000

Phone: 717-208-3711

Website: www.cvccs.org

Ferris Wheel Clothing Bank

Address: 213 Swarthmore Drive, Lititz

Phone: 717-742-0543

Lancaster County Food Hub – PA WORKWEAR

Address: 812 N Queen St

Phone: 717-291-2261

Website: www.lancasterfoodhub.org

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Phone: 717-291-2261

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Offerings: children's and adult's clothing

Eligibility: need social security card and

ID, if getting children's clothing, must

bring medical card OR birth certificate, as

well as social security card (for each child)

Hours: M/T/Th/F 9:30-11:45

LS Together

Phone: 717-672-6234

Website: www.lstogether.org

Offerings: Provides food and clothing”

Eligibility: For residents of Lampeter-Strasburg

Lumina

Address: 20 E Clay St

Phone: 717-394-8412

Website: www.luminaoutreach.org

Offerings: Professional Clothing Bank, making business clothes available to men and women who are seeking employment or are recently employed, but lacking suitable clothing

Manheim Township Ministerium

Address: 10 Delp Rd

Phone: 717-569-9211

Website: www.manheimchurches.org

Pearl Street United Methodist Church

Address: 133 Pearl St

Phone: 717-393-8892

Website: www.pearlumc.com

Offering: School uniforms

Eligibility: School District of Lancaster residents

Community Shelter Resources



Bethany Christian Services of Central PA - Safe Families for Children Lancaster

Address: 1681 Crown Ave Suite 201

Phone: 717-238-3549

Website: www.bethany.org

Crisis respite service providing a temporary home and/or family to care for children while their parents work through crisis. Parents experiencing emergency or crisis can utilize this service to provide temporary care for children (up to 17 years old)

Christ's Home Children's Services

Address: 3182 Lincoln Hwy East

Phone: 717-687-6072

Website: www.christshome.org

Christ's Home provides for routine visits of their children with their families, with the goal of reuniting children with families. Caregivers interact with the family to communicate the needs of the child and how to meet them. When circumstances prohibit children from returning home, Christ's Home participates in finding a permanent home for children.

Eligibility: Child must be adjudicated as dependent.

Counseling Services & Support Groups

COBYS Family Services

Main office: 1417 Oregon Rd, Leola

Phone: 717-656-6580

Website: www.cobys.org



Incredible Years Dina Dinosaur Group Therapy: Tailored to children ages 4-8 who may be experiencing aggressive or difficult to manage behaviors. While children attend the program, parents attend the Incredible Years Parenting Program which promotes a positive relationship between parent and child.

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: This short-term treatment program is for children who exhibit behavioral or emotional symptoms as result of trauma, which aids in reducing symptoms of PTSD.

Seeking Safety: Look towards the future and practice new ways to cope safely. This 10-week program includes group therapy and focuses on coping skills.

Kinship Support Sessions: Receive support from people that understand the unique challenges that your family may be experiencing. To learn more, email kinship@cobys.org, call 717-435-8139, or view COBYS Kinship Resource Guide: https://cobys.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Kinship_resource_guide-6-19.pdf

Compass Mark

Office: 1891 Santa Barbara Dr Unit 104, Lancaster

Phone: 717-299-2831

EMPOWER: This 5-week community-based peer group supports the needs of children with incarcerated parents. The group meets for 2.5 hours and is tailored to children grades 6-8. To learn more, contact the Family Services Advocate by emailing kshamaugh@compassmark.org.

Education and Job Services for Adults



Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon

Address: 407 Lafayette St

Phone: 717-295-5523

Website: www.literacysuccess.org

Offerings: GED classes, literacy programs, basic adult education

Access to Jobs Program – RRTA (bus system)

Address: 45 Erick Road

Phone: 717-291-1243

Website: www.redrosetransit.com/red-rose-access

Offerings: Supporting transportation needs, enables customers to travel to and from work at times when the bus system is not operating

Eligibility requirements: application required, household income within 150% of federal poverty level, live and work within ¼ mile of bus route

Food Pantries and Resources ?

Alpha & Omega Community Center

Address: 708 Wabank St

Phone: 717-394-3021

When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9-10:30 am

Eligibility: Photo ID, resident of Lancaster county

Bethel AME Church – Jean Polite Food Bank

Address: 512 E Strawberry St

Phone: 717-393-8379

When: Wednesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm

Crispus Attucks – Food Pantry

Address: 407 Howard Ave

Phone: 717-394-6604

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 4-6pm (during COVID, every Wednesday)

Crispus Attucks Café

Address: 407 Howard Ave

Phone: 717-394-6604

When: Tues & Thurs, 11am-noon (during COVID, takeout meals)

Ebenezer Baptist Church – Food Pantry

Address: 701 N Lime St

Phone: 717-392-4292

When: 1st & 3rd Friday, 9-11 am

Emerald Foundation – Autumn's Food Pantry

Address: 2120 Oregon Pike

Phone: 717-560-7572

When: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 3-6pm

Lancaster County Food Hub

Address: 812 N Queen St

Phone: 717-291-2261

When: M/T/Th/F, 9:30-11:45am

*Once a month or 12x a year

Eligibility: Photo ID and social security card



Loft Community Partnership

Address: 222 N George St, Millersville

Phone: 717-723-8180

When: Every Wednesday groceries, 2nd Wednesday diapers, 3rd Wednesday toiletries

New Creation Methodist Church – Food Bank

Address: 10 W Farnum St

Phone: 717-393-3035

When: Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 am

*May visit every 4 weeks

Eligibility: Must be a resident of ZIP 17603 or in southern-end of Lancaster county

Salvation Army – Food Pantry

Address: 131 S Queen St

Phone: 717-397-7565

When: Friday, 10am-12pm, 1-3pm

Eligibility: Residents of Lancaster city

St. John's Episcopal Church

Address: 321 W Chestnut St

Phone: 717-299-1188

When: Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-3:30pm,

Hotlines

Child Find of America

Phone: 800-716-3468

Offerings: Assists parents in conflict, visitation, custody, child support, etc.



Housing Support

Tenfold

Address: 308 E King St

Phone: 717-397-5182

Website: <https://wearetenfold.org>

Tenfold offers a broad continuum of services to address homelessness.

Good Samaritan Services

Address: 616 N Lime St

Phone: 717-394-7707

Website: www.goodsamservices.org

Good Samaritan Services gives immediate help to people who are experiencing homelessness, and helps those at risk of becoming homeless, by restoring their lives to stability.



HDC-Atlantic

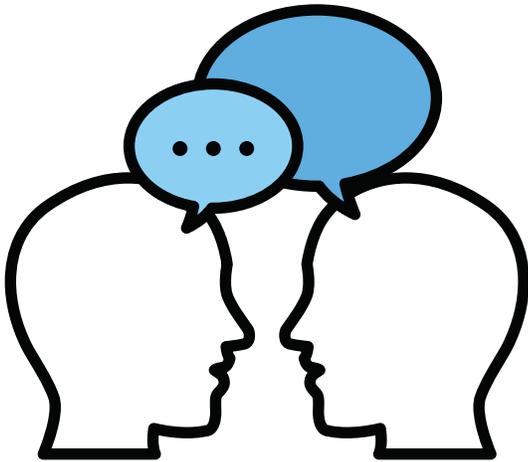
Address: 4-6 West King St Suite 4

Phone: 717-291-1911

Website: www.hdcweb.org

HDC-Atlantic offers one, two, and three-bedroom apartments at affordable rents.

Mentorship for Adults



Mentorship provides encouragement and relational support as adults face unexpected challenges or crisis situations.

Justice & Mercy, Inc

Mailing Address: PO Box 187

Hopeland, PA

Phone: 717-733-5130

Website: www.justicemercy.org

Offerings: Justice & Mercy will help find an attorney to advocate for an effective sentence that restores their life and reduces recidivism. Justice and Mercy is currently developing their mentorship program, visit www.justicemercy.org to learn more.

CAP - Navigation

Address: 404 S Duke St

Phone: 717-481-0476

Website: caplanc.org

Offerings: Navigation is designed to support and coach individuals and families in assessing their own needs, settling goals, connecting to their communities, and celebrating accomplishments on their journey to an empowered future.

Mentorship for Children



The presence of one caring adult in a child's life can change the trajectory of their life, forever.

Boys & Girls Club

Address: 545 S Ann St

Phone: 717-391-8689

Website: www.bgclanc.org

Offerings: Before school program at Washington Elementary, After school program at Hill Clubhouse

Eligibility: Programs for ages 6-18

SWAN: Scaling Walls a Note at a Time

Website: www.swan4kids.org

Email: info@swan4kids.org

Offerings: Free music sessions, music programs and mentoring for children affected by parental incarceration.

Eligibility: Serving students who attend SDOL schools

Crispus Attucks Community Center

Address: 407 Howard Ave

Phone: 717-394-6604

Website: www.caplanc.org/our-programs/safety-empowerment/crispus-attucks-community-center

The Common Wheel

Address: 701 E King St

Phone: 717-461-3386 xx2

Website: www.thecommonwheel.com

Offerings: Working to transform our community through the power of bikes.

Eligibility: Programs for ages 11-21

Compass Mark - Leaders of Future Generations

Address: 1891 Santa Barbara Dr

Phone: 717-299-2831

Website: www.compassmark.org

The Mix at Arbor Place - Thrive Program

Address: 520 N George St

Phone: 717-393-1523

Website: www.arborplace.org

Benchmark Program

Address: 341 E Liberty St

Phone: 717-339-9766

Website: www.benchmarkprogram.org

Re-entry Programs



Re-Entry Connections (Community Action Partnership)

Address: 40 E King St

Phone: 717-723-1075

Website: <https://caplanc.org/reentryconnections/>

Offerings: Their goal is to treat each reentrant with dignity and value as well as provide the support and connection to services and resources needed for reentrants to succeed. Our primary focus is helping meet the immediate needs as the individual transitions and works to stabilize back into their community throughout Lancaster County.

Lancaster County Adult Probation and Parole Services

Address: 40 E King St

Phone: 717-299-8181

Website: www.court.co.lancaster.pa.us/122/Adult-Probation

Offerings: All programs assist probationers and parolees in leading pro-social lifestyle and discourages a return to the criminal justice system.

A Grain of Hope, Inc.

Address: 1689 Crown Ave

Phone: 717-694-8860

Website: www.agrainofhopeinc.com

Offerings: Our primary goal is to help merge individuals back into the community. We do this by providing the necessary tools, support and resources for success.

San Juan Reentry Ministry

Address: 425 S Duke St

Phone: 717-392-4118

Website: www.sanjuanbautistalancaster.com

Offerings: Provides bilingual mentoring services to Reentrants.

Recovery Resources

Compass Mark

Phone: 717-299-2831

Email: info@compassmark.com

Website: <https://www.compassmark.org/find-help/in-lancaster/>

Offerings: Assistance dealing with alcohol, drugs, gambling or other behaviors. A Referral Specialist will provide answers, resources, encouragement and hope to help you find the best treatment options.

Lancaster/Lebanon Alateen

Phone: 1-888-4AL-ANON

Email: dr22@pa-al-anon.org

Website: <https://lanclebalanon.org/sample-page/alateen/>

Offerings: Alateen Meetings are open to those ages 12 through 20 who have been affected by the family disease of alcoholism.

Resources for Baby Items

Align Life Ministries

Address: 408 W Chestnut St

Phone: 717-575-0561

Website: www.alignlifeministries.org

Offerings: Supplying pregnant or parenting women and men with urgent needs of diapers, wipes, and formula amidst COVID-19.

A Woman's Concern

Address: 1102 Millersville Pike

Phone: 717-394-1561

Website: www.pregnancylancaster.com

Offerings: Women, men, teens, pregnant or parenting a child under the age of 1 are eligible to receive emergency material assistance including baby clothing, formula, baby wipes, car seats, and diapers to families during COVID-19.

Support from Religious Congregations

First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg

Address: 101 S Decatur Street, Strasburg PA 17579

Phone: 717-687-6030

Email: Alicia Eltman, Social Ministry Contractor, aeltman@straspres.org

Website: <https://www.straspres.org>

Offerings:

- A computer lab is on-site with free printing, copying, and faxing. Volunteers are available to help assist with using technology.
- The food pantry is open from 2-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- A free community meal is available the last Thursday of every month.
- Offer care baskets that can be sent to families of incarcerated individuals.

