



Northampton County Area Agency on Aging

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Lehigh_Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources

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Lehigh-Northampton LINK to Aging and Disability Resources is an initiative that takes a seamless approach in the way we assist seniors and adults with disabilities who need help with activities of daily living. The Lehigh-Northampton LINK network consists of both core and collaborative partners.

Lehigh-Northampton LINK's five core partners are the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services, Northampton County Area Agency on Aging, Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living, and both Lehigh and Northampton County Apprise Programs. We work together to provide information and assistance services to seniors and adults with disabilities and foster a collaborative relationship with other agencies throughout the Lehigh Valley that provide supportive services to these populations. These agencies will become Lehigh-Northampton LINK collaborative partners.

Collaborative partners consist of agencies and organizations that will work with housing issues, transportation, employment, county government, and those organizations that serve people with other disabilities that overlap with the targeted populations. These partners participate in meetings and cross training sessions, both as a participant and as a trainer, to collaborate about available programs and services for the aging and disabled community.

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Lehigh-Northampton LINK currently has 32 collaborative partners and has held 29 cross trainings. Because of these LINK collaborations, partner agencies are more efficiently and effectively assisting individuals to navigate a complex system of federal, state and local programs while providing a “no wrong door” entry point to needed programs and services. For more information about Lehigh-Northampton LINK, contact Kim Melusky at 610-782-3096 or email lehigh@lehighcounty.org.

PA Veterans Should Never Pay for Help to Apply for Benefits

Veterans, active military personnel and their dependents should never pay for help to apply for veteran’s benefits, according to the Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs. County Directors of Veterans Affairs are accredited veterans service officers who provide veterans and their dependents with assistance to identify and help determine eligibility for a wide range of veterans benefits and programs such as the payment of burial allowances; ensuring grave markers and headstones are properly requested and placed; direct application for state programs like the Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program, Veterans Emergency Assistance, Blind and Paralyzed Veterans Pensions and the Education Gratuity Program; and federal health benefits, service connected disability and non-service connected disability pensions, and survivor benefits.

Call your County Office of Veterans Affairs at 610-559-3199. For more information on other Veterans Service Organizations and to find out more about veterans benefits, visit the DMVA online at www.dmva.state.pa.us and click on Veterans Affairs or follow DMVA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/padva or Twitter at www.twitter.com/padva.

2013 Farmers Market Distribution at Senior Centers



June 5	8:30-10:30 AM	Northampton	June 12	9:00-11:00 AM	Saucon Valley
June 7	9:00-11:00 AM	Rooney	June 17	12:30-2:30 PM	Bath
June 7	9:00-10:30 AM	Hispanic	June 19	8:30-10:30 AM	Cherryville
June 7	12:30-2:30 PM	Slate Belt	June 19	12:00-1:30 PM	Shull
June 11	9:00-11:00 AM	Easton	June 20	12:30-1:30 PM	Nazareth
June 12	1:00-2:230 PM	Old York Road			

Pick up your coupons on the dates shown.

NCAAA Advisory Council 2013 Award Winners

On May 2, 2013, the NCAAA Advisory Council presented awards to 14 individuals and one group. Congratulations to those recognized who serve as Northampton County role models:



Honorees

Seated (left to right): Airwine Hall (Easton), Pat Rondinelli (Bangor), Anita Ackerman-Brody (Bath), Jane Schaeffer (Moore Twsp.), Evelyn Gulick (Easton), Wilma Reinbold (Hanover Twsp.)

Standing (left to right): Ismael Rodriguez (Bethlehem), Larry Rondinelli (Bangor), Lachlan Peeke (Lower Saucon Township), David Valley (Wind Gap), Harold Thomas (Bethlehem), Gary Birks (North Catasauqua), Elayne Dellatore (Hanover Twsp.) [posthumously honored, Margaret (Peggy) Fluck (Lower Saucon Twsp.)]



AARP Tax Aides-Bethlehem Area

Seated (left to right): Wayne Hittinger, Delma Zelnick, Shuyu Hsu, Catharine Dunn, Jim Comfort

Standing (left to right): Dave Brown, Frank Romaker, Don Smith, Joe Palhofski, Dan Kelemen, Ken Stott, Bill Hoover, Don Marshall

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Legal Help Just a Phone Call Away

The mission of the North Penn Legal Services (NPLS) is to provide civil legal representation to low-income people and ensure equal access to justice for all. NPLS is available to eligible individuals living in 20 PA counties including Northampton County.

Persons from low-income households can get free legal services. The financial eligibility standards are based on family size and gross income and are set each year at 25% above the federal poverty level. Emergency legal services may be provided to victims of domestic violence without regard to income.

To apply for free legal help at NPLS, call this toll-free number: 1-877-953-4250, during the hours Monday-Friday, 9:30-11:30 AM, 1:30-3:30 PM (except Friday).

If you are eligible for services, your case will be reviewed by advocate, who may provide advice or educational information that will help you understand or resolve your situation. Where telephone advice is not appropriate, an office visit will be scheduled. NPLS cannot assist in criminal cases, in cases where another organization provides free services, and some cases in which the client wishes to sue for monetary damages.

For more information, visit NPLS's website at www.northpennlegal.org.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 19, Northampton County Senior Games, Slate Belt Senior Center, 707 American-Bangor, PA 18013. Call your nearest AAA Senior Center for a registration form.

Saturday, June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Do your part to address this growing problem.

Friday, June 21, Lehigh Valley Caregivers Conference, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18017. Cost \$40:00. Call 610-782-3034 for a registration form.

Thursday, Aug. 12, State Rep. Julie Harhart's Senior Fair, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Allen Twp. Fire Co.