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## **EDUCATION**

### **ALLEGHENY VALLEY SCHOOL**

1996 Ewing's Mill Road  
Coraopolis, PA 15108  
Contact: Cindy Champ, Admissions Chairperson

phone: (412) 299-7777

Allegheny Valley School provides residential therapeutic, educational, vocational and social programs for individuals from childhood through adulthood. Their programs provide individuals with opportunities and choices to help them function at their fullest potential. Funding for these programs is received from various sources including government programs and private donations. Limitation includes a primary diagnosis of mental retardation before admission.

### **ANCHORPOINT COUNSELING CENTER**

802 McKnight Park Drive, Suite 802  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-6504  
Contact: Nicky Snyder, Marketing Director

phone: (412) 366-1300

They provide counseling and educational services; counseling preschool, elementary, junior high and senior high students and their families. Tutoring in conjunction with counseling offered. Parenting groups and workshops are available. Sliding scale and insurances accepted for counseling. There are minimal fees for tutoring and classes. Focus of service area is greater Northern Allegheny County. Our Board of Directors has made a commitment to serve people regardless of their ability to pay for services.

### **CHILDREN'S HOME OF PITTSBURGH (CHILD'S WAY PROGRAM – LEMIEUX FAMILY CENTER)**

5324 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
Contact: Nicole Caravella, Marketing Assistant

phone: (412) 441-4884

This is a day care center for medically fragile children ages birth to 8. The Pediatric Specialty Hospital provides care from birth to 21. They are licensed as a day care and a medical facility. Open Monday to Friday 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Staffed with registered nurses and child care workers. They accept CCIS and TANF. Approval from child's insurance company is needed for admission. \$32/day.

### **CHOICES FOR CHILDREN**

300 East Swissvale Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
Contact: Tara Nikon

phone: (412) 244-261

A service for the hearing impaired provides curriculum-based play therapy in the home or day care. Early intervention services are provided to infants/children diagnosed with hearing loss. Special instruction teachers with certification provide all services. Families are provided with accurate information regarding hearing loss, cochlear implants, oral and verbal communications, and American Sign Language. This is a free service. Restrictions include: the person must be referred through the County Early Intervention

System and must be between the age of birth and 3 years. The School also provides Audiology Consultation, Deaf Mentor program, Sign Language classes, Hearing Aid Loaner programs, Family Dinner workshops, Family Learning Weekends, play groups and Parent Support groups. Playgroups for families run most Thursdays 9:30am – 11:30am.

### **LAUGHLIN CENTER PRESCHOOL**

424 Fredrick Ave  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
Contact: Karen Borland

phone: (412) 741-4087

Laughlin Center Preschool offers a 2-day and 3-day preschool program for 3 and 4 year-olds. We have a developmentally appropriate curriculum that understands the child's need to learn through play, stimulates the development of physical, social, emotional and cognitive skills and promotes self-esteem. The cost for a 2-day program is \$945/year and for a 3-day program is \$1,395/year. No limitations. We are NAEYC accredited and licensed by the PA Department of Education.

### **ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

2000 Corporate Drive, Suite 580  
Wexford, PA 15090  
Contact: Lisa George

phone: (724) 940-9020

They provide special education service throughout Allegheny County within regular Catholic elementary, high schools and post-secondary schools. Services include summer camp, behavioral health, daily living skills, and speech and motor skills. Services are limited for children of the ages 5-21 with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. Tuition has to be paid by families. Baptized Catholic: \$4800/ year; Non-Catholics: \$6950.

### **THE TODDLER PROGRAM AT WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN**

250 N. Bellfield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Contact: Charlotte Fisher x-322

phone: (412) 621 0100 x-322  
1-800-444-1897

This organization provides a program for infants and toddlers suspected of having been identified with a vision loss or blindness. Primary emphasis of the program is evaluation and assessment, education, providing resource information, follow up services, lending of library equipment that are specialty equipments. This is a free service. Services are provided until the child can enroll into a pre school or a school program. Services also include Functional Vision Education and comprehensive development; staff members include a teacher for children with visual impairment, physical therapist, speech & language therapist and occupation therapist/ sensory integration specialist.

### **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN**

201 Bellefield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Contact: Beth Ramella, Outreach Director  
Website: [www.wpsbc.org](http://www.wpsbc.org)

phone: (412) 621-0100

This is a preschool that offers an education program for the visually impaired students. From the age 6, the school offers an individualized program for students. The curriculum is based on life-skills model. Services also include evaluation, consults, and direct service. Limitations: student must be a resident of western Pennsylvania and placed by the local school district. This is a free service.

## **HEALTH**

### **ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

3333 Forbes Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Contact: Guillermo Cole, Public Information Officer

phone: (412) 687-2243

They provide public health programs and services. Free or nominal fees.

### **ALLEGHENY HELATH DEPT. MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM**

907 West Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
Contact: Pamela Long (Program chief)

phone: (412) 247-7950  
fax: (412) 247-7950

The Maternal and Child Health Program provides a spectrum of direct services, information and referral services designed to promote the health of pregnant women and families with children. No charge to any services except for Primary Care, for which most insurance are accepted. Qualification for the different programs is unique, so to know more please contact.

### **ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. DENTAL PROGRAM**

3901 Penn Ave., Bldg. #1  
Pittsbrugh, PA 15224-1318

phone: (412) 578-8378  
fax: (412) 578-7905

Larry Kanterman provides dental services for children and adolescents — 1 ½ through 20 years of age. This service is for Allegheny county residents only; Medicare insurance is accepted and free for those who cannot afford a private dentist.

### **AMERICAN RESPIRATORY ALLIANCE**

201 Smith Drive, Suite E  
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066  
Contact: Christine Weaver, Executive director  
Kathy Fornelli  
Carol Ann Kuczma

phone: (724) 772-1750  
1-800-220-1990

The American Respiratory Alliance offers information on childhood asthma, Tuberculosis and protection of young lungs. Services include: Parents of children with asthma (POCWA) an educational group for parents. There are camps such as Camp Breathe E-Z and Camp Huff n Puff for children with asthma. There are materials both for parents and children on smoking, TB, flu, allergies, asthma and other respiratory ailments. They offer school/community-based education programs, and the “Asthma Goes to the Theater” program, which is a family movie viewing event. Services are free; some have a nominal charge. Limitations: services are available only to residents of Western PA having respiratory illness.

### **EASTER SEALS OF WESTERN PA**

2525 Railroad St,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Contact: Debi Morrison

phone: (412) 281-7244 x-261

They are an approved private school for children between 2-8 years of age. Services include OT, PT, speech, adaptive physical education and educational services. They also provide integration, reverse integration, disability awareness, sibling and parent groups and other supportive services. The services are

paid by the intermediate unit and school districts. Limitations: they accept children with autism, spectrum disorder, neurological impairment, CP, muscular dystrophy. Locations—Center site, East site, North site and South site.

**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA**

501 Reedsdale St. Suite 3002  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
Contact: Children & Family Services Coordinator

phone: (412) 261-5880

This foundation is committed to the prevention and control of epilepsy and its consequences. They are dedicated to provide a wide range of services to children, adults and their families through its 49-county service area. These services are limited to individuals diagnosed with epilepsy/seizure disorder and their families, friends, coworkers, caregivers. This is a free service.

**LIFELINE OF S.W. PA**

239 4<sup>TH</sup> Ave  
Ste. 401  
Dept. L  
Pittsburgh PA 15222-1712  
Contact Person: Margie Becker

phone: (412) 562-0543

They offer free pregnancy tests, aid for women with problem pregnancies. Baby clothes and diapers are free. Referrals and a 24-hour hotline service are available. No Cost.

**MERCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH—NORTH HILLS CENTER**

9983 Perry Highway  
Wexford, PA 15090  
Contact: Loraine Hayes, Clinical Supervision

phone: (724) 933-8200

Services offered for children and adolescents through Mercy Behavioral Health include: child (age 3 and up) and adolescent outpatient mental health therapy and psychiatry. Adolescent (age 12 and up) outpatient drug and alcohol therapy. School based therapy. They have Student Assistance Program Liaisons; child (age 5-12) and adolescent (age 13-18) Partial Hospitals. They also offer Diversion & Acute Stabilization Program for children age 10- 14 and Targeted Case Management Services. Administrative Case Management Services and Prevention Services are available. Wraparound (in-home) mental health treatment also is offered. Cost: Insurance coverage and sliding fees based on income. Parents/guardians should check with their insurance provider to be sure that they have mental health coverage and that Mercy Behavioral Health is in network.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WESTERN PA**

933 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15222  
Contact: Brenda Green

phone: (412) 434-8957

Reproductive Health Services: birth control, gyne exams, cancer screenings testing and treatment of STDs. Education Services: classroom presentations, lending library, Facts of Life Line (recorded health messages), web site, Information Place (teen drop-in center). Medical services free to teens 17 and under 18 and older based on income.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

404 First Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106-4013  
Contact: Kathy Guy

phone: (412) 279-5450

This center provides free athletic training for the mentally retarded children.

**WESTERN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE & CLINIC**

3811 O'Hara Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Contact: Wilda Difietro

phone: (412) 246-6646

This organization provides behavioral health services, psychiatric evaluation and treatment for children and adolescents. Treatment is provided in outpatient, community based partial hospitalization and inpatient settings. Treatment is also available at satellite clinics. Cost is based on insurance.

**WEXFORD PREGANCY CARE CENTER**

1000 Brooktree Road, Suite 310  
Wexford PA 15090  
Contact: Jamie Klingensmith

phone: (724) 935-6411

The Wexford Pregnancy Care Center provides alternatives to abortion in a professional Christ centered setting. We provide pregnancy testing, obstetrical ultrasound, small group support material assistance, post abortion counseling, sexual integrity programs and referrals. All services are provided free of charge. There are no limitations.

**HOTLINES**

**CHILD LINE AND ABUSE REGISTRY—COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Dept. of Public Welfare  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675  
Contact: Joy L. Johnson

phone: 1-800-932-0313

Pennsylvania Child Abuse— 24/7, 365-day hotline to report suspected child abuse, neglect and crimes against children.

No cost, no restrictions or limitations.

**CONTACT PITTSBURGH**

P.O. Box 11294  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
Contact: Christy Stuber

office phone: (412) 820-0100  
Hotline phone :( 412) 820-HELP (4357)

The Contact Pittsburgh Hotline offers immediate emotional support by telephone volunteers to help people of all ages who may be suicidal, in emotional distress, or in need of reassurance. Services are free and anonymous.

## **FAMILY LINKS THERAPATIC LEARNING CENTER**

2644 Banksville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
Contact: Judy Hoffmann Shakney

phone: (412) 343-7166

This is a private, academic Special Education School and a Partial Hospitalization program of FamilyLinks that serves children grades K-5 with severe behavior or developmental disorders, such as Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder and other conditions causing disruptive behaviors. Referrals are only through school districts. Therapeutic classrooms serve students with severe behavioral problems related to mental health issues.

## **FAMILY RESOURCE PARENTING WARMLINE**

141 S. Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
Contact: Danielle Baum x1416

phone: (412) 363- 1702 x1416  
toll free: 1-800-641-4546

This is a confidential telephone service offering an understanding ear, referrals, and non-medical services for people who need help with child and parenting issues. This is a free service. Monday - Friday 9am-9pm Saturday - Sunday 1pm-5pm.

## **PARENTING PROGRAMS**

### **FAMILY RESOURCES**

141 S. Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
Contact: Andi Fischoff

phone: (412) 363-1702 x1168  
WARMLINE: 1- 800-641-4546

They have services to prevent and treat child abuse. Please see brochure. Services are free. Services are restricted to Allegheny County, although the WARMLINE has a toll-free number.

### **MAGEE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL OF UPMC**

300 Halket Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213- 3180  
Contact: Cindy Blasko  
Cathy Hunt  
Website: [www.magee.upmc.edu/hec/welcome.asp](http://www.magee.upmc.edu/hec/welcome.asp)

phone: (412) 641-4492

They offer a wide range of health education programs for women and their families. Specifically, they offer prenatal classes, programs for mothers and babies' postpartum, baby care basics, prenatal preparation for breastfeeding, infant and child CPR and first aid, teen healthy lifestyle, sexuality programs and general health topics such as osteoporosis, breast cancer, etc. They also have children's classes such as the Sibling Program, Children at Birth, Growing Up Together for Daughters, Growing Up Together for Sons, etc. The classes are held at Magee Hospital in Oakland and various satellites throughout the region (Wexford, Monroeville, Bethel Park, and UPMC Mercy). Please refer to the website for a full listing and registration information. Cost: Free to \$125. Please register for classes because space is limited.

### **PARENT INFANT PROGRAM AT THE WESTERN PA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

300 East Swissvale Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
Contact: Christine A. Moody, Coordinator

phone: (412) 244-4261

A teacher of the hearing impaired provides curriculum based play therapy in the home or day care. Families are provided with accurate, balanced, impartial information regarding hearing loss, cochlear implants, and the various communication systems including oral, auditory verbal and American Sign Language. Families are given the opportunity to explore their options, make informed decisions and receive services in the method they have chosen. Limitations: must be referred through the county early intervention system and children must be of ages between birth and 3.

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WESTERN PA**

933 Liberty, Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

admin: (412) 434-8957  
family planning: (412) 434-8971

This is a non-profit organization providing gynecological care, STD testing, pregnancy testing, abortion services, birth control, and counseling. They also provide community education and public policy initiatives. Please call for specific pricing and appointments.

### **VERLAND FOUNDATION**

477 Flamingo Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-1753  
Contact: Mary Ann Bluemenschein  
Website: [www.verland.org](http://www.verland.org)

phone: (412) 241-4215

This organization provides Residential Services for Individuals with primary diagnosis of mental retardation. There is an Adult Training Facility (ATF)—adult day programming and physical therapy services provided. The majority of the cost for individuals is funded by the US government through Medicaid. The only restriction on children is they should of school going age, no younger children are accepted.

## **RECREATION**

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN PA**

5432 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15120  
Contact: David Madjevich  
Website: [www.bgcwpa.org](http://www.bgcwpa.org)

phone: (412) 782-5710x116

Provide programs and services to children (grades K-12) and youths (5 to 18 years). After school, evening and youth sports leagues, weekend summer dog camp. Membership fee is \$25/year; other fees are the day camp fees and special program fees. Website provides more information.

### **CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH, CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

4400 Forbes Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Contact: Pat Kelley, Department Head, CLP Main Children's Department  
Website: <http://carnegielibrary.org/events/>

phone: (412) 622-1924

They offer baby lap-sit programs for babies up to 18 months, toddler story time for children from 18 months to 3 years, pre-school story time for children from 3-5 years, pajama story time for all ages, nature detectives, preschool bingo, story time in Spanish for all ages, summer reading club for all ages and other special programs as a free service. Registration is required for some programs. The youth services librarians of Carnegie Library and branches provide outreach and in-library programs to the children of the

city of Pittsburgh and their families. Programs range from Baby & Me to programs for tweens. Search the program listing on the CPL website by clicking on “Events” on the homepage. You can search by location, age of child or type of program. Programs are presented at the Main Library in Oakland as well as the branches: Allegheny (North Side), Beechview, Brookline, Carrick, E. Liberty, Hazelwood, Hill District, Homewood, Knoxville, Lawrenceville, Mt. Washington, Sheraden, South Side, Squirrel Hill, West End and Woods Run.

### **CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER**

One Allegheny Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

phone (general line): (412) 237-3400

Contact: Christine Line, Marketing — (412) 237-1537

We create fun for everyone, connecting science and technology to everyday life. More than 4-story Omnimax Theater, an interactive planetarium, the Highmark SportsWorks, demonstration theaters, the largest science of sport exhibit in the country, rail road display, 400 hands-on exhibits, early warning radar picket & attack submarine for all ages. Admissions are \$17.95/ adult, \$9.95/ child (3-12) and \$10/senior (62+). Members are free. Parking: members \$3, non-members \$5. PAT bus service available.

### **GEMINI CHILDREN’S THEATER**

7501 Penn Avenue – Factory Bldg  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
Contact: Jill Jeffrey

phone: (412) 243-6464

This interactive musical children’s theater offers weekend productions (September – May), outreach performances and workshops, acting classes (September – May) and Theater Camps (June –August.) Shows geared to ages 2-10; camps/classes 4-17 years. Cost: Tickets \$9.50 each; outreach varies; camps/classes start at \$100. We are a great resource for a unique field trip opportunity.

### **MISS LILY’S SEPCIAL TEAS**

205 Locust Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106

phone: (877) LIL-TEAS or (877) 545-8324

Contact: Jennifer Ciptak

Website: [www.lilteas.com](http://www.lilteas.com)

Miss Lily’s Special Teas hosts weekday or weekend tea parties to celebrate your special occasion in the western PA area at your location for guests ages 3 and up. They offer princess, teddy bear and Girl Scout packages. Miss Lily’s specializes in hosting parties for children with special needs and caters soirees to all little ladies, with and without special needs. Cost: \$275 and up. There is an additional fee of \$25 (plus tolls) for any Special Tea part outside of Allegheny County or northern Washington County, PA. They work with and donate their services to non-profit organization benefiting the welfare of children and people with special needs.

### **NORTH HILLS ART CENTER**

3432 Babcock Blvd  
Pittsburgh PA 15237  
Contact: Liz Tafel

phone: (412) 364-3622

We have art classes and camps for children of age 5 & up including pottery, painting, jewelry, drawing, scouting art workshops and more. Art classes range from children to teen to adult classes. Volunteers are welcome to assist with classes. Professionals are welcome to sit on the Board. If interested, please contact Liz Tafel. Home school programs run all through fall, winter and spring. Cost varies.

## **PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER**

C/O Point Park University  
201 Wood Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Website: [www.pointpark.edu/community](http://www.pointpark.edu/community)

phone: (412) 391-4100

This organization offers non-credit performing arts classes for children 5 and above in dance, acting and singing. Cost would be around \$5- \$10 a class. Classes are run for a period of 12- 15 weeks with one class a week.

## **PLAYHOUSE JR.**

222 Craft Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA- 15213  
Contact: Box Office

phone: (412) 621-4445

This center offers musicals and plays for children and youths. Cost is \$7 per ticket. Performance Information will be sent regularly to Northland Public Library.

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

404 First Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106  
Contact: Kathy Guy

phone: (412) 279-5450

This center provides free athletic training for the mentally retarded children.

## **THE SARAH HEINZ HOUSE ASSOCIATION**

One Heinz Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Contact: Cindy Day, Business Operations Specialist

phone: (412) 231-2377

Sarah Heinz House is a Boys and Girls Club that provides recreational, social and educational programs, for youth aged 6 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. They have preschool classes including swimming, dance and gymnastics. The cost varies \$ 0.25 - \$3.50 depending on the activity. More information is available upon request.

## **YMCA, NORTH HILLS**

2565 Nicholson Rd  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
Contact: Kathy Nipps, Membership Director  
Website: [www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org](http://www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org)

phone: (724) 934-YMCA

They provide sports training, swimming lessons, child care, and pre-school movement classes for children.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS/SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

1 Smithfield Street, Suite 400

phone: (412) 350-3424

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2225  
Contact: Marcia M. Sturdivant, Ph.D., Deputy Director

We work with children and families in which children have been neglected or abused by household members. No cost to client. We work with families within the boundaries of Allegheny County. We are a child welfare agency within the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

### **ANGELS' PLACE INC**

2615 Norwood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214  
Contact: Jennifer Leck

phone: (412) 321-4447

This organization offers free childcare, parenting classes, tutoring, help with children's clothing and nursery items for single low-income student parents and their children. Limitations: parents must be a full time student and children are accepted up to age 4. Services are free to qualifying families (single, low-income, full-time students.)

There are 3 locations- North side, Brookline, Swissvale. Open between Mon - Friday between 6.30a.m. and 5.30p.m.

### **ANGELS' PLACE, INC**

2538 Woodstock Ave.  
Swissvale, PA 15218  
Contact: Beth E. Banas, Senior Program Director

phone: (412) 271-2229

Angel's Place Inc. is a NAEYC accredited, licensed child care center which provides day care at no charge to single, low-income student parents. This is non-profit child care for children birth to 4 years of single, low-income student parents. Other services provided are parent education classes, individual support and educational counseling, career planning and job placement as well as practical needs (furniture or baby equipment) if available. Clients volunteer 2 hours of service time each week at Angel's Place. No restrictions as to race, color, religious creed, disability ancestry, national origin or sex.

### **ANGEL'S PLACE— Brookline**

600 Fordham Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15226  
Contact: Andrea Schachner

phone: (412) 531-6667

Non- profit child care center, NAEYC accredited free of charge for single, student parents, parenting classes, counseling, referrals, career planning and counseling. Help with equipment and clothing. Cost is free, though parents must volunteer for 3 hours each week. Must be single and student enrolled in full-time program; only 2 children/ family. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have!

### **CIRCLE C YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

2121 Nobles town road, Suite 100  
Pittsburgh PA 15205  
Contact: Scott Jones, Director of Development

phone: (412) 937 1605

This is a community-based residential treatment for adolescents, age 13-18 in 4 group homes (1-female, 3-male). They also provide a foster care program for children between the ages 0-18, for which the placements are made by juvenile probation or Children, Youth & Families (CYF). No private referrals are accepted. This is a county paid program. They also accept interns from accredited programs and need support for holiday gift drive each year. Child must be a ward of the court through Allegheny County.

### **CRISIS CENTER NORTH, INC**

P.O. Box 101093  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Contact: Charlene Woods

phone: (412) 364-6728

This is a Domestic Violence Counseling Resource and Referral Center. Support groups available. No fee, victims only.

### **DOWN SYNDROME CENTER OF W. PA AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

3705 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh Pa 15213-2583  
Contact: Sheila Cannon

phone: (412) 692-7963

They provide medical evaluations and references to specialist as and when required. They also provide comprehensive information to parents, professionals and services for lifespan, from prenatal diagnosis through adulthood. Cost is covered by insurance.

### **MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF W. PA & S. WV**

The Gulf Tower  
707 Grant Street, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1916  
Contact: Dana Antkowiak

phone: (412) 471-9474 (WISH)  
1-800-676-9474

This organization fulfills the favorite wishes of children between the ages of 2 ½ to 18, who have been diagnosed with a life threatening medical condition. This is done to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. This is free, as long as the child's physician qualifies the child and approves the child's wish. Restrictions include no motorized vehicles, construction, firearms, international travel, gifts of money, payment of medical expenses or relocating a family.

### **OUTREACH TEEN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

666 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
Contact: James Brophy

phone: (412) 561-5405

Outreach provides confidential, cost effective support, counseling and education services for troubled young people and their families. Cost is a sliding fee scale. Highmark or UPMC insurance is accepted. They accept children ages 12-21, and their families.

### **PITTSBURGH ACTION AGAINST RAPE**

81 S. 19<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

phone: (412) 431-5665  
hotline: 1-866- END- RAPE

This program offers counseling for women, men and children who have experienced sexual violence; legal advocates for accompaniment to court hearings and police interviews; and medical advocates for accompaniment to hospital or child forensic interviews. The cost is free. There is a 24-hour hotline, and individual and group counseling.

### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

451 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Penthouse Floor

phone: (412) 362-3400

Pittsburgh, PA 15201  
Contact: Joanne Kehris

They provide temporary, affordable homes for families with seriously ill children being seen at area hospitals. Cost is \$11/ night.