

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106

Open Monday to Friday • 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach Services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Still looking for a great prescription drug plan? Did you consider PACE or PACENET?



To qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly program, seniors must be 65 years of age or older. For single seniors, last year's income must be \$14,500 or less and \$17,700 for a married couple.

Copays for meds are only \$6.00 for generic drugs and \$9.00 for brand name drugs. For PACENET, another tier of the PACE program, single seniors income must be \$23,500 or less and for married couples, \$31,500 or less. Copays are \$8.00 for generic drugs and \$15.00 for brand name drugs. With PACENET there is a deductible or premium, but it is lower than the \$40 per month deductible that PACENET had in the past. For more information and assistance with an application, please call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

Reverse Mortgages : One of the least understood programs that can benefit senior citizens

There are many myths and misinformation surrounding Reverse Mortgages which cause elderly homeowners to run away from this program. The fact is that reverse mortgages have been around for many years and are very regulated by the government and have many benefits to an elderly homeowner age 62 years or older.

The truth of the matter is many elderly people on a fixed income find the cost of living far exceeds their cost of living adjustment. The hard earned equity in their home can be used to supplement income or for any other purpose. It is not true that you will have to leave your home because of a reverse mortgage.

For more information about reverse mortgages call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

Water Bill Assistance

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the city of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

To qualify, you or your spouse must be:

- * 65 years of age or older
- * have an annual household income of less than \$26,700, (approximately \$2,225 per month.)

Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application, contact Polish American Social Services "PASS", Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.



**From the Desk of
Richard Klimek
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Since 1908, Polish American Social Services (PASS) has been assisting people in the Philadelphia area. PASS began as a service to help new immigrants from Poland coming to Philadelphia through the Immigrant Port of Entry at Washington and Delaware Avenues in South Philadelphia.

For many years, it assisted the growing American population along the riverfront. In 1972, the agency expanded its scope, with the assistance of community activists, to help elderly residents to retain and maintain their homes in the face of escalating housing-related costs.

The agency, through its United Social Services Outreach Program, continues to help elderly and low-income citizens, especially those with language barriers, who frequently have difficulty understanding and accessing city, state and federal programs designed to improve or maintain their quality of life.

PASS fills this gap in the social service delivery system by offering a comprehensive program of advocacy, translation, benefits counseling, and information and referral services.

In 1978, PASS expanded its services through part-time outreach sites in Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Since 1981, through its United Social Service Outreach Program, PASS has extended services to a wide variety of ethnic groups living in the areas serviced by the agency.

PASS's community outreach has added stability to neighborhoods by supplying information, resources and direct assistance to homeowners and renters. PASS is the only agency equipped with a multilingual staff to address social service needs of Philadelphia's Polish/Slavic communities.

The main office of Polish American Social Services is at 308 Walnut Street in Philadelphia, and it maintains several neighborhood outreach sites and works with several senior citizen groups, churches and organizations to ensure that its constituents are informed and have access to available services.

PASS also maintains a web site, which highlights programs that can assist people of all ages. This has been of great service to family members living at a distance from their loved-ones in the Philadelphia area. PASS also makes social services information available to the community on the daily Polish American Radio Program.

You can contact PASS Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 215 923-1900, or visit their web site at: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

Employment

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert you of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted a position, kindly let "PASS" know about that opening. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job opening information to:

**Attn: Employment Information
Polish American Social Services
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

Looking for a career change? Explore the Department of Labor's web site at: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us, or PolishAmericanSocialServices.com. Look for the logo below:



Visit Polish American Social Services on the Internet at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com for extensive employment and career information. There you will find links to:

- Employment Sites
- Resume Building Sites
- Resume Posting Sites
- Career Fairs

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