

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Polish American Social Services "PASS" United Social Services Outreach Program

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106
 Open Monday to Friday • 10 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 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 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Senior Discount on Water

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 \$31,500, (approximately \$2,625 per month.)

Additional Requirements include:

Proof of Age
 Proof of Address
 Proof of Household Income

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 PASS at 215-923-1900.

Real Estate Taxes

The Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program is being administered now. New applications are available.

Homeowners and renters can get back as much as \$650 on last year's real estate taxes or rent. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline. Age requirements are 65 or older, living with a spouse that is 65 or older, widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64 or permanently disabled between the ages of 18 and 64. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



City of Philadelphia Property Tax FREEZE

If you are a senior citizen living in the City of Philadelphia and interested in applying for the Property Tax Freeze, call United Social Services. To qualify for the City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program, you or your spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or if you are a widow or widower over 50 years of age and your spouse was over 65 years of age. To qualify, total income must be \$23,500 or less for a single person or \$31,500 or less for a married couple.

Call PASS's United Social Services Outreach Program, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at area code (215) 923-1900 and a staff worker will assist you with the application.



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helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's

www.PCACares.org

Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The outreach program is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS's Employment Outreach Representative for more information at (215) 923-1900.

Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Mail your resume to:

**Polish American Social Services
 Employment Outreach**
 308 Walnut Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19106
Fax to: (215) 922-1518
 Email to: Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: **(215) 923-1900.**

Attention Employers!

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

If your place of employment is about to or has posted an employment opportunity, kindly let PASS know. Call Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job 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.

You're getting a new Medicare card!



You asked, and we listened. You're getting a new Medicare card! Between April 2018 and April 2019, we'll be removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and mailing each person a new card. This will help keep your information more secure and help

protect your identity.

You'll get a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, and it will only be used for your Medicare coverage. The new card won't change your coverage or benefits. You'll get more information from Medicare when your new card is mailed.

Here's how you can get ready:

- Make sure your mailing address is up to date. If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount or **1-800-772-1213**. TTY users can call **1-800-325-0778**.
- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. We'll never ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card.
- Understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's.

Any questions, contact PASS at **215-923-1900.**