

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 • 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.

The Recession Has Demonstrated The Importance of our Mission:

An Update On "PASS" Polish American Social Services, United Social Services

Serving Philadelphia & Southeastern Pennsylvania

Effective and Efficient Agency

PASS has earned a reputation as a highly effective and efficient component of the social services delivery system in the Philadelphia area due to its comprehensive benefits counseling, information/referral, and advocacy services to constituents. Its unique contribution to social services is that it addresses the needs of a largely under-served community with language and cultural barriers that block access to programs and services that build constituents' self-sufficiency, self-esteem, and overall physical and mental well being.

A Community Resource For Thousands

PASS, also known as United Social Services, is a multi-service agency with a thorough knowledge of numerous resources and the flexibility to meet varied and complex constituent needs. In addition to assisting constituents from the Polish/Slavic community in Southeastern Pennsylvania, PASS is a referral point for six additional ethnic groups and receives referrals from over 70 organizations. The efficient sharing of comprehensive resources and services with people of all ages saves time and money and provides a reliable point of contact for those in need.

Who Benefits From "PASS" United Social Services?

Each year, thousands of Philadelphia-area residents benefit from income-enhancing programs, such as rent/property tax rebates, PACE, utility discounts, and many other programs. PASS's services help individuals to add as much as one full month's worth of income each year, allowing them to weather occasional financial crises and live healthier lives. The end result is fewer trips to the doctor and less stress over the rising cost of maintaining their homes.

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"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

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

www.PCACares.org

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PASS Helps Save Money

PASS works with thousands of constituents annually, saving government and agencies millions of dollars in the long run. Through the efforts of PASS's staff, individual constituents could receive up to \$1,000 in benefits from various income enhancing programs. These rebate programs allow them to stretch their annual budget, add to the economy and help them remain more self-sufficient. Approximately 90% of PASS's constituents manage to remain self-sufficient and in their own homes.

Ongoing PASS Program Objectives Include:

1. To enable constituents to make better use of available income through timely and well-informed income management and benefits counseling including low and moderate income programs such as: PA Property Tax/Rent Rebates, LIHEAP, PACE, and services offered by other agencies which promote self-sufficiency and a reasonable quality of life.
2. To remove obstacles and solve problems which prevent self-sufficiency and a reasonable quality of life.
3. To establish and coordinate linkages between social service programs to assure service delivery to constituents.
4. Maintain a telephone helpline, which is particularly beneficial to individuals for whom travel is difficult.
5. Promote employment opportunities through Job Fairs, job training programs, employment-unemployment services, and resume preparation.

A Strong Bond With Constituents

Although PASS has established a strong bond with thousands of Philadelphia-area constituents, the current economic crisis requires a dramatic expansion of the agency's outreach to constituents who have not needed the agency's services till now. As residents approach retirement age, or as current retirees experience both rapidly diminishing financial resources and failing health, they find themselves in unexpectedly dire circumstances, not knowing where to turn for help. Even neighbors and relatives who have assumed a caretaker role are ignorant of available services and resources. Often they are suspicious of government bureaucracy or reluctant to "go on welfare related programs" and seek help from PASS.

PASS Has A Well Established Outreach Network

Because of PASS's positive reputation in the community and its access to multiple media outlets, including radio, neighborhood churches and organizations, local newspapers, the Polish American News, and a website, PASS is the ideal one-stop point of contact. PASS staff is pleased to provide direct assistance to constituents and referrals to other services, as needed, to help them retain their self-sufficiency during these difficult times.

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PA Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program

The Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program for 2013 is being administered now. New applications are available. Homeowners can get back as much as \$650 on last year's real estate taxes while renters can get back up to \$500. 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.



Job Training Program Information

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.