

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

Polish American Social Services "PASS" "Aging Well at Home" Outreach

Among PASS's many services for older people is their **Aging Well at Home Outreach** which helps clients understand and access programs and services available to older Pennsylvanians. This service helps clients sustain in-home self-sufficiency amid the rising cost of living.

PASS continues to expand this program and provides information in both the English and Polish language.

For information about the **Aging Well at Home Outreach** program for senior citizens you can call PASS, Monday - Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., at (215) 923-1900.

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.

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 \$40 per month deductible. For more information and assistance with an application, please call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

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:



LIHEAP Fuel Rebate Program Now Available!



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (**LIHEAP**), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, started on November 7, 2005. Those who have applied in previous years should have received applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income must be within the following guidelines:

Number in Household	Approximate Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,076	\$12,920
2	\$1,443	\$17,321
3	\$1,810	\$21,722
4	\$2,176	\$26,123
For each additional person add:	\$367	\$4,401

For more information on filing or to get an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Polish Americans Social Services "PASS" Welcomes Information and Referral Council

The January meeting of the Information and Referral Council, a consortium of Philadelphia-area social service organizations, took place on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at Polish American Social Services headquarters, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia. The council meets regularly to update members of Philadelphia-area agencies about programs in the social services delivery system. PASS is a long time member of this organization and was pleased to once again host this meeting.

Michael Blichasz, Director of PASS, and Richard Klimek, PASS Program Supervisor, welcomed the 75 agency representatives to the Cultural Center where they enjoyed a productive meeting and a full selection of home made Polish food.

Rose Epstein, coordinator of the I & R Council, conducted the meeting and introduced the guest speakers, including: Karen Wood, Coordinator of Eastern Regional APPRISE, Brenda Wingfield, Program Director, Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF), Deborah Harmon-Pugh, Director of APPRISE, and Rick Spector, Community Relations Director of Philadelphia Corporation For Aging. Karen Wood presented a Powerpoint presentation on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program to which I & R Council members responded with questions and information about the services provided by their individual agencies.

The staff of Polish American Social Services was pleased to host this meeting and congratulated all representatives of the I & R Council for their outstanding community work.

State of Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Real Estate Taxes/Rent Rebate Program for year 2005 is now being administered. New applications are available. Get back as much as \$500 on last year's real estate taxes or rent and put it towards this year's taxes or rent. Income limit is \$15,000 annually to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline.



Four different age categories are eligible.

- 1) 65 years or older
- 2) living with a spouse who is 65 years old or older
- 3) a widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64
- 4) 100% permanently disabled individual between the ages of 18 and 64

For more information contact:

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Immigration Status - U.S. Citizen or Not?

If you were born in a foreign country and came to the United States as a child, it would be wise to check if you are a U.S. citizen. Sometimes the proper procedures are not followed by the parents of minors to transition from a legal permanent resident to a U.S. citizen. People in this situation often find out they are not U.S. citizens until they file for a U.S. passport with intentions of traveling outside of the United States. Check today so that you are not caught in a difficult situation should you need to travel on short notice.

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.

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