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## Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

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## 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**

Receipt of your resume will be acknowledged in writing and your resume will be provided to prospective employment sources. For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. 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.

## 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 9 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  
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Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

**Spread the word about the services offered by "PASS."**

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From the Desk of  
**Richard Klimek**  
 Program Supervisor

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It goes without saying that these are some of the most difficult financial times that our country has ever had to deal with. I believe we have entered "uncharted territory" because we have nothing to compare to this financial storm. Experts are claiming that it is even different from the Great Depression. Jobs are being lost and with them medical benefits, costs for basic necessities such as food, gas, electric and water continue to rise yet retirement income and earned income remains flat, decreased or has been totally lost. Assets have evaporated overnight. It seems there is only gloom and doom all around us.

It is more important now than ever before, for all of us to look at what is positive and to look towards the strengths we have more so than our weaknesses. We need to take a hard look at what we really have and we need to reach out to those around us to see who can be helpful to us and to whom we could give a little help. It comes down to getting back to basics and focusing on what works. The good news is we have always come through the storms and even turned uncharted territories into great things.

In this edition of the Polish American News there is an article by Michael Blichasz which addresses the issue of the lack of jobs and the decline of the manufacturing sector of our economy. The more we talk about this fact and the more we make it an issue, the better the chance we can turn this situation around, benefiting all of us.

On a more basic level, let's network with each other and use our strengths to help each other. If your place of employment is hiring, kindly let our agency know. We will inform anyone that has contacted us looking for work. If someone has lost a job, refer them to our website. If you know of any senior citizen who is struggling, let them know about our agency so we can help them determine which programs or options they have available to them to improve or stabilize their situations. And now more than ever, stay positive and share a kind word or do a good deed. Together we can do many good things.

## 1099 ALERT! KEEP THOSE 1099's!

In January 2009, Social Security, pensions, banks and other financial institutions sent out income statements called 1099's. These income statements are summaries of all the income someone would have received during 2008. **THESE STATEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO APPLY FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND SHOULD NOT BE THROWN AWAY!**

Please make a folder at home and place all 1099's in it so when applying for a water discount, property tax/ rent rebate program or any other program, this information will be handy.

## HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Grant Program, continues until March 31, 2009.

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	\$1,925	\$23,110
2	\$2,518	\$30,221
3	\$3,111	\$37,332
4	\$3,703	\$44,443

**For an application or more info call PASS at (215) 923-1900, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.**

**CRISIS** - This is a part of the LIHEAP Program and is designed to get emergency help to those households when utility service is off or in danger of being shut-off. Grants up to \$300 available if eligible. Those interested in this program must visit a Crisis center in their neighborhood to apply unless a LIHEAP application was already made and on file with the program.

**UESF** - The Utility Emergency Services Fund is designed to help with up to \$500 in assistance for utility bills that are shut off or ready to be shut-off. This grant, along with other assistance, must reach a zero balance on the bill giving the customer a fresh start.

**PGW's CRP Program** - this is the customer responsibility program and it helps low income customers keep their service on by paying a budget based on their income as well as possible discounts.

For more information about these programs and other programs to help with this winter's heating bills call PASS at (215) 923-1900.