

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.

Social Security and Medicare Updates Annual Enrollment Period

Medicare Updates

From **October 15, 2013 to December 7, 2013**, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their medical and/or prescription drug plans for 2014. Medicare beneficiaries should seek out the help of trusted family members and friends, or community groups to determine if their current plan will be offered next year, what changes to expect in the plan, and if it is still the best plan based on their needs.

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For more information visit: www.Medicare.gov

Real Estate Taxes

The Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program for 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.



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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

Look Out For LIHEAP

Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, begins on **November 1, 2013** and will continue through the beginning of **2014**. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income guidelines will be approved shortly and be listed on PASS's Internet site.

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

Medications and Prescription Plans

PACE PLUS is a new name being used for the PACE/PACENET programs, (the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) that help pay for prescription drugs. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those who have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories for determining eligibility. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person between \$14,500 and \$23,500 or a couple between \$17,700 and \$31,500. For more info and to get an application call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



The Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse

This program works with **Pharma** (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) to get prescription drugs for those unable to pay. Income guidelines approximate \$20,000 for a single person, \$25,000 for a married couple and \$30,000 for an adult and two or more dependents. Call 1-800-955-0989.

Understanding the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze

- The Senior Citizen Tax Freeze program enables eligible senior citizens to prevent increases in their real estate taxes, whether from changes in assessments or tax rates.
- Applications for the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze are due October 15, 2013.
- To qualify:
 - o You or your spouse must be 65 or older, or you must be over 50 and your deceased spouse was at least 65 at the time of death.
 - o Your total income must be \$23,500 or less for a single person, or \$31,500 or less for a married couple.
- The application is available at the office of Polish American Social Services(PASS)/United Social Services. Please give us a call at 215-923-1900
 - o You must send a copy of proof of age with your application, such as: social security award letter, driver's license, or birth certificate.
 - o You are not required to send documentation for proof of income with your application, but the Philadelphia Department of Revenue may request it. The Department of Revenue is also authorized to verify your income with the Internal Revenue Service and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
 - o You only have to enroll in the program once! Once you participate in the program, you are automatically enrolled every year.

Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will 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: **Polish American Social Services 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Attn: Employment Information.**

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

For Job Fair info visit PolishAmericanSocialServices.com, or UnitedSocialServices.com