

Helpful Community Resources

We encourage you to contact the organizations/programs listed below for additional info. Updated May 2025

SNAP and lost food during power outages & other emergencies

<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/services/masscare/documents/Replacement-SNAP-Flyer-English-PA-1986.pdf> SNAP recipients may be eligible for reimbursement of benefits to cover lost food.

Post Storm Information & Resources <https://jewishpgh.org/info/post-storminformation-resources/>

Pennsylvania 211 Dial 211 OR Text your zip code to 898-211 OR visit www.pa211.org/get-help/

Connect with resources and help of all kinds. Dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Or view search page to explore by categories like financial assistance, housing and food.

AHN Community Support Platform www.AHNCommunitySupport.Com

Assistance connecting with social programs based on unique needs and locations. Can help with food, housing transportation, goods, education, legal assistance, finances, health care and work. AHNCommunitySupport.Com & zip

Allegheny Go <https://discountedfares.alleghenycounty.us/>

Get 50% off transit fares for people who currently reside in Allegheny County, are between the ages of 12-64, and have been receiving SNAP benefits for at least 3 months.

Allegheny Link alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/About/Contact/Link/Contact.aspx

Service Coordinators available by phone, email, and in person (866) 730-2368 or send message through their website

Agewell Agewellpgh.org

Info/Referral to services for Seniors: Meals, Transportation, Wellness, Health, Care, Safety (412) 422-0400

BigBurgh BigBurgh.com Pittsburgh's online source for a wide range of available services for youth & adults (jobs, housing financial, food, health, safe places), focus is on those who are or at risk of being homeless.

Blessing Board blessingboard.org Free furniture for people unable to purchase their own. (412) 646-4786

Compass COMPASS is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs and manage benefit information including healthcare, food assistance, child care, rental assistance, long term living services.

<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/> (800) 692-7462

Find Help Search by zip code and need and explore various community resources. <https://www.findhelp.org>

Free Financial Counseling Focus on the goals you choose including: budgeting/spending plans, student loan consolidation, credit card best practices, applying for public assistance, credit score improvement, home purchasing guidance For more info, go to JFundsPgh or The Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) neighborhoodallies.org/fec/ 1-800-298-0237

Free Store (Braddock & Wilkinsburg) Redistributes clothing (adults and children), toiletries, and household items at no cost to individuals in need. Wilkinsburg store open only Saturday mornings. Open to all communities freestore15104.org (201) 532-1722 freestorewilkinsburg.org (412) 436-9836

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Provides free food for those in need. Search by zip code or neighborhood name to find your local food pantries & emergency food distribution pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/

Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) HFLAPGH.org (412) 212-8682
Provides 0%-interest LOANS up to \$10,000 for major expenses such as car purchase or repair, home improvement or repair, tuition, life-cycle events, credit card consolidation, adoption/fertility, or small business

hope+door www.hopeanddoor.org Provides grants for up to two months of rent for qualified families.

Jeremiah's Place jeremiahsplace.org (412) 924-0726 Provides free emergency childcare services for children ages 0-6 for a few hours or a few days based on the needs of each individual family.

Jewish Assistance Fund JewishAssistanceFund.org (412) 521-3237
Grants with no repayment to help the Western PA Jewish Community with pressing expenses

Jewish Burial & Cemetary Association (JCBA) Providing dignified burials to Jews in need in accordance with our laws and customs www.jcbapgh.org (412) 553-6469

JFCS Critical Needs Hotline critical@jfcspgh.org (412)742-4215
Support and guidance for food, career services, counseling, eldercare, special needs, navigating benefits

JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry
Food assistance for the 15217 area and emergency food or kosher food outside of the 15217 area
JFCSpgh.org/services/squirrel-hill-food-pantry/clients (412) 421-2708 828 Hazelwood Avenue Pittsburgh, 15217

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Israel Scholarships Jewishpgh.org/scholarships OR dswartz@jfedpgh.org
Grants, both non-need and need-based, for peer-group Israel trips for teens and young adults org

Jewish Fertility Foundation jewishfertilityfoundation.org/pittsburgh/ Engaging hopeful parents by providing financial assistance, emotional support, and infertility education to those struggling to build their families

Jewish Scholarship Service of Greater Pittsburgh jfcspgh.org/services/scholarships
Provides Jewish students with tuition assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Check for deadlines.

JFunds JFundspgh.org A network of Jewish financial support services: grants, loans, scholarships and financial coaching

Just Harvest Helps with filing taxes, finding healthy food, getting food stamps Justharvest.org (412) 431-8960

LifeSpan Support services for residents of Allegheny County 60 and over, all clients over 60 qualify for care management and identification of resources and may also be evaluated to see if they qualify for an appropriate form of care ranging from adult day service lifespanpa.org (412) 464-1300

LIHEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer.
compass.state.pa.us (866) 857-7095 Fact sheets available at the front desk of the JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry

Moms Work (formerly Center for Women) An NCJW program focused on empowering women who seek financial wellbeing. It provides education, networking, and advocacy related to financial wellness.
ncjwpgh.org/program/momswork/ (412) 421-6118, Option 2

Neighborhood Legal Services Association Provides free legal services to low income individuals and families.
pittsburghprobono.org/Neighborhood_Legal_Services_Association.asp (412) 402-6677

Pennie Connecting Pennsylvanians to health coverage Pennie.com (844) 844-8040

PGH2O Cares Customer Assistance Programs Help for water/waste water bill. A variety of programs for low income individuals and families (412) 555-2423

RESOLVE (888) 796-8226 24-hour Crisis Network providing phone and walk-in help for emotional distress, free for Allegheny County residents. Concerns can be large or small.

Squirrel Hill Health Center squirrelhillhealthcenter.org Medical: (412) 422-7442 Dental: (412) 697-7997
Comprehensive healthcare for all income levels and insurance status, including dental

St Vincent De Paul Provides clothing, household goods, rent, utility, financial assistance, and more. Helpful listing of other resources. svdpitt.org (412) 321-1071 Additional Resources <http://svdpitt.org/additional-resources/>

The Branch (formerly JRS/Jewish Residential Services) Supports individuals with psychiatric, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, helping them learn to live, learn, work, and socialize as valued members of the community. Thebranchpgh.org (412) 325-0039

Thriftique/NCJW Resale clothing, furniture, home decor, housewares, and more
ncjwthriftique.com (412) 742-4951 125 51st Street, Lawrenceville (FREE on-site parking & public transit)

University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine Comprehensive and emergency care for children and adults by appointment. Some financial assistance may be available for uninsured children For adults: (412) 648-8616 For children: (412) 648-8930

Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard Making veterans lives better and connecting them with resources and networks VeteransPlaceUSA.org (412) 363-0500

10.27 Healing Partnership A safe haven for all seeking help and healing from trauma
1027healingpartnership.org Non-emergency (412) 697-3534 In in crisis call: (888) 796-8226

Not sure who to contact – could use some support navigating services?

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critical@jfcspgh.org (412) 742-4215

Contact your State Legislator's Office

Their staff may be able to help navigate benefits, address issues
<https://www.palegis.us/find-my-legislator>

This list of service providers is only partial and does not constitute a recommendation by the Jewish Assistance Fund.