

Westmoreland Transition Council

..... Resource Guide



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About the Westmoreland Transition Council

In July 1989, a memorandum of understanding was agreed upon by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Labor and Industry. These three parties vowed to establish a working relationship to achieve one goal: “enabling students with disabilities to receive a full array of transition services”.

This agreement led to the formation of Local Transition Coordinating Councils (LTCC) throughout the state.

Our vision is to ensure students with disabilities achieve their goals and maximize their potential as contributing members of their community.

Our mission is to coordinate and communicate available resources and supports, educating the local community youth, families, educational staff and related agencies in Westmoreland County.

About this Resource Guide

This guide provides various resources to assist with the transition planning of an individual with a disability.

Each resource provides contact information, website and area of focus.

For your convenience a QR code is provided for ease of access when utilizing a paper copy.

- If utilizing an ios device simply open your camera and hold it over the QR code (don't take a picture) and click on the link that appears on the top of your screen
- If utilizing an android device you will have to download a QR Reader app that will access your camera and hold over the QR code and click on the link that appears on your screen

*Resources without a QR code are not mobile friendly resources

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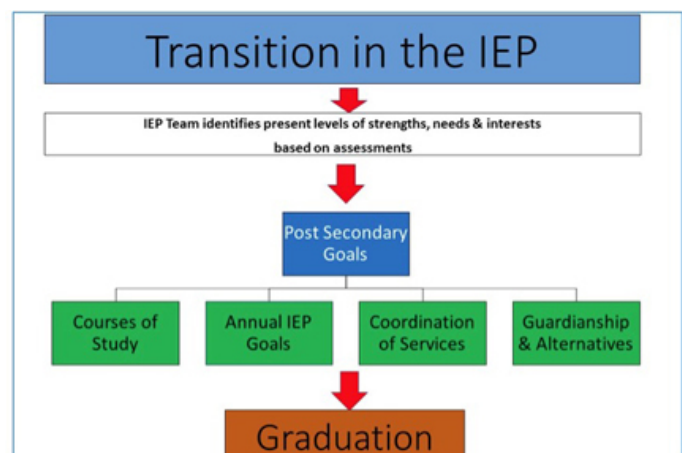
What is Secondary Transition?

Graduating from high school can be a stressful experience, as youth are faced with many opportunities and challenges. For individuals with a disability and their families this transition can include additional opportunities and challenges. The Secondary Transition process is designed to provide individuals with a disability a plan to develop skills and connections with services for a smooth transition to their lives after high school. Transition plans are included in the development of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) beginning at the age of 14 in PA.



What does the Secondary Transition Process involve?

The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Team, which consists of the student, family, school personnel, agency representative(s) (with parental consent) who may provide services, and other pertinent individuals, meet to create the transition plan within the IEP document. Although the transition plan is a portion of the IEP, it truly encompasses the entire document for transition planning begins with assessing the students desired post-secondary goals and current skills and abilities. These results are compared to each other to identify the gap of where the student is currently performing and the requirements of the students identified post-secondary goals. The team then makes decisions regarding instruction, courses of study, programs and such to assist the student in reaching their identified post-secondary goals all while making adjustments along the way to promote success.



Web Resources

Legislation Impacting Secondary Transition

<http://bit.ly/legtrans>

Transition 101

<http://bit.ly/sectrans101>

PaTTAN Resources on Secondary Transition

<http://bit.ly/pattansectrans>

PA Secondary Transition Guide

<https://secondarytransition.org/>

Guideposts for Success

<http://bit.ly/guidepostforsuccess>

PYLN Secondary Transition Toolkit

<http://bit.ly/sectranstoolkit>



Post-Secondary Programs and Supports



Advanced Technology Center

1001 # 1009 Technology Dr.
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
724-925-4269



<https://westmoreland.edu/about/locations/advanced-technology-center.html>

Focus: Offers state of the art labs and classrooms for a variety of career in manufacturing and technically-oriented areas.



Central Westmoreland Career and Technology

240 Arona Rd.
New Stanton, PA 15672
724-925-3532



<https://www.cwctc.org/>

Focus: Provides industry based technical programs that will meet the needs of an evolving workforce and develop skills for lifelong learning and living.



Community College of Allegheny College

808 Ridge Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15211
412-237-2525



<https://www.ccac.edu/>

Focus: Provides a supportive and transformative learning environment that prepares graduates to meet critical needs in the region's workforce.



Douglas Education Center

130 7th St.
Monessen, PA 15062
800-413-6013



<https://www.dec.edu/>

Focus: Private, for-profit higher education career school offering varying programs.



Edinboro University

219 Meadville St.
Edinboro, PA 16444
814-732-2000



<https://www.edinboro.edu/>

Focus: Offering comprehensive programs in a challenging yet supportive academic environment.



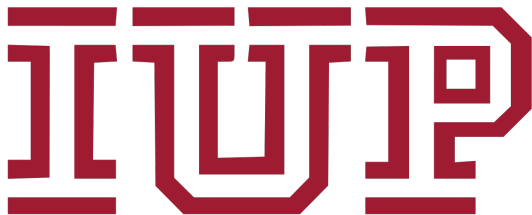
Hiram G Andrews Center

727 Goucher St.
Johnstown, PA 15905
814-255-8200



<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/hgac/Pages/default.aspx>

Focus: Offers quality individualized post-secondary education, pre-employment transition and support services.



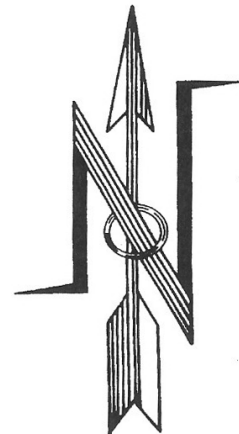
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

1011 South Drive
Indiana, PA 15705
724-357-2100



<https://www.iup.edu/about/iup/>

Focus: Public research university teaching focused, student centered learning



Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology

705 Stevenson Blvd.
New Kensington, PA 15068
724-335-9389



<https://www.nwctc.k12.pa.us/>

Focus: Provides continuing education opportunities in various ares.



Mercyhurst OASIS Program

16 W Division St.
North East, PA 16428
814-824-2000



<https://northeast.mercyhurst.edu/oasis-program>

Focus: Individuals with intellectual disabilities earn proficiency-based certificates at a college setting.



PennState
New Kensington

Penn State New Kensington

3550 7th Street Rd.
New Kensington, PA 15068
724-334-6000



<https://newkensington.psu.edu/>

Focus: Teaching and research institute with a focus on undergraduate education and lifelong learning.



Private Industry Council

219 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-2600



<http://privateindustrycouncil.com/>

Focus: Operates employment, education, and training programs in southwestern PA.



Robert Morris University

6001 University Bkvd.
Moon, PA 15108
412-397-5200



<https://www.rmu.edu/>

Focus: Private university preparing students for great careers offering a variety of professional certificates and customization programs.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Saint Vincent College

300 Fraser Purchase Rd.
Latrobe, PA 15650
724-532-6600



<https://www.stvincent.edu/>

Focus: Benedictine liberal arts college



BEARCAT B.E.S.T.

Building Excellence through Skills Training
SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Saint Vincent Bearcat BEST Program

300 Fraser Purchase Rd.
Latrobe, PA 15650
724-805-2765



<https://www.stvincent.edu/community-events/outreach-programs/bearcat-best-program>

Focus: Develop the students' capabilities in academics, vocational training, activities of daily living and social skills .



Seton Hill University

1 Seton Hill Dr.
Greensburg, PA 15601
800-826-6234



<https://www.setonhill.edu/>

Focus: Liberal arts university



Slippery Rock University

1 Morrow Way
Slippery Rock ,PA 16057
800-778-9111



<https://www.sru.edu/>

Focus: Comprehensive university offering a broad range of undergraduate and select graduate programs.



Rock Life at Slippery Rock

1 Morrow Way
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
800-778-9111



<https://www.srurocklife.org/>

Focus: An inclusive college experience for students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.



Triangle Tech

1940 Perrysville Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15214
800-874-8324



<https://triangle-tech.edu/>

Focus: Hands-On technical school with 6 locations



St. Anthony's Post-Secondary Schools

1Duquesne University
600 Forbes Ave, Fisher Hall
Pittsburgh, PA 15282
724-940-9020 ext. 109



<https://www.stanthonykids.org/home/curriculum/post-secondary/>

Focus: Educational program on a local college campus for individuals with developmental disabilities providing various supports with academics, independent living and vocational training

Federal Student Aid



FASFA

Free Application for Student Aid for college or grad school.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>



PA Higher Education Assistance Agency

Westmoreland County Representative
412-904-8545

<https://www.pheaa.org/>



Focus: National leader in providing customer service to student loan borrowers.

Additional Resources

The Difference between High School and College

<http://bit.ly/highvscollege>

A Guide to Assessing College Readiness

<http://bit.ly/assesscollegereadiness>

NTACT Post-Secondary Education and Training Toolkit

<http://bit.ly/postsectoolkit>

Student College Resource Guide

<http://bit.ly/studentcollege>

Exploring the Option of 2 or 4 Year College

<http://bit.ly/postsecoption>



Think College

100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125
617-287-4300

<https://thinkcollege.net/>



Focus: Dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disabilities.



Vocational Supports



Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

727 Goucher St.
Section 10
Johnstown, PA 15905
814-255-6771



<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

Focus: Provides vocational rehabilitation service to assist an individual with a disability prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment.



Pittsburgh Job Corps Center

7175 Highland Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-441-8700



<https://pittsburgh.jobcorps.gov/>

Focus: Provides on the job training



PA Career Link

151 Pavilion Ln.
Youngwood, PA 15697
724-755-2330



<https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/>

Focus: A one-stop center, providing an array of career and workforce development services to employers and job seekers.



Achieva

316 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-8159



<https://www.achieva.info/>

Focus: Providing an array of supports and services to individuals with disabilities and there families.



*An exceptional place
for exceptional people*

Clelian Heights Adult

135 Clelian Heights Lane
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-839-3352



<https://www.clelianheights.org/adult-programs>

Focus: Provides pre-vocational and vocational training and socialization opportunities in their on campus adult training facility and within the c



Goodwill

Robert S. Foltz Building
118 52nd Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201
412-481-9005



<https://www.goodwillswpa.org/>

Focus: Human service agency assisting people to overcome barriers to employment



Life's Work of Western, PA

222 Nazareth Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-684-3630



<https://www.lifesworkwpa.org/>

Focus: Partner with people with disabilities to strengthen workplace abilities



Merakey

620 E. Germantown Pole
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
888-647-0020



<https://www.merakey.org/index.html>

Focus: Supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities enhance their abilities and interest through various supports including an adult training facility, behavioral supports, community day services and other employment services.



Paula Teacher and

4000 Hempfield Blvd.
#968
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-4090



<https://www.paulateacher.com/>

Focus: Provides a full range of services for individuals with special needs including behavioral, instructional, or habilitative.



Rehabilitation Center & Workshop

1555 Woodward Road Ext.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-838-9101



<http://www.rcw-pa.org/>

Focus: Providing evaluation, personal work adjustment training and ancillary services to individuals with a disability in preparation for competitive employment.



Regional Integrated Human Services - Career STEPS

151 Pavillion Lane
Youngwood, PA 15697
724-755-2330 ext. 107



<https://www.ontherihs.org/services/young-adult-careersteps>

Focus: Provides various post-secondary supports to young adults.



Westmoreland County Blind Association

Westmoreland County Blind Association

911 S Main St.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-1250



<http://wcbainpa.org/>

Focus: Provides facility based vocational rehabilitation in an adult training facility.



Westmoreland Intermediate Unit

102 Equity Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-2460



<https://www.wiu7.org/>

Focus: Provides vocational supports to youth with disabilities in community settings.



AHEDD Work Incentive Counseling

3300 Trindle Rd.
Camp Hill, PA 17011
866-902-43333

<http://bit.ly/wipaprogram>

Focus: Assistance with understanding and navigating the various (and complex) benefit programs (i.e. SSI, SSDI, Medicare/Medicaid)

Additional Resources

411 on Disability Disclosure

<http://bit.ly/411onDD>

The Importance of Employment

<http://bit.ly/importanceofemployment>

Preparing for Employment

<http://bit.ly/prepareforemployment>

Job Skills: Getting Ready for Work

<http://bit.ly/gettingreadytowork>

Career Pathways

<http://bit.ly/pathwaytocareer>

Customized Employment

<http://bit.ly/customizableemployment>



Recreation | Independent Living Supports | Transportation



Exceptional Adventures

<https://www.exceptionaladventures.com/>



Focus: Providing vacation opportunities, events, and monthly dances for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities



Miracle League of

4056 Wiestertown Rd.
Export, PA 15632
412-860-8079



<https://www.mlwpa.org/>

Focus: Provides an opportunity for individuals of various abilities and needs to participate in a variety of sports.



Friends to Friends

3501 Leechburg Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15239
412-739-5556



<https://friendstofriends.org/>

Focus: Brings special needs and non-special needs children and their families together in social environments through sports activities.



The Physically Challenged Bow-Hunters of America

855-247-7222



<https://physicallychallengedbowhuntersofamerica-inc.org/>

Focus: Assisting physically disabled persons to actively participate in bowhunting and archery sports.



Southwest Greensburg Adaptive Baseball League

724-396-7820

<https://www.facebook.com/adaptivebaseball/>

Focus: Amateur baseball league adapted to meet individual needs.



STAT INC.
Ligonier Therapeutic Center
Equine-Assisted, Alternative &
Therapeutic Interventions

STAT Therapeutic Center

24 Stom Rd.
Ligonier, PA
724-593-4742



<https://www.statinc.org/>

Focus: Facilitating alternate and animal assisted therapies to promote and enhance health, education and quality of life.



Special Olympics

Special Olympics of Westmoreland County

724-875-5929

<https://www.facebook.com/westspoly/>

Focus: Providing Olympic training and games for individuals with disabilities.



Stoneybrook Foundation

260 Mountain Trails Lane
Acme, PA 15610
724-613-3312



<https://stoneybrookfoundation.org/>

Focus: Improve the lives of children and adults with special challenges through a therapeutic partnership with horses.

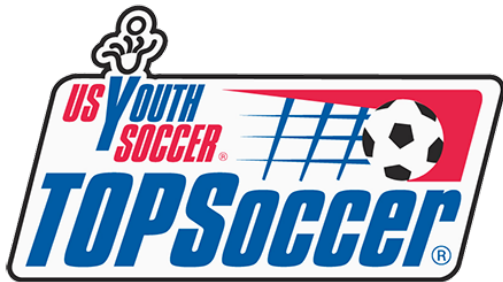


Stoney Ridge Stables

403 Stone Church Rd.
Hunker, PA 15639
724-925-7282

<http://bit.ly/stoneyridge>

Focus: Provides boarding, training, lessons and equestrian therapy.



Top Soccer

724-355-8866

http://www.pawest-soccer.org/topsoccer/about_topsoccer/



Focus: Community-based training and team placement soccer program for young athletes with special needs.



Three Rivers Adaptive Sports

P.O. Box 38235
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-848-8896

<https://www.traspa.org/>

Focus: Integrated recreation and physical fitness program



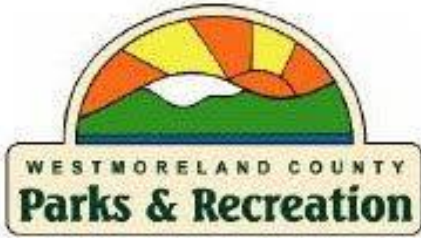
WCOTC Thera-Paws

16 Potters Rd.
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-8953

<http://www.wcotc-dogs.com/therapy-dogs.html>



Focus: Provides and trains therapy dogs



Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation

724-830-3955

<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/728/Parks-Recreation>



Focus: Providing an array of recreational programs



accessAbilities

2900 Seminary Drive
Building B
Greensburg, P A 15601
724-832-8272



<http://www.accessabilities.org/>

Focus: Provides home & community services for adults with a physical, developmental or intellectual disability.



Achieva

316 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-8159



<https://www.achieva.info/>

Focus: Providing an array of supports and services to individuals with disabilities and their families.



ASERT

1-877-231-4244



<http://www.paautism.org/>

Focus: Supporting individuals with autism and their families



Community Living Care

126 W Pittsburgh St.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-8747



<https://www.communitylivingcare.com/>

Focus: Provides residential support, in-home habilitation, respite services, and transportation supports.



Habitat for Humanity

212 Outlet Way
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-523-0308



<https://cwhfh.org/>

Focus: Partner with families to build or rehabilitate a home.



Gene Cook Supports LLC

724-217-5479

<https://genecooksupports.org/>



Focus: Assists individuals with developmental disabilities and autism and their families with supports to make real life choices regarding working, social activities, and living a quality life at home and in the community.



Housing & Urban Development

1000 Liberty Ave.
Suite 1000
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-644-6428



<https://www.hud.gov/states/pennsylvania>

Focus: Assist with financing a home



Kiski Valley Opportunities Unlimited

129 Columbia Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-567-7799
<http://www.kvou.org/>



Focus: Provides a continuum of residential supports.



Lifesharing

1-888-565-9435
<http://bit.ly/lifesharing>

Focus: Supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities to live with qualified adults who provide support in their home.



Lifesteps

1-800-225-2010
<https://www.lifesteps.net/>



Focus: Provides various services and supports assisting with residential living.



Mainline Rehabilitation Associates

668 Exton Commons
Exton, PA 19341
610-280-0192



<http://www.mainline-rehab.com/>

Focus: Specializing in home and community based cognitive rehabilitation



McGuire Memorial Home

2119 Mercer Rd.
New Brighton, PA 15066
724-843-3400



<http://www.mcguirememorial.org/#>

Focus: Offers a variety of services to help those who are disabled live lives full of meaning and purpose.



Milestone Centers

777 Penn Center Blvd.
Building 7, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-243-3400



<https://www.milestonepa.org/>

Focus: Community based home services agency supporting the needs of individuals with behavioral health challenges and intellectual and developmental disabilities.



PA Mentor

90 West Chestnut St.
Suite 705
Washington, PA 15301
724-228-2423



<https://www.pa-mentor.com/>

Focus: Providing residential, supported living, day programs and respite services for individuals with a disability.



Westmoreland County Housing Authority

167 South Greengate Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-832-7248



<https://www.wchaonline.com/>

Focus: Offers educational, recreational, social and wellness activities in your community.



Byers Taxi Services

510 Hancock Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-567-5664



<http://www.byerstaxiandbusing.com/>

Focus: Providing transportation in the northern section of Westmoreland County



On the Move... for You!

Mid Mon Valley Transit

1300 McKean Ave.
Charleroi, PA 150222
724-379-5956



<https://www.mmvta.com/>

Focus: Providing safe and dependable public transportation services to the Middle Monongahela River Valley .



Westmoreland County Transit Authority

41 Bell Way
Greensburg, PA 15601
1-800-221-9282



<https://www.westmorelandtransit.com/>

Focus: Providing public transportation services throughout Westmoreland County.

Additional Resources

Summer Camps

<http://bit.ly/summercamplist>

Housing Project

<https://www.pacer.org/housing/>

Renters' Rights and Housing Assistance or People with Disabilities

<http://bit.ly/rentersrightsandhousing>

Promoting Independent Living While Still in School

<http://bit.ly/promotingindliving>

Transportation Skills Checklist

<http://bit.ly/transportationskillschecklist>



Social/Emotional Supports



Mental Health America Of Southwestern PA

409 Coulter Ave
Suite 4
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-834-6351



<https://mhaswpa.org/>

Focus: Dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and to promote the overall mental health of all Americans.



Western Region ASERT

1-877-231-4244

<http://www.paautism.org/>



Focus: Supporting individuals with autism and their families



Beacon Health Options *Formerly: Value Behavioral*

P.O. Box 1840
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
1-877-688-5977



<https://pa.beaconhealthoptions.com/>

Focus: Improve access to health care services and quality of care available.



STEP UP Westmoreland

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit
102 Equity Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-2460



<https://www.stepupwestmoreland.org/>

Focus: Partnering to impact youth mental wellness in Westmoreland County



WCSI - Behavioral Health & Intellectual Disabilities

770 East Pittsburgh St.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-1808

<https://wcsi.org/>



Focus: Connecting behavioral health, autistic, intellectually/developmentally disabled clients and their families with the treatment and supports they need to succeed.



Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

40 N Pennsylvania Ave
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-830-3617

<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/843/Behavioral-Health>



Focus: Provides an array of services and supports in the area of mental health.



211 United Way

United Way of Southwestern PA
P.O. Box 735
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
Dial: 211

<https://pa211sw.org/>



Focus: Resource center for accessing health and human services .



Westmoreland County Drug & Alcohol Commission

1200Maronda Way, Suite 300
Monessen, PA 15062
724-243-2220

<http://wedacinc.org/>



Focus: Supports for individuals experiencing drug and alcohol addiction.



Peer Star

Corporate Office
Regency Square
2900 Plank Rd. Suite 8
Altoona, PA 16601
888-733-7781



<https://www.peerstarllc.com/>

Focus: Providing various peer to peer supports to individuals with mental illness, co-occurring substance abuse disorders and dual diagnoses





Achieva Advocacy

316 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-8159 ext. 164 or ext 112

<https://www.achieva.info/advocacy>



Focus: Providing an array of supports and services to individuals with disabilities and there families.



East Suburban Citizen Advocacy

4559 Old William Penn Highway
Suite 200
Murrysville, PA 15668
724-325-3344



<http://www.eastsuburbancitizenadvocacy.org/>

Focus: Provide advocacy and build inclusive opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.



Adelphoi Family Advocacy

119 Village Way
Latrobe, PA 15650
724-804-7000

Email: nikole.jackson@adelphoi.org

<http://bit.ly/adelphoiadv>

Focus: Providing advocacy supports to families .



Local Task Force

https://www.wiu7.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1560018&type=d&pREC_ID=1691804



Focus: Committee of concerned and active stakeholders working together collaboratively to ensure all children with disabilities receive the supports and services they need to be successful in the least restrictive environment.



Parent to Parent

724-219-2368

<http://www.parenttoparent.org/>



Focus: Linking families of children and adults with disabilities or special needs.



Special Kids Network

1-800-986-4550

<http://bit.ly/specialkidsnet>

Focus: Offers coordination to families to identify service gaps and address unique needs and challenges.



PEAL Center

2325 East Carson St.

Suite 100A

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

412-281-4404



<https://pealcenter.org/>

Focus: Educate and empower families to ensure their children with special needs live active lives in their schools and communities



Disability Rights Network

429 Fourth Ave

Suite 701

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-467-8940



<https://www.disabilityrightspa.org/>

Focus: Provide advocacy services



WCSI - Behavioral Health & Intellectual Disabilities

770 East Pittsburgh St.
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-1808

<https://wcsi.org/>



Focus: Connecting behavioral health and intellectually/developmentally disabled clients and their families with the treatment and supports they need to succeed.

Additional Resources

Entitlement vs. Eligibility

<http://bit.ly/entitlementvseligibility>

Understanding Self-Advocacy

<http://bit.ly/self-adv>



Contact Us



Westmoreland Transition Council

Website: <http://bit.ly/westmorelandltcc>

Email: westmoreland.tc@gmail.com

Phone: 724-219-2332

Stay in the Know and Connect to our REMIND

Smart phone Users: rmd.at/wltcevents

No Smart phone (no problem):

Text the message @wltcevents to the number
81010