

Mission Statement

The Office of Senior Services is a public social service agency which involves itself with all issues concerning persons aged 60 and older who are residents of Schuylkill County.

The Agency proactively carries out, under the guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, inter-agency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring, service provision, and evaluation. These activities are designed to promote the development and enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community-based geriatric social service systems in or serving Schuylkill County.

The Agency promotes a continuum of care designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible. Special consideration is given to older persons who are the most vulnerable, including those at risk of physical harm, those in danger of losing their independence and those with greatest social, economic and health needs.

In-Home Assistance

Information and Assistance: Assistance with PACE and Rent/Tax Rebate Applications are available. Intake and referral for all agency services.

Assessment: Comprehensive collection of information concerning the individual needs of the older person and development of a plan of care to safely maintain the individual in the least restrictive setting.

Care Management: Caseworkers ensure the effective and coordinated delivery of service to individual clients and their families through the implementation of a plan of care, coordination and follow-up of service delivery, and on-going case recording. These activities are carried out on behalf of clients determined to have complex problems requiring coordination by Care Management staff.

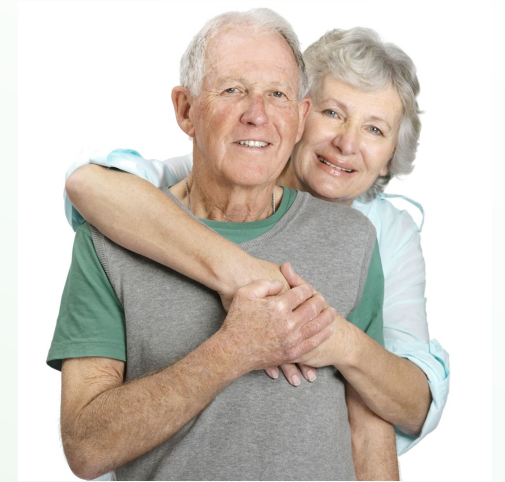


Protective Services: Preventive and supportive services provided to individuals who because of mental and/or physical

disabilities are unable to carry out the activities of daily living; manage their own resources; or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Ombudsman: The investigation and resolution of complaints made by or on behalf of residents of nursing homes and licensed personal care homes. Complaints may relate to any activity which adversely affects the health, safety, or welfare of a resident.

Volunteer Services: Volunteers provide assistance to in-home elderly and individuals in hospitals and nursing homes.



Senior Employment: Employment services assist individuals in gaining or retaining paid employment. Services are available to persons aged 55 and older who meet established income guidelines. Contact the Senior Employment Program (Experience Works, Inc.) at 570-486-4041 or 1-877-314-7383 for more information.

Transportation: Contact Schuylkill County Transportation Authority at 1-800-832-3322 or register at the nearest *Senior Community Resource Center*.

Helping Seniors Help Themselves

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*Please contact us to see what services are
available through the various programs
provided by the
Office of Senior Services*

Services

- Adult Daily Living Centers
 - Avenues-Eldergarden, Pottsville
 - Evergreen, Mahanoy City and Pine Grove
 - Golden Years, Shenandoah
 - Holy Family, Orwigsburg
 - Tamaqua Adult Day Care, Tamaqua
- Assessment
- Care Management
- Counseling
- Environmental Modifications
- Family Caregiver
- Health Insurance Counseling: Apprise
- Health Promotion/Medication Management
- Home Health Services
- Home Support Services
- Intake/Information and Assistance
 - Assist With Pace and Pacenet Applications
 - Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Nursing Home Transition
- Nutrition Services
 - Non-Congregate/In Home Meals (Home Delivered Meals)
 - Congregate Meals
- Ombudsman Services
- Personal Care Services
- Personal Emergency Response Services
- Protective Services / Elder Abuse
- Senior Community Resource Centers
 - Mahanoy City 773-0738
 - Pottsville 628-3513
 - Schuylkill Haven 385-5611
 - Shenandoah 462-1965
 - Tremont 695-3500

Services (continued)

- Senior Employment
- Transportation
- Volunteer Services
 - Retired Senior Volunteer Program
 - Office of Senior Services Volunteer Services
- Aging Waiver Enrollment Services
 - Assisting Consumer to enroll in the Aging Waiver Program
- Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)
 - Link to Aging and Disability Resource Center
 - Agency Staff takes referrals/assists callers through the links of various resources
 - Options Counselors will follow up with callers
 - PA Link Helpline 1-800-753-8827



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