

Moving to Pennsylvania: Now What?

There is a lot to think about when moving to a new state. If you or your child receives autism services and you are moving to Pennsylvania, you might be wondering what to do. You can use the checklist below to help you. This will give you steps to take to set up your services.

- Contact Your New County.** Each county provides different services. It is important to contact your county to see what they provide. Some of the different offices are: County Assistance Offices, Offices of Vocational Rehabilitation, Intermediate Units, Crisis Intervention, and County MH/ID/EI. [Learn more here.](#)
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).** Waivers are a type of Medicaid program. They provide long-term support to help you live in your community. Learn more about waivers and [how to apply here.](#)
- Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)** are mental health services. These are provided at home, at school, or in the community. These services are for individuals under age 21. These services help with emotional or behavioral challenges. Learn more about [how to access these services here.](#)
- Find a Therapist.** ASERT has information to help you find a therapist or services. There is also information about choosing the best provider for you or your child. [Learn more here.](#)
- The PEAL Center** helps families and individuals. They help find services for education, health care, and being in the community. [Connect with them here.](#)
- The PA Family Network** offers Family Advisors. Family Advisors help provide information and support. They are also a connection for you in Pennsylvania. [Connect with them here.](#)
- Support Groups:** ASERT has a Support Group Map. It lists all the support and self-advocacy groups in Pennsylvania. Members of these groups can be a great source of information. They can share information on providers and resources in your community. [Visit the support group map.](#)
- Act 62** is Pennsylvania's Autism Insurance Act. It may cover the cost of autism-related services for people under age 21. If you or your child have private health insurance, services may be covered under ACT 62. Talk to your employer's human resources department. Anyone covered by Medical Assistance (MA) or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will be covered. [Find out more here.](#)

