

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PREVENTION/EVICTION RESEARCH PROJECT - SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES/PROGRAMS**

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Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Office of Housing & Community Development	Legal Services	Legal counseling or legal representation for households facing eviction. LASP also provides general consultation to YWH staff who have legal questions (cannot be client-specific)	No	Year Round Service, non financial	N/A
Your Way Home Call Center	Office of Housing & Community Development	Screening for current housing status; Referrals to Community Services	If a household calls YWH and is still in their own apartment, they are referred to community resources that may help them stay in their apartment. These resources include: LASP (see above), SEPA,	No	Year Round Service, non financial	N/A
United Way 211	Office of Housing & Community Development	Free service that helps people in Montgomery County and other counties find local resources they need.	Callers requesting rental arrears, a housing crisis, or other preventative services are referred to local resources on an approved vendor list.	NO funding provided to clients directly. Referral Services only provided.	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
Valley Youth House of Montgomery County	Office of Housing & Community Development	Rental Assistance up to 24 months, but can be renewed due to extenuating circumstances	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for youth aging out of foster care. Referrals come from the County Office of Children and Youth	YES - through the HOME Program. Funds are paid directly to landlords. Client contribution towards rent is required.	Year round, when funding is available. About \$125,000 per year.	\$125,000.00
Family Services of Montgomery County	Office of Housing & Community Development	Rental Assistance up to 24 months, but can be renewed due to extenuating circumstances	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) up to 24 months for persons with HIV/AIDS	YES - through the HOME Program. Funds are paid directly to landlords. Client contribution towards rent is required.	Year round, when funding is available. About \$180,000 per year	\$180,000.00

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County Office of Children and Youth (OCY)	County Office of Children and Youth (OCY)	Case Worker Protective Services for Families with Unsafe or Unstable housing	Protectives service referrals are accepted for investigation when families have inadequate, unsafe or unstable housing. OCY also accepts referrals and investigates when families are homeless. These investigations are intended to accomplish two goals – the first is to assure that children are safe and that basic needs are being met – the second is to provide casework services and support to families in identifying and accessing any services that will eliminate family circumstances that place the children at immediate risk or jeopardize their safety.	No	Year round service, non financial	N/A
May Day Fund (Central Behavioral Health & Office of Mental Health)	County Office of Mental Health (OMH)	Financial Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Emergency / Gap Filler fund for persons who are receiving services from the public mental health system.</li> <li>• Requests must come from Recovery Coaching Team Leaders (or similar position).</li> <li>• Originally started to help people pay for psychotropic medications in a pinch.</li> <li>• The goal is to keep costs per occurrence below \$100, and only as a last resort.</li> <li>• In recent years, it has been used for items such as: Medicine, Medical, Dental, Birth Certificates, Pest Control, Motel, Moving, Back Rent, Back Utility, Bus Fare, and Security Deposits.</li> </ul>	<p>Below is the average annual total amount (since 2011) spent on the following Eviction Prevention related items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back Rent \$2,172</li> <li>• Back Utility \$1,892</li> </ul>	All Year until funds expended. Start anew with July 1st Fiscal Year.	\$4,000.00

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Contingency (via Housing Reinvestment) (Columbus Property Management & Office of Mental Health)	County Office of Mental Health (OMH)	Financial Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The primary purpose of this fund is to support the housing of persons receiving a Permanent Supportive Housing subsidy through the Office of MH, especially those in a Master-Lease arrangement.</li> <li>It helps maintain landlord relationships by paying for things such as Pest Control and Property Damage.</li> <li>But also has been used for items such as: Security Deposits, Utility Deposits, Basic Furniture, Moving, Back Rent, Back Utility, Motel, and Bridge Rent.</li> <li>Spending on households NOT on a OMH subsidy has (out of necessity) become very limited - used for extenuating circumstances, such as fire or preventing the loss of a Housing Choice Voucher.</li> <li>Requests must be made by Recovery Coaching Team Leaders (or similar position).</li> </ul>	<p>Below is the average annual total amount (since 2014) spent on the following Eviction Prevention related items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back Rent \$715 (\$250 for those NOT on an OMH subsidy)</li> <li>Back Utility \$2,628 (\$333 for those NOT on an OMH subsidy)</li> </ul>	Housing Reinvestment is a one-time source set to expire September 2018	\$3,000.00
Carson Valley Children's Aid and Family Services of Montgomery County	County Office of Children and Youth (OCY)	Alternatives Response Service (ARS) grant	This is a state funded grant with County match. Funds can be utilized to prevent child abuse and neglect, including placement of children in foster care, when family circumstances require one-time assistance in addressing concrete needs such as rent, utilities, furniture, etc.	YES - through a special grant funded by PA's Office of Children, Youth and Families. It requires a County match.	Year Round when Funding is available. The grant has been included in the Human Services Block Grant, but will be removed beginning 7/1/17 and placed back into the OCY Needs Based Plan and Budget allocation.	
Montgomery County Housing Authority (MCHA)	County Office of Children and Youth (OCY)	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Housing Choice Vouchers to prevent placement of children in foster care, to achieve family reunification when children have been placed in foster care and to assist older foster youth in safe and successful transition to adulthood. Housing supports are intended to eliminate barriers to self-sufficiency.	YES - through HUD housing choice voucher paid directly to approved landlords	Year Round and currently available through Sept 2017	

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Veterans Multi-Service Center, Coatesville	County Office of Veterans Affairs	Rental and Utilities Assistance for veterans	Provided through the SSVF Program, Eligible Veterans may receive time-limited financial assistance for rent, utilities, and security deposits and case management for veterans at-risk of homelessness.	YES - SSVF Funding through the U.S Dept of Veterans Affairs	Year Round	\$18,092.00
Veterans Multi-Service Center, Coatesville	County Office of Veterans Affairs	VA Claims Assistance, Employment Assistance and Budget Counseling	Provided to eligible veterans	No	Year Round Service, non financial	N/A
Lansdale Area Churches/Manna on Main Street	Montgomery County Navicates	Rental and Utility Assistance North Penn/Lansdale Area of the County who report they need rental or utility assistance	Program works in coordination with Manna on Main Street. Referral Services provided to county residents in the North Penn/Lansdale Area who report they need rental or utility assistance. Navicates refer clients to Manna or other area churches	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on donations from congregants	Unknown
Willow Grove Area Churches	Montgomery County Navicates	Rental and Utility Assistance North Penn/Lansdale Area of the County who report they need rental or utility assistance	Referral Services provided to county residents in the Willow Grove Area who report they need rental or utility assistance. Referral can only come from the Navicates.	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on donations from congregants	Unknown
Montgomery County Navicates	Montgomery County Navicates	General Housing Counseling	Landlord/Tenant Mediation services offered by the Navicates when they attempt to reach out to the rental property management team hoping to set up possible payment arrangement	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
The Pottstown Cluster Of Religious Communities	Montgomery County Navicates	Food Pantry assistance and Budgeting classes	Food Pantry, clothing, some assist with oil, LIHEAP, and Budgeting and parenting classes/ peer support and GED classes offered to county residents in the Pottstown Area	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
The Pottstown Family Center	Montgomery County Navicates	Budgeting and parenting classes	Budgeting and parenting classes with Peer support programs. Focus is to keep people stably housed	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
Aclamo	Montgomery County Navicates	Benefits counseling Services	Benefits counseling and education with English as Second Language to the Hispanic and other immigrant population	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)	Montgomery County Navicates	The Personal Navigator Program	Benefits counseling (SNAP, LIHEAP, MA, TANF) and resolves issues with PECO and insurance. Goal is to increase non-cash benefits so that people remain stably housed	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A

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YWCA	Montgomery County Navicates	Childcare Services and GED	subsidized Child care and education including GED classes	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
Project outreach (Royersford)	Montgomery County Navicates	Rental and Utilities Assistance	Project Outreach will occasionally provide rental assist or Utility assist in small amounts to residents of the Royersford, Limerick, Spring City area only	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown
Serv2Gether (Limerick)	Montgomery County Navicates	Rental and Utility Assistance	will assist with small amounts for rent or utility assist in the area of Royersford, Limerick, Spring City, Collegeville only.	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown
CADCOM	Montgomery County Navicates	Utilities Assistance	PECO & Water shut off assistance	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown
Norristown Local Food Banks	Montgomery County Navicates	Food Pantry assistance	stretching budget with food, personal care items (in some cases there may be partial financial assistance for bill pay).	No	Year Round Service - Non Financial	N/A
St. Vincent De Paul Society	Montgomery County Navicates	Limited Rental and Utility Assistance, budget counseling and Resume writing assistance, Car Repairs	Home visits by the St. Vincent De Paul Society volunteer. Connects consumers with resources and assess them for minimal financial assistance. Typically no more than \$500 on a case by case basis to prevent eviction. Appropriate for people who do not have other ways of piecing the funds together and need no more than \$500 to prevent an eviction. Also appropriate for persons with \$200-300 utility bill that will be kicked off the CAP program or go into default. They will also do car repairs and other items that other agencies can't do.	Yes - very limited and on case-by case basis	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown
Sunday Breakfast – Marian Stroup	Montgomery County Navicates	Rental and Utilities Assistance	Can sometimes give up to \$100 provided the rest of the funds needed are accounted for.	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown

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Mitzvah Circle Foundation	Montgomery County Navigates	Rental and Utilities Assistance	usually give around \$100 - \$200 for rent or utilities.	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown
Manna on Main Street	Montgomery County Navigates	Rental and Utilities Assistance	For persons living in the North Penn school district for the past 6 months at least. Eligible households must show that they can maintain their living expenses the following month they may be eligible for up to \$700 for rent. Sometimes if people don't meet the financial eligibility but are facing shut off, they can use a limited amount of Salvation Army funding to give up to \$200 toward utilities. All recipients have a lifetime limit of \$1000. They also do budget counseling, resume writing, and other educational workshops by appointment.	Yes	Intermittent - Dependent on funding availability	Unknown