

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

for the

SEPARATED and DIVORCED



Office for Family Life and Catechesis

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PRAYER FOR A NEW DAY
for
Separated and Divorced Persons

Jesus, you know what it is when love breaks down. You know the feeling of being betrayed and cast aside by one you love. How do you bear it? How do you grow from it, so that you don't become suspicious and fearful at anyone who offers love to you? My heart seems broken, but you know what that feeling is. Please take all bitterness and rancor out of my heart and fill the void that is now here with a love that only you can give. Please help me. Amen.

God Has Created Me

*God has created me to do him some definite service;
he has committed some work to me
which he has not committed to another.
I have my mission - I may never know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do his work; I shall do good.
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place,
while not intending it -
if I do but keep his commandments.
Therefore I will trust him.
Whatever, wherever I am,
I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him,
if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him.
He does nothing in vain.
He knows what he is about.
He may take away my friends.
He may throw me among strangers.
He may make me feel desolate,
hide my future from me.
--still, he knows what he is about.
(John Cardinal Newman)*

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**NETWORK OF MINISTERS
TO THE SEPARATED and DIVORCED
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH**

Mission

We are a group of priests, religious, and lay persons interested and involved in ministry with separated and divorced Catholics of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Our purpose is to support those hurting from separation and divorce.

We support the separated or divorced persons by assessing their needs on a Diocesan level, developing resources and advocating for those needs, and by being a vehicle of reconciliation to alienated separated or divorced Catholics.

We support each other by being a communications network about programs and resources, and by providing spiritual enrichment and leadership training.

SPECIAL NOTE and DISCLAIMER

This Directory has been designed to provide you with a variety of resource avenues. The sources are as individual as the people who contribute to them. We hope you will use as many as necessary to find the help you desire. We trust that friends in the support groups listed below as well as others encountered as you use this resource are ready to listen and help you on this difficult part of your journey. We hope the information in this book will help you start a new life.

The resources listed in this Directory are being provided as a service to those who use this Directory, and the listings are not intended as endorsements of the individuals or groups named herein nor of the services they provide; also omissions of individuals or groups does not constitute disapproval. The information contained is generally accurate as of March 1, 2005. However, please be aware that contact information, schedules and organizational offerings continually change.

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL

Diocese of Pittsburgh
Diocesan Judicial Center
St. Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4227
Phone: 412-928-5530
FAX: 412-928-5990.

www.diopitt.org/admserv/ot.htm

Since marriage is the basic unit by which we understand the human family, the entire community, both civil and religious, has a vested interest in the success of a marriage. When there is a breakdown in the marital relationship and in domestic harmony, the Church is involved. The ministry of the Tribunal is the means the Church uses to exercise this involvement.

Through the Tribunal the Church makes a determination and clarification about the marital status of those parties who request a review of their marriage. This care and concern is offered to both Catholics and those who are not, after the experience of a divorce. The Tribunal is staffed by trained professionals, both clergy and lay, who serve in a variety of capacities to assist in promoting justice within the local church.

The cost of the process for a formal declaration of nullity is \$600.00. This is about half of the actual cost of processing a case. The balance is generously subsidized by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. There are many payment options including monthly payments and payment by credit card. If one is experiencing financial difficulty, arrangements may be made for extended payment schedules. The cost should not be a factor in a decision to become involved in a Tribunal process.

Members of the Tribunal Staff are willing to offer presentations and discussions to parish groups concerning the sacrament of marriage, what a declaration of nullity is, and how the Tribunal process works in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

If you wish to begin a process, or you have general or specific questions, please call the Tribunal Staff at 412-928-5530; FAX 412-928-5990. Staff members are willing to answer questions and provide information on the process. The office hours are 8:30 A.M. to 4:45 P.M., Monday through Friday. If you wish, you may also contact your parish priest.

Executive Director of the Tribunal:

Elaine M. Buzzinotti, J.D., M.A.

Vicar for Canonical Services:

Very Reverend Lawrence A. DiNardo, J.C.L., V.E.

The Director of the Department For Canon and Civil Law Services

Judicial Vicar:

Very Reverend Brian J. Welding, V.J., J.C.D., S.T.L.

The Assistant Director of the Department For Canon and Civil Law Services

**OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**

723 E. Pittsburgh Street
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-0901

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Reverend William R. Rathgeb, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor William G. Charnoki, V.F., J.C.L., Judge

Reverend Richard J. Kosisko, J.C.L., Judge

Rev. Anthony J. Carbone, J.C.L., Judge

Ms. Kathleen Polosky, Tribunal Coordinator

The Tribunal is generously assisted by priests, who have been appointed by the Diocesan Bishop, to act as Judges and Defenders of the Bond in cases presented for consideration.

SERVICES:

To the Parish

Members of the Tribunal Staff are willing to offer presentations and discussions concerning marriage, annulments and the Tribunal process to parish groups.

To the individual

The Tribunal's primary ministry is centered on the clarification of one's marital status within the Church following a civil divorce. Individuals may seek information by contacting the Tribunal office at 724-837-0901.

SUPPORT GROUPS

For additional information on support groups available in various areas of the diocese, please call the office for Family Life and Catechesis at 412-456-3160, or email familylife@diopitt.org.

The information listed below is as of March 1, 2005. Please contact the parishes or persons below to verify schedules before attending.

NOTE: There is a Separated and Divorced North Hills Group currently being planned (2005). Please contact the Office for Family Life and Catechesis for updates.

Separated or Divorced Support Groups **Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh**

North **St. Ferdinand**
2535 Rochester Rd.
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
724-776-2888
www.stferd.org

This group typically meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Contact person – Pauline Hoffman 724-453-0739

North **St. Fidelis**
125 Buttercup Road
Butler, PA 16001
724-482-2690

This group meets every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Contact person: Ethel Galli 724-482-2690 Ext. 223
Program Type: Support, videos, discussion, other group activities

North Side St. Cyril of Alexandria
3854 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-761-1552

This group meets the 1st Monday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Contact person: Joan Snyder 412-761-0598
Program type: Support group \ discussion

North St. Catherine of Sweden
P.O. Box 246
Wildwood, PA 15091
412-486-6001
www.stcatherineofsweden.org

This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Program Coordinator: Sr. Mary Morgan, C.S.J.
Facilitators: Joe Beri, 724-443-7239 Sue Alderman, 412-367-2488
(contact the facilitators in the evening please)
Program type: Support group \ discussion

Northwest Sts. John & Paul
2586 Wexford Bayne Road
Sewickley PA 15143
724-935-2104

This group meets every Monday 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Contact person: Mary Reichel 724-935-2104 x36
Program type: 'Divorce Care' video series (www.divorcecare.org) \ discussion

South St. Benedict the Abbot
120 Abington Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

This group meets the 3rd Monday of each month 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Contact persons: Margie Boyd 412-283-1000 Dennis Gehrlein , Pastoral
Associate 724-941-9406
Program type: Support Group \ speakers \ discussion

South South Hills Separated & Divorced Group (Bethel Park)
St. Thomas More

DISCONTINUED

East St. Bernadette Parish

Contact: Kathy Klocek 412-373-7588

RETREAT CENTERS

Tabor House Of Prayer Mount Alvernia Campus

146 Hawthorne Road
Pittsburgh, Pa 15209
Phone: (412) 821-1149
FAX: (412) 821-3318
E-mail: TaborHouse@millvalefranciscans.org

Mount St. Macrina Retreat Center

510 West Main Street
P.O. Box 878
Uniontown, Pa 15401-0878
Phone: (724) 438-7149
FAX: (724) 438-4038
E-mail: msm-rc@earthlink.net

Spiritan Center

6239 Brush Run Road
Bethel Park, Pa 15102
Phone: (412) 835-3510
FAX: (412) 835-3541
E-mail: spiritancenter@juno.com

St. Joseph Center

2900 Seminary Drive, Route 30, East
Greensburg, 15601-3796
Phone: (724) 834-7350
FAX: (724) 834-7351
E-mail: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org (Click “contact us”, “department,” then “St. Joseph Center”)
Website: www.saintjosephcenter.org (pending)

St. Emma Retreat House
St. Emma Monastic Guest House

1001 Harvey Avenue
Greensburg, Pa 15601-1494
Phone: (724) 834-3060
FAX: (724) 834-5772
E-mail: benedictinenuns@stemma.org
Website: www.stemma.org

Gilmary Diocesan Center

601 Flaugherly Run Road
Coraopolis, Pa 15108-3899
Phone: (412) 264-8400
FAX: (412) 264-8415
E-mail: gilmary@diopitt.org
Website: www.gilmarycenter.org

Martina Spiritual Renewal Center

5244 Clarwin Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15229-2208
Phone: (412) 931-9766
FAX: (412) 931-1823
E-mail: MartinaSpiritual@aol.com
Website: www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com
Director: Sister Cindy Ann Kibler, SHS
Affiliation: Sisters of the Holy Spirit

Antiochian Village Conference & Retreat Center
(Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of NA)

P.O. Box 638
Ligonier, Pa 15658
Phone: (724) 238-3677
FAX: (724) 238-2102
Website: www.antiochianvillage.org
Director of Marketing & Program Development: marketing@antiochian.org
Event Coordinator: avsales@antiochian.org
Executive Director: avcenter@antiochian.org

Franciscan House Of Evangelization

2428 Arlington Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15210
Phone: (412) 431-4476
FAX: (412) 431-4478
E-mail: tpgerchak@aol.com
Contact: Daniel Barrett, OFM, Tom Gerchak, OFM

Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Boulevard
Allison Park, Pa 15101-2713
Phone: (412) 366-1124
FAX: (412) 635-6318
E-mail: kearnssc1@aol.com
Website: www.divineprovidenceweb.org

The Burning Bush House Of Prayer

32-40 Pius Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15302
Phone: (412) 381-3819
FAX: (412) 381-1585
E-mail: Burnbush@nb.net

Franciscan Spirit & Life Center

3602 McRoberts Road
Pittsburgh, Pa 15234
Phone: (412) 881-9207
FAX: (412) 885-7247
E-mail: fslccom@aol.com

Providence Villa

10745 Babcock Boulevard
Gibsonia, Pa 15044-6094
Phone: (724) 444-8055
FAX: (724) 444-8058
E-mail:providencevilla@yahoo.com
Website:www.DivineProvidenceWeb.org

St. Paul Of The Cross Retreat Center

148 Monastery Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15203-1498
Phone: (412) 381-7676
FAX: (412) 431-3044
E-mail:stpaulrcpa@cproov.org
Website:www.trfn.clpgh.org/stpaulrc/

Transfiguration House

295 W. Jefferson Road
Butler, Pa 16002
Phone: (724) 352-1354
E-mail:mariancdp@juno.org
Website:www.divineprovidencweb.org

Villa Maria Retreat Center

P.O.Box 424
Villa Maria, Pa 16155
Phone: (724) 964-8861
FAX: (724) 964-8071
Registrar's Phone:(724) 964-8920, Ext.3358
Website:www.villamaria.tripod.com

Holy Family Friary

232 South Home Avenue

Pittsburgh, Pa 15202

Phone: (412) 761-2550

FAX: (412) 761-2959

E-mail: DMoczulski@comcast.net

Website: www.holyfamilyfriary.org

St. Joseph Spirituality Center

1020 N. State Street

Baden, Pa 15005-1342

Phone: (724) 869-6585

Phone: (412) 761-3700, ext. 6585

E-mail: sciprbah@stargate.net

Website: www/stjoseph.org/visitus.asp

PLACES TO TURN FOR HELP

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh., Inc.

212 Ninth St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-456-6999
www.ccpgh.org

Ann Depner: Director of Family Services

Catholic Charities has a variety of programs that can assist the separated and divorced. Twice a year they have an 8-session support group called “Surviving and Thriving after Divorce.” Call to check dates and schedules for these sessions.

Professional counseling is available for individuals, couples and families; it is open to all persons regardless of race and religion. Anger Management workshops are held 3 times a year. See the Counseling link on the website for additional programs.

They also have an ‘Information and Referral’ service that can provide emergency assistance information for people in need of utility and general assistance, furniture, housing, and food.

Offices are also available in Butler, Beaver, Washington, Green and Lawrence Counties.

Fees: Sliding scale

Family Mediation Council of Western PA

P.O. Box 81883
Pittsburgh pa 15217
412-371-8040
www.pghfree.net/~mcwp/

Refers individuals to mediators and provides information on the use of mediation in divorce situations. Offers mediation to couples going through custody or visitation disputes.

The Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania, formerly the Family Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania, was founded in 1982 by legal and mental health professionals, including Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge Lawrence W. Kaplan.

The Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania promotes mediation as an effective process to resolve conflict and manage change, and supports the professional development of mediators. It is devoted to mediation training and education and provides free mediation materials and referrals to the public.

Consumers, frustrated with delays and the high costs in the court system are using mediation more frequently. It holds monthly meetings, usually on the third Monday of a month. The steering committee meets at 5:30 PM, and at 7 PM there is a continuing education program.

Callers to the information line at 412-371-8040 can find out about the process of mediation, how mediation compares with other methods of dispute resolution, and how to find a mediator.

Fees: Information provided upon request.

Safety Kids

P.O. Box 10682
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-241-1234
FAX: 412-241-2535
www.safetykids.org

Non-profit agency working on the issue of personal safety (abuse, abduction and violence) for our children. Teaches children personal safety techniques, trains law enforcement officers and teachers, develops curriculum for pre-school through grade five.

Fees: Donations accepted. Program fees vary.

Holy Family Institute

8235 Ohio River Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15202-1594
412-766-4030
www.hfi-pgh.org

Holy Family Institute provides a variety of therapeutic treatment services for children and families.

Psychiatric Outpatient Services 412-766-9020 ext. 222

A counseling service specialized in individual, couples and family difficulties. Short-term counseling, group treatment, psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring, long-term counseling and drug & alcohol counseling.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services for Children & Adolescents – Extension 222

Community based enhanced mental health services that are provided via medical assistance or managed care organizations.

Special Education Day Schools – Extensions 298

Special education services provided on a tuition basis for students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Westmoreland and Washington County school districts. Open to students grades K-12 referred by local school district and who have shown a history of social or academic failure within traditional education.

Institute for Learning Abilities - Extension 271

Provides research, assessment and rehabilitation for children and adults with learning disabilities and other cognitive function disorders. An outpatient, fee-for-service program available to the public.

Fees: Sliding Scale

The National Congress for Fathers and Children (Pittsburgh Chapter)

United Way Building

9 Seneca Rd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

412-854-4799

Email: child@nauticom.net

National Website: www.ncfc.net

Provides peer support and counseling for Fathers who want to maintain an active role in the lives of their children after divorce. Provides attorney referrals, weekly public meetings, newsletters, help with Pro Se motions and a manual regarding PA laws. Promotes shared physical and legal custody, court reform and legislative reform.

Meetings: 7pm – 9pm every Thursday except holidays

Location: United Way Building One Smithfield Street Downtown Pittsburgh

CALL first to confirm these meeting times and places

Fees: Membership desirable

Family Links

2644 Banksville Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15216

412-343-7166

www.familylinks.org

Family Links assists parents in helping their children when they are separating, divorcing or remarrying.

Outpatient counseling is also available for children with emotional difficulties and their families.

Parental Stress Center

5877 Commerce St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-361-4800
www.pscfamily.net

Comprehensive services for abused, neglected or high risk infants and toddlers and their families. Speakers, training, and films are available. Call for information.

Family Resources

141 S. Highland Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-363-1702
www.familyresourcesofpa.org

Offices in downtown Pittsburgh, East Liberty, McKeesport, North Hills

Family Resources treats and prevents child abuse by strengthening families and neighborhoods. They offer a comprehensive set of services, which partially include:

Community Services

Home Visiting: Home-based support for expectant and new parents, and parents with young children.

Parent education: Help with household tasks, and assistance with necessary appointments are among the supports offered.

From Birth to Five Groups: Parent support groups for those wishing to learn, and to give and receive support in an informal setting. Teens, parents, two career couples, and young fathers can meet in groups organized especially for them. Child care and transportation are provided for some groups.

Parents Anonymous Groups: self-help groups for those who wish to maintain safe homes for themselves and their children. Child care is provided.

Nurturing Classes: structured, 5-week skill-building parent education classes. Both parents and children are invited to participate.

Family Retreat Center: a 260-acre wooded facility serves as the site for family and community group retreats. The retreats work to reduce the risk of child abuse by reducing stress, building healthy attachments among members, and strengthening communities' capacity to support families.

Warmline: Help is available by phone, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekends, for non-medical parenting questions and concerns. Call 412-641-4546 or 1-800-641-4546.

Also: Outpatient psychotherapy services, crisis intervention services, and public education and training programs.

Fees vary: No charge for many services, sliding scale basis, and third-party payment accepted for others. Call for information.

Parents Without Partners (P.W.P.)

www.parentswithoutpartners.org

An international non-profit educational organization devoted to the interests of custodial and non-custodial single parents-widowed, separated, divorced or never married. Established in 1957, P.W.P. has joined together for mutual support so that single parent homes can provide a healthy family environment for their children.

The chapters are located in about all 50 states and most Canadian provinces. The members represent a typical cross-section of North American society, including all types of occupations, educational levels, faiths and beliefs.

The most important benefit P.W.P. offers is that members will have the opportunity to meet sympathetic and understanding men and women within the chapters who have experienced firsthand the challenges of single parenting. A new perspective can be gained when members discover they're not alone, that others have triumphed over the same difficulties. There are a number of chapters in the Pittsburgh area. See the website above for chapter contact information.

Fees: Yearly dues

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (P.P.I.)

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412-661-1239

www.ppionline.org

Affiliated with the Samaritan Counseling Center.

www.samaritancounseling.org

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (PPI) is an interfaith counseling and psychotherapy center that integrates into the counseling process both the behavioral sciences and the resources of a client's particular religious faith. PPI has served the greater Pittsburgh area since 1964.

Pastoral counseling services are available for individuals and/or families experiencing problems in living.

Many satellite offices in Allegheny County, as well as several in Butler, Lawrence, Fayette and Westmoreland counties.

Fees: A fee is charged; approved by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield a Major Medical provider

Retrouvaille/Rediscovery

www.retrouvaille.org

This program offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The emphasis is on an effective technique of communications between husband and wife.

Weekends Pittsburgh in 2005 are: April 8-10, July 8-10 and Sept. 23-25.

Contact: Eric and Vici John 412-563-0465

Stepfamilies of Pittsburgh

904 Faragut Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412-361-6767

412-421-9666

1-800-735-0329

www.frcpgh.org/members/step.htm

Stepfamilies of Pittsburgh, founded in 1981, is a chapter of the Stepfamily Association of America. The National Website is : www.stepfam.org.

This organization holds informal monthly meetings the discuss topics related to the concerns of the members. They are affiliated with the Self-Help Group Network of Pittsburgh. Through self-education and the exchange of ideas and experiences these individuals can learn to deal with the realities and challenges of stepfamily life in a rewarding way.

Specialists and speakers periodically attend and present topics. Stepfamilies of Pittsburgh is listed in the blue pages (Human Services) of the telephone directory. One of the goals of Stepfamilies of Pittsburgh is to make the public aware of stepfamily issues.

Call for current meeting times and locations.

Fees: Membership suggested.

PUBLIC LEGAL SERVICES

Allegheny County Bar Association

Allegheny County Bar Foundation

920 City-County Building

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-261-6161

www.acba.org

www.acbf.org

Services:

Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) 412-261-5555

The Lawyer Referral Service is a service designed to assist the public in locating lawyers for specific types of legal matters. Clients can be referred by telephone, mail or the Internet. The LRS operates by matching potential clients to a member of the Lawyer Referral attorney panel. LRS will provide a 30 minute conference with an LRS member for \$25.

Divorce Law Project 412-391-4467 or the information line at 412-402-6714

This is a program of the Allegheny County Bar Association that serves Allegheny County residents by assisting qualified low-income persons to obtain simple, no-fault divorces. Clients are screened for income eligibility and referred through the Bar Association to attorneys who have volunteered their services. The court also waives many of the fees normally involved, but certain qualifications may apply.

PA LawHELP.org

www.palawhelp.org

This organization is a guide to legal information and free civil legal services for low-income persons and seniors in Pennsylvania. Here you can locate information on a variety of legal issues, as well as information on how to contact programs providing legal assistance in Pennsylvania. This includes basic eligibility and contact information for the programs providing free legal assistance in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Legal Services (PLS)

1-800-322-7572

www.palegalservices.org

PLS is the principal funder and oversight agency for organizations that provide legal assistance to low income residents of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network is a community of legal services provider organizations committed to the aspirational goal that every resident in the state will have access to the full range of legal services and legal remedies regardless of where they are in the state.

Legal assistance is delivered in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth through regional programs addressing a breadth of legal matters brought forth by local clients. In addition, statewide programs funded by Pennsylvania Legal Services focus in-depth on poverty law issues that impact the poor across the state.

Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA)

928 Penn Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-255-6700

www.nlsa.org

(NLSA) is a private, non-profit Pennsylvania corporation established in 1966 to provide free legal services in civil cases to low-income people. The program serves the residents of four counties in Western Pennsylvania - Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence.

The program's mission is to meet the civil legal needs of the poor and vulnerable individuals by securing the rights and obtaining the benefits to which they are entitled through effective legal representation of eligible individuals and groups.

Program services include telephone advice, clinics, referral, community education, representation before administrative bodies and representation in court.

Assistance from the private bar enables the program to stretch its own limited resources in numerous ways, including the Pro Bono Referral Program in which eligible clients are referred to private attorneys for free or reduced-fee representation in certain cases.

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas-Family Division

440 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-350-5600
www.county.allegheny.pa.us

Services:

Family Division office hours for walk-in clients at the address above are Monday through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wed. evenings 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. All walk-in clients must report to room 4020.

To open a new case, report to the intake receptionist on the 3rd floor at the address above. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30-2:00 pm. Please bring the name, address, social security number and the place of employment of the person you are filing against.

Pennsylvania Child Support Service

www.childsupport.state.pa.us

The services provided by the Pennsylvania Child Support Program include the following: Locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity, establishing support orders, enforcing support orders, reviewing and adjusting support orders, monitoring & distributing child support payments and cooperating in interstate enforcement.

Tel-Law Library

412-227-1555

Tel-Law is a comprehensive library database of pre-recorded information, which contains general legal information about a variety of subjects.

Check with the Allegheny County Bar Association for updated contact information!
See "Blue Pages" in certain white page directories.

YWCA Legal Resources for Women

YWCA Pittsburgh

305 Wood Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1982

412-391-5100

www.ywcapgh.org

Hotline

The Legal Resources for Women Hotline is operated by staff and volunteer attorneys who provide information and referrals to callers in need of legal assistance. The hotline service is free and available Monday - Thursday at 412-255-1480 or 412-391-5100, ext. 1480. Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Education

Noon lectures on legal subjects of special interest to women such as Divorce, Child and Spousal Support, Child Custody Disputes and others are held regularly. These lectures are held at the Downtown YWCA and at other YWCA sites. No pre-registration is required. Call for suggested contribution information. For the lecture schedule, call the Hotline at 412-255-1480 or 412-391-5100, Ext. 1480.

Counseling

Counseling sessions are designed to meet the needs of women with concerns related to separation and divorce, custody and support, landlord-tenant law, adoptions and wills. There is a minimal charge for the counseling session. For an appointment, call 412-281-3029.

Speakers

Participating attorneys are available to speak to community groups on a variety of legal subjects. Organizations requesting a speaker will be charged per current low rates – call for rate information. To arrange for a speaker, call 412-255-1480 or 412-391-5100, Ext. 1480.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Carlow University

3333 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
1-800-333-Carlow
www.carlow.edu

Carlow is a private, liberal arts, woman-focused college. Financial aid available through grants, scholarships and loans. Career and personal counseling is available. College credits may be earned through life and work experience. Adult student support; small class size. See several programs below.

Adult Degree Center

This program is if you have been out of school for some time, and wish to complete your degree.

Oakland: 412-578-6092
Cranberry center: 724-741-1028
Greenburg center: 724-838-7399

Office of Community Education

Programs available for adults who want to complete their education (Bachelors or Master's degree) or change their career -- supportive re-entry with some special programs, one of which is the New Choices \ New Options government funded program for adults, targeting single parents and displaced homemakers.

Carlow Hill Education Center

Provides adults with educational and supportive service for helping people achieve a BA degree. The Carlow Hill Education Center curriculum recognizes and incorporates the experiences, knowledge, and learning styles of each adult student. This curriculum mirrors the goals and high academic standards set for all Carlow University students. A distinctive feature of the program is the goal setting action planning that provides students with an academic roadmap that allows for enhanced academic support for each student.

There is also an Adult Basic and Literacy education program – call 412-578-6682 for more info.

Community College of Allegheny County

Four campus locations and seven center locations

www.ccac.edu

Non-Credit Courses (Community Education)

This area offers personal development courses in a variety of areas, including world languages, fitness and health, cooking, computers, music and dance, for adults and children.

Credit Courses

The college offers many degree and certificate programs in a wide variety of career areas. For advisement about a particular program contact the Academic Advising Centers at your campus of choice:

Allegheny Campus: 412-237-6545

Boyce Campus: 724-325-6739

North Campus: 412-369-3662

South Campus: 412-469-6265

At Allegheny Campus, there is a program for women funded by the State called “New Choices, New Options”. This program assists adults in making a transition into the workforce – see the ‘New Choice/New Options’ entry below in this Section. Call 412-237-4682 for more information.

Duquesne University

School of Leadership and Professional Advancement

210 Rockwell Hall

Pittsburgh, PA 15282

412-396-5600 or 1-800-283-3853

www.leadership.duq.edu

The division offers a variety of programs designed especially for busy adults who want to further their education. Award-winning bachelors and masters degrees are available on Saturdays in an accelerated format. They also offer evening degrees and certificates, an on-line masters degree, an ABA approved paralegal program. Personal advising appointments can be arranged to discuss transfer credits, financial aid and other student services.

Chatham College 'Gateway' Program

Woodland Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15232

412-365-1290 Main Campus Number

412-365-1858 Dept of Undergraduate Education for Adult Women (Gateway)

www.chatham.edu

Program for women over 23 who want to explore career possibilities, career change or earn a degree. Offers strong support system for women during their college experience. Chatham also offers co-educational Graduate Programs.

Fees: Financial aid available.

La Roche College

9000 Babcock Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

1-800-838-4572

www.laroche.edu

The Office of Admissions for Graduate and Continuing Education will assist adults seeking college educations by helping to identify what course of study best suits the prospective student. They will instruct how to earn college credit before registering for classes. Prospective students can also take advantage of accelerated courses to maximize classroom time.

Call 412-536-1262 for more information.

New Choices/New Options

These are two State-funded programs that are designed to assist adults, single parents and homemakers who are not working in making the transition into the workforce as well as provide information on non-traditional careers. The New Choices program conducts free career guidance classes for adults who are out of work or underemployed to enable them to make a smooth transition into the career that best suits them. The New Options program is designed to increase awareness of non-traditional careers for men and women, an also offers youth workshops to assist in the consideration of technical careers.

Carlow University currently has an NC/NO program.

Community College of Allegheny County also has this program – Call 412-237-2595 for more information regarding the availability of this program at the Northside and other CCAC campus locations. There is no cost for these programs.

Penn State University - McKeesport Campus

University Drive

McKeesport, PA 15132-7998

Main: 412-675-9040

Admissions: 412-675-9010

www.mk.psu.edu

PSM has an Educational Opportunity Program. The EOP can provide an alternate admission opportunity for entering first-year students who meet the following criteria: Pennsylvania resident, family's adjusted gross income must fall within the guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for low income households, and applicant may not meet regular admission criteria for his or her selected campus, and/or may need basic skills courses and/or supplemental academic support.

Call 412-675-9078 for more information.

Point Park University

201 Wood St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Main: 412-391-4100

Office of Admissions: 412-392-3430

www.pointpark.edu

Office of Adult Enrollment 412-392-3808

Through this office, part-time (fewer than 12 credits), accelerated (Saturday only) and graduate students may apply to attend Point Park. Please contact the office if one of the descriptions below fits you. Career development and tutoring services offered. Convenient downtown Pittsburgh location. Financial aid is available in the form of grants, scholarships and loans.

Robert Morris University

600 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3099
412-262-8200
www.rmu.edu

Robert Morris has a Professional Academy for Continuing Education (non-credit courses) RMU's adult programs are designed to help students capitalize on strengths and acquire new skills to build a more successful career. The School of Adult and Continuing Education offers a variety of in-demand bachelor's degrees scheduled and formatted for the busy adult learner. They also offer certificate programs and skill enhancement courses to increase career marketplace value.

Contact Darcy Tannehill, Dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education at 412-227-6472 for more information.

University of Pittsburgh

Fifth Avenue and Bigelow Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412-624-4141
www.pitt.edu

The University has many offerings for those interested in starting, continuing or completing an educational program. These include distance learning, evening credit programs, undergraduate certificates, workforce development, third age learning programs and non-traditional student programs. Ask about Adult and Continuing Education options through the College of General Studies.

PAPEN (Pennsylvania Professional Employment Network)

Six chapters in a three county area
www.papen.us

PAPEN (Pennsylvania Professional Employment Network) is a Pittsburgh-based networking organization that helps members advance their careers. The group consists of 1,700 professionals, managers and executives committed to fostering networks of personal contacts and relationships, providing an environment where members can develop and perfect their networking skills, sharing career-related experiences, strategies and knowledge and uncovering career opportunities that may be of interest to other members.

PAPEN is an informal nonprofit organization that only exists to benefit its members. Funding comes from membership fees and the sale of network directory publications. Most chapters meet once a week; meetings could include speakers on a variety of job-search and networking topics as well as general networking opportunities.

Priority Two

Northway Christian Community Church (Wexford)
First Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, by appointment)
724-935-0252
www.ptwo.org

Priority Two is a non-profit organization that was established for the purpose of providing "Pro-Active" job search skills and support services for those individuals going through employment transition. Priority Two is an excellent resource if you are unemployed, considering a career or job change, or are entering or reentering the job market. Meeting times are typically 5:00 p.m. on Mondays at the Wexford location – call for more information.

Pennsylvania Career Link

Many locations throughout Allegheny and surrounding counties
www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania CareerLink is a cooperative effort to provide one-stop delivery of career services to job seekers, employers and other Interested Individuals. These services are also available in your local Pennsylvania CareerLink office or participating agency.

The mission of Pennsylvania CareerLink is to function as a self-directed Job Search System providing quality customer service to the people of Pennsylvania enabling all customers to make informed choices. Their goal is to provide a self service system in which interested individuals have access to employment, education and training resources.

**Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program
of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.**

1323 Forbes Avenue, Suite 202
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4725
412-281-8100
www.Vvlp.org

Career advising and job placement assistance for all veterans. Job workshops, Veterans networking groups, job club, job leads, resume writing. Assistance for homeless veterans. No fees.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETING INFORMATION

Consumer Credit Counseling of Western PA

Tele: 1-888-511-2227

Web: www.cccspa.org

River Park Commons

2403 Sidney Street Ste. 400

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Free counseling on wise money management and responsible use of credit. Debt management programs available to assist you if you are stressed by bill collectors. Pre-purchase counseling for home buyers. NO referrals necessary. Also offer community education classes on money and credit management –see website for current class schedules.

The Dave Ramsey Organization

www.daveramsey.com

Dave Ramsey is a personal finance speaker, publisher, radio talk show host who has many resources available regarding personal finance, budgeting, debt reduction, and numerous other personal and family financial considerations. Mr. Ramsey can be heard locally on WPIT AM 730. The organization is Christian-based, with a NON-proselytizing atmosphere.

They also offer Financial Peace University, a 13 week, 2 hours per week educational course facilitated \ sponsored by businesses and local churches that teach good sound money decisions and help to set and achieve financial goals.

Many other resources are available –check the website!

The Cheapskate Monthly

www.cheapskatemonthly.com

This site is dedicated to living within your means, personal debt reduction and an assortment of other family financial issues, and has many tools as well as online calculators and monthly newsletters to assist in family financial matters.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

Learning Media Center

St. Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
412-928-5817

e-mail: lmc@diopitt.org
www.diopitt.org/edu/lmc

Located at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton (Domenec Hall), the Learning Media Center provides valuable media tools to schools and parishes. Its extensive collection of videos, books, and other items is updated periodically with materials purchased from the best distributors from across the country. The cost of rental does not include shipping costs when necessary.

For your convenience, there is a drop-off box for after hour pickups. The center can ship media items through the mail.

Media Item	Cost/day	Maximum number of days
Videos	\$2.00	5
Slide sets	\$2.00	5
Audiotapes	\$2.00	5

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED ORGANIZATIONS

North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics

www.nacsdc.org

The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics has been sanctioned by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and working since 1974 to create a network of support for families experiencing separation and divorce. Through their membership on USCCB's National Catholic Organizations Committee, NACSDC speaks to the Church with the united, collective voice of separated and divorced Catholics. Through their Central Office, conferences, member groups, ministry leadership training, resources, and liaisons with church and civic organizations, NACSDC has substantially improved the entire family's experience of divorce by addressing the religious, emotional, financial, and parenting issues relative to separation, divorce, and remarriage. They are a nonprofit organization (U.S. IRS 501(c)(3)); membership dues may be tax deductible.

SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace,
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to his will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with him
forever in the next.

Amen.