

BUCKS COUNTY Support Groups

Support groups/supports for parents whose children have any kind of behavioral challenges, developmental, social and emotional concerns or addictions.

PA FAMILIES INC

STATEWIDE FAMILY NETWORK

1-800-947-4941

pafamilies@comcast.net

CALL OR EMAIL FOR CURRENT LIST

PA MENTORS SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

For parents/caregivers of special needs children

Dawn Vitello-Magnan

Pa Mentor 10601 Decatur Road

Suite 400

Philadelphia Pa 19154

215-612-8200

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Lower Bucks County

Patricia Lufkin

Frankford Hospital Bucks Co Campus

Langhorne Pa

215-545-2242

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Central Bucks County

St Paul's Methodist Church

Warrington Pa

Nancy Heacock

215-545-2242

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Craig and Anne Landis

Renewal Center

2705 Old Bethlehem Pike

Quakertown Pa 18951

215-536-5143

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

B.I.L.Y.

Support group for parents whose children have behavioral issues

Sandy Slater

279 Aubrey Drive

Quakertown Pa 18951

1-888-443-4481

SIMCHA

SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS MEETING CHALLENGES WITH HEARTWARMING ACTIVITIES

Support for parents/kids with special needs

Rabbi Yair Robinson or Debby Chaiken

101 Richboro Road

Newton Pa 18940

215-968-3400

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Support for parents with challenging kids/brain injury

Diane Burris

215-538-3488

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

For families of people with Brain Injury

First United Church of Christ

4th and Park Ave

Quakertown Pa 18951

Marlene Nathans 610-558-1326

Vicki Young 610-234-0934

3rd Monday of month

6-9pm

Topical discussions, occasional speakers

SENSORY INTEGRATION PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Support for sensory integration dysfunction issues

Sally Abruzzese

3440 Hamilton Blvd

Allentown Pa 18104

610-821-0123

PRO-ACT

PENNSYLVANIA RECOVERY ORGANIZATION- ACHIEVING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Family education program in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties for drug and alcohol issues.

Babette Benham

PRO-ACT

252 West Swamp Road

Unit 12

Doylestown Pa 18901

1-800-221-6333

215-345-6644

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

Annie Wise

Kelly Family Center

408 Bristol Pa 19007

Bristol Pa 19007

215-781-6602

215-757-6916 x217

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

Mindy Rushbrook

Family Service Association

Cornerstone Executive Suites

4 Cornerstone Drive

Langhorne Pa 19047

215-757-6916 x394

UPDATE 2/28

RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE #22

This group meets to address issues regarding students receiving special education services. Members include parents, school officials and community reps. Any parent welcome.

Tina DiBiaso 215-816-1322

Tina@VisionForEquality.org

Tricie DeAngelis 267-218-1671

BeatriceDe@aol.com

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

Dorothy Thomas

Robert Kelly Family Center

408 Mill St

Bristol Pa 19007

215-781-6602

AUTISM SUPPORT NETWORK

Pam Haines

PO Box 321

Sellersville Pa 18960

215-453-9070

asn@autismsupportnetwork.org

www.autismsupportnetwork.org

SHARING AND CARING OF BUCKS COUNTY

Autism/PDD/ADHD and related neurological disorders support

St Vincent DePaul Church Hatboro Road

Richboro Pa 18954

Online message group & in person support group
www.sharingcaringbuckscounty.org

info@sharingcaringbuckscounty.org

NETWORKING FOR PARENTS/RELATIVES/ CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Questions call- Holly

215-321-3202

ambryw@gmail.com

SEAS SUPPORT GROUP

Support and Education for Asperger's Syndrome, meetings in Bethlehem

Kimberly Heinrichs

610-706-0664

Hamstring1991@aol.com

Kate Budlong

610-749-0332

kbudlong@att.net

www.seas-pa.org

AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP

Bio medical and nutritional support for parents with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Elsie McHale, group coordinator

Goodnoe Elementary School

298 Frost Lane, Modular 1 (out bldg. 1)

Newtown, PA 18940

For more info contact Elsie McHale at 215-230-9264 or eljoc099@comcast.net

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR AUTISM

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/children__with__autism/

BUCKS COUNTY AUTISM SUPPORT COALITION

Support for parents raising children with autism challenges.

Jill Schweizer

jschweizer@bcasc.org

WWW.BCASC.ORG

NAMICAN

Support for parents of children with mental health issues

Deb Moritz

NAMICAN of Bucks County

Att: Debbie Moritz

PO Box 355

Warrington, Pa 18976

1-866-399-6264

215-442-5638

L.I.F.E.

Parent Support Specialists

A team of parents and professionals who provide information and referral services and support for families of children who have emotional, behavioral and /or learning issues to help them navigate the county child-serving systems.

Allison Taaite-Tarver, MSS,LSW

Program Coordinator

Bucks County LIFE

152 Monroe Ave.

Penndel, Pa 19047

215-750-7651

215-750-9310 fax

www.lifeinbucks.org

CHADD CHAPTER OF BUCKS COUNTY

Support group for parents of children with attention deficit disorder, ADD

Bette Sovinee

207 West Ferry Road

Yardley Pa 19067

215-736-1541

PA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

We advocates for all those who care about children and their families. We work supportively with foster, adoptive, and kinship families, and with local foster parent associations and agencies who care for the children we serve. Psfpa.info@psfpa.com

www.psfpa.com

800-951-5151

717-671-0102

Renee Atkins

215-348-6900

BUCKS COUNTY FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Groups held in Upper, Middle and Lower Bucks county.

Contact- Jade DiClemente

215-348-6919

jwdiclemente@co.bucks.pa.us

TRANSITION MAP is an online hub of information and resources for transitioning youth ages 14-21, with developmental disabilities who are graduating from special education and entering adult life in the community

Transition Consultant

Jennifer Graham

215-641-1200

www.transitionmap.org

FAITH- FAMILIES ALLTOGETHER IN THEIR HOPES ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP

Group works to meet the challenges of raising children of biracial, transcultural and special needs adoption. Families meet monthly. For more information call or email 215-949-3893, faithfamilies@verizon.net.

Helen Smith

Bucks County Human Relations Council

FATHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

Support for those fathers raising children with Autism, ADD, cerebral palsy, Prader Willi Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and more.

For more info please contact Allison Lansky at 609-771-2700 or Allison@archunterdon.org

Mtgs held at The College of New Jersey

Ewing New Jersey

To register for group- 609-771-2700 or clinic@tenj. edu

VISION FOR EQUALITY SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS

Education, training and support in support networks in Lower Bucks, Central Bucks and Upper Bucks

Trainings for families in available

Contact Tina DiBiaso 215-816-1322 or Tina@VisionForEquality.org for more information.

Tina DiBiaso

Vision for Equality, Inc

Bucks County Office

PO Box 211

Jamson Pa 18929

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP FOR KIDS

Southampton Psychiatric Associates

Morelyn Plaza

1111 Street Road, Suite 312

Southampton Pa 18966

215-355-2011

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP FOR KIDS

ACES

200 South Clinton Street

Doylestown Pa 18901

215-345-7868

Jay Stone

drjstone@comcast.net

BUCKS COUNTY DOWN SYNDROME INTEREST GROUP

c/o 33 Meghinnes Road

Kintnersville Pa 18930

215-766-0890

www.bcdsig.org

Meetings held 4th Thursday September through May at Childen's Village at Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown.

UPS & DOWNS & ALL AROUND

Down syndrome and special needs support group

Jennifer Bonawitz 215-990-8730

Theresa Gabor 215-632-1334

FAMILIES OF ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

. Online group for FAMILIES of ADULTS with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD),

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASaphilly>

This Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Autism Society of America listserv is RESTRICTED to family members of adolescents, age 17+ and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder who reside in Pennsylvania.

Purpose is to share info and provide support for families who are concerned about the daily needs and future of adults with ASD. The need to implement life span adult services, including a waiver, employment and housing is discussed.

HOMICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP

Support for family and friends of victims of homicide. Group is held in spring and fall. For more information contact:

Patti

Network of Victim Assistance

2370 York road

Suite B1

Jamison Pa 18929

www.novabucks.org

Business-215- 343-6543Hotline- 800-675-6900

ADULT FEMALE SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD ASSAULT

For ages 17+ group provides support etc

. For more information contact:

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2370 York road

Suite B1

Jamison Pa 18929

www.novabucks.org

Business-215- 343-6543

Hotline- 800-675-6900

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS/PARTNERS/ LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

. For more information contact:

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2370 York road

Suite B1

Jamison Pa 18929

www.novabucks.org

Business-215- 343-6543

Hotline- 800-675-6900

ABC EDUCATION ADVOCACY

www.ABCadvocacy.net

Step-by-Step Parent Advocacy and Resources for families of children with special needs in Pa public Schools

Contact is Pam Cook

412-851-0252

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK

Organization that helps parents find resources for their special needs child and provides technical assistance to help groups develop, expand and maintain programs and support systems that serve children with special needs.

1-800-986-455

WEBSITE

www.health.state.pa.us/skn

PARENT TO PARENT

Linking families of children or adults with disabilities or special needs.

Network created by families for families of children and adults with special needs. We connect families in similar situations with one another so that they may share experiences, offer practical information and/or

support.

1-888-727-2706

www.parenttoparent.org

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Parent to Parent of PA

1-888-727-2706 will connect you with your nearest regional office.

Web: www.parenttoparent.org

SE Region

Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, Schuylkill

Regional Coordinators: Cara Forrest

Office: Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13, 1110 Enterprise Road, Ste A, East Petersburg, PA 17520

Office Ph: 717-606-1298

Fax: 717-606-1445

Email: seregion@parenttoparent.org

KIDS TOGETHER INC

An all volunteer non-profit. Provides information on inclusive communities. Includes an inclusive education listserv, email newsletter and website information.

PO Box 45

Quakertown, Pa 18951

staff@kidstogether.org

www.kidstogether.org

MOMSTELL

Support/education/ advocacy for parents of children involved with drugs

PO Box 450 Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055

717-730-2020

Sharon Smith

www.momstell.com

momstell@verizon.net

PA EDUCATION FOR ALL COALITION INC

Diane Perry

The Partnership Institute on Disabilities

Temple University

1301 Cecil B Moore Ave

Room 423 Ritter Annex

Philadelphia Pa 19122

215-204-3031

www.paedforall.org

Chapter meetings, on-line, Parent Consultant Network

PA TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Laura Jean Umbrell, Administrator

132 West Middle Street

Gettysburg Pa 17325

Advocates will do IEP for any child diagnosed with tourettes in any county in Pa

1-800-990-3300

717-337-1134

www.patsainc. Org

VALUE

Vision and Leadership Uniting Education

Ellen Mancuso

Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy

emancuso@ppainc. org

Coalition of Pa advocacy groups for children with special needs.

JOEY ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

Just Open Everybody's Eyes

Support for parents who have children with behavioral issues

gramaro@aol. com

AUTISMLINK

Support, information etc

Online support groups and discussion boards

376 Wagon Wheel Trail

Wexford Pa 15090

412-377-8778

info@autismlink. com

www.autismlink. Com

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH LAW PROJECT

Provides free legal services and advocacy to Pennsylvanians having trouble accessing publicly funded health care coverage or service.

CALL- 1-800-274-3258

1-866-236-6310 TTY

EMAIL - staff@phlp.org

www.phlp.org

PA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

www.pacec-sped.org

The principal purpose of the Assoc shall be to advance the education and welfare of children and youth with exceptionalities.

Contact:

Dreamalee Brotz

Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS

201 E. Germantown Pike

Plymouth Meeting Pa 19462

610-825-1500 Ext 2014

membership@pacec-sped.org

EDUCATION LAW CENTER

Non-profit legal advocacy and educational organization dedicated to ensuring that all of Pennsylvania's children have access to a quality public education

PHILADELPHIA CONTACTS

215-238-6970

elc@elc-pa.org

WEBSITE- www.elc-pa.org

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

List of Health and Human Services

List of Advocacy Resources

Parent Guides

www.pachildren.state.pa.us

A website with information for parents and families.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

MHAPA works on behalf of mental health through advocacy, education and public policy.

Wendy Luckenbill, Family/Child Policy Coordinator

1-800-692-7443

Wluckenbill@mhapa.org

www.mhapa.org

PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK

PEN

Pennsylvania's statewide Parent Training and Information Center supports parents of children with special needs and includes information and links to Federal Special Education, National Disability Issues and Resources, Special Education Legal Links, Transportation and Travel.

2107 Industrial Highway

York Pa 17402

717-600-0100

1-800-522-5827

PENNSYLVANIA CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CAP

Advocacy program helps people who are seeking services from the OVR, Blindness, Visual Services, Centers for Independent Living and other programs funded under federal law.

Provides you with info and advice about rehab programs, advises you of your legal rights and responsibilities, helps you resolve problems that may arise while you are seeking services from rehab programs,

There is no charge.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

215-557-7112

1-888-745-CDLP

HARRISBURG OFFICE

717-364-1733

info@equalemployment.org

STARFISH ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION

This is an Internet community for families of children with neurological disorders such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, Asperger's, PDD, SID, learning disabilities, OCD, tourette syndrome, etc. Services include forum boards, interactive chat room, moderated chats, informational resources, online classes in educational advocacy, education consultations.

216-283-2377

www.starfishadvocacy.org

starfish@starfishadvocacy.org

Starfish Advocacy Assoc

3341 Warrensville Center Road

Suite 203

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Mission is to administer and enforce the PHRA Act and the PFEOA of Pa for the identification and elimination of discrimination and providing of equal opportunity for all persons.

HARRISBURG OFFICE

717-787-9784

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

215-560-2496

www.phrc.state.pa.us

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

<http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/>

Website provides info on FASD.

FASD is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. These may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

OVR provides services to eligible persons with disabilities with the goal of getting or keeping competitive employment. You will be eligible for OVR services if: You have a disability that is physical, mental, or emotional impairment which results in a substantial impediment to employment, and you can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from services provided, and,

Vocational Rehabilitation services are required for you to prepare for, enter, engage in or retain gainful employment. A Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor will determine eligibility.

OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. The individual being served and the vocational rehabilitation counselor develop an Individualized Employment Plan jointly. The services you receive will be arranged to meet your individual needs. Not everyone will need every service. OVR services include: diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, counseling, training, restoration services, placement assistance, assistive technology, and support services. There is no charge for diagnostic services, counseling and job placement. However, a customer may be required sharing the cost of other services

after a financial needs assessment is completed.

Additional information , including local OVR office locations can be found on www.dli.state.pa.us, click on disability services. Also find OVR offices across the state.

484-250-4340

1-800-221-1042

DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN) is a statewide, non-profit corporation designated as the federally-mandated organization to advance and protect the civil rights of all adults and children with disabilities. DRN works with people with disabilities and their families to ensure their rights to live in their communities with the services they need, to receive a full and inclusive education, to live free of discrimination, abuse and neglect, and to have control and self-determination over their services.

General information /questions can be emailed to intake@drnpa.org where intake workers who are advocates and attorneys.

www.drnpa.org

Harrisburg Office

1414 N. Cameron St., Suite C

Harrisburg, PA 17103

drnpa-hbg@drnpa.org

1-800-692-7443 [Voice]

1-877-375-7139 [TDD]

(717) 236-8110 [Voice]

(717) 346-0293 [TDD]

(717) 236-0192 [Fax]

Philadelphia Office

The Philadelphia Building

1315 Walnut St., Suite 400

Philadelphia, PA 19107-4798

(215) 238-8070 (Voice)

(215) 789-2498 (TDD)

(215) 772-3126 (Fax)

drnpa-phila@drnpa.org

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE- PENN SACCA

Group is committed to the expansion of high quality school-age care and after-school programs for children and youth. Membership is dedicated to the support of school-age professionals and the development of quality school-age programs through advocacy and education.

www.pennsacca.net

Carolyn Hawk- 570-323-7134

Joyce Lang- 610-332-6541

TEENCENTRAL. NET

TeenCentral. Net is a prevention and intervention resource for teens and is dedicated to improving the lives of all youth by providing emotional support and appropriate references in a safe Web environment where identity is protected and anonymity is respected.

[www.TeenCentral. Net](http://www.TeenCentral.Net)

info@teencentral.net

BRAIN INJURY ASSOC OF PA

2400 Park Drive

Harrisburg Pa 17110

717-657-3601

866-635-7097

info@biapa.org

www.biapa.org

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK OF PA

Barbara A. Dively, President

Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Phone: 215-699-2139 Email: info@abin-pa.org

Web: www.abin-pa.org - brochures, resources

E-News: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/abin-pa

ATTACHMENT DISORDER

ATTACH, the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children, is an international coalition of professionals and families dedicated to helping those with attachment difficulties by sharing our knowledge, talents and resources.

www.attach.org

PA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

We advocates for all those who care about children and their families. We work supportively with foster, adoptive, and kinship families, and with local foster parent associations and agencies who care for the children we serve. Psfpa.info@psfpa.com

www.psfpa.com

800-951-5151

717-671-0102

MENTORS FOR SELF DETERMINATION

Group of self advocates, family members and caregivers whose mission is to provide current and accurate information to people regarding the MR system in Pa. We offer statewide mentoring so people have a better understanding of the system, promote self determination by sharing life experiences and networking with others. This is done in one session or group session called Family Connections.

Debbie Leasure

814.547.1577

dleasure@mentors4sd.org

www.mentors4sd.org

SELECTIVE MUTISM SITES

Several sites below with info on selective mutism.

http://www.healthline.com/search?q1=selective+mutism&utm_source=no_health_channel&utm_medium=google&utm_campaign=serp&utm_term=selective%20mutism

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

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

ELKS HOME NURSE PROGRAM

Patricia O'Connor Director

814-781-7860 pato@ncentral.com

Margie Wood Asst Director

724-225-1395 mwood15301@comcast.net

ELKS HOME NURSE

Mary May, LPN, visits clients in northern Bucks, northern Montgomery, Lehigh, Northampton and southern Monroe. Office in Easton

610-365-1426

ELKS HOME NURSE

Jennifer Turbett, LPN/MSW covers southern Bucks, southern Montgomery & north & east Philadelphia counties. Office at UCP of Phil. & Vicinity.

215-242-4200 x213

ONLINE CHAT SUPPORT GROUP

Group is for parents who are raising children with special needs.

www.myadlcenter.org

dsoucy@myadlcenter.org

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

Online groups for parents and children who have many different special needs

<http://www.cafemom.com/groups/find.php?keyword=special%20needs>

READING LEARNING CENTER

Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc

310 South Seventh Avenue

West Reading Pa 19611

610-208-0228

Brenda Wise Director

Reading.learning.center@comcast.net

www.childrenslearningcenters.org

Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges

ALLENTOWN LEARNING CENTER

Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc

1544 Hamilton Street

Allentown Pa 18102

610-432-0997

Marilyn Mathis Director

mlcc@rcn.com

www.childrenslearningcenters.org

Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges

PHILADELPHIA LEARNING CENTER

Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges.

1700 Tomlinson Road

Philadelphia, Pa 19116

Kathleen Carlsen, Director

215-673-1972

masoniclearnphl@gmail.com

www.childrenslearningcenters.org

PENNSYLVANIA PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN

Supports parents of children with low vision, visual impairment and blindness throughout Pa.

Contact Carlton Walker, President

213 North First St

McConnellsburg Pa 17233

717-485-3383

717-658-9894 c

PaPoBC@gmail.com

carltonwalker@gmail.com

PA OFFICE FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

PA Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing phone: 717-783-4912 or 1-800-233-3008 e-mail ra-li-ovr-odhh@state.pa.us

THE PA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE BLIND

The PA Partnership for the Blind contact Gordon Boe at 215-699-6535 or g.boe@comcast.net

PA SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF

Pa Society for the Advancement of the Deaf www.psadweb.org

ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

Especially for Parents is an online network and forum where parents of children and youth with special health care needs can share knowledge and offer support. Members are able to start a discussion, share tips, tricks and shortcuts, offer support to others, write a blog, create a group for parents with similar interests or situations, create a virtual meeting spot for a local community group, invite friends to become community members, and promote events.

www.pamedicalhome.org (and click on the "Parents" button)

MARCH OF DIMES

1019 West 9th Ave

King of Prussia, Pa 19406

610-945-6050

Fax 610-945-6060

www.birthdefects.org

PA437@marchofdimes.com

MARCH OF DIMES

1255 S Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 2500 Allentown Pa 18103

610-439-7420

Fax 610-439-7424 www.birthdefects.org

PA437@marchofdimes.com

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION

2950 Potshop Road

PO Box 859

Worcester, Pa 19490

800-223-0222

610-584-5530

Fax 215-412-9396

info@sbadv.org

www.sbadv.org

