

Agency Partners & Initiatives

FINANCIAL STABILITY INITIATIVE

United Way is committed to responding to our community's immediate needs, as well as addressing the root causes of critical issues and working towards the long-term solutions to those issues.

Our Financial Stability Initiative has a long-term goal of moving hard working, but struggling families to sustainable financial independence. During these tough economic times, the first step is to help those in crisis, such as people laid off from their jobs for the first time, people losing benefits and those that are unable to find good-paying jobs.

In 2009, United Way of Berks County and a group of community partners established The HelpLink Network to connect people with community resources and income supports to help them through current financial challenges.

RIGHT FROM THE START (RFTS)

The Right From The Start initiative's ultimate goal is to help children be prepared to start school, and in turn achieve school success and success in life. The initiative is a coordinated and neighborhood-based approach focusing on key issues, including improved access to prenatal care, parenting programs, early literacy, child care and community building.

VOLUNTEER CENTER

Looking for volunteer opportunities? The Volunteer Center will link you with community service projects, and you can make a positive difference in our community. Log onto www.uwberks.org and click on "Volunteer" to learn more.

CHILD CARE INITIATIVE/ BERKS EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Berks Early Care and Education Council coordinates a county-wide child care plan and focuses on parent education, community education, child care staff training and retention, relative/neighbor providers and child care issues for children with special needs. These efforts play a significant role in improving our children's social, emotional and educational development.

SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANTS: English as a Second Language, Greater Berks Food Bank and The Oakbrook Wellness Center

AGENCY PARTNERS

American Cancer Society: Berks County Unit
American Red Cross: Berks County Chapter
Arc Advocacy Services
Berks Connections/Pretrial Services
Berks County Intermediate Unit Child Care
Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Berks Encore
Berks TALKLINE, Inc.
Berks Visiting Nurse Association
Berks Women in Crisis
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County
Birdsboro Community Memorial Center
Burn Prevention Foundation
Campership Program
Camp Fire USA: Adahi Council
Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc.
The Children's Home of Reading
Co-County Wellness Services
Council on Chemical Abuse
Easter Seals Eastern Pennsylvania
Family Guidance Center
Friend, Inc. Community Services
Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania
Hawk Mountain Council: Boy Scouts of America
Jewish Family Service, a program of the Jewish Federation of Reading
Kidspace ADVANCES
Literacy Council of Reading-Berks
Mental Health Association of Reading and Berks County
Olivet Boys & Girls Club of Reading and Berks County
Opportunity House
Reading-Berks Habitat for Humanity
The Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health
The Salvation Army: Reading Corps
The Salvation Army: Service Extension Units
Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
United Service Organization-USO
YMCA of Reading & Berks County