

Online Help Directory



Our online help directory located at www.hso.blairco.org is an easy to navigate web site that provides an index listing of organizations and services in Blair County. You can access contact names, telephone numbers, addresses, web addresses, email addresses, and service descriptions of non-profit and government agencies.



Where to Start?

Go to <http://www.hso.blairco.org> and then click on the help directory link on the top navigation bar.

You can choose a help topic by the listed categories of service, or you can click on the provided link to choose by the agency's name.

Contact Us

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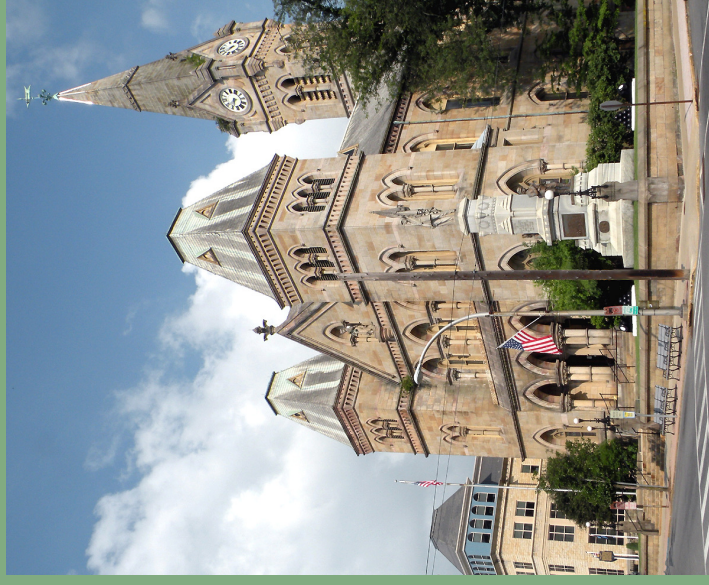
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Blair County Human Services Office

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About us and our Online Help Directory

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About Our Office

The Blair County Human Services Office is an administrative branch of the County Commissioners. This office arranges, by contract, to provide adult services, housing assistance, homeless care management, bridge housing, comprehensive family juvenile delinquency prevention and victim of crime services.

The activities of this office focus on the improvement of coordination, planning, management, and service delivery in Blair County. These activities include answering requests for information, offering choices in selecting appropriate agencies and/or referral from various agencies, resource people, and the community at large.

The Human Services Office administers various programs and services in the Blair County area including:

The **Family Resource Center** of Blair County provides the Parents as Teachers program and the After-School Tutoring Program to Blair County families regardless of income levels. Additional programs are offered seasonally.

21st Century Community Learning Centers in 6 schools in the Altoona Area, Bellwood-Antis, Claysburg/Kimmel, Spring Cove and Williamsburg school districts. This after-school program is offered to 4th - 6th graders from October 1st through April 30th each year. 21st Century programs operate Monday through Thursday for 2 hours per day.

The first hour of each program focuses on academics while enrichment activities are offered during the second hour .

The **Communities That Care (CTC) Project** is an operating system that provides research-based tools to help communities promote the positive development of their children, while reducing risk factors that lead to teen pregnancy, school dropout and violence.

The CTC program coordinator distributes the Pennsylvania Youth Survey to all local school districts and offers technical assistance to schools, offers positive alternative activities for youth, and coordinates a yearly youth leadership camp. A Risk and Resource Assessment is updated continuously.

Blair Counties For Drug Free Communities is a coalition devoted to reducing substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults. They are working to establish and strengthen collaboration among community partners to support the efforts of the coalition to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth.

The Blair County Human Services Office assists with the administration of the **Blair County Health and Welfare Council** and the **Blair County Healthy Community Partnership**, and we are home to the Compass II Needs Assessment Project, which is a collaboration with the United Way of Blair County.



A Tobacco Grant from the PA Department of Health funds the **Tobacco Prevention Program**. This program focuses on:

- Decreasing tobacco use in Blair County.
- Increasing the number of smoke-free work places, dining establishments and public places within Blair County.
- Increasing the number of individuals who are aware of and utilize the Pennsylvania **FREE QUITLINE (1 800 QUIT NOW)**
- Anti-smoking, anti-tobacco events, promotions, and meetings are scheduled throughout the county.