

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Fact Sheet

- Each county in Pennsylvania is required to have their own ADRC, but since many organizations provide services across the entire Lehigh Valley, both Lehigh and Northampton Counties have committed to work together to hold joint meetings and trainings that will benefit consumers over 60 years of age and persons between the ages of 18 and 59 with physical disabilities.
- Lehigh and Northampton County will each have a virtual ADRC comprised of partner agencies collaborating to best meet the needs of individuals seeking long term care information, supports and services.
- Streamline access to long-term living services and supports to make access to services easier for persons over 60 and persons between the ages of 18 and 59 with physical disabilities.
- Create a collaborative network of agencies that provide services and supports with a shared goal of having individuals living as independently as possible for as long as possible.
- Provide information and assistance services to persons over 60 and persons between the ages of 18 and 59 with disabilities that have a life-long capacity for learning, development and contribution.
- Foster a collaborative relationship with other agencies within the County that provide supportive services with access to timely and accurate information to enable people to make appropriate decisions and gain more control over their lives.
- Facilitate cross training sessions among the collaborative partners to increase knowledge and understanding of programs and services with a goal of having a “no wrong door” entry point to receive information and assistance of long-term service and supports.
- Foster the establishment of liaisons from each agency to serve as a point person for referrals and problem solving.
- Develop partnerships between individuals, families, communities, governments, service providers and the private business sector which are vital in meeting the needs of people with disabilities and older adults.
- Promotes informed decision making by empowering individuals to effectively navigate health and long term care options while minimizing confusion and frustration.