

### Who Will Know About My Substance Abuse Treatment?

By State and Federal regulations, your participation in treatment cannot be revealed to anyone without a signed consent form indicating to whom, and for what purposes specific items of information can be released. Under no circumstances, except a medical emergency where your life can be in endangered, can information be released without a signed consent by you. Even after consent has been signed, it can be revoked at anytime verbally or in writing.

### What Other Assistance is Available to Me?

In addition to an assessment and placement, Intensive Case Management services are available to individuals during treatment and those returning home from treatment to the community. Services are designed to provide one-on-one support, advocacy and assistance in identifying and accessing community supports and services specific to your needs.

### What if I Am Not Satisfied With My Treatment?

If the source of your dissatisfaction is related to a specific agency policy or practice, you may file a formal complaint directly to that agency. If your services are County funded, you may file a complaint with the County Program. It is always advisable to contact the Provider first in an effort to resolve your concerns.

### How Can I Obtain More Information About Drug & Alcohol Services Provided by Lehigh County?

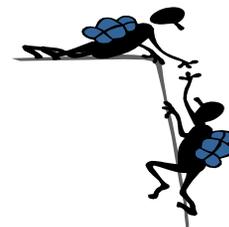
More information concerning all of Lehigh County's Drug and Alcohol Programs can be obtained by calling (610) 782-3555.

The Lehigh County Information and Referral Unit is the entry point for all Human Services. When you contact them, a professional caseworker will:

- ❖ Listen to you and answer your questions.
- ❖ Ask questions about you, or your family member's needs.
- ❖ Tell you about options for getting help.
- ❖ Provide information about human services in the community, through County Government, and can make referrals to our Department's specialized offices.

Lehigh County Information and Referral can be reached at (610) 782-3200.

**YOU'RE NOT ALONE! HELP IS HERE!**



# LEHIGH COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE SERVICES



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Lehigh County  
Government Center  
17 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Allentown, Pa 18101  
(610) 782-3555

[www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org)

## What is Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol Abuse Services?

The Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol Program is the local authority responsible for the development and delivery of services to Lehigh County residents affected by substance use and abuse. Programs include Prevention, Intervention, Education and Treatment.

## How Can I Gain Access to County Funding?

For persons seeking treatment services, an appointment for an assessment is scheduled. During the assessment information will be gathered to determine the level of treatment that is needed. Also, assistance will be provided in completing the necessary paperwork; including a liability determination, release(s) of information and may include an application to the Dept. of Public Welfare for Medial Assistance. At that time, eligibility for County funded assistance will be made.

Lehigh County Assessment Providers:

**Lehigh Valley Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit**, 29 S. Law Street, Allentown PA 18101. (610) 432-2228

**Confront**, 1130 Walnut Street, Allentown PA, 18102. (610) 433-0148

**Step-by-Step, Inc.** 375 Linden Street, Allentown PA 18101. (610) 776-1224

**New Directions Treatment Services, Inc.**  
2442 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem PA.  
(610) 758-8011

**White Deer Run, Inc. of Allentown** 1259 South Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 308, Allentown PA 18103. (610) 432-5561

**M.A.R.S., Inc.** 2045 Westgate Road, Suite 301, Bethlehem PA, 18017. (610) 419-3101

## What Happens During an Assessment?

An Assessment is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the process for an individual to get the help they need. During this “interview process”, information will be gathered concerning:

1. History of presenting problem;
2. Any acute needs requiring immediate attention at the time of contact;
3. The most appropriate level of care;
4. Any special needs related to medical conditions, medications, women and children issues, mental health concerns, physical handicaps, cultural, ethnic and sexual orientation considerations;
5. Placement at or referral to the Provider most suited to meet your needs.

## What is a Financial Liability Determination?

For those individuals who are eligible for County funded treatment, a Financial Liability Determination will be completed. This form will determine if the individual will be responsible to pay for a portion of their treatment.

By State Regulation, the order for payment of services is:

1. Private Pay
2. Private Insurance
3. Medicare / Medicaid
4. County Drug & Alcohol Funding
5. A Combination of any of the Above.

## Is There Any Preferential Treatment for Placements?

By Federal regulations, the County is required to provide preference in treatment placement to pregnant women.

**It doesn't have to be an uphill climb!**

