

Pennsylvania HealthChoices

Member Newsletter

Older Adults Need To Create Intergenerational Connections

The past year has taught all of us many life lessons. For many older adults it has been a very difficult and lonely time. Older adults have had to stay inside more than normal. Thankfully this is changing.

Before COVID-19 older adults would interact with their kids and grandkids. Older adults would talk or even laugh with strangers of all ages while shopping or at a restaurant. Sometimes older adults attended a local college class or served as a youth mentor. Of course, this was normal and natural. Last year changed all of this.

Now it probably does not feel normal for an older adult to talk with a stranger. It is okay to feel this way. However, it is important to work to change these feelings. We can all recover together by working with each generation. Human beings need intergenerational connections.

It is going to take hard work to once again make intergenerational connections. Feelings of shyness will be normal. It might have started to feel normal to only stay at home. Older adults especially will stay stronger physically and mentally with an increase in connections. Intergenerational connections help to keep older adults sharp and alert.

Music and art are a great way to make a connection. Sports and cultural events can also help to bring people together. Older adults can also help to teach a younger generation about historical issues and events. It is also fun to learn together in an educational setting. Look for any chance to interact in a safe and fun way.

Here are a few connection opportunities for older adults to consider:

- Volunteer at the YMCA or local library
- Be a mentor for a youth organization (i.e. Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc.)
- Enroll in a course at a local community college
- Get involved with the local theater (i.e. Join the Board, Help with ticket sales and marketing, etc.)
- Attend local sporting events and participate by cheering or volunteering when possible
- Look for engagement opportunities to strike up a conversation at a restaurant or in other public settings

View the *Member Handbook* and *Newsletter* at **www.MagellanofPA.com**. Sign up to have the newsletter emailed to you!

Community & resource information

Member resource phone lines are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or go to MagellanofPA.com.

Find specialty providers on our website

- 1. Go to MagellanofPA.com
- 2. Click 'Find a Provider'
- 3. Click 'Provider Search' and follow next steps

Have a question about Community HealthChoices?

Participants: 1-833-735-4416 Providers: 1-800-932-0939 www.healthchoices.pa.gov/ info/about/community Email: RA-PWCHC@pa.gov

How to report fraud, waste and abuse of the system:

Special Investigations Unit Hotline: 1-800-755-0850

Corporate Compliance Hotline: 1-800-915-2108



It takes everyone to fight COVID-19. It is important to listen to the advice of experts. It is important to protect public health.

Local COVID-19 resources are available to help you and your family. For example:

- Go to www.health.pa.gov for COVID-19 and vaccine updates
- Our website has over 375 helpful resources, including many COVID-19 resources to help you with financial, housing and food solutions
- Magellan staff are available to help you with access to services or to answer your questions at PACOVID19membersupport@MagellanHealth.com
- Magellan Member Services staff are available at the phone numbers listed on page 3 for your county of residence

Upcoming community meetings

Please connect with the point of contact below. Some meetings are held virtually. Meetings are subject to change.

- Virtual MY LIFE Pennsylvania meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Marissa MacKeverican, mackevericanm@magellanhealth.com
- MY LIFE contact information for each County:

Bucks County: Marissa MacKeverican, 215-504-3966 Cambria County: Heidi Niebauer, 814-961-0687 Delaware County: Hope Kirkland, 215-504-3915 Lehigh/Northampton Counties: Michele Davis, 610-814-8006 Montgomery County: Latrice Parr, 610-277-4600 X318

• CSP monthly meetings for each County: Emily Ferris, eferris@magellanhealth.com

County resources

Bucks County

Member: 1-877-769-9784 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

Emergency & Crisis Information:

- Crisis Hotline: 1-800-499-7455
- Lenape Valley Foundation, Bristol: 215-785-9765
- Lenape Valley Foundation, Doylestown: 215-345-2273
- Lenape Valley Mobile Crisis: 1-877-435-7709
- Penn Foundation, Sellersville: 215-257-6551 (crisis services 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily)

Cambria County

Member: 1-800-424-0485 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

Emergency & Crisis Information:

• Cambria County Crisis Reach

Line: 877-268-9463

Delaware County

Member: 1-888-207-2911 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

Emergency & Crisis Information:

- Crisis Connections Team: 855-889-7827
- Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland: 610-447-7600

Lehigh County

Member: 1-866-238-2311 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

Emergency & Crisis Information: 610-782-3127

Montgomery County

Member: 1-877-769-9782 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

- Peer Support Talk Line: 1-855-715-8255 (talk) or 1-267-225-7785 (text)
- Teen Talk Line: 1-866-825-5856 (talk) or 1-215-703-8411 (text)

Emergency & Crisis Information:

- Access Mobile Crisis Services: 1-855-634-HOPE (4673)
- Montgomery County Emergency Services: 610-279-6100 or 1-844-455-7455

Northampton County

Member: 1-866-238-2312 *TTY:* PA Relay 7-1-1

Emergency & Crisis Information: 610-252-9060

Community HealthChoices Managed care physical health care plan contact information

AmeriHealth Caritas CHC

www.amerihealthcaritaschc.com

- Participant Services: 1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)
- Nurse Call Line: 1-844-214-2472

Keystone First CHC

www.keystonefirstchc.com

- Participant Services: 1-855-332-0729 (TTY 1-855-235-4976)
- Nurse Call Line: 1-855-332-0117

PA Health & Wellness Community HealthChoices

www.pahealthwellness.com/members.html

 Participant Hotline: 1-844-626-6813 (TTY 1-844-349-8916)

UPMC Health Plan

www.upmchealthplan.com

- Health Care Concierge: 1-844-833-0523 (TTY 711)
- Nursing Facility Clinically Eligible (NFCE) participants can call the Service Coordination Departments (TTY 711):
 - Southwest: 1-844-860-9302
 - Southeast: 1-833-672-8078
 - Northwest, Northeast, and Lehigh/Capital: 1-833-280-8508

PA HealthChoices managed care physical health care plan contact information

Bucks, Delaware & Montgomery Counties	Member Lines	Special Needs Unit	Website
Aetna Better Health	1-866-638-1232 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-855-346-9828	www.aetnabetterhealth.com
Health Partners	1-800-553-0784 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	215-967-4690	www.healthpartners.com
Keystone First	1-800-521-6860 1-800-684-5505 (TTY)	1-800-573-4100	www.keystonefirstpa.com
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-800-414-9025 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-877-844-8844	www.uhccommunityplan.com

Cambria County	Member Lines	Special Needs Unit	Website
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Aetna Better Health	1-866-903-0748 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-855-346-9828	www.aetnabetterhealth.com
Gateway	1-800-392-1147 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-800-642-3550	www.gatewayhealthplan.com
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-800-414-9025 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-877-844-8844	www.uhccommunityplan.com
UPMC for You	1-800-286-4242 1-800-361-2629 (TTY)	1-866-463-1462	www.upmchealthplan.com

Lehigh & Northampton Counties	Member Lines	Special Needs Unit	Website
Aetna Better Health	1-866-638-1232 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-855-346-9828	www.aetnabetterhealth.com
AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania	1-888-991-7200 1-888-987-5704 (TTY)	1-888-991-7200	www.amerihealthcaritaspa.com
Gateway	1-800-392-1147 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-800-392-1146	www.gatewayhealthplan.com
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-800-414-9025 PA Relay 7-1-1 (TTY)	1-877-844-8844	www.uhccommunityplan.com
UPMC for You	1-800-286-4242 1-800-361-2629 (TTY)	1-866-463-1462	www.upmchealthplan.com

HealthChoices Help Line: 1-800-440-3989 or www.enrollnow.net Medicare primary information: www.benefitscheckup.org

