DISABILITY SERVICES

1) ADAMS HOUSING AUTHORITY

4 Columbia Street 413-743-5924
Adams, MA 01220
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Maintains subsidized units for individuals and families with low and moderate incomes and persons who are elderly and/or disabled; subsidizes some rental apartments under Section 8 and under the Massachusetts 705 program.

2) ADLIB INC. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

215 North Street 413-442-7047
Pittsfield, MA 01201
85 Main Street 413-663-6200
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

AdLib is an independent living center for people with disabilities. AdLib provides four core services of peer counseling, advocacy, skills training, and information and referral. In addition, AdLib offers the following specialized programs: Personal Assistance Services, Americans with Disabilities Act Technical Assistance, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Housing Assistance, Transportation Services, Representative Payee Program, and the Drop-In Center. (See also Our Place.)

3) BERKSHIRE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

P.O. Box 778 413-499-0207
Pittsfield, MA 01202

Socialization and support group for the legally blind of Berkshire County; some limited financial assistance for its members. Holds monthly meetings with occasional speakers.

4) BERKSHIRE COUNTY ARC
(www.bcarc.org)

395 South Street 1-800-552-1771
Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-499-4241
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Residential/day services, vocational program, advocacy services, family support groups, and Zip 'N Sort mail services.
5) BERKSHIRE FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES, INC. (BFAIR)

Administrative Office - 413-664-9382
85 Main Street
Suite 200
North Adams, MA 01247

Satellite Office - 413-443-6007
74 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

BFAIR is an established provider of support services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Northern and Central Berkshire county. Supports include Arcadia Employment Services (vocational assessment, job readiness training, and job placement), a CARF accredited Day Habilitation Center, Community Residential Services (staffed apartments, group residences and shared living arrangements), and Individual and Family Resources (planned and emergency respite, outreach, bilingual services for Spanish-speaking people, educational and advocacy supports and flexible family supports).

6) BERKSHIRE MEADOWS

249 North Plain Road
Housatonic, MA 01236
413-528-2523
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Residential school for severely mentally retarded children and young adults (infant to age 22). Includes seven group homes, the Learning Center in Housatonic and foster homes in nearby communities. Assists local schools with special education students.

7) BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL SERVICES OF MERIDIAN ASSOCIATES

141 North Street, Suite 7
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-448-5356
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Prepares workers with disabilities for community job search. Includes interest testing, development of resumes, and training in interviewing techniques. Arranges interviews for various entry-level and semi-skilled openings, provides a skills trainer (job coach) to assist with on-the-job training, long term follow up and advocacy for pay raises, promotions, or job changes.
8) DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Pinegrove Manor
293 High Street
Dalton, MA 01226
413-684-2493
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:15 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.

Provides government subsidized housing for eligible citizens, including elderly and disabled citizens and low-income families. Call for current eligibility requirements.

9) EASTER SEALS MASSACHUSETTS
(www.eastersealsma.org)

484 Main Street, 6th Floor 508-757-2756
Worcester, MA 01608

Offers the following services to disabled persons throughout Massachusetts: Technology for Independence program, rehabilitation services, disability resource information, job training and employment, camp, and advocacy.

10) GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE BERKSHIRES INC.

273 North Street – (413-442-1548)
440 Merrill Road – (413-442-6627)
158 Tyler Street – (413-442-0061)
Pittsfield, MA 01201
130 Howland Avenue – (413-743-8092)
Adams, MA 01220
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. (office)

Merrill Road: Administration offices and rehabilitation center.
Donation Center (158 Tyler St.) M-F 8:30am – 4:30pm and 11am-3pm Saturdays.

Vocational rehabilitation services, education and support to disabled or disadvantaged individuals within Berkshire County. Also operates three thrift stores.

11) GOULD FARM

P.O. Box 157 413-528-1804
Monterey, MA 01245
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Residential psycho-social rehabilitation community for the mentally ill, especially individuals 18 years and older with schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and other mental illnesses. Gould Farm Recovery Model is focused on psychiatric counseling, work program and building life skills.
12) GREYLOCK LANGUAGE AND LEARNING CENTER, INC.

46 Howland Ave. Suite 3 413-743-8475
Adams, MA 01220-1127

For individuals with learning disabilities, Greylock Language and Learning Center offers affordable language tutoring (remedial, pre-GED, GED preparation, and ESL).

13) LENOX HOUSING AUTHORITY

6 Main Street 413-637-5585
Lenox, MA 01240
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Low income state-subsidized housing, one- and two-bedroom units for elderly and handicapped and two- and three-bedroom units for family and handicapped.

14) MARY JEZYK SUNSHINE CAMP

c/o North Adams Public Schools Special Needs Department 413-662-3232
191 East Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: Summers only, Monday - Friday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Day camp for children with disabilities or who have difficulties in a traditional playground setting (5 week program).

15) MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

436 Dwight Street 413-781-1290
Springfield, MA 01103 1-800-332-2772
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45a.m.- 5 p.m.

Provides services to legally blind individuals from birth to elderly. Services include information and referral, home rehabilitation, teaching, vocational rehabilitation, orientation and mobility (white cane), social services, individualized case management, aids and appliances, medical assistance through Mass Health, assistance with access to community resources including transportation and handicapped placards, and assistance with tax exemptions and abatements. Service area is the four western Massachusetts counties, Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden.
16) MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

436 Dwight Street, Suite 204 413-788-6427 (Voice & TTY)
Springfield, MA 01103 Boston 1-800-882-1155 (Voice)
Boston 1-800-530-7570 (TTY)
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Primarily information and referral service for those looking for programs or entitlement for deaf and hard of hearing persons. In addition, provides case management services and interpreter services.

17) MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION

333 East Street, 5th Floor 413-447-7381
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Information and referral for mental retardation programs in Berkshire County.

18) MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE

75 South Church Street 413-236-2000
P.O. Box 576
Pittsfield, MA 01202

37 Main Street 413-663-1100
P.O. Box 975
North Adams, MA 01247

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

State-sponsored employment training program for those currently receiving transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC); provides formal education skills training, on the-job training, direct job placement, food stamps and emergency assistance. Child care services are available for those who qualify. Caseworker assistance may involve shelter and housing placement. Also offers Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) program, which provides cash assistance and limited medical coverage for elderly, disabled individuals without dependent children and unrelated adults caring for children under 18. The majority of recipients of EAEDC are single individuals with short-term disabilities. Those caring for a disabled household member may be eligible as well.
19) MASSACHUSETTS REHABILITATION COMMISSION
(www.state.ma.us/mrc)

6 Clinton Avenue 800-210-9876
Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-499-2720
Fax: 413-443-4835

85 Main Street 413-663-5392
North Adams, MA 01247 413-663-5391
41 Mahaiwe Street 413-528-4737
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Assists people with disabilities with training and competitive employment.

20) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES OF THE BERKSHIRES
(www.mhsab.com)

333 East Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-499-0412

24-HOUR CRISIS EMERGENCY SERVICE AT ABOVE NUMBER
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Evening hours available)

Comprehensive, countywide outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, with over 500 employees in 28 locations, including specialized services for children, adults and seniors. Services include 24-hour crisis services, transitional, halfway, and supported housing programs. Also include individual, group, family and couples therapy, forensic services, driver alcohol education, batterer's treatment, and substance abuse educational support groups, early intervention services, adult day health programs, outreach services, and consultation to schools and community groups. Locations as follows:

- **Outpatient & Psychiatric Services:**
  - Berkshire Mental Health Center, 333 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-0412
  - Family Center of the Berkshires, 741 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-447-2145
  - Main Street Human Resources, 60 Cottage St., Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-9155
  - Northern Berkshire Counseling Center, 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541

- **Substance Abuse Services:**
  Outpatient Services:
  - 131 Bradford St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-1000
  - 165 Tor Court, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-445-9160
  - 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541
  - 60 Cottage St., Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-9155
  - All other services, call 413-499-1000
• Child/Adolescent Services:
  - C/A Central, 251 Fenn St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-496-9671
  - C/A North, 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541
  - South Forty, 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541
  - Options for Youth, 74 Second St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-496-9671
  - Early Intervention, 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-662-3315

• Senior Services:
  Counseling Services:
  - 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541
  - 333 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-0412
  - 60 Cottage St., Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-9155

  Guardianship:
  - 25 Marshall St., North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4541
  - North Adams Adult Day Health, 420 Curran Highway, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4048
  - Pittsfield Adult Day Health, 33 Bradford St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-442-4978

21) MERIDIAN ASSOCIATES

141 North Street 413-448-5353
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Provides 24-hour residential care for people with mental retardation and mental illness. Services include day program with psychosocial rehabilitation for people with mental illness, adult outreach program through Department of Mental Health, and cooperative employment service through Department of Mental Retardation and Massachusetts Rehabilitation.

22) NAMI-BC – NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF BERKSHIRE CO.

333 East Street, Room 417 413-443-1666 or 877-443-1666 (toll free)
Pittsfield, MA 01201 (Answering Machine)
E-mail: namibc@berkshire.net
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Late afternoons/evenings by appointment.

Family-led support and advocacy group for families and friends of persons with major brain disorders. Family advocates are available for support, advocacy, information and education on an individual and group basis. Holds monthly meetings.
23) NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY/WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE

60 Federal Street 800-493-9255
Millers Falls, MA 01349
PO Box 1463 413- 659-3343
Greenfield, MA 01302
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
101a First Ave. Suite 6 800-493-9255
Waltham, MA 02451-1115

Provides information and referral relating to services, education, treatment, support and training available to individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families. Also offers support group meetings in Berkshire County.

24) NORTH ADAMS COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

10 Main Street 413-662-3049
North Adams, MA 01247

Advocacy, information and referral for persons with disabilities residing in North Adams. Please contact Vincent Lizely at 413-662-3014 for more information.

25) NORTH ADAMS HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 666 413-663-5379
150 Ashland Street
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Closes Wednesday at noon.

Subsidized housing for individuals, families, elderly and disabled. Assistance based on income. Elderly housing has 15 units that are handicapped accessible.

26) OUR PLACE

215 North Street 413-448-2461
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m.
Weekends, 12-8 p.m.

The Our Place Drop-In Center is a social, recreational, consumer run center for people with any type of disability. The Drop-In Center is open seven days per week and offers TV, games, music, crafts, and other forms of recreation. Both structured and non-structured activities are offered. Alcohol/drug free atmosphere with staff available at all times.
27) PEDIATRIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
(www.pediatricdevelopmentcenter.com)  
388 Columbus Avenue Extension 413-499-4537  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  

Services are provided for children from birth through three years of age who have or may be at risk for developmental delays. Individual therapy, playgroups, and parent support groups are offered. Staff includes physical and occupational therapists, speech pathologists, developmental educators, psychologist, social worker and nursing. The P.A.L. Program, for children with significant disabilities, is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

28) SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION  
909 Main Street 413-528-4773  
Great Barrington, MA 01230  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  

Lift-equipped van transportation for the elderly and disabled people of any age in South County to and from Claire W. Teague Senior Center and meal site, shopping, medical and dental appointments, adult day health care, etc. throughout South County.

29) SPECIALIZED HOME CARE  
1 Carando Drive 1-800-652-2201  
Springfield, MA 01104  
333 East Street 413-447-7381  
Pittsfield, MA 01201 1-800-789-6712  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  

Provides community based living options for children and adults with developmental disabilities/mental retardation. Includes shared and supported living models as well as traditional and therapeutic foster care. The people supported by SHC share homes with care providers who are families, couples, or single adults who wish to enrich their lives by sharing a home while fostering growth and community relationships, and providing necessary assistance for daily living and increased independence.

30) STOCKBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
P.O. Box 419 413-298-3222  
Stockbridge, MA 01262  
Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  

State-assisted housing for elderly and disabled persons. Please call for application.
31) UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY, INC.

141 North Street 413-442-1562
Pittsfield, MA 01201
57 Main Street, Suite 214 413-664-9345
North Adams, MA 01247

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and other hours by appointment