

# In the Community



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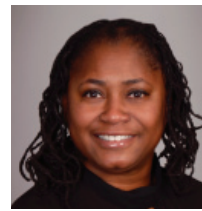
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## Southeast PA Community Resource Organization Spotlight

### Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

Community Legal Services (CLS) mission is to fight poverty, challenge systems that perpetuate injustice, and change lives through cutting-edge advocacy and exceptional legal representation.

CLS attorneys and other staff provide a full range of free civil legal assistance services, from individual representation to administrative advocacy to class action litigation, as well as community education and social work. CLS is nationally recognized as a model legal services program.



During office closures due to COVID-19, CLS hosted a weekly presentation series Tenant Tuesday on Zoom and on their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/clspfila](https://www.facebook.com/clspfila)) at 2pm every Tuesday. The presentations provided up-to-date information from CLS Health and Independence Unit, Housing Unit, and Homeownership and Consumer Rights Unit. Topics included matters involving eviction, illegal lockouts, substandard housing to tenant eviction laws and tenant rights during the eviction moratorium period.

CLS is currently accepting new clients who need legal help.

Community Legal Services of Philadelphia  
Center City Office  
1424 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102



### NAACP-Black Lives Matter: Staying Alive During COVID-19

Felicia Alexander, Community Outreach Specialist, presented during the Pittsburgh Chapter NAACP forum, focused on COVID-19 (conducted via Zoom). As a representative of PA Health & Wellness (PHW), she provided an overview of Centene's contribution to Ferguson, Missouri after the death of Michael Brown. Also, she discussed the Ambetter from PA Health & Wellness and Allwell from PA Health & Wellness products. The presentation highlighted the health disparities within the African American community. While the African American population in Allegheny County is only 13 percent of the total population, the cases of COVID-19 among African

Americans account for approximately 25 percent. During the presentation, she discussed the importance of wearing PPE, social distancing, and other preventative measures in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

### PHW Community Connect powered by Aunt Bertha

PA Health & Wellness has launched our Social Determinants of Health platform: PHW Community Connect. This platform is powered by Aunt Bertha. PHW Community Connect can be accessed through the following website: <https://www.pahealthwellness.com/community/community-connect.html>. We are asking all community partners to claim their listing. If your program is not listed, please send your information to: [phwcommunityoutreach@pahealthwellness.com](mailto:phwcommunityoutreach@pahealthwellness.com). This is a free service.



### Lancaster Recreation Center

On September 10, members of the PHW Outreach and Community Advocacy team partnered with staff from the



Lancaster Recreation Center to create activity bags for older adults/seniors who are members of the center. The facility has been closed for many months due to the COVID 19 guidelines and restrictions that prohibit group gatherings. The staff expressed an interest in supplying their members with activities to help alleviate the effects of social isolation due to the abrupt closing of senior centers across the county. PHW provided health and wellness "goodies" for the activity bags, and assisted with delivery to seniors in their homes across Lancaster County.

"Thank you again for sharing your day with us. Our seniors were so happy to see PA Health & Wellness and Lancaster Rec teaming up to deliver activity bags to their doors! The resistance bands and pedometer I'm sure will be their favorites- but who doesn't love a good crossword puzzle? Again, thank you to Robena Spangler and Kay Gore and your team for partnering with Lancaster Rec to pull off this very unique giveback. I look forward to working with you and PA Health & Wellness on our next big project."

-Andrew Eckman, Marketing and Development Manager, Lancaster Recreation Commission

*Transforming the health of the community, one person at a time.*