

Resource	Summary	Contact info			
Brandywine Food Pantry	<p>The Brandywine Food Pantry is a cooperation between several area churches and the Brandywine Heights Area School District. Partnering churches include: New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Fleetwood; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown; Grace Lutheran Church, Topton; Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton; Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers; Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville; Hope Community Church, Fleetwood; Christian Congregation Church, Mertztown; Longswamp UCC, Mertztown; St. Peter's UCC, Topton; and Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers.</p> <p>The pantry is located at St. Peter's UCC, 122 West Franklin Street, Topton.</p> <p>The pantry serves the community of the above congregations and those who currently have children in the Brandywine Heights Area School District. For more information or to request an appointment, please call 610.682.7633 or email brandywinepantry@gmail.com.</p>	610.682.7633 or email brandywinepantry@gmail.com.			
Backpack Campaign program	An opportunity for Elementary students to take a backpack of food home to stay nourished over the weekend. Food is donated by local churches and collected and organized by the School District.	Elementary Principal (610) 682-5171			
Snack closet	The High School and Intermedia/Middle School have an area in the Guidance Department which has snack food stocked for students in need.	Talk to Principal of Guidance Counselor			
Berks Community Action Program (BCAP)	BCAP provides a comprehensive array of services designed to meet the needs of the low and moderate income population across Berks County. Assistance program services provided to people in need of help include budget counseling, credit card debt assistance, weatherization and housing and rent assistance, youth mentoring, family development, and case management.	Address: 518 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19603 Telephone: (610) 376-6571			
Pathstone	Offers a number of programs to the low income. Among them include assistance for late utility payments when facing a shut off, job finding and training, housing, and case management. The non-profit also offers emergency assistance for the needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers. Programs are also available for rural disadvantaged people who may not be eligible for other emergency financial aid or government programs. Available services include nutritional assistance, emergency shelter, mortgage help, first month and back rental assistance, and one time utility bill assistance.	121 South Second Street, Reading, Pennsylvania 19602, call 610-376-2850			
Salvation Army	case management, social services, and other aid. Services offered can include holiday meals, a food pantry, shelter and housing, and information on programs such as LIHEAP. Utility assistance may be administered too.	(610) 373-5208			
Pennsylvania Career Link Berks	The agency will try to help people find a job, gain new skills, and improve their employment skills and therefore income. Job search related workshops offered include career decision-making, resume writing, and interviewing. Candidates may be able to use direct access to the job matching system.	501 Crescent Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605, dial 610-988-1300			
CHIP	Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program. Covers all uninsured PA kids under 19.	1-800-986-KIDS (5437)			
Friend Inc. Clothing Center and Community Services	This United Way supported agency provides a comprehensive range of family strengthening and outreach services. Clients are helped with problems and needs either by direct case management or referral to an appropriate local agency. Individuals and families are assisted in evaluating the obstacles they face in their lives and in finding the resources they need. Services not directly provided by Friend, Inc. can be arranged through referral, in partnership with county-wide human service resources. A client-choice food pantry is available for those who qualify. Emergency assistance is available, with Friend, Inc., serving as a Salvation Army Service Unit.	658 D Noble Street Kutztown, PA, 19530 610-683-7790			
Family Promise of Berks Co	Provides some regional housing and rental assistance programs	610-373-3323			
Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children	Free vaccines for uninsured children	877-724-3258 <a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC.aspx</a>			
211	Reach out to 211 to speak with a community resource specialist in your area who can help you find resources and services and provide critical services	211 or 855-567-5341: <a href="http://www.pa211east.org/Berks">http://www.pa211east.org/Berks</a>			
Berks County Pennsylvania assis	Consolidated list of resources in Berks County	<a href="https://www.needhelpayingbills.com/html/berks_county_assistance_progra.html">https://www.needhelpayingbills.com/html/berks_county_assistance_progra.html</a>			
Berks County Resource Guide	List of resources by subject area of need	<a href="http://www.readingberkschurches.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Berks-County-Resource-Guide.pdf">http://www.readingberkschurches.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Berks-County-Resource-Guide.pdf</a>			
Internet Connectivity	Lifeline Assistance Program - Discounted broadband access (\$9.25/mo.) for those eligible (at or below 135% federal poverty guidelines).	<a href="https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/lifeline-support-affordable-communications">https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/lifeline-support-affordable-communications</a>			