

PUERTO RICO

Public Housing Agency (PHA) Offices: *REMEMBER!* You can be on multiple PHAs waitlist for Section 8 Housing Choice (HCV):

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts/pr

Rental Property Search

Subsidized Housing (Section 8 Project Based)

<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=PR%2CPuerto+Rico>

Section 811: Supportive Housing for People with Disability: *Puerto Rico did not receive funds for this program:*

<http://811resourcecenter.tacinc.org/policy-programs/hud-section-811-program-information>

Community Action Agency (CAA):

http://www.communityactionpartnership.com/index.php?option=com_spreadsheets&view=search&spreadsheet=cap&Itemid=188

Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority (PRHFA):

<http://www.bgfpr.com/principalsubsidiaries/housing-finance-authority.html>

Strategic Plan:

<http://www.bgfpr.com/spa/documents/AFV-PlanEstrategico2011-18.pdf>

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC): Allocations

<http://www.bgfpr.com/>

find link for locations

CDBG: Find current application and focus of where money is to be spent.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/cleanup/accomplishments/pr

<http://www.hcgpr.com/6.html>

Possible Workable Models in the States to Open Doors for Homeownership for People with disability

Individual Development Accounts: Assets for Independence: (IDA-AFIs):

Contact your local grantee and see if you (person with a disability) can apply for this Saving Match Program. You must have Earned Income: Savings goes toward a specific goal: Education, Buying a Home, or Business: <http://idaresources.acf.hhs.gov/afigrantee>

CoHousing: <http://www.cohousing.org/>

Cooperative Housing: <http://coophousing.org/> (HUD Section 8 HCV can support this particular Housing Option for Homeownership)

Home Share: <http://nationalsharedhousing.org/>

Self-Help Homeownership Program (SHOP) Funds:

<http://community-wealth.org/strategies/policy-guide/shop.html>

Systems of Support/Services:

1915(a) Managed Care: Dual eligibles only.

<http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/data-and-systems/downloads/medicaid-mc-enrollment-report.pdf> pg 537-540

<http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-state/puerto-rico.html>

<http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/delivery-systems/managed-care/downloads/puerto-rico-mcp.pdf>

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver : None exist for PR at this time

http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/Program_Resource_Search/docs/Combined-Territories.pdf pg. 22-26

need paper:

<http://www.salud.gov.pr/Estadisticas-Registros-y-Publicaciones/Publicaciones/Estudio%20oferta%20y%20demanda%20prof%20alameda-FINAL%20feb%2014%202014%20Demand%20and%20Supply%20of%20Physicians%20in%20Puerto.pdf#search=Programs%2520for%2520Persons%2520with%2520Intellectual%2520disability>

Other Services:

Individuals With Disabilities Education (Improvement) Act (IDEA) Part C:

Early Intervention Birth-3yrs:

<http://ectacenter.org/contact/ptccoord.asp>

Contacts for Early Intervention, Preschool, and Interagency Coordinating Council

<http://ectacenter.org/contact/contacts.asp?code=map&state=PR>

<http://www.salud.gov.pr/Dept-de-Salud/Pages/Unidades-Operacionales/Secretaria-Auxiliar-de-Salud-Familiar-y-Servicios-Integrados/Division-Madres-Ninos-y-Adolescentes.aspx#temprana>

<https://perf-data.hrsa.gov/MCHB/TVISReports/Snapshot/snapshot.aspx?statecode=PR>

<http://hdwg.org/catalyst/resources#PR>

Possible Additional Funding that may exist in the states

State Respite Funding (*google this for your state*) is usually based on or part of a needs based assessment and may be included in waiver services or a separate service. Ask for respite services while applying for waiver services to cover either possibility. Respite can fund individual or program type activity. Respite can creatively address an individual exploring interests and participating in activity and developing relationships within the community if waiting for waiver services. This money may also pay for camps and long weekend getaways where supports are available. (Ie: WSA camps, leisure/hobby/interest camps...)

Discretionary funds: Find out about these in your local area. Different systems have funds and place them in certain high need areas for individuals they serve. Every state is different. Systems do tend to keep some funds available, even if they are cutting back. Wraparound funds can be part of these funds.

Wraparound funds: Home-community connect funds. If son/daughter is struggling with a physical barrier in a home, or a have a strong need for inclusive community network to create community relationships and help connect and use community resources/activity involvement in opportunities. School aged children can be the focus with schools, disability services, and home are brought together to develop a strong positive action plan and use contacts to get needs met. Also wrapping an individual who is transitioning into a more inclusive/integrated community integrated living arrangement can also qualify until settled.

Organizations: Guidance, Training and Advocacy

Organizations to help build Self Advocacy:

<https://testaucd.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/pr-ppt.pdf>

PTI: Parent Training Information Center: IDEA/504 Education and Advocacy

<http://apnipr.org/>: 787-763-4665

Provides Training, Advocacy, Resources

Wrightslaw: great education resource/ parent tools to understand Special Education Law and process as well as access to decisions on Special Education Court Cases <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

Title V:

<http://www.amchp.org/Policy-Advocacy/MCHAdvocacy/Pages/StateProfiles.aspx>

For specific information and questions contact the listed numbers for: Maternal and Child Health Care (MCHB) or (CYSHCN) Children (and Youth) with Special Health Care Needs

Assistance for: Health Care for Women and Children, Respite Care, Recreational Support, Care Coordination, Transition, State Perinatal Program (addresses the needs of your state)

Title V Information System

Maternal and Child Health (MCH):

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Maternal and Child Health Programs (MCH)

<http://www.amchp.org/AboutTitleV/State-Snapshots/Region2/PR/Pages/default.aspx>

Children with Special Health Needs

<http://www.salud.gov.pr/Dept-de-Salud/Pages/Unidades-Operacionales/Secretaria-Auxiliar-de-Salud-Familiar-y-Servicios-Integrados/Division-Madres-Ninos-y-Adolescentes.aspx>

Report

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/earlychildhood/comprehensivesystems/plansandmodels/stateplans/pr.pdf>

MAVI: www.mavi-pr.org

787- 758-7901

MAVI is highly recommended for Self Empowering Individuals and assistance to gain resources and support in communities.

State list of Family 2 Family (F2F): Community and Educational Resource as well as help direct families to reach resources and supports:

<http://www.familyvoices.org/page?id=0052>

Family Voices: Leadership and Policy Change <http://www.familyvoices.org/>

Locate the map and select your state

Partners in Policymaking: <http://mn.gov/mnddc/pipm/classroom.html>

Partners in Policymaking Online Courses: FREE for everyone! --You must register and create a login--Please create a login and keep the same one for each module you take (consistency is important for MN reporting purposes) This series is helpful to understand BEST PRACTICES in the disability field. For those of you who have taken Partners in Policymaking in the past and wish to brush up on your knowledge, this is for you, as well! <http://mn.gov/mnddc/pipm/online.html>

FYI: Do not skip over Modules and information. The modules help you navigate each course and tell you how to receive a certificate of completion. Note: This series cannot replace the face to face Partners in Policymaking Program, so you will not become a Partners Graduate with online courses alone. However, you will learn amazing information to help you understand best practices for services, systems and supports.

Additional Federally Funded Entities:

Policy Awareness, strong advocacy, training, and education:

http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/Prog_Proj_Contacts/index.aspx

(1) State Developmental Disability Council

(2) Protection and Advocacy Agency: Fed funding being pulled from Puerto Rico...

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/02/02/2015-01857/termination-of-the-commonwealth-of-puerto-ricos-protection-and-advocacy-for-persons-with>

(3) National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education, Research and Services, Projects of National Significance