

## The MCLA Civic Engagement and Community Partners Database

### **On Campus**

#### **ALANA**

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[http://www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/ALANA\\_Student\\_Services](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/ALANA_Student_Services)

Knowing that for all students academic achievement is the highest priority in college, and recognizing that ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) students may face additional challenges while enrolled at a predominately white college, the College offers a number of options for ALANA students to build a strong community to support individual and group achievement.

#### **Center for Service and Citizenship**

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(413) 662-5251

Room 308&309

[http://www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/Center\\_for\\_Service](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/Center_for_Service)

The Center for Service's mission is to empower students to integrate traditional coursework with experiential learning, community service and service-learning.

#### **The Green Team**

Spencer Moser

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The MCLA Campus Sustainability Committee "Green Team" is committed to develop and implement a campus-wide program to reduce energy use, improve recycling efforts, and invest our community in sustainability plans.

#### **MASSPIRG**

Melissa Bruhn

melissa@masspirgstudents.org

203-980-1750

For 30 years, students who have been involved with MASSPIRG campus chapters have not only learned how to investigate a problem and come up with a practical solution. We've also learned how to convince the media and decision-makers to pay attention and take action.

## **Student Affairs**

(413) 413-662-5129

[http://www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/)

Working as partners with the faculty, Student Affairs staff creates a learning community, which provides a sense of affiliation; respects and values the worth of all members; supports academic success; and encourages the personal development, wellness, and safety of students. Students in the MCLA community participate in meaningful leadership and service opportunities, which build a foundation for lifelong learning and the attainment of career goals.

## **Student Development**

Celia Norcross

[Celia.Norcross@mcla.edu](mailto:Celia.Norcross@mcla.edu)

(413) 662-5120

[http://www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/Student\\_Development](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/Student_Development)

Student Development is committed to the development of the whole student by offering student support services throughout the college experience. Beginning with orientation through graduation there are many areas of involvement and growth. Resources including a First Year Experience Program & Peer Advisors, Class Councils, Clubs and Organizations, Commuter Students Opportunities, Student Leadership Conferences and workshops all help to instill development and value to the MCLA experience.

## **SGA**

Celia Norcross

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(413) 662-5120

[http://www.mcla.edu/Student\\_Life/Student\\_Government/](http://www.mcla.edu/Student_Life/Student_Government/)

The Student Government Association, through its clubs, organizations, and committees, offers the college community a wide variety of activities and programs to fulfill educational goals. Several programs involve the North Adams community. These student-managed organizations provide a means for students to express themselves in a professional and social environment.

## **The Susan B. Anthony Women's Center**

Susan Birns

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413-662-5497

The Women's Center at MCLA serves as a resource for the entire college community, providing educational development, service projects, and community outreach.

### **Northern Berkshire Adult Basic Education**

MCLA

375 Church Street

North Adams

(413) 662-5314

<http://abeged.com>

NBABE provides learning opportunities and services to students who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes. This project helps students gain job and research skills, improve reading, writing, and math skills, improve GED skills, and gain distance learning skills.

### **Student Developed Service Experience**

Students are welcome to propose a volunteer community experience to the instructor. If acceptable, the student may organize and participate in the experience as an alternative to those described above and throughout.

### **Off Campus**

#### **Arts**

### **City of North Adams Mayors Office**

10 Main St

Williamstown, MA 01267

(413) 662-3000

<http://www.northadams-ma.gov/>

### **Images Cinema**

50 Spring St

PO Box 283

Williamstown, MA 01267

Office: (413) 458-1039

<http://www.imagescinema.org/>

Images Cinema is the only year-round, non-profit independent film house in the Berkshires. Images Cinema is ever expanding to entertain and educate with quality programming, while maintaining its strong dedication to independent film and media.

**Jewish Federation of the Berkshires**

196 South St  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-4360

<http://www.jewishberkshires.org/index.aspx?page=1>

The mission of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires is to build a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in Berkshire County and its environs, in Israel, and throughout the world. The Federation as a volunteer organization pursues its mission through fundraising, community-wide programming, supporting Jewish education and social services, developing leaders, advocating for social action initiatives, fostering communication and cooperation among Jewish organizations, and by building strong relationships with Israel and the community at large.

**North Adams Museum of History Science**

North Adams Historical Society, Inc  
Western Gateway Heritage State Park, Bldg 5A  
North Adams, MA  
(413) 664-4700  
<http://www.geocities.com/northadamshistory/>

**North Adams Animal Shelter**

1040 Reservoir Road  
North Adams MA 01247  
(413) 664-4442

**Western MA Legal Services**

Administrative Offices  
One Monarch Place, Suite 400  
Springfield, MA 01144  
(413) 781-7814

<http://www.wmls.org/>

WMLS' mission is to help clients meet their basic human needs through advice, representation and education in a manner that encourages their autonomy and respects their dignity. We also address systemic issues that affect large numbers of low-income people. WMLS is committed to eliminating barriers that divide people based on their socioeconomic status.

**Berkshire Immigration Center**

88 South Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4881

**C.O.T.Y. Project**

Caitlyn Mcconnell  
50 Lincoln St or...  
214 E Main St, North Adams, MA?  
(413) 663-3133  
<http://www.cotyproject.com/>

Serves youth ages 7 – 22. The COTY Youth Center is committed to each youth as a unique individual. The COTY Youth Center strives to develop the spirit, the mind and the body through challenging opportunities. The COTY Youth Center promotes healthy recreational, educational and social experiences for growth and development in young people while encouraging them to be of service to others.

**Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity**

Northern Berkshire HFH  
Office: 61 Main Street, Suite 215  
North Adams  
(413) 664-4440  
Mailing Address: PO Box 391  
North Adams, MA  
<http://www.habitat.org/cd/frame/frameset.aspx?url=www.northberkshirehabitat.org>

Our offices are in North Adams, Massachusetts and we serve the surrounding communities of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Williamstown and Stamford, Vermont, as well as North Adams. We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization and receive no financial support from Habitat International. Our mission is the same as Habitat International. We are working to eliminate poverty housing and to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for people in need.

**Salvation Army**

393 River St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 663-7987  
[http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www\\_use.nsf](http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use.nsf)

**Goodwill**

Dan Frank  
Howland Ave. Adams MA, 01220  
(413) 743-8092

**Berkshire SHARE**

Ben Pindick  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
59 Summer St  
(413) 664-7400

**Berkshire Chamber of Commerce**

Mike Supranowitz  
Northern Berkshire Office  
6 West Main St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 663-3735

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

The Berkshire Chamber of Commerce will lead and advance economic development and support the civic and social welfare of Berkshire County through the advocacy and support of our members, and the Berkshire Community.

**Louison House**

395 Old Columbia St  
Adams, MA 01220  
(413) 743-7957

Louison House offers safe and secure temporary shelter for homeless families and individuals. The Family Life Center provides preventative counseling, crisis intervention and case management for homeless and at-risk families and individuals.

**\*Office of the Chaplains**

Rick Spalding  
Baxter Hall  
29 Chaplin Hall Drive

**North Adams Public Library**

74 Church St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 662-3133

**Northern Berkshire Neighbors**

Ashley Benson  
663-7588

c/o Northern Berkshire Community Coaliton  
85 Main Street  
Suite 300

Assist in the development and operation of neighborhood organizations in North Adams who wish to improve the quality of life for their residents by means of collective action.

Assist neighborhood groups to plan and organize a wide variety of projects and programs.

### **Northern Berkshire Community Action**

Marie Harpin  
85 Main St, Suite 410  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 663-3014

Work with low income residents of N. County, providing such services as emergency food pantry, fuel assistance, reassurance calls to elderly, emergency prescription services, holiday programs, summer camp for children, summer trips for elderly and children. Also, we network with all agencies for emergency housing and other services needed.

### **Inkberry**

115 State St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
664-0775  
[www.inkberry.org](http://www.inkberry.org)

Inkberry is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering literary arts in and around Berkshire County. Through workshops geared toward every level of writer, and a reading series that both brings established writers into our community and promotes local talent, we aim to strengthen connections between writing and life, and create a place where everyone can discover their voice.

### **Northern Berkshire Creative Arts**

Rebecca Dewitt  
[rdewitt@nbcreativearts.org](mailto:rdewitt@nbcreativearts.org)  
(413) 663-8338  
[www.nbcreativearts.org](http://www.nbcreativearts.org)

### Education

### **North Adams Public Schools**

Debbie Rosselli  
Service Learning Coordinator  
(413) 662-3240  
[Sl\\_rosselli@Yahoo.com](mailto:Sl_rosselli@Yahoo.com)

**North Adams Public Schools (NAPS)**  
Superintendent James E. Montepare  
191 East Main St  
North Adams, MA  
(413) 662- 3225

**Drury High School**  
1130 South Church St  
North Adams, MA  
(413) 662-3240  
<http://drury.napsk12.org/>

**Greylock Elementary School**  
Grades k-5, after school programs/ NAPS  
100 Phelps Ave  
North Adams, MA  
(413) 662-3255  
<http://greylock.napsk12.org/>

**Brayton Elementary**  
Pre-school, k-5, after school programs/ NAPS  
20 Barbour St  
(413) 662-3260  
<http://brayton.napsk12.org/>

**Sullivan Elementary**  
k-5, after school programs/NAPS  
151 Kemp Ave  
North Adams, MA  
(413) 662-3250  
<http://sullivan.napsk12.org/>

**Clarksburg Elementary**  
Grades k-8,  
777 W. Crossroads

Clarksburg, MA 01247  
(413) 663-8735

### **Conte Middle School**

Grades 6-8, after school programs/NAPS  
24 Church St  
(413) 662-3200  
<http://conte.napsk12.org/>

### **McCann Tech**

Grades 9-12  
70 Hodges Cross Rd  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 663-5383  
<http://www.mccanntech.org/>

### **Massachusetts Campus Compact**

Tufts University  
196 Boston Avenue, Suite 2400 Medford MA, 02155  
Sarah.madden@tufts.edu  
617-627-3889  
<http://ase.tufts.edu/macc>

Massachusetts Campus Compact (MACC) is a nonprofit coalition of college and university presidents committed to developing the civic skills of students, building partnerships with the community, and integrating civic engagement with teaching and research.

### **Hampshire Educational Collaborative**

[ww.Collabrative.org](http://www.Collabrative.org)

The Hampshire Educational Collaborative (HEC) is a catalyst for innovation and excellence in education. A nonprofit, multi-service agency, HEC offers leading-edge, high-quality programs and services to ensure that learning is accessible and engaging for our community's most vulnerable and at-risk youth. We promote lifelong learning by educating and supporting students, teachers, and administrators through programs in early childhood, after school, special education, and adult education, as well as offering comprehensive professional development for educators.

### **Hillcrest Educational Centers**

Steve Conroy

499-7924, Ext 133

<http://www.hillcresteducationalcenters.org/>

### **Got Math?**

Professor Annette Guertin (413) 499-4660 x 4561

[aguertin@berkshirecc.edu](mailto:aguertin@berkshirecc.edu).

[http://www.cc.berkshire.org/student-services/sl\\_gotMath\\_downloads.html](http://www.cc.berkshire.org/student-services/sl_gotMath_downloads.html)

Got Math? is an after school program designed to connect elementary school students, college student mentors and local businesses together to explore mathematics. The focus of the program is to discover and understand how mathematics is used in the work place.

### Environmental

#### **Peace Corps**

Jennifer Zeisler

(617)565-5542

[jzeisler@peacecorps.gov](mailto:jzeisler@peacecorps.gov)

10 Causeway Street

Room 450

Boston, MA

#### **HooRWA**

PO Box 667, Williamstown, MA 01267

413-458-2742

[office@hoorwa.org](mailto:office@hoorwa.org)

<http://www.hoorwa.org/index.htm>

The Hoosic River Watershed Association is the citizens' group that looks after the river. We are dedicated to the restoration, conservation and enjoyment of the Hoosic River and its watershed, through education, research, and advocacy. We envision a watershed that is ecologically sound and adds to the quality of life of its residents.

#### **Mt. Greylock State Reservation**

Becky Barnes

Department of Conservation and Recreation

(413) 449-700

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/mtGreylock/index.htm>

**Berkshire Bike Path**

[info@berkshirebikepath.com](mailto:info@berkshirebikepath.com)

(413) 442-5223

<http://www.berkshirebikepath.com/home.php>

**Mass Audubon**

Deborah Rawson

Berkshire Wild Life Sanctuaries

(413) 637-0320

<http://www.massaudubon.org>

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, they care for 33,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 200,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels.

**Center for Ecological Technology**

Joy Kirschenbaum

[JoyK@cetonline.org](mailto:JoyK@cetonline.org)

(413) 445-4556

[www.cetonline.com](http://www.cetonline.com)

**Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)**

7 Highland Avenue Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

[Team@thebeatnews.org](mailto:Team@thebeatnews.org)

413-230-7321

The mission of the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) is to work with you to protect the environment of Berkshire County, Massachusetts and beyond is an action-oriented environmental organization. We believe that an informed citizenry is the environment's best protection.

**Caretaker Farm**

Don Zapata

1210 Hancock Road

Williamstown, MA 01267

[Don@caretakerfarm.org](mailto:Don@caretakerfarm.org)

(413) 458-9691

Caretaker farm is a community collaborative farm located in the beautiful hills of South Williamstown. The owners of the farm are providing a more hands-on a more participatory approach to the vegetables we eat.

### **Berkshire Photovoltaic Services**

46 Howland Ave  
Adams, Mass 01220  
Info@bpvs.com  
(413) 743-0152  
www.bpvs.com

BPVS has helped pave the way for PV acceptance by installing the first (and often second, third and fourth) solar electric systems in over 70 jurisdictions. BPVS has provided installation support for utility, National Renewable Energy Lab and Department of Energy grants and programs. Their mission is to provide safe, efficient and durable PV Systems.

### Health Care

#### **Chrysalis Community**

PO Box C  
Pownal, VT 05261  
(802) 823-9309  
<http://chrysaliscommunity.org/>

Chrysalis Community is an environment for people living with AIDS to learn and practice holistic methods for healing the mind, body and spirit.

#### **REACH Community Health Foundation**

71 Hospital Ave  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 664-5326  
[http://www.nbhealth.org/index.php?nav\\_id=33](http://www.nbhealth.org/index.php?nav_id=33)

REACH is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of residents of Northern Berkshire County, Massachusetts. They serve the Northern Berkshire communities of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesboro, North Adams, New Ashford, Savoy and Williamstown. REACH accomplishes this through an array of health initiatives in disease prevention, health education, health promotion activities and various health screenings.

#### **Northern Berkshire Healthcare Systems**

info@nbhealth.org  
Www.nbhealth.org  
NBH is the second-largest employer in northern Berkshire County, Massachusetts, with an employee base of approximately 850 employees in four locations. NARH

employs approximately 475 people, making it the largest employer in the City of North Adams. The health system contributes many millions of dollars to the local economy every year.

### **North Adams Adult Day Health Center**

Nancy Vescillio

662-3325

420 Curran Highway

North Adams (near Noel Field)

Supportive social, recreational, and mental health services designed for adults at-risk of nursing home placement.

Socialize with and assist with activities for mostly elderly patients coping with a variety of mental and physical issues. Activities include exercise, socialization, cooking, crafts, discussion groups and many more.

### **EUC Health Care**

71 Hospital Ave.

North Adams, MA 01247

ecuhealth@nbhealth.org

413-663-8711

www.ecuhealthcare.com

EUC's mission is to help the uninsured and underinsured residents of North Berkshire access affordable health care.

### **American Red Cross of Berkshire County**

Millie Blom . T/Th 8:30 – 1

480 West St.

PO Box 644

Pittsfield MA 01201

(413) 442-1506 or 1-800-332-2030

<http://redcrossberkshirecounty.org/about/pr/121701.html>

### **Northern Light**

Susan Doscher

1-413-443-4848/664-4018

25 Marshall St.

North Adams

Provide a comfortable environment for learning and socialization for chronically mentally ill persons seeking independence and community integration.

Help plan and/or implement the Clubhouse schedule of events including such activities as card playing, ceramics class, cooking, sports activities, educational groups (e.g. current events, literacy, money management).

Assist with community integration events such as picnics, holiday parties, etc.

Help out with the Clubhouse snack bar, kitchen or office activities.

### **Western Massachusetts Medical Reserve Corps**

<http://www.wmmrc.org/>

The Western Massachusetts Medical Reserve Corps is a coalition of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties and their more than 100 cities and towns.

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to establish teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals who can contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year and during times of community need.

### **United Cerebral Palsy of Berkshire County**

208 West Street,

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 442-1562

[info@ucpberkshire.org](mailto:info@ucpberkshire.org)

[http://www.ucp.org/ucp\\_local.cfm/84](http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/84)

### **The Brien Center for Mental Health & Substance Abuse**

Administrative Offices:

333 East St

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(800) 252-0227

<http://www.briencenter.org/>

The Brien Center is a private, not-for-profit corporation that operates a network of comprehensive and integrated community mental health and substance abuse services in Berkshire county Massachusetts.

### **\*Adult Day Health**

Barb Wothington

420 Curran Highway

North Adams, MA

(413) 664-4048

### **Adult Day Health**

33 Bradford St

Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-4978

**Elder Services of Berkshire County**

Sandy (Meals on Wheels)  
66 Wendell Ave. Pittsfield MA 01201  
(413) 499-0524  
[esbc@esbci.org](mailto:esbc@esbci.org)  
<http://www.esbci.org/>

Elder Services is a non-profit organization that provides a wide variety of services to the elders of Berkshire County, MA and their families.

**Mary Spitzer Center**

Sandra Lamb  
North Adams Council on Aging  
116 Ashland St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
(413) 662-3125

Transportation

**Berkshire Regional Transit Authority**

1 Columbus Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 499-2782  
[www.berkshirerta.com](http://www.berkshirerta.com)

The BRTA was one of eight original regional transit authorities created by state statute (MGL §161B) in 1974. A letter dated June 18, 1974 was sent by then Pittsfield Mayor Evan S. Dobbelle to Governor Francis W. Sargent documenting the recorded vote of the original communities to form the BRTA. Today, fourteen RTAs are responsible for administering public transportation services throughout much of Massachusetts outside of the Boston metropolitan area.

**Berkshire Rides**

6 West Main St  
North Adams, MA 01247  
[info@berkshirerides.com](mailto:info@berkshirerides.com)  
(413) 664-0300  
[www.berkshirerides.org](http://www.berkshirerides.org)

Berkshire Rides works to provide transportation to and from work, employment

training, and job related appointments for local residents

## Youth

### **Magic Seasons Day Care Center**

Mary McNeil

662-5394

Curran Highway (Route 8)

Next to Toyota Dealer and Pedrin

Social and educational development for preschool and elementary school age children in need of care while their parents are at work, school, etc.

Assist teachers and child care workers to provide various recreational, educational, and social skill building activities to day care center children.

### **Adams Youth Center**

Liz Baker

20 East Street

Adams, MA

743-3550

Provide recreation and socialization for youth from Adams at an after school and evening drop-in center.

Student Service Options: A) Engage in recreational activities with youth (e.g. board games, basketball, homework help, computer activities) or B) Develop your own recreational/educational program for youth based upon your own particular skills or interests you possess.

### **Williamstown Youth Center**

270 Cole Ave Williamstown, MA 01267

413.458.5925 -

The Williamstown Youth Center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing healthy, fun, and educational recreation for children and families of Williamstown and surrounding communities. We offer three basic types of service. First, the WYC provides an after school program for children in grades 1-8 when school is in session.

### **Junior Achievement of Western MA**

Office: 1500 Main Street,

Suite 217  
Springfield, MA 01115  
(413) 747-7670  
Rebecca MacGregor, Program Manager  
Berkshire County & Rural Areas  
(413) 747-7670 ext. 102

[jawesternma@jawm.org](mailto:jawesternma@jawm.org)

[http://www.jawm.org/pages/news\\_detail/4](http://www.jawm.org/pages/news_detail/4)

Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts is dedicated to providing economic education and financial literacy programs to the youth of western Massachusetts and Vermont.

### **Northern Berkshire YMCA**

22 Brickyard Court  
North Adams, MA 01247  
[nbymca@northernberkshireymca.org](mailto:nbymca@northernberkshireymca.org)  
(413) 663-6529  
[Northernberkshireymca.org](http://Northernberkshireymca.org)

The Northern Berkshire YMCA is fully committed to helping the less fortunate of the community. In 2004, the YMCA has reached its goal of \$45,000 in our Reach Out for Youth fund raiser to help us provide high quality programs to the youth of our community. United Way and Williamstown Community Chest funds enhance the YMCA's annual fund revenues to assist disadvantaged children and families.

### **Kid Space @ MassMOCA**

3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
1040 MASS MOCA WAY  
North Adams, MA 01247  
413.664.4481 x8131  
[kidspace@massmoca.org](mailto:kidspace@massmoca.org)

Kidspace provides an extensive multi-disciplinary artistic program, impacting every student and every teacher in seven public schools. Kidspace emphasizes artistic excellence, offers engaging educational experiences, and brings contemporary art to communities that have previously had limited access to it. Families, teachers, students, and the general public are invited to Kidspace to discover the important role that art can play in their lives.

### **Massachusetts Service Alliance**

Beth McGuiness  
100 North Washington St

Boston, MA 02114

<http://www.mass-service.org/index.shtml>

(617) 542-2544

The Massachusetts Service Alliance, established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. Its mission is to catalyze the innovation and growth of service and volunteerism by creating partnerships that maximize resources, expertise, capacity, and impact.

### **Northern Berkshire Community Coalition**

Al Bashevkin

61 Main Street, Suite #218,

North Adams MA

[abashevkin@nbccoalition.org](mailto:abashevkin@nbccoalition.org)

(413) 663-7588

Since 1986, the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition has been a catalyst for discussion and programming that affects the quality of life for area residents.

### **Berkshire Family and Individual Recourses**

771 South Church Street,

North Adams, MA 01247

413-664-9382

[www.BFAIR.org](http://www.BFAIR.org)

Through organizational resolve, skilled and dedicated staff, and dynamic leadership, BFAIR provides quality services, advocacy and education for people with disabilities, which affirm the rights of full inclusion, diversity, and well-being.

### **Berkshire Works**

[www.berkshireworks.org](http://www.berkshireworks.org)

Berkshire Works is a partnership between Berkshire Training & Employment Program and the Massachusetts Division of Career Services, chartered by the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc. Together, we provide access to a comprehensive system of employment-focused programs and services for businesses, job seekers, workers, and employers.

### **Elizabeth Freeman Center**

Paul Wasserman

413-663-7459

The Elizabeth Freeman Center is a non-profit, countywide agency that provides counseling, advocacy, emotional, educational, vocational, and economic services,

and fosters social change. They oppose violence, harassment, and discrimination, and promote the physical and emotional safety of all people. They strive to provide a haven and a communication network for all people, regardless of gender, age, race, color, class, religion, or sexual orientation.

### **Boys and Girls Club**

16 Melville St.  
Pittsfield MA, 01201  
(413) 448-8258

The primary mission of the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pittsfield is to assure and enhance the quality of life for youth as participating members of a richly diverse urban society. We base our programs on member and community involvement and play a recognized role as a spokesman for youth.

### **Youth Center INC**

Elizabeth Baker  
20 East St. PO Box 461  
Adams MA 01220  
(413) 743-3550

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

Mission is to provide community-based educational, recreational and social activities in a safe, supportive environment.

### **Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts**

Rebecca MacGregor, Program Manager  
Berkshire County & Rural Areas  
(413) 747-7670 ext. 102

[www.jawm.org](http://www.jawm.org)

Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts is dedicated to providing economic education and financial literacy programs to the youth of western Massachusetts and Vermont.

Junior Achievement programs are offered at no cost to the schools and community groups throughout Western Massachusetts.

### **Berkshire Children and Families**

Carolyn Burns  
480 West Street  
Pittsfield MA 01201  
(413) 448-8281

<http://www.berkshirechildren.org/index.html>

Berkshire Children and Families improves the lives of children by strengthening family and community relationships.

**Berkshire County Kids Place & Violence Prevention Center**

63 Wendell Ave

Pittsfield MA 01201

(413) 499-2800

lmorrison@kidsplaceonline.org

<http://www.kidsplaceonline.org/>

Berkshire County Kids' Place and Violence Prevention Center, Inc. provides an interdisciplinary, cooperative team approach to address the needs of children subjected to violence as victims or as witnesses and to their non-offending family members. The center provides a safe, caring, home-like atmosphere that coordinates the combined knowledge of law enforcement, social service, medical, prosecutorial, and mental health agencies to ensure an effective response to childhood trauma.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Berkshire County**

**North County**

**North County Coordinator**

Sarah Kline

61 Main Street Suite 218

North Adams. MA 01247

413-663-7588

[bbbs@nbccoalition.org](mailto:bbbs@nbccoalition.org)

**Central and South County**

Kimberly Blair, Executive Director

292 North St-YMCA Building

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413)-443-9471

[bbbs@rnetworx.com](mailto:bbbs@rnetworx.com)

<http://www.berkshirebbbs.org/>

Mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact.

**Northern Berkshire United Way**

c/o BFAIR

85 S Church St

Suite 408

(413) 663-9062

<http://www.nbunitedway.org/>

Northern Berkshire United Way (NBUW) is an independent local agency founded 70 years ago, dedicated to enhancing well being in the communities of Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Cheshire, and Florida in Massachusetts, and Stamford, Vermont. NBUW gathers data on community issues and progress, evaluates agencies, and provides funds and other vital services to strengthen effective programs in priority areas of need.

### **Girl Scouts of Western MA**

241 Haydenville Rd

PO Box 558 241

Leeds, MA 01053

1-800-462-9100 x17

Email: [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org)

<http://www.gscwm.org/>

### **4-H UMass Extension**

Angelica Peredas

78 Center St Ste 206

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 448-8285

<http://www.mass4h.org/>

4-H is a partnership, build on mutual respect, responsibility, consensus, and volunteering. 4-H programs are for boys and girls from 5 to 18 years of age. Brings together the very different local facets of 4-H -- community service, character and leadership development, [camping](#), as well as skill development in science and technology, and life and work skills, as well as concerned citizens who serve on the [Massachusetts 4-H Foundation](#) and local 4-H councils, and teen and adult [volunteers](#).

### **Conte Teen Pregnancy Prevention**

Diane Ryczek

Conte Middle School, Church St

662-3200

### **WIC**

85 Main St # 442

North Adams, MA 01247

(413) 663-3012

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

### **Child Care of the Berkshires**

Haskins Community Center

210 State Street

P. O. Box 172

North Adams, MA 01247

(413) 663-6593

<http://www.ccberkshire.org/>

Child Care of the Berkshires' mission is to promote and strengthen families through the provision of high quality child care and comprehensive support and education services which directly effect the well- being of families.

### **Head Start**

Administrative Offices

1 Meadow Lane,

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413)-499-0137

<http://berkhs.org/>

Head Start is a free federally funded preschool program for eligible three and four year old children. We offer comprehensive services, nutritious meals, transportation and family support. Childcare is available in Pittsfield and North Adams. We have classrooms throughout Berkshire County.

### Housing

#### **Brayton Hills Apartments**

Property Manager Brenda Iacussa

159 Barbour St

North Adams, MA 01247

(413) 663-3645

#### **Mohawk Forest**

David

201 Mohawk Forest Blvd

North Adams, MA 01247

(413) 663-6900

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**Northern Berkshire Family Net**

Haskins Community Center

PO Box 172

North Adams

(413) 664-4821

**MA Dept of Social Services**

**Magic Seasons Early Childhood Center (ChildCare of the Berkshires, Inc)**

1274 Curran Highway

North Adams

413-664-8471

**Northern Berkshire Community Television Corporation**

Heritage State Park, Bldg. 6

NAdams

413-663-9006

[www.nbctc.org](http://www.nbctc.org)

**Non Violent Parenting (NVP)**

PO box 172

North Adams

**VNA + Hospice of Northern Berkshire County**

535 Curran Highway

NADAMS

**Resources for Child Care**

152 North St, Suite 230

Pittsfield, MA 01201

413-443-7830