



BUCKS COUNTY
LIFE
PROGRAM



Family Support Program

Offered to Bucks County families with children who have various struggles or disabilities, ages birth to 26

Our Family Support Specialists are parent peer professionals, who have a lived experience with the child serving system through their own children and have gained professional experience navigating systems of care, cultivating helpful support, and knowledge of resources. Family Support is a FREE, family-driven service for the families of Bucks County. This is done in a supportive, parent-to parent relational approach. Through direct support, our family support specialists offer:

- Supportive engagement with services and community resources
- Facilitation of referrals and links to services and resources within the community
- Skill-building, education and training, and self-advocacy
- Natural community supports development
- Guidance through the child-serving systems through a collaborative, positive approach
- Support with school meetings, treatment planning and/or interagency meetings

What is LIFE?

The Bucks County LIFE program was established originally in 1994 to accomplish the development of the Bucks County continuum of care and a process to connect families with resources and direct support. This county-wide program provides families of children with behavioral health needs, the information and support desired to obtain quality services in areas they see as important. This may involve participating in school meetings, interagency team meetings, information and referral to behavioral health providers and recommendations for community inclusion and recreation. Access Services was awarded the Bucks LIFE contract in the Fall of 2010, with a commitment to offer quality Family Support Services. We are happy that this support model has been expanded to serve families with youth and young adults in transition (ages 16-26). More information about Bucks County LIFE can be found at www.lifeinbucks.org.

To connect with a Family Support Specialist, contact our main line at 1-888-442-1590 or email buckslife@accessservices.org



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