



# PARTNERS AND INITIATIVES

## Ready. Set. READ!

Third grade reading ability is a leading indicator of long-term educational and life success. Children who do not read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school and 13 times more likely to drop out if they are also living in poverty. Based on local PSSA scores, nearly a quarter of Berks County 3rd graders were not reading proficiently, representing schools in urban, suburban and rural areas of the county. It takes all of us working together to help tackle this issue and work towards success. Volunteer opportunities are available, ranging from serving as tutors, volunteering with children and conducting book and school supply drives. Learn more about Ready. Set. READ! at [ReadySetReadBerks.org](http://ReadySetReadBerks.org).

## Volunteer Center

Looking for volunteer opportunities? The Volunteer Center will link you with community service projects, and you can make a positive difference in our community. Visit [uwberks.org/Volunteer](http://uwberks.org/Volunteer) to learn more.

## FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card

The FamilyWize prescription discount card reduces the cost of medications not covered by insurance. Download the card at [uwberks.org/FamilyWize](http://uwberks.org/FamilyWize)

## 2-1-1

2-1-1 is FREE service that connects individuals to health and human service programs in Berks County and throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 2-1-1 offers information on a broad range of services. In addition, the call center specialists can assist individuals interested in volunteering. If you need help, call 2-1-1, visit [pa211east.org/Berks](http://pa211east.org/Berks) or text your zip code to 898211.

## Agency Partners

American Cancer Society: Berks County Unit  
 American Red Cross: Berks County Chapter  
 Berks Coalition to End Homelessness  
 Berks Connections/Pretrial Services  
 Berks County Intermediate Unit Child Care  
 Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services  
 Berks Encore  
 Berks Visiting Nurse Association  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County  
 Birdsboro Community Memorial Center  
 Boyertown Area Multi-Service  
 Catholic Charities: Diocese of Allentown  
 Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc.  
 The Children's Home of Reading  
 Co-County Wellness Services  
 Communities in Schools  
 Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania  
 Family Guidance Center  
 Friend, Inc. Community Services  
 Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania  
 Greater Reading Mental Health Association  
 Habitat for Humanity of Berks County  
 Hawk Mountain Council: Boy Scouts of America  
 Jewish Family Service, a program of the Jewish Federation of Reading  
 Literacy Council of Reading-Berks  
 MidPenn Legal Services  
 Olivet Boys & Girls Club of Reading and Berks County  
 Opportunity House  
 Primary Care/Mental Health Integration  
     A program of The Reading Hospital  
 Safe Berks  
 The Salvation Army: Reading Corps  
 The Salvation Army: Service Extension Units  
 Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc.  
 YMCA of Reading & Berks County

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