

# Support for Recreational Therapy Licensure in Pennsylvania

**Over 350 organizations, professions, and service providers serving over 1 million Pennsylvanians annually support Recreational Therapy licensure.**

## **Academic Supporters**

East Stroudsburg University; East Stroudsburg, PA  
Lock Haven University; Lock Haven, PA  
Slippery Rock University; Slippery Rock, PA  
Temple University; Phila., PA  
York College; York, PA

## **Recreational Therapy Professional Organization Supporters**

National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC): An international organization that provides certification for Recreational Therapists through stringent requirements.

American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA): A member-driven association that collectively supports the Recreational Therapy profession.

New Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Association (NJ/EPATRA) and the Western Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Association (PATRA): Chapters of ATRA in PA that advocate for Recreational Therapists in order to promote the health and well-being of the public through service, education, and the development and reinforcement of standards of professional practice.

Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Society (PTRS): A branch of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) that seeks to actively engage individuals committed to Recreational Therapy, and interested consumers, by supporting professional development, advocacy, and resources.

## **Disability Advocacy Supporters**

Council on Brain Injury; Paoli, PA

Funds education and activities related to brain injury, supports research for improved treatment, and **advocates for improved services** for those affected by brain injury

Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA); Harrisburg, PA

**Represents 350 providers (serving more than 1 million Pennsylvanians annually)** of mental health, drug and alcohol, intellectual and developmental disabilities, medical rehabilitation, and brain injury services, who are committed to providing effective, efficient, and high quality care. They are also a member of The Voice of Disability Service Providers, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association, The American Network of Community Options and Resources, and National Council for Behavioral Health. **\*Represents:** Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mercer, McKenna, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northumberland, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, Wyoming, and York.

## **Healthcare & Community Providers Supporters**

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries; Hollidaysburg, PA

A faith-based not-for-profit organization that **provides children and senior services to more than 2,000 people each year** in eight West Central Pennsylvania counties: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Phila. VA Medical Center (VAMC); Phila., PA

**Provides health care services to approximately 58,000 veterans**, including surgical, medical, rehabilitation, alcohol and drug dependence treatment, and psychiatric care. The Philadelphia VAMC has the distinction of being awarded several National Research Centers of Excellence including Parkinson's Disease Research, Education, and Clinical Center (PADRECC); Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC); Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP); Center of Excellence for Substance Abuse Treatment and Education (CESATE); and Regional Sleep Center. The Philadelphia VAMC is one of the National Polytrauma Rehabilitation network sites and is home to the National Center for Homelessness among Veterans.

Eastern Amputee Golf Association; Bethlehem, PA (**represents all of PA**, along with 14 other Eastern states)

Assists in the rehabilitation of amputees and provides for their general welfare, both physical and psychological, through the medium of golf and its associated activities.

Good Shepherd; Allentown, PA

A nationally recognized rehabilitation leader, offering a continuum of care for people with injuries, complex medical needs, and physical and/or cognitive disorders. **Serves over 60,000 adults and children every year** for stroke, orthopedic and sport injuries, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, and more. Has over 30 locations throughout 8 eastern Pennsylvania counties. Is the majority owner of Good Shepherd Penn Partners, a joint venture with the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia.

## Recreational Therapy Licensure, HB 1761

Inglis; Phila., PA

The **largest provider** of affordable accessible housing in the Greater Philadelphia region. It is a specialty nursing care facility providing long-term, residential care for 297 adults with physical disabilities, including multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury and stroke, among others. Residents receive rehabilitative medical and nursing care, therapies, and social enrichment/therapeutic activities. Inglis also supports over 800 people living independently in the community through resources including accessible housing, care management, a day program, a Multiple Sclerosis evening program, and community employment.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown; Elizabethtown, PA

A 1,400-acre campus that **provides residential and community charitable services for thousands of children and older adults**. Operates a children's home for orphaned children, retirement home, child care center, retirement community, residential living facility for adults with developmental disabilities, home care services, hospice services, short term rehabilitation, and adult daily living center.

Moss Rehab, Einstein Healthcare Network; Over 18 locations in 1) Elkins Park, PA, 2) Phila., PA, 3) East Norriton, PA, 4) Norristown, PA, 5) Doylestown, PA, 6) Plymouth Meeting, PA, 7) Collegeville, PA, 8) Langhorne, PA, 9) Allenton, PA, and 10) Jenkintown, PA

Moss Rehab is the **largest provider** of inpatient and outpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Philadelphia region. They are a **national and world leader** in the field and have been recognized as one of the **nation's 10 best** rehab hospitals, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

ReMed; Paoli, PA

A **leader in post acute brain injury treatment** with 18 residential sites and 2 outpatient clinics providing specialized rehabilitation, community residential services, neurobehavioral services, outpatient services, home-based services, community-based services, supported employment, day programs, and group activity programs, with locations in Paoli and Pittsburgh.

Special People in the Northeast (SPIN); Phila., PA

Provides **services and supports for over 3,500 children and adults** with intellectual, developmental, and autism spectrum disabilities in Philadelphia and adjacent counties including adult and children services, and behavioral and developmental services, along with operation of the Norcum Community Center and the SPIN Institute for Service Excellence. Also delivers services to Pennsylvania DPW's Office of Developmental Program (ODP), Philadelphia School District, Philadelphia Community Behavioral Health (CBH), Philadelphia DBH/IDS, Elwyn MAWA, and a variety of private organization ad insurers and private citizens.

The Woodlands Foundation; Wexford, PA

**Provides programs to over 9,000 individuals with disabilities every year** to foster socialization, independence, recreation engagement, positive self-perception, and health and wellness.

Three Rivers Adaptive Sports (**Chapter of Disabled Sports USA**); Pittsburgh, PA

Provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to engage in a variety of sports, recreation, and physical fitness.

Variety - The Children's Charity, Philadelphia Chapter (serves children in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties)

**One of the largest charities** in the Delaware County that serves children with physical and/or developmental disabilities through the Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center, Autism Initiatives, a Direct Care for Kids program (assist families in obtaining medical equipment, devices, and therapies not covered by insurance), the Variety at Play program (special outings for children with disabilities), the Golf Buddies Program, and After School Programs for children with disabilities to engage in educational, recreational, therapeutic, cultural, and social activities.

### **Healthcare Profession Supporters**

American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter (represents Delaware, D.C., Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia)

Represents approximately **800 music therapists** in advancing public awareness of the benefits of music therapy, increasing access to quality music therapy services, and providing support to its members.

National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter

A leading voice for **over 5,700 social workers** in Pennsylvania dedicated to the development of statewide social service policy and social service advocacy advancing the quality of services provided to client populations.

Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Pittsburgh, PA

The national professional, scientific, and credentialing association **for more than 173,000 speech therapists**, who identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems, including swallowing disorders.

The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Greater Philadelphia Chapter

**Over 5,600 professional nurses** who come together to form a community singularly devoted to advancing and promoting rehabilitation nursing in a variety of practice settings, including nursing schools, acute care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation units/hospitals, long term care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies.