

The statewide provider list developed by OCDEL is being shared with you in advance of your child's evaluation and determination of eligibility. This is being done so you are prepared to make a decision about your choice of provider should your child be determined eligible for early intervention (EI) services.

The following list compiled by CMSU EI with summaries written by the CMSU contracted providers offers additional details about CMSU currently contracted providers who appear on the statewide provider list.

Please note that you are choosing the provider of service not necessarily the individual person delivering the service. While we do have independent providers, we also have several agencies that provide services. Agencies reserve the right to designate individual staff AFTER the agency has been chosen to deliver the particular service.

Special Instruction

Jill Oswald: Jill has worked as a skilled Early Intervention Teacher with 19 years of experience. She provides teaching strategies with everyday family routines in order to maximize a child's ability to communicate, learn, move, and develop his/her hand skills. She has an Elementary Teaching degree and is Early Childhood qualified. She is a mother of two grown children and continues to love the work she does with children and families. She has had the opportunity to travel to other nations in which she has worked with children, brought in supplies for teachers, and items that children would like to play with. Jill cares about the families she serves and knows that as a team we can together make a difference. **Area to serve: Union/Snyder counties and limited availability in Danville area.** For additional information on this provider, contact Jill at 570-898-6261 or email: jill.oswald525@gmail.com.

Danville Child Development Center: Danville Child Development Center has been serving children in the early intervention community since March 1974. We currently provide Special Instruction, Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy services to children birth through three years. Our staff strive to provide quality services in the child's natural environment while coaching families in the best way to support their children's growth and development. DCDC utilizes a team approach to provide the highest quality of care and treatment to your child. Collaboration ensures that we are meeting the needs of the whole child – we do not focus solely on our area of specialty. With over 30 years of providing early intervention therapies in this manner, DCDC's team makes the most of our time with you and your child. Our **Special Instructor:** Kellie Kline attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. After graduation, she began her journey working with children. She has 8 years of experience providing educational and developmental services to children and their families, within various settings. Kellie is passionate about early childhood education and child development and strives to share her expertise and knowledge with those around her. Her goals with families are to maintain open communication, advocate for resources, and provide support for needs. Kellie finds it very gratifying to work as a team and empower families to meet the needs of their children. Kellie also has two children of her own and utilizes her personal experiences to promote high quality relationships and services with others. Kellie looks forward to partnering with your family and collaborating on strategies

to support your child's needs. **Area to serve: Not accepting SI referrals at this time.** For additional information on this provider, contact her supervisor, Kellie Kline, at 570-275-4047 or email kkline@danvillecdc.org. You can also visit www.danvillecdc.org.

Beth Scheesley: Beth is a graduate from Susquehanna University with a degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She has over 20 years of experience working with children birth to twelve years in various programs. Nineteen of those years have been working with infants, toddlers, and their parents. Beth is also a parent and has a 12-year-old boy, 6-year-old girl, and 1-year-old boy. She has personal experience in working with children with complex medical needs, as her one-year-old was born with various diagnoses (Cleft lip and Palate, Dandy Walker Syndrome, hydrocephalus with vp shunt, Pierre Robin Syndrome, G tube, Craniofacial Abnormalities, and Growth Hormone Deficiency). She knows what it is like to be a parent of a child that has had many hospital stays (including NICU), surgeries, and frequent doctor's appointments with various specialists. She believes children learn best through hands on activities in their natural environment. The parent plays the biggest role in their child's lives. Beth is certified to work with children and families who use English as their second language. She is continually looking for trainings and classes to further her knowledge and keep up to date with issues in Early Childhood. Currently, she is a Licensed Baby Signing Time Instructor and is taking sign language classes to become more knowledgeable and fluent with signs. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Beth at [330-771-1116](tel:330-771-1116) or bscheesley2004@gmail.com.

Pam Fisher: Pam has eighteen years of experience working with children ages birth to twelve. Twelve of those years have been working with infants, toddlers and their families. She is a graduate of Mansfield University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood. She is knowledgeable in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Pam lives in Mifflinburg with her husband and they have two grown children. She believes helping children at the earliest signs of educational or developmental difficulty is the key to prevent further delay as the child progresses. Pam works with families as a team to provide developmental and educational experiences for children to improve sensory and physical ability, cognitive development, and emotional stability. Pam has a passion for working with young children and their families and shares her knowledge of local resources. She also collaborates with team members to obtain additional information on specific developmental concerns. **Area to Serve: Union and Snyder counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Pam at 570-765-5285 or email: eipamfisher@gmail.com.

Crystie Fritz: Crystie will help you to help your baby or toddler when it seems like nothing is working. You likely already have tried everything you can think of, and it's frustrating when you aren't seeing progress. Crystie is good at pinpointing exactly where to focus to make the greatest impact. If your child isn't responding when you speak, isn't following directions, has a short attention span, or isn't talking, Crystie will be able to help you get started. Visits are playful, and your little one will be excited and have fun because they will be doing activities that they really enjoy. Crystie knows that "life happens" sometimes and is easygoing and flexible with family needs with scheduling. She has three teenage children and understands how the toddler years can be both exciting and draining all at the same time. Crystie knows what is available in the local area and can help you to connect with resources such as childcare, another parent, a specialist, or a playgroup. Crystie has a Master's degree in special education and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a minor degree in Spanish, baby sign language knowledge, and 17 years of experience directly in early intervention. She is currently enrolled in a course related to sensory processing and regulation and has recently completed two phases of Pennsylvania's coaching initiative. Crystie's educational background and experience has prepared her to help young children learn to talk using the principles of verbal behavior. In addition to serving children with developmental delays and other diagnoses, Crystie specializes in helping children with suspected or diagnosed Autism. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, and some portions of Union county.** For additional information on this provider, contact Crystie at 570-428-2207 or eiwithcrystie@gmail.com.

North Central Sight Services, Inc.: Heather Engle is a graduate of Lock Haven University with a degree in Special Education/Early Childhood, Heather has worked with children of various abilities for more than 25 years in the following roles: preschool teacher, summer program director, prevention of blindness specialist, and low vision client support specialist. Heather has a positive and creative approach to assist families achieve their goals through the Early Intervention Process. With a comprehensive understanding of child development, Heather appreciates that some families face more challenging barrier than others. A wife and mother of two children, Heather also has eight nieces and nephews! She easily relates to parents and families working through IEP's and team meetings as she did the same with her daughter, Maddy. Heather believes very strongly that regardless of varying abilities and barriers, everyone is capable of wonderful and amazing things when encouraged and supported. **Noah Mantione** received his bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Bloomsburg University. He has worked in a variety of settings, meeting the emotional, developmental, and educational needs of children. He has held teaching positions in both the Danville Area School District and Bloomsburg School District as an Emotional Support teacher. Recently, he has found his passion for youth development outside of the school system working both as a Family Based Mental Health Clinician and as a School Age Childcare Director for the YMCA. In 2021, Noah received the National Afterschool Association's Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders award. He values evidence-based practices and believes working with the whole family system promotes lifetime success in children. Noah lives with his wife, Steph, and their two cats Alyce and Maggie. In his free time, he enjoys general home maintenance, building computers, and a little bit of light reading. **Catherine Templeton** has a vast experience with early childhood and elementary education. Her experience includes working with children with autism, behavioral disturbances, emotional support, kindergarten readiness, and working in the natural home environment with families. In addition to her Elementary/Early Childhood Education background, she is pursuing higher education in working with children with exceptionalities. In her free time, she volunteers as a Girl Scout Troop Leader. **Michele Jenkins** has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University. After graduating, she worked with many age groups, but felt drawn to early childhood. After many years working at a childcare as a teacher and administrator, she decided to add her early childhood certification. She gained a wealth of experience working with families to provide the best care for their children during her over 20 years at a local childcare but missed being able to work more closely with the children and families to help meet their needs. Thus, she decided to join North Central Sight Services as an Early Intervention Instructor. The home environment and being able to work one on one with the children and families allows her to make the strong connections needed to help children reach their goals. It allows her to truly look at the family as a whole, and build on their strengths for them to best meet their children's needs. **Areas to serve: Columbia and Montour Counties.** For additional information on these providers, contact Noah at 570-979-6938 or email noahm@ncsight.org.

Krista Newcomer: Krista is a graduate from Bloomsburg University with a degree in education. She has over 20 years of experience working with young children and 16 years working with infants and toddlers in their homes. She is the mother of a 13 and a 6-year-old. She supports parents in their everyday routines with their children to develop the skills they need to communicate, play, and learn. Krista is skilled in working with children with language and physical delays as well as a strong understanding in social & emotional development. She knows basic sign language and uses those skills to support language acquisition. She is experienced in child evaluation and assessment. Krista has a strong understanding of child development and how to help families build these skills during everyday routines. She believes the family is the most important teacher and knows their child best. She uses that belief to create a family centered approach around the parent's wants and needs for their child. **Area to Serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, or Union Counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Krista at 570-850-4763 or email klnewcomer81@gmail.com.

Move and Grow: Kristin Barr resides in Lewisburg. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University and a Master's in Education from Wilkes University. Kristin has worked in early childhood education for 17 years. She is a former Kindergarten teacher and enjoys working with families to help all children reach their goals. Her continuing education includes studying brain development and play-based learning (birth-5). She also knows basic baby sign language to aid in your child's communication skills. Kristin is a board member and volunteer at the Lewisburg Children's museum. She values family and community involvement in the early intervention setting. **Area to Serve: Union and Snyder Counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Kristin at 570-594-1883 or email kristinbarr09@gmail.com.

Special Instruction – hearing

CURRENTLY NOT ACCEPTING. CSIU: CSIU employs a variety of teachers of the hearing impaired. These teachers work across the 0-5 early intervention programs as well as school age. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Nikolle at nbastian@csiu.org.

Western School for the Deaf/ Choices for Children: The Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children operates the Choices for Children Early Intervention program to serve the needs of newly identified children with a hearing loss across Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania. Our skilled staff assists parents and caregivers in obtaining information related to hearing loss, language development, communication and amplification options. The program also connects families with resources and services throughout the state. **Mary Ann Stefko**, the teacher of the Deaf, has over 30 years of experience in Deaf Education. Over the course of her career, Mary Ann has been a classroom teacher, school based therapist, certified interpreter and mainstream coordinator. Her passion is working with young children and their families and watching them grow and learn together! **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information about the Choices for Children program, contact Mary Ann Stefko at mstefko@thescrantonschool.org.

Special Instruction – vision

CURRENTLY NOT ACCEPTING. CSIU: CSIU employs a variety of teachers of the visually impaired and an orientation and mobility specialist (works specifically with children who are blind). These teachers work across the 0-5 early intervention programs as well as school age. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Nikolle at nbastian@csiu.org.

Speech Therapy (all have Master of Science in Speech Pathology along with Certificate of Clinical Competency)

Christine Puccio: I graduated from Kean College in New Jersey with a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology. I have been practicing for almost 20 years with 15 years working in Early Intervention. I have treated children with articulation difficulties, receptive and expressive language delays, fluency disorders and feeding disorders. I have worked with children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cerebral Palsy and a variety of syndromes. I truly

enjoy assisting families in helping their children become better communicators. I am very thankful to be given the opportunity to be part of this family as we discover together how to make the child a better, more effective communicator. There are times when alternate means of communication can bridge the gap by using basic signs, pictures or assistive technology such as an iPad. My main working hours are Monday through Friday. I am not able to do appointments on the weekends or after 5pm. **Area to serve: Lewisburg, Selinsgrove, Turbotville, Wilburton, Danville areas; may serve additional areas.** For additional information on this provider, contact Christine at 570-490-3332 or christinespeech@gmail.com.

Heidi Mintzer: I enjoy working with families to develop, enhance, and support their child's speech needs. I have worked for 21 years as a speech pathologist with children. I have worked with children with multiple disabilities, language delay, and autism. I have in depth knowledge of phonemic awareness skills and language precursors for kindergarten/reading readiness. I am fluent with alternative means of communication (PECS, sign language vocabulary, Go Talk Now). I am an avid user of technology, (PECS, apps) and am comfortable with feeding skills/needs. I have a Master of Science in Education, Master of Science in Speech Pathology, PA certification for school age speech pathology, and PA certification as a Reading Specialist. I also have previous experience being a coach for Verbal Behavior and have extensive experience with ABA/behavior. **Area to serve Bloomsburg, Berwick, and Buckhorn areas.** For more information contact Heidi Mintzer at 570-317-4792 or clintheidi@yahoo.com.

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an energetic problem solver, who works hard to make sure that her visits are something that the whole family looks forward to. **Blair-Anne Klinger, “Annie”**, is an energetic, passionate, caring, and supportive Speech-Language Pathologist. In May 2020, Annie completed her Master’s Degree at Bloomsburg University. During 2021, Annie completed her Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) at a private school in Maryland working with students ranging from Kindergarten -12th grade who were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disabilities. Annie has a strong passion for working with children who have Autism and has experience working in various settings (schools, clinics, and long-term care facilities) providing services to clients ranging from early intervention to geriatric. She places strong emphasis on collaboration with other professionals to develop individual treatment plans, and discuss goals, to assist in maximizing progress towards therapy goals. Additionally, Annie is focused on incorporating families/caregivers within sessions, to maximize functional outcomes, by coaching and explaining/modeling strategies to family/caregivers. Annie is committed on creating a location where the parents feel valued, and the child feels comfortable, to generate, and facilitate a language rich environment. Annie’s goal is to support the family/child by teaching/incorporating families in sessions, advocating for the family/child, and sharing resources to help the child reach their fullest potential and highest level of independence. **Area to serve: DCDC staff will work in Columbia and Montour counties; if Union and Snyder family is interested, SC needs to call first for availability.** For additional information on these providers, contact their supervisor, Kellie Kline, at 570-275-4047 or email kkline@danvillecdc.org. You can also visit www.danvillecdc.org.

Justine Ammon: Justine Ammon is a certified and licensed Speech Language Pathologist who is passionate about helping children interact and communicate with the world around them. She received her Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Pennsylvania State University and Master of Arts from the University of Pittsburgh in Speech and Language Pathology. Since 2012, she has focused her career on helping others to find their voice. She is passionate about the development of communication and interaction in the Birth-to-Three population, especially when addressed through a play-based approach to treatment. She is trained in DIR, which is a developmental, individual differences, & relationship-based model that follows the lead of the child’s emotions and interests, which is essential to learning and developing relationships. This model promotes natural engagement and relationships within the child’s family and immediate environment. She has extensive experience with a wide range of disorders and severities, including a specialty focus with moderate-profound multiple disabilities. She specializes in the evaluation, use, and training of alternative forms of communication to support a child’s communication development. She addresses each child’s need for communication development by accessing a range of alternative communication strategies, including: Sign language, picture exchange systems, buttons/switches, iPad software (for example, LAMP Words for Life, Proloquo2Go, Touch Chat) and high-tech devices (for example, PRC and Tobii Dynavox). She uses multiple alternative communication strategies throughout the span of treatment to ensure that all possibilities for speech and language development are addressed. She is trained in the PROMPT protocol to treat Apraxia of Speech and oral motor planning concerns when children are difficult to be understood or find speaking frustrating. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information, contact Justine at 570-490-5292 or Justine.a.ammon@gmail.com

LG Intervention Specialists, Inc.: LG Intervention Specialists, Inc. has been an Early Intervention agency since 2004. We also have contracts in Luzerne/Wyoming counties and Schuylkill County. The agency, overall, employs varied licensed therapists in all areas of child development. Our office is located in Drums, PA and our phone contact is 570-788-8320. Our mission is to empower families utilizing the Early Intervention philosophy. **Laurene Gabriel (Speech Pathologist):** Laurene is the owner of LG Intervention Specialists, Inc. and is a working speech-language pathologist. She, personally, has been working in Early Intervention since 2002. Prior to that, she was an outpatient pediatric therapist at Geisinger Medical Center and John Heinz

Rehab Institute. Her specialty is speech and language with infants and toddlers with various developmental delays; cognitive and language therapy with all ages; and she also specializes in swallowing dysfunction working with adults in an acute hospital setting. Laurene's family is from and still lives in the area. She can be contacted by calling the agency directly. **Area to serve: Currently not accepting.** For additional information on this provider, contact Laurene Gabriel, at 570-578-6414 or gabel230@epix.net.

Laureen Purdy: Laureen has been in the field of speech-language therapy for 15 years. She graduated with her master's degree in 2002 from Bloomsburg University. Her experiences include providing speech and language therapy in homes and daycares/preschools through an intermediate unit Preschool Program, providing school-based therapy in a local school district, particularly grades 3rd-5th, and providing therapy in a private clinic setting to children ages 1 through 21. She has always loved working in the realm of early intervention and her prior focus at Kidswork Therapy Center has been primarily with children ages 1 through 5. She has participated in extensive trainings that focus on play-based therapy strategies, as well as trainings in motor-planning based therapeutic techniques. Laureen has worked with all types of different diagnoses and levels of severity. She strongly feels that including parents and siblings into the therapy process is crucial for progress in all goal areas. She encourages parents/caregivers to participate in sessions and maximizes opportunities to teach techniques and suggest carryover activities. She feels that you are the most important person in your child's life, therefore; it is essential for you to be one of their "therapists". She also practices with a strong play-based approach, since children learn best through play, especially at this age. Her goal is to keep it fun, positive, and motivating for the child, while teaching and practicing target speech and language skills. Laureen believes it is important to look at and treat the "whole" child and believes it is necessary to work closely, as a team, with other professionals involved in your child's life. Personally, Laureen is married and has two boys who teach and inspire her every day. She loves every second of being their mommy. They have taught her so much, both personally and professionally. Laureen hopes that you will allow her to become a part of your child's life. She will do her best to ensure that your child, as well as your whole family, has a positive therapy experience, one that will last a lifetime. **Area to serve: Union and Snyder counties.** If you have any questions, Laureen can be reached at 570-898-1868 or laureenpurdy@gmail.com.

Stepping Stones: Anne Marie Thompson: Stepping Stones Speech-Language Pathologist has been working with toddlers and school aged children for over 26 years. She is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and is a three-time recipient of their Award for Continuing Education. She has special training in a method of teaching caregivers how to encourage language development in young children and has lectured in Schuylkill County on "tempting your toddler to talk." She has expertise in working with children with a wide range of speech and language needs, including those who have been diagnosed with autism, global developmental delay or those who understand language but are not able to talk. She is experienced in working with children using augmentative communication methods, and in working with children with tracheotomies. **Area to serve: Not accepting SLP referrals at this time.** For further information, please call Anne Marie at 570-366-3722. If Anne Marie is unable to be reached, please contact her supervisor, Karen Stonesifer, at 570-640-4945.

Move and Grow: Amy Rees: Amy is a 1995 graduate of Syracuse University with a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology. She has over 13 years of pediatric speech therapy experience, 8 in Early Intervention in the Syracuse area. Since then she has worked for Geisinger Pediatric Rehabilitation and Kidswork Therapy Center. Although she loved working with older children, her heart is with the birth-to-three population. She loves working with families to empower parents and caregivers and give them strategies to help their child communicate. She has experience with a wide range of difficulties including language delay, articulation, apraxia, autism, and various syndromes. She was on the feeding team at Geisinger and has attended numerous feeding/swallowing conferences. She uses a play-based approach and believes that children learn best when they are having fun. She will work to create a strong bond of trust with the children with whom she works. She also believes parents are the expert on their children and will respect any preferences they have for their children. She encourages and will answer any questions parents may have about therapy or a particular diagnosis. Amy is also passionate about and has personal experience with foster care and adoption. She would like to support families going through this any way she can. Her husband is a

teacher and the Assistant Principal at Northumberland Christian School and they have four school-age children. **Areas to serve: Lewisburg, Selinsgrove, and Danville areas.** For further information, please contact Amy at amyrees@gmail.com.

Occupational Therapy

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positioning, feeding, and dressing through play-based and family-centered approaches. She utilizes these approaches to advocate for the child and their family and to meet all needs within their daily routines. She is so excited to work with Danville Child Development Center to pursue her passion for working with kiddos and to see them progress while providing fun, creative, and play-based occupational therapy services. **Area to serve: DCDC staff will work in Columbia and Montour counties; if Union and Snyder family is interested, SC needs to call first for availability.** For additional information on these providers, contact their supervisor, Kellie Kline, at 570-275-4047 or email kkline@danvillecdc.org. You can also visit www.danvillecdc.org.

North Central Sight Services, Inc.: Nathan Varner received his Master of Occupational Therapy from Saint Francis University. He has worked in several Long-Term Care facilities and has been the director of numerous Rehabilitation Centers. Nathan works with many North Central Sight Services clients who are blind or have low-vision to assist them in efficiently navigating everyday life and maintaining independence. He has significant experience working with children of all ages and is trained in providing developmental evaluations for young children. Nathan has two small children and values the importance of family-centered services and strives to successfully coach families through the Early Intervention process. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Nathan at 814-248-1190 or nathanv@ncsight.org. **Madalyn (Maddy) Eiswerth** graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology with an associate degree in Occupational Therapy Assisting and a bachelor's degree in Applied Health Studies with a minor in psychology. Madalyn has worked with children of various ages and abilities for the past 5 years. Madalyn has a passion for working with children and has great knowledge of their development. She understands the importance of communication and flexibility. Madalyn enjoys spending time with her husband and their dog. She also enjoys being outdoors and spending time with family. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact Maddy at 570-979-6227 or madalyne@ncsight.org.

Stepping Stones: Karen Stonesifer: Karen has a B.S. in occupational therapy from the University of Florida and a M.S. in education of allied health professionals from Boston University. In addition, she has a post graduate certificate in Infant Mental Health from Chatham University. She has provided early intervention occupational therapy for 21 years. Her expertise is in sensory processing disorders (tactile, proprioceptive, vestibular, auditory hypersensitivity), sleeping and eating problems, behavioral problems related to sensory issues (short attention span, aggression toward others, withdrawn and shutdown behaviors), motor planning (dyspraxia), balance issues and neurodevelopmental treatment of cerebral palsy." Stepping Stones occupational therapists work under Karen's direct supervision and are listed here: **Alicia Lahr, M.S., OTR/L**, has worked in early intervention for 17 years in a combination of birth to three and 3-5 with the Schuylkill County Intermediate Unit. Her birth to 3 working experience is 11 years. **Johni Kreider, M.S., OTR/L**, has varied experience in working with neurologically involved adults and children. She has 5 years' experience in adult home health, 2 years in school districts in Virginia and Arizona, 1½ years' experience in treating children aged 18 months to 18 years in a clinic setting. She has been working in early intervention, birth to three years, for two years. **Sarah Lydic, MOT, OTR/L**, has her master's degree in occupational therapy from Chatham University in Pittsburgh and has worked as a therapist for 10 years. During the last 8 years, she has worked with little ones in the NICU and PICU at the Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital as well as serving on the feeding team with a speech therapist and a nutritionist. She currently is the supervising occupational therapist at Mid Penn School District and oversees the care of more than 110 students grades K to 12. Sarah's heart is working with the very little ones, aged birth to three, in early intervention and she is excited to see them and their families after the school day or on Saturdays, depending upon everyone's schedules and what works best for each family. Sarah sees children in Snyder County. **Krista Daldo, COTA**, has 23 years' experience working with children in early intervention, clinic practice and in the school system in Lewisburg. She is a hands on therapist who loves working with children with

motor issues and sensory integration challenges. She is experienced in treating children who are on the Autism spectrum and those with gross and fine motor delays. **Kristan Schell, COTA/L**, interned with Stepping Stones in early intervention at the end of her degree work at Pennsylvania School of Technology and we were very excited to hire her to be a part of our staff after she received her Occupational Therapy Assistance license. Kristan is a friendly and warm person, who young children learn to trust quickly and also someone who relates well to the stresses and challenges facing families in this changing time. Kristian works under the supervision of one of our Registered Occupational Therapists and will see children in Union and Montour Counties. **Jessica Gamble, COTA/L**, has worked as an occupational therapy assistant for Stepping Stones for the last 10 years in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties and has recently begun accepting children in Columbia County also. She is an energetic therapist who quickly develops rapport with young children and their parents and has specialized skills in helping children who struggle with self-regulation and over activity. Jessica tries very hard to be available to meet the best times for each family in order to have therapy sessions, but due to her own family, is unable to see children after 5:00 pm or on the weekends. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Union, and Snyder counties.** For further information, please contact the therapists' supervisor, Karen Stonesifer, M.S., OTR/L, at 570-640-4945.

UPMC Pediatric Rehab Services: The staff at Pediatric Rehab Services has been providing a variety of services to children, ages birth – 21, for many years. The history of the agency dates back to 1923. Presently, they provide occupational and physical therapy services to CMSU. **Jolene Retallack, OTR:** Jolene graduated from Misericordia University in 2002, after completing fieldwork in the school system and inpatient rehab hospital. Her pediatric experience includes providing EI treatment for Berks County as well as an evaluator for Schuylkill County. She also has several years of school-based experience in the Blue Mountain school district and Shamokin school district. Jolene went on to get her master's in business administration and started management positions in nursing homes and hospitals. While in her management positions, she always remained active with school-based therapy by contracting with PA cyber-school. In addition, Jolene has the unique perspective of being a parent of a child that receives EI services. **Area to serve: Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties.** For additional information on these providers, contact their supervisor, Denise Lorson, at 570-321-6760 or lorsondm@upmc.edu.

Physical Therapy

Move and Grow Physical Therapy: Amber Swartzlander, DPT: Amber lives in Mifflinburg with her husband, daughter, and golden retriever. She graduated from Arcadia University located in Glenside, PA with a Bachelor of Art in Biology. She graduated from Shenandoah University, located in Winchester, VA, with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy. While a student at Shenandoah University, she spent a week on a mission trip in Nicaragua. She has experience with NDT therapy and has worked with the adult population in an inpatient rehabilitation setting, which included, treating patients who suffered brain injuries, strokes, and other various, neurological disorders. She has experience working in both an outpatient pediatric clinic and in the school based system. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, going for walks, going to the beach and lake, and hanging out with friends and family. She loves the summer and fall seasons but hates the cold that the winter brings. **Danielle Grozier, DPT:** Danielle holds a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy and has worked in Early Intervention programs in Colorado and Pennsylvania. She has conversational Spanish language skills and is happy to work with bilingual families in their native language as much as possible. Danielle has worked in a NICU, a preschool for visually-impaired children, as well as with a home care agency serving children birth through twenty-one years of age. She has experience treating children with a wide variety of diagnoses and

delays, and particularly loves working with young children. She has a passion for finding easy and creative ways to adapt natural environments to create opportunities for success for all children and enjoys using outings to parks, libraries, etc., to help build upon their desire to move and engage with the world around them. Outside of work, she loves spending time outdoors and traveling with her husband, four kids, and extended family. **Jamie Swan, PTA:** Jamie is from Mt. Pleasant Mills. She earned an associate's degree in physical therapy from Central Pennsylvania College in Summerdale, PA. Over the years, she has worked in skilled nursing, home health, and early intervention. She feels that being a mother to a young, special needs child herself has really given her the tools needed to not only help children in this field, but to also relate to their parents and understand their needs. In her spare time, Jamie enjoys spending time with her husband and 6 children, being outdoors, and watching her kids sporting events. **Area to serve: Snyder and Union counties as well as select portions of Montour county.** For additional information on these providers, contact Move and Grow's owner/supervisor, Dani Grozier, at 570-441-4831 or moveandgrowpt@gmail.com.

UPMC Pediatric Rehab Services: The staff at Pediatric Rehab Services has been providing a variety of services to children, ages birth – 21, for many years. The history of the agency dates back to 1923. Presently, they provide occupational and physical therapy services to CMSU. The Physical Therapy Department is currently staffed by 5 Physical Therapists, with a combined pediatric experience of over 70 years. Our staff is skilled in providing services to children ages birth - 21 years, and has a working knowledge of providing services for children with a variety of diagnoses, including but not limited to: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Coordination Disorders, Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy, Developmental Delay, Gross Motor Delays, Apraxia, Rare Genetic Disorders and Orthopedic Disorders. **Regina Steckley, DPT:** Gina holds a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Arcadia University. She has worked in Pediatrics for 18 years. She currently works with age birth to three years, but previously worked in schools and outpatient pediatrics as well. Gina truly enjoys working with younger children and their families and will tell you, (working with) “Birth to three is my passion”. She especially likes working directly with families because she believes it is the most effective way to help a child progress and grow. Gina feels she learns as much from working with the children as they learn from her. Gina has worked with children with a large variety of common and rare musculoskeletal and neurological conditions. She has experience with infants and toddlers with complex medical needs, such as, children on ventilators, with trachs, and with colostomies. She enjoys finding innovative ways to help a child with even the most limiting diagnoses become mobile. **Areas to serve: Upper portions of Union, Montour, and Columbia counties.** **Jessica Zielecki:** Jessica has been practicing as a pediatric physical therapist for the past 4 years, working with children birth to 21 years old. She has experience working with various diagnoses in the outpatient, early intervention, and school-aged setting. She has been working with the Early Intervention birth to 3 year population for the past two years and loves being able to work directly with the families to help them meet their needs. **Areas to serve: Bloomsburg, Orangeville, Berwick, Benton, Millville, and areas around those towns.** For additional information on these providers, contact their supervisor, Denise Lorson, at 570-321-6760 or lorsondm@upmc.edu.

Danville Child Development Center: Danville Child Development Center has been serving children in the early intervention community since March 1974. We currently provide Special Instruction, Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy services to children birth through three years. Our staff strive to provide quality services in the child's natural environment while coaching families in the best way to support their children's growth and development. DCDC utilizes a team approach to provide the highest quality of care and treatment to your child. Collaboration ensures that we are meeting the needs of the whole child – we don't focus solely on our area of specialty. With over 30 years of providing early intervention therapies in this manner, DCDC's team makes the most of our time with you and your child. Our **Physical Therapist** has been practicing in the field for over 30 years. **Emily 'Todd' Hopkins** (Physical Therapist, Masters Level & Social Work, Masters Level) specializes in seating, feeding, gross motor movement, equipment use and sensory issues. She has taken advanced level cranial sacral and myofascial release classes as well as excessive neurodevelopmental training. As with all of our staff, Todd has a passion for helping children and families and willingly shares her knowledge of the resources in our area including medical and social

support systems. Her goal is to help families in all developmental areas and get them connected to other services as well as advocate for them. **Area to serve: DCDC staff will work in Columbia and Montour counties; if Union and Snyder family is interested, SC needs to call first for availability.** For additional information on this provider, contact her supervisor, Kellie Kline, at 570-275-4047 or email kkline@danvillecdc.org. You can also visit www.danvillecdc.org.

LG Intervention Specialists, Inc.: LG Intervention Specialists, Inc. has been an Early Intervention agency since 2004. We also have contracts in Luzerne/Wyoming county and Schuylkill County. The agency, overall, employs varied licensed therapists in all areas of child development. Our office is located in Drums, PA and our phone contact is 570-788-8320. Our mission is to empower families utilizing the Early Intervention philosophy. **Michelle Dennison (Physical Therapist):** Michelle has been with LG Intervention Specialists, Inc. since 2010. She works with infants, toddlers, and school age children; and she also does extra work in Home Health. Michelle has her doctorate in physical therapy and focuses on gross and fine motor development and sensory integration. She is currently working towards her certification in pediatrics through a program at Misericordia University. Michelle and her husband live in the area and have 2 young children of their own. **Area to serve: Columbia and Montour counties.** For additional information on this provider, contact her supervisor/owner of LG Intervention Specialists, Inc., Laurene Gabriel, at 570-578-6414 or gabe1230@epix.net. She can be contacted either through the agency's number or her cell number 570-317-5560.