

## **New: Potential Funding Sources for Camp PALS 2010**

This is our updated funding sources document for 2010. This document was created using information supplied by the families of current and former Camp PALS campers. While a lot of the sources listed below are specific for individuals residing in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, most counties and states have their own disabilities services offices that offer grants or other monies for summer programs. We recommend contacting your county or state to find out what programs are available for you. As always, we are more than happy to assist you in this process. Also, if you know of any other programs that provide funding for Camps, please let us know. We want this document to be as helpful as possible and will eagerly add sources to it.

### *For All Campers:*

You should check to see if the ARC in your community offers funding for Family Driven/ Family Support programs. To see if it does, go to <http://www.thearc.org/chaptersearch/> and enter your state or zip code.

Every parent of a child with a documented disability is eligible to receive “rolling access” funding in an amount of up to \$2000 per year to help pay for respite care, camps, programs, therapy, equipment, etc. Each local ARC can provide a parent with the names of agencies that can award these funds. Parents should then contact each agency and find out how to apply for funding and what types of supports the funding will cover (i.e. how the money can be used).

One parent creatively put Camp PALS funding into their Extended School Year (ESY) program at their school district. This might be an attractive option, depending on the specific options available at your school. In any document that you provide to your school district, you may want to include the following descriptive terms:

- gaining independence in a safe, secure environment
- typical summer experience
- least restrictive environment (LRE)
- social skills training/ socialization
- highly inclusive
- peer mentoring

### *For Campers residing in Pennsylvania:*

You should contact your county’s MH/MR liaison. Here is a short list of these contacts, but more can be found at <http://www.theadvocacyalliance.org/pages/administrators.shtml>. You should ask them about Family Driven Support Services (FDSS) Funding.

**Stephen Arnone**

Lackawanna-Susquehanna Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program  
135 Jefferson Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503  
(570) 346-5741

**Kathleen M. Kelly**

Northampton County  
Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Drug & Alcohol Division  
520 East Broad Street, 2nd Floor  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
(610) 974-7500

**Daniel McGrory**

Schuylkill County  
Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program  
420 North Centre Street  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
(570) 628-1180

**Edward Michalik**

Berks County  
Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program  
633 Court Street  
Department 504  
Reading, PA 19601  
(610) 236-0530

**M. Elizabeth Moisi**

Lehigh County  
Mental Health/Mental Retardation  
and Drug & Alcohol Program  
Lehigh Government Center  
17 South Seventh Street  
Allentown, PA 18101  
(610) 782-3500

**Sheila Theodorou**

Carbon-Monroe-Pike Counties  
Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program  
724 Phillips Street, Suite 202  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-2224  
(570) 420-1900

A supplementary list can be found at  
<http://pacassp.psych.psu.edu/docs/casspcoordinatorslist.pdf>. Whichever office you

contact, be sure to explain to them that Camp PALS is a not-for-profit organization registered in the state of Pennsylvania. If they need the tax ID number, it is 35-2334489, and Camp PALS is a registered 501(c)3.

The Lenape Valley Foundation supports individuals with disabilities who reside in Bucks County. For additional information, please see: <http://www.lenapevf.org/>. The Penn Foundation has offered support to prior Camp PALS campers: <http://www.pennfoundation.org/>.

*For Campers residing in New Jersey:*

Parents should contact the Department of Human Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities. You should make sure to ask for Family Support Services through the Family Support Act of 1993, which provides funding for advocate- and parent-selected programming. Please call or email the office nearest to you.

### **NORTHERN REGION**

1-B Laurel Drive Flanders, NJ 07836 Phone: (973)927-2600 (Counties Served: Morris, Sussex & Warren)	100 Hamilton Plaza, 7th Floor Paterson, NJ 07505 Phone: (973)977-4004 (Counties Served: Bergen, Hudson and Passaic)
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### **UPPER CENTRAL REGION**

59 Main Street West Orange, NJ 07052 Phone: (973)324-2000 (Counties Served: Somerset & Union)	153 Halsey St., 2 nd Floor P.O. Box 47013, Newark, NJ 07101 Phone: (973)693-5080 (County Served: Essex)
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### **LOWER CENTRAL REGION**

P.O. Box 706, 32 East Hanover St. Trenton, NJ 08625-0706 Phone: (609)292-4500 (Counties Served: Hunterdon, Mercer & Middlesex)	Juniper Plaza, Suite 1-J 3499 Route 9 North Freehold, NJ 07728 Phone: (732)863-4500 (Counties Served: Ocean & Monmouth)
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### **SOUTHERN REGION**

2 Echelon Plaza 221 Laurel Rd, .Suite 210 Voorhees, NJ 08043	40 N. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037
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Phone: (856)770-5900

(Counties Served: Burlington & Camden)

Phone: (609)561-5070

(Counties Served: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester & Salem)

The Division of Developmental Disabilities offers a “campership” of up to \$1000 per individual per year. Please feel free to contact Sarah Logan, parent of a former Camp PALS counselor for additional information. Sarah can be reached at [slogan@arcofmammouth.org](mailto:slogan@arcofmammouth.org).

The Arc of Warren County has funded residents’ week at Camp PALS: <http://www.arcwarren.org/>.

### *Maryland*

First, it is recommended that you check out the following web site operated by Family Networks: <http://www.family-networks.org/respice.cfm>. This site provides links and contact information for respite options.

In southern Maryland, the ARC of Southern Maryland has been known to provide assistance: <http://www.arcsomd.org/>.

In Howard County the Office of Family Support Services of the Howard County Department of Education offers “Give Me a Break” money, which can be applied to camps. Information on this can be received at 410-313-7161.

Down Syndrome support group in Montgomery County (DSNMC) has awarded “camperships” in the past to members of DSNMC. Here is a link to the web site for specifics for the scholarships: <http://www.dsnmc.org/resources/camperships.php>.

In Calvert County, you can contact the Developmental Disabilities Calvert County Health Department at 410-414-9367.

### *Other*

In Virginia, the Down Syndrome Organization of Greater Richmond has provided full funding for campers in past years. Please visit <http://www.dsagr.com/education.html> for more information.

In New Hampshire, the Disability Rights Center provides funding to residents. Please see <http://www.drcnh.org/areaagencies.htm> for additional information.

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If you need any help finding these sources, you can contact a local advocacy group in your area. These groups are (usually) well-organized, helpful, and clear. To obtain

contact information for these groups, please follow this link and click on your state:  
[http://www.ndss.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=92&Itemid=113](http://www.ndss.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&Itemid=113).

Parents of past and current campers have volunteered to assist parents of current applications in securing funding for Camp PALS. If you would like to be put in-contact with a parent who successfully found funding in the past, please contact us.

Finally, you should also be aware that we are fully committed to giving every individual an equal opportunity to apply to Camp, irrespective of his or her ability to pay. Camp PALS offers its own full and partial scholarships, and we admit applicants through a need-blind process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Abby Kolker, Jenni Newbury, Josh Stein, and Jason Toff  
*Camp PALS 2010 Directors*