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New Jersey Resources



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Dear NJ Constituents:

We are pleased to provide you with **New Jersey Resources**. This comprehensive directory details programs and services the Department of Human Services offers to New Jersey residents, caregivers, and advocates.

In this guide, families can find information on available food, income or employment assistance programs; caregivers can find information on support programs and services to assist them in caring for their loved ones; and individuals with disabilities can find information on various services including in-home supports, vocational rehabilitation, personal care assistance and education.

While eligibility guidelines included in this print edition reflect 2022 standards, the online version is continually updated to reflect the most current information in English, Spanish, and audio through the Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services (DDS) at: nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/

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Sincerely,

Sarah Adelman
Commissioner

Hotlines

Disability-Related Information and Referral

NJ Division of Disability Services (DDS)
1-888-285-3036
For assistance navigating statewide disability-related supports and services

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
1-877-222-3737
For assistance navigating statewide caregiver and other services available for older NJ residents

NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
1-800-832-9173
For accessing services for adults (ages 21and older) with intellectual/ developmental disabilities

PerformCare
1-877-652-7624
For accessing services for children and adolescents (up to age 21) with behavioral health, mental health, or substance use challenges, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities

NJ Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1-800-792-8339

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1-877-685-8878

General Information and Referral

NJ 2-1-1 provides a 24/7 call center to connect with services available in your local community.

Dial 2-1-1 OR text your zip code to 898-211 or visit their website at: **www.nj211.org**

Veterans

Veterans Benefit Hotline
1-888-865-8387

NJ Veterans Counseling Hotline
1-866-838-7654

National Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255 (for Veteran's Crisis Line, press 1)

Insurance/Medical Assistance Hotlines

NJ FamilyCare
1-800-701-0710

NJ FamilyCare Fraud and Abuse Hotline
1-888-937-2835

NJ Medicare Information Line (State Health Insurance Assistance program, SHIP)
1-800-792-8820

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)/ Senior Gold/Lifeline Utility Program
1-800-792-9745

Medicare
1-800-633-4227



Mental Health/Addictions Hotlines

NJ Hopeline (suicide prevention)
1-855-654-6735

NJ Disaster Mental Health Helpline
1-877-294-4357

NJ Mental Health Cares
1-866-202-4357

Addictions Access Center
1-844-276-2777

NJ Addictions Hotline
1-800-238-2333

NJ Connect for Recovery
1-855-652-3737

NJ Quitline
1-866-657-8677

Peer Recovery Warmline
1-877-292-5588

ReachNJ (Addictions Helpline)
1-844-732-2465

NJ Council on Compulsive Gambling
1-800-426-2537

Abuse/Neglect/ Exploitation

In immediate danger, call 911

Child Abuse and Neglect
1-877-652-2873

Health Care Facility Complaints
1-800-792-9770

Long Term Care Ombudsman
1-877-582-6995

Adult Protective Services
1-800-792-8820

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Funded Living Arrangements
1-800-832-9173

Domestic Violence
1-800-572-7233

NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault
1-800-601-7200

Women's Referral Central Hotline
1-800-322-8092

Childcare Related

New Jersey Child Care Helpline
1-800-332-9227

Child support
1-877-655-4371

SAFE HAVEN
1-877-839-2339

Other

Home Energy Assistance Hotline
1-800-510-3102

New Jersey Poison Control
1-800-222-1222





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Chapter 1: Income Assistance

Work First New Jersey (WFNJ): Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA)

New Jersey's public assistance program is called Work First New Jersey (WFNJ). The program for families is known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the program for single adults and couples without children, is known as General Assistance (GA). To be eligible for TANF, a family of three can have a gross monthly income of $839. To be eligible for GA, a single adult can have a gross monthly income of $278. WFNJ provides monthly cash assistance, short-term housing support, child care, employment and training services. You can pre-screen or apply online by visiting www.NJHelps.org or in person at your county board of social services. *See Appendix 2.*

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides monthly payments to certain people who have limited income and few resources. The basic monthly SSI payment for 2022 is the same nationwide. It is: $841 for one person; or $1,261 for a an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, but not everyone gets the same amount. Where and with whom you live also makes a difference in the amount of your SSI payment. In New Jersey, SSI recipients also receive NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid).

Eligibility: US residents who are 65 or older & those of any age, including children, who are blind or who have disabilities may be eligible if they also meet income and resource guidelines. **To apply for an adult, please visit: www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits** or call Social Security **to schedule an in-person or telephone appointment 1-800-772-1213**.

Eligibility for children has different rules and is based on parental income. While a portion of the application for children can be completed online, you must schedule an in-person or telephone appointment to submit the full application for children. **For more information about benefits for children, please visit: www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html** or **call 1-800-772-1213**.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

The Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program pays benefits to workers who have a permanent disability and their families. To be eligible for SSDI, you must be determined to have a permanent disability and must have earned a minimum

Receiving Social Security Disability and considering working?

The social security administration publishes the ***Redbook: a Helpful Guide to Social Security Work Incentives.***

Find a copy here: www.ssa.gov/redbook/

Go to Chapter 7 to learn more about Social Security work incentives.

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number of credits from work covered under Social Security. The required number of credits varies depending on your age at the time you became disabled.

You should apply as soon as you become permanently disabled. While disability determinations can be processed faster for certain conditions that are noted on the compassionate allowances list, processing an application can take three to five months.

To learn more or to apply, please visit: www.socialsecurity.gov or **call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213** to schedule an in-person or telephone appointment.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance provides cash benefits to New Jersey workers who suffer an illness, injury, or other disability that prevents them from working and wasn't caused by their job. Most employers in New Jersey are required to have Temporary Disability Insurance for their employees. Employers may choose an insurance plan offered by the state or by a private insurance company. Ask your employer which coverage you have.

If you are covered by the state plan, you can apply for temporary disability insurance benefits online, by mail, or fax. Applying online is fastest and easiest and can be done through a secure portal. Learn more at: myleavebenefits.nj.gov. **If you are covered by a private insurance company, your employer will tell you how to file a claim.**

Family Leave Insurance

Family Leave Insurance provides New Jersey workers cash benefits for up to 12 weeks to bond with a newborn or newly adopted child, or to provide care for a seriously ill or injured family member. While most New Jersey workers who take family leave are covered under the State's family leave program, some employers provide Family Leave Insurance through a plan with a private insurance carrier instead. If you are not sure about your coverage, ask your employer. You can apply for Family Leave Insurance benefits online, by mail, or fax. **Applying online is fastest and easiest and can be done through a secure portal at:** myleavebenefits.nj.gov

Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation provides medical treatment, wage replacement and permanent disability compensation to employees who suffer job-related injuries or illnesses, and death benefits to dependents of workers who have died as a result of their employment. Applications can be submitted online. Learn more at: www.nj.gov/labor/wc/wc_index.html **or call 609-292-2515**.

Maternity Leave Coverage

Temporary Disability Insurance provides benefits for expectant mothers when they need to stop working before giving birth and while recovering afterward.

Family Leave Insurance provides benefits after the recovery period so new parents can bond with their babies during the first year. This benefit is available to mothers, fathers, and adoptive parents.

Learn more at: myleavebenefits.nj.gov/



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Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund is a financial assistance program for New Jersey Families whose children have an illness or condition and, as a result, have incurred expenses that remain uncovered by insurance, State or Federal programs, or other sources, such as fundraising. The child must have been 21 years old or younger when the expenses were incurred. In order to be eligible, qualified uncovered expenses must exceed 10 percent of the family's income (plus 15 percent of any income over $100,000). Families may reapply annually. **Applications may be submitted online or requested by calling 1-800-335-3863.** For more information, please visit www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/.

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Homeownership Preservation Foundation

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is a nonprofit group that helps financially challenged homeowners navigate their budget problems and, whenever possible, helps them to avoid mortgage foreclosure. For more information, please **call 1-888-995-4673** or visit: www.995hope.org

The resources listed on pages 4-5 provide options for help paying utility bills. For an online list of all programs, please visit: www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/.

For additional housing assistance resources, see Chapter 3.

Payment Assistance for Gas & Electric

PAGE is a state-funded utility assistance program designed to assist low to moderate income families in New Jersey with up to $1,500/year in benefits to pay their utility bills. Eligible applicants cannot be receiving or be eligible for a Universal Service Fund (USF) benefit or a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefit and must be facing a crisis situation that includes a documented notice of overdue payment for gas and/or electric service, and have a past history of making regular payments towards their utility bills. For more information or to apply, **please call 1-855-465-8783** or visit: njpoweron.org/page/.

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NJ SHARES

NJ SHARES is a non-profit corporation that provides assistance to income eligible households in paying their energy, telephone/broadband and water bills. A list of programs and eligibility guidelines can be found here: njshares.org/program-eligibility/. Inquiries on eligibility or how to apply can be made at any of the participating social service agencies throughout the state as listed here: njshares.org/agencies/ or by visiting their website www.njshares.org **or by phone at 1-866-657-4273.**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF)

LIHEAP and USF are two utility assistance programs designed to help low income households. LIHEAP helps pay for heating costs and certain medically-necessary cooling expenses and USF helps low-income households pay for their electric and natural gas costs. Applicants can qualify even if their heating and cooling costs are included in their rent. One application serves both programs. Typically applications for LIHEAP are accepted from October 1st through July 31st of each year. However, you can apply for USF any time of the year. Applicants for both programs must meet qualifying income guidelines. Income eligibility criteria for USF are lower than income eligibility criteria for LIHEAP. Eligibility for USF is also based on how much you pay for energy each year. You can apply at several agencies throughout the state. For more information or for a list of agencies where you can apply, **please call 1-800-510-3102** or visit: www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/agencydirectorylist.html

Fresh Start: Fresh Start, a special program under USF, allows eligible New Jersey households participating in USF for the first time to earn forgiveness for pre-existing arrearages by making full, on-time payments for 12 months. You cannot apply for Fresh Start, but if you are eligible you will be enrolled by your utility company and receive information about the program in the mail. For more information **please call 1-866-240-1347.**

NJ Lifeline Utility Assistance

Lifeline is administered by the NJ Dept. of Human Services and provides a $225 annual energy benefit to seniors and people with disabilities who meet the pharmaceutical assistance to the aged and disabled (PAAD) eligibility requirements or who receive SSI. The benefit is also available to customers who have electric and/or gas costs included in their rent. For more information, **call 1-800-792-9745**. To see annual income limits and to apply, **complete an application at NJSave: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/.**



Winter Termination Program

Administered by the board of public utilities, the Winter Termination Program (WTP) protects specific categories of customers from having their gas or electric shut off between November 15th and March 15th. Those enrolled in specific programs (such as SSI, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, USF and Lifeline) are protected by WTP, and an additional "catch-all" category is included for people unable to pay their utility bills because of circumstances beyond their control such as unemployment or illness. For more information, **please call 1-800-624-0241.**

Comfort Partners

This program is designed to improve energy affordability for income eligible households through direct installation of free energy efficiency measures and education about steps to save energy. For more information or to apply, **please call 1-888-773-8326** or visit: **www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/comfort-partners/comfort-partners.**

New Jersey Weatherization Assistance Program (NJWAP)

This program assists income eligible NJ residents in weatherizing their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. The NJ WAP contracts with a network of community based organizations that deliver weatherization throughout the State. For more information **call 609-984-1947.**

Life-Sustaining Equipment Program

If you (or a member of your household) rely on electricity to operate life-sustaining equipment, such as a respirator or dialysis machine, it is important that you notify your utility company. In such cases, companies work with you to prevent shutoffs should you fall behind in paying your electric bills.

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Lifeline (Free Smartphone Program)

Lifeline is a federal program that provides eligible low-income individuals with a free smartphone and free wireless phone service (free data, free monthly minutes and unlimited texting). This Lifeline program is operated by the federal government, and should not be confused with the state's Lifeline utility assistance program.

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

For eligibility guidelines and information on how to apply for Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program, visit: **nj.gov/humanservices/home/digitalaccessforall.shtml**



Did you know?

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) provides a discount on the cost of vehicle registration to SSI, PAAD and Lifeline recipients.

In order to receive this discount, PAAD recipients must provide a current PAAD eligibility card at the time of vehicle registration. Lifeline only and SSI recipients should provide a letter showing their eligibility in these programs (letter can be obtained from the Division of Aging Services) at the time of vehicle registration.

For more information, contact the MVC at (609) 292-6500.

Property Tax Reimbursement ("Senior Freeze")

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. For eligibility guidelines and information on how to apply, **please call 1-800-882-6597** or visit: **www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/**



Auto Insurance Assistance

The Special Automobile Insurance Policy (SAIP) is an initiative to help make limited coverage auto insurance available to drivers who are likely to go uninsured because of limited financial resources. The policy costs $365 for the year and is available to people who are currently enrolled in some, not all, NJ FamilyCare programs. For more information on eligibility and application **call 1-800-652-2471 or visit**: www.state.nj.us/dobi/division_consumers/insurance/saip.htm

Saving Money for Disability Related Expenses

NJ Achieving a Better Life Experience (NJ ABLE)

With NJ ABLE, qualified individuals with disabilities can save for disability-related expenses in tax advantaged savings accounts without losing eligibility for certain assistance programs like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Allowable expenses are not limited to medical necessity and can include: education, housing, transportation, personal support services, and more. The individual with the disability is the account owner but anyone can contribute to the account. Income earned by the account is not taxed. Also, balances of $100,000 or less are excluded from the SSI resource limit. If an individual's balance exceeds $100,000, the SSI cash benefit will be suspended, but he/she will continue to be eligible for Medicaid regardless of the account balance.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, individuals must meet two requirements:

1) **Their disability was present before age 26; and**
2) **One of the following is true:**
   - They are eligible for SSI or SSDI because of a disability
   - They experience blindness as determined by the Social Security Act; OR
   - They have a similarly severe disability with a written diagnosis from a licensed physician.

Apply online: savewithable.com/nj/home.html

Have questions? Call NJ ABLE at 1-888-609-8869 or email at: nj.clientservice@savewithable.com

NJ ABLE is administered in partnership with the contracted program manager, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services.

Want more information on NJ ABLE?

The Division of Disability Services (DDS) is available to host **NJ ABLE Presentations** at your request. To schedule an NJ ABLE presentation or to request brochures, please contact DDS at **1-888-285-3036**.

Special Needs and Pooled Trust

Special Needs Trust (SNT) are legal entities which are established by placing funds and other assets under the control of a trustee for the financial protection of an individual with a disability. Until the ABLE Act became law, creating a SNT was the only legal way to save money without sacrificing eligibility for government benefits. There are three distinct types of Special Needs Trusts: third party/supplemental trusts, first party/pay-back or self-settled/d(4)(A) trusts, or pooled Special Needs Trusts. The funds in the special needs trust supplement but do not supplant government benefits.

Generally, Special Needs Trusts are easy to tailor to specific needs and can handle larger sums of money, for example, from a settlement. However, in New Jersey, a SNT must be established in accordance with specific Medicaid guidelines in order to preserve an individual's eligibility for benefits.

For more information, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/snt.html

Qualified Income Trust

A Qualified Income Trust (QIT), also known as a Miller Trust, is a special legal arrangement for holding a person's income. A QIT is a written trust agreement for which the trustee establishes a dedicated bank account. The income deposited into this dedicated bank account is disregarded when determining financial eligibility for Long Term Services and Supports. QITs require that a trustee is appointed to manage the monthly deposits and expenses and account for the funds in the trust. A trustee must be someone other than the Medicaid applicant/recipient. QIT written agreements have special conditions that must be met and are subject to the approval of, and monitoring by, the appropriate Medicaid eligibility determining agency (EDA) and the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS). For more information, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/mtrusts.html



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Emergency Assistance (EA)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and WorkFirstNJ clients (individuals or families receiving public assistance) facing immediate risks of homelessness and those who have experienced a substantial loss of housing, food, clothing or household furnishings due to a disaster may receive emergency assistance (EA) for a limited period of time. EA benefits may include, but are not limited to: essential food, clothing, shelter and household furnishings; temporary rental assistance or back rent or mortgage payments; utility payments (such as heat, water, and electric); transportation to search for housing; and moving expenses. **Contact your County Board of Social Services to request EA**. *See Appendix 2 for a list of County Boards of Social Services.*

Homeless Hotlines

Call 2-1-1

Social Services for the Homeless/Homeless Hotline

The Social Services for the Homeless program provides assistance to families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, but are not eligible for WorkFirstNJ (usually because income is too high). The program provides emergency food, emergency shelter, and payment of security or utility deposits as well as back rent, mortgage and utilities costs. These services, also include referral services and limited case management.

New Jersey residents experiencing homelessness can call 2-1-1 for help. NJ 2-1-1 will work in partnership with county agencies to ensure residents have a safe place to stay and get connected to resources.

NJ 2-1-1 operators will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and accessible in different languages for non-English speakers. Information provided by the callers will be kept confidential, except for information that must be shared with providers involved in providing shelter or shelter-related services.

Call 2-1-1 for a list of agencies in your county or visit www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/ssh/

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New Jersey Housing Resource Center (NJHRC)

The New Jersey Housing Resource Center has an online tool that will allow you to search thousands of affordable, subsidized and market rate units throughout New Jersey. You can customize your search based on your specific needs, budget and desired location. The NJHRC is free, anonymous, and updated regularly. To access the NJHRC, **go to**: nj.gov/njhrc/ **or call 1-877-428-8844.**

The Section 8 Housing Voucher Program and the State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP)

Based on the premise that housing costs (rent and utilities) should not exceed 30 percent of a household's income, these programs assist in making safe and quality housing in the private rental market affordable to low and very low-income households by reducing housing costs through direct rent subsidy payments to landlords. There are waiting lists for these programs. To see if the waiting lists are accepting pre-applications, please visit the statewide open enrollment waiting list site at: nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html

(609) 292-4080
Email: customer.service@dca.nj.gov

DCAid

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Division of Housing and Community Resources (DHCR) created a user-friendly eligibility screening tool designed to help New Jersey residents find available housing-related assistance programs through DCA for which they may qualify.

The eligibility screening process is a series of questions that takes approximately 1-2 minutes to complete. Users can find out if they are eligible for DCA services that provide assistance with rent, including the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and the State Rental Assistance Program, heating costs, utility bills, removal of lead hazards in the home, Veterans Affair Supportive Housing (VASH), weatherization assistance, and homelessness prevention programs. The results, based on general income and household information entered, will provide the user with a brief description of eligible programs with contact information for the agency where the user can apply.

The **DCAid - Program Eligibility Screening Tool** can be accessed at: www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid. Individuals in emergency situations should dial NJ 2-1-1 for information on immediate assistance.



Homelessness Prevention Programs

Provide limited financial assistance to low and moderate-income tenants in imminent danger of eviction due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are used to disburse payments in the form of loans and grants to landlords on behalf of eligible households. You must have an eviction or foreclosure notice in order to be eligible for this program. For more information or to apply, please contact the number below to connect with the agency serving your County of residence.
www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hpp.html

Atlantic County	609-822-1108 x269
Bergen County	201-488-5100 x7166 or 7041
Burlington County	609-518-2378
Camden County	856-968-0210
Cape May County	609-886-2662
Cumberland County	856-691-1841
Essex County	973-266-7991
Gloucester County	856-845-9200
Hudson County	201-492-2368
Hunterdon County	908-782-2490
Mercer County	609-989-9417
Middlesex County	732-638-2870
Monmouth County	732-775-0525 x214
Morris County	908-454-7000 x1118 or 1160
Ocean County	732-363-5322
Passaic County	973-279-7100
Salem County	856-299-1296
Somerset County	908-454-7000 x1118 or 1160
Sussex County	973-579-1180
Union County	908-351-7727 x236
Warren County	908-453-2194

Community Action Agencies (CAA)

Offer various programs to assist low-income families and individuals, such as: rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, weatherization, relocation assistance, and family self-sufficiency. For more information or to apply, please contact the number below to connect with the agency serving your County of residence. www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/caalist.html

Atlantic County	732-244-5333
Bergen County	201-968-0200
Burlington County	609-386-5800
Camden County	856-964-6887
Cape May County	732-244-5333
Cumberland County	856-451-6330
Essex County	973-395-8350
(Newark only):	973-642-0181
Gloucester County	856-451-6330, 856-881-2507
Hudson County	201-437-7222, 201-656-3711
	201-656-3711, 201-210-0100
Hunterdon County	908-454-7000
Mercer County	609-989-6964, 609-392-2161,
	609-396-8900
Middlesex County	732-324-2114 x124, 732-828-4510
Monmouth County	732-389-2958
Morris County	908-454-7000
Ocean County	732-244-5333
Passaic County	973-881-2834, 973-279-2333,
	973-472-2478
Salem County	856-451-6330
Somerset County	732-846-8888
Sussex County	908-454-7000
Union County	908-753-3519, 908-527-4861
Warren County	908-454-7000

New Jersey Housing And Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)

The goal of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) is to encourage the production of affordable housing for all New Jersey citizens. The NJHMFA provides a variety of programs to help prospective homebuyers purchase a home including first time homebuyer and down payment assistance programs, among others.

To learn more about their programs, please visit: theroadhomenj.com/ or their full site at: www.njhousing.gov/dca/hmfa/ or **call 1-800-654-6873.**



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Food Pantries/Soup Kitchens:

To locate local food pantries or soup kitchens, visit: www.nj211.org/ **or call: NJ 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP)

NJ SNAP is a food assistance program to help individuals and families with low-incomes buy the groceries needed to eat healthy. Eligibility depends on your household's income, size and resources. To be eligible for NJ SNAP, a single person can have a gross monthly income of $1,986. A household size of three can have a gross monthly income of $3,386.

You can pre-screen or apply online by visiting www.NJHelps.org. This is a quick and easy way to find out if you might be able to get help. Screening takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and submitting an application takes about 20-45 minutes.

You can also apply in person at your County Board of Social Services. If you are unable to get to the county Board of Social Services due to illness or disability, you may send an authorized representative on your behalf or request a telephone interview.

Households in which all members are applicants for or recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), may apply for NJ SNAP at the Social Security District office at the same time you apply for SSI.

NJ SNAP Hotline number: 1-800-687-9512
www.NJSNAP.gov

Supplemental Nutrition-New Jersey WIC

The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, immunization screening, and health care referrals to pregnant women, women who have delivered a child within the last six months, breastfeeding women who have delivered a child within the last year, and infants and children under five years old.

For local WIC agencies, call: 1-800-328-3838
www.nj.gov/health/fhs/wic/index.shtml

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Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Administered by the NJ Department of Health's WIC program, this program provides $20 worth of vouchers to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey through farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors. For more information, **contact your local Area Agency on Aging**.

For a listing of your County AAA see Appendix 3 on page 129.

Congregate or Group Meals

This service, administered by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in each county, provides at least one hot nutritious meal per day, five or more days per week. These meals, along with counseling, socialization, and other services, are usually provided in locations such as senior centers, schools, or churches. The program is available to all persons age 60 or over and their spouses, regardless of age. Participants are provided with an opportunity to voluntarily contribute whatever they can afford toward the cost of these meals. Reservations are required, in most instances, 24 hours in advance.

Home-Delivered Meals

The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), through grantees, provide one (or sometimes more) hot meal a day at least five days per week to older persons who are homebound due to illness, incapacitating disability, or isolation. This program is federally funded and serves only persons age 60 or older. A meal may be provided to the spouse, if it is in the best interest of the homebound older person being served. This federal program has been supplemented with state legislation providing nutrition services on weekends and holidays for frail eligible participants.

A formal needs assessment is required for participation in these nutrition programs. There is no income requirement for these programs, however, financial need may be used to prioritize service participation.





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Get Covered New Jersey

Get Covered New Jersey is the state's official health insurance marketplace, and a source of affordable health insurance for New Jersey residents who do not have health coverage from their employers or access to other health care programs. Financial help is available to help lower the cost of premiums and out-of-pocket costs for those who qualify. Residents can also learn at Get Covered New Jersey if they might qualify for NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's publicly funded health insurance program. Open Enrollment is once each year and is typically the only time you can enroll in coverage; however special enrollment opportunities are available throughout the year under certain circumstances.
For more information, visit nj.gov/getcoverednj/

NJ FamilyCare

NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's publicly funded health coverage program, provides health coverage to children; pregnant women; parents; caretaker relatives; single adults; childless couples; individuals who are elderly, blind, and have disabilities; and individuals qualified for long-term care services. NJ FamilyCare's comprehensive health coverage program provides a wide-range of services including: doctor visits, hospital services, prescriptions, tests, vision care, mental health care, dental, nursing home care and other healthcare services, depending on the person's eligibility category. Most NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries are enrolled in managed care. With managed care, a managed care organization health plan, also known as an MCO, coordinates an individual's health care needs. **See the panel on the right for MCO contact information.**

MCO Contact Numbers

Aetna Better Health of NJ
1-855-232-3596

Amerigroup
1-800-600-4441

Horizon NJ Health
1-800-682-9090

United Healthcare Community Plan
1-800-941-4647

WellCare
1-888-453-2534

How to Apply to NJ Family Care:

The fastest way to apply is online at: www.njfamilycare.org/apply.aspx

If you need help enrolling, please visit: www.njfamilycare.org/ or call 1-800-701-0710.

Are you an individual with a permanent disability who is working and earning too much to qualify for Medicaid, but need Medicaid to access services? If so, see page 31 for information regarding NJ WorkAbility.

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Medicaid services may include:

- Certified Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Nurse
- Specialist Services
- Chiropractic Services
- Dental Services
- Early and Periodic Screenings, Diagnosis, and Treatment (under age 21 only)
- Family Planning Services
- Maternity and Pediatric Care Services
- Home Care Services/ Personal Care Assistance
- Hospice Services
- Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services
- Laboratory and Radiological Services
- Medical Day Care Services
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Nursing Facility Services
- Optometric Services and Optical Appliances
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Physician Services
- Podiatric Services
- Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices and Hearing Aids
- Psychological and Mental Health Services
- Rehabilitative Services
- Medical Transportation Services coordinated through Logisticare

Questions About Your Medicaid Benefit?

Call Your County Medical Assistance Customer Centers (MACC):

Atlantic / Burlington / Camden/ Cape May / Cumberland / Gloucester / Mercer / Salem Counties	(856) 614-2870
Bergen / Passaic / Morris / Sussex / Warren Counties	(973) 977-4077
Essex County / Hudson County	(973) 648-3700
Monmouth / Ocean / Middlesex / Hunterdon / Somerset / Union Counties	(732) 863-4400



Medicare

www.medicare.gov 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227)

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for:

- **People who are 65 or older**
- **Certain younger people with disabilities**
- **People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD)**

Medicare coverage is divided into four parts: Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D. Different parts of Medicare cover different services. ***See the guide on page 19 for the breakdown of coverage.*** Some people get Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) automatically and other people have to sign up for it. In most cases, it depends on whether you're getting Social Security benefits. If you aren't getting benefits from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board at least 3 months before you turn 65, you'll need to sign up with Social Security to get Part A and Part B. Because you must pay a premium for Part B coverage, you can turn it down if you have health coverage from an employer that pays claims before Medicare. You can wait to enroll into Part B when your employment ends or your health plan ends without incurring a penalty.

While costs vary, Medicare typically pays 80 percent of the cost of covered services while you are responsible for the remaining 20 percent plus any required coinsurance or deductibles for each benefit period.

When to apply for Medicare: You should sign up for Medicare three months before reaching age 65, even if you are not ready to start receiving retirement benefits. During the Medicare application, you can opt out of receiving cash retirement benefits and will always have the option to apply for them later.

Medigap

When an individual who is aged or disabled is not covered by an employer or union health care plan, it is possible to buy a supplemental policy to help bridge the gaps in original Medicare coverage. These policies are called Medigap insurance. Medigap policies must follow federal and state laws and are standardized, so you can compare them. Standardized policies cover co-payments for certain benefits. You must pay a monthly premium for Medigap policies, with cost varying based on your age and the level of the policy you purchase. To buy a Medigap policy, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. For a list of Medigap plans available in New Jersey, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/ship/index.html

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How to Apply for Medicare

On-line at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/

OR

Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security Office.
Find a list of local offices here: secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp

Need Help paying Medicare part B premiums?

New Jersey offers Medicare Part B premium assistance to individuals meeting income and asset guidelines.

If you also have NJ FamilyCare, your Medicare Part B premium may be paid for you through the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program.

If you are not eligible for NJ FamilyCare, you may be eligible for Part B premium assistance through **the Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) program.** The SLMB program pays partial or full Medicare Part B premiums for eligible participants.

Eligibility for SLMB:

- Must be a New Jersey resident
- Must not be financially eligible for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program under NJ FamilyCare
- Must not exceed income or asset eligibility limits:
  - SLMB - $16,308* for single and $21,972* for married couples
  - Liquid assets may not exceed $8,400* for single persons or $12,600* for married couples

**Reflects 2022 limits*



Medicare Coverage at a Glance

Part A: **(Hospital Insurance)** Covers inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care, and some home health care.

Part B: **(Medical Insurance)** Covers certain doctors' services, outpatient care, medical supplies, and preventive services.

Part D: **(Prescription drug coverage)** Covers medically approved pharmaceuticals. Monthly costs vary by plan.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C) is an all-in-one managed care alternative to original Medicare. These plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D, and are typically purchased through a monthly premium. Several companies offer Medicare Advantage plans at varying costs and levels of coverage. The choice is yours.

For more Medicare information:
Watch Medicare & You at:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZVQSFBq2uw&feature=youtu.be

Visit: www.medicare.gov

Call: 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227)

Need help figuring all of this out?

New Jersey provides free Medicare Counseling services through local **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** offices. Trained volunteers can provide information and assistance to assist Medicare beneficiaries in evaluating health insurance options, as well as those who have problems or questions about their health insurance.

Telephone:
1-800-792-8820

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are community based programs that provide primary and preventive healthcare, regardless of a patient's ability to pay.
To find a FQHC in New Jersey, visit www.njpca.org/locate-center/

The New Jersey Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program (Charity Care)

Charity Care is a payment assistance program available to uninsured or underinsured patients for inpatient and outpatient services at all acute care hospitals throughout New Jersey. Patients who meet income and asset criteria may receive medically necessary services at reduced fees or free. Eligibility is determined at the hospital where the medical service is provided when the completed application is submitted.
For more information: 1-866-588-5696
For Spanish: 609-292-4715

Dental Care Assistance

The following resources offer reduced cost dental services to eligible individuals who are uninsured or underinsured:

Dental Lifeline Network
New Jersey
Southern counties
PO Box 2117
Edison, NJ 08818
(732) 821-3056

Northern counties
PO Box 621
Lincroft, NJ 07738
(973) 967-9171
dentallifeline.org/new-jersey/

Rutgers New Jersey Dental School
Oral Medicine Room D881
110 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 972-7370
Alternate: (973) 972-4242
sdm.rutgers.edu/patients/njds.htm

Rutgers University Hospital
150 Bergen Street, Unit 1
Newark, NJ 07103
Appointments: (973) 972-4242
sdm.rutgers.edu/patient-care

Matheny Center of Medicine & Dentistry
PO Box 339
Peapack, NJ 07977
(908) 234-0011 ext 1785
www.matheny.org/center-of-medicine-dentistry

NJDA Senior-Dent Program
c/o New Jersey Dental Association
1 Dental Plaza
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-6020
(732) 821-9400
www.njda.org/for-the-public/find-a-dentist/dental-clinics-programs

The New Jersey Dental Clinic Directory is designed to assist people who have difficulty accessing dental care due to insurance or financial constraints.
www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/oral/documents/dental_directory.pdf



Vision Care Assistance

Project Best: Better Eye Health Services and Treatment

Through the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, this program offers free eye screenings to preschoolers, adults, individuals with diabetes, and migrant workers. **For more information on this program and other services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired or deaf/blind, see chapter 19.**

EyeCare America

Offers medical eye exams at no cost to eligible individuals.
www.aao.org/eyecare-america

Local Lions Club

Local Lions Clubs may provide eyeglasses or assistance for individuals with vision care needs. They may also know of other local resources in your area. Contact your local Lions Club for more information. **To locate the Lions Club nearest you, contact either the Chamber of Commerce or visit www.lionsclubs.org**

New Eyes

Provides vouchers for new eyeglasses for those with financial need and no other resources, public or private, to pay for glasses. Program accepts applications from third parties such as social service agencies or health professionals who are able to document financial needs of clients.

For more information: (973) 376-4903 or www.new-eyes.org

Prevent Blindness

Patients who participate in a vision screening through Prevent Blindness, a Prevent Blindness affiliate or one of the organization's many health program partners, and receive a referral for an exam to an eye care professional, may then bring their new prescription with the card to participating locations. **For more information about this Eyeglass Program, please call 1-800-331-2020 or visit:**
www.preventblindness.org/

Respectacle

Donates free, used eyeglasses. Users need to enter their prescription on-line and fill out some basic demographic information. Used eye glasses will be mailed within 7 to 10 days of order. No additional paperwork required.

Visit: www.respectacle.org/

Hearing Aid Assistance

New Jersey Hearing Aid Project

Through this innovative project launched by the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Montclair State University, and Sertoma/Hearing Charities of America, used hearing aids are collected, reconditioned, and dispensed free to eligible seniors in need. Eligible New Jersey Residents must be 65 years of age or older and have an income of no more than 250 percent of the federal poverty level - $38,769 if single and $45,270 if married. **For more information on this program and other services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, see chapter 20.**

Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)

This program provides a $500 reimbursement to eligible recipients to offset the purchase of a hearing aid. Income for 2022 must be less than $38,769 if single or less than $45,270 if married. **For more information: 1-800-792-9745.**





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Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program is a state-funded program that helps eligible older adults and individuals with disabilities save money on their prescription drug costs.

Eligibility for PAAD:

- You are a New Jersey resident;
- You are age 65 or older or between ages 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and
- Your income for 2022 is less than $38,769 if single, or less than $45,270 if married.
- Medicare-eligible PAAD beneficiaries are also required to enroll in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan. PAAD will pay the monthly premium for certain standard basic Part D plans with a monthly premium at or below the regional benchmark. These plans will cover medically necessary prescription medications under Medicare Part D. If a beneficiary self-enrolls in an enhanced plan at or below the regional benchmark premium amount, PAAD will pay the premium as long as the plan agrees to follow all the billing requirements.
- The federal Medicare Plan and/or PAAD will pay any costs above the PAAD copayment of $5 for each covered generic drug or $7 for each covered brand name drug, including premiums. However, if a Medicare Part D plan does not pay for a medication because the drug is not on its formulary, PAAD beneficiaries will have to switch to a drug on their Part D plan's formulary, or their doctor will have to request an exception due to medical necessity directly to their Part D plan. Medicare Advantage participants must add a prescription benefit to their coverage, and PAAD will contribute up to the regional benchmark amount toward the prescription portion of their total premium.

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Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program

The Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program (Senior Gold) is a state-funded prescription program with different co-pays and income eligibility guidelines than those of PAAD.

Eligibility for Senior Gold:

- You are a New Jersey resident;
- You are age 65 or older or between ages 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits;
- Your annual income for 2022 is between $38,769 and $48,769 if you are single, or $45,270 and $55,270 if you are married.
- All Medicare-eligible Senior Gold beneficiaries are also required to enroll in a prescription drug plan of their choice. They will be responsible for paying the monthly premium directly to the Medicare Part D plan. They also will be responsible for paying any late enrollment penalty imposed by Medicare for each month they were eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D but did not enroll.

For information about applying for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) or Senior Gold, **contact the Division of Aging Services PAAD Hotline at 1-800-792-9745. You can also contact your county's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 1-877-222-3737** www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/saaaa.html or your local pharmacy.

You can also apply online through NJSave at:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/.



Medicare Part D: Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

Beneficiaries with Medicare who have limited income and assets may qualify for help with the costs of their prescription drugs through the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS), also known as Extra Help. Those enrolled will receive either a full or a partial subsidy, depending on their income and asset levels. Most people on LIS pay no premiums or deductibles (unless receiving the partial subsidy), and no more than $9.85 in 2022 for each drug their plan covers. LIS beneficiaries can also switch the Part D plan quarterly, and those who enrolled in Part D after their initial eligibility date pay no late enrollment penalty.

Eligibility for LIS:

In 2022, the income limits are $20,385 for individuals and $27,465 for couples, and the asset limits are $15,510 and $30,950, respectively.

To apply, go to www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp or the NJSave online application www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/.

Or contact the Division of Aging Services PAAD Hotline at 1-800-792-9745

Medicine Assistance Tool (MAT)

PhRMA's Medicine Assistance Tool (MAT) is a search engine designed to help patients, caregivers and health care providers learn more about the resources available through the various biopharmaceutical industry programs. MAT is not its own patient assistance program, but rather a search engine for many of the patient assistance resources that the biopharmaceutical industry offers. MAT includes information in the following areas as well: prescription savings cards, finding free or low cost clinics, and other healthcare assistance resources.

For more information visit: medicineassistancetool.org/

AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)

The AIDS Drug Distribution Program provides life-sustaining and life-prolonging medications to low-income New Jersey residents with no other source of payment for these drugs.

For more information call 1-877-613-4533 or visit www.nj.gov/health/hivstdtb/hiv-aids/medications.shtml

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NJ Medicinal Marijuana Program

The New Jersey Medicinal Marijuana Program allows patients with specific conditions to be certified by a physician to receive medicinal marijuana products for medical use. Individuals interested in participating in the program should talk to their physician or a physician participating in the program. Physicians are responsible for establishing bona fide relationships with their patients, conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the patient, certifying the use of medicinal marijuana, and determining the amount to be obtained in a given certification period. There is a $100 registration fee for patients and caregivers. Reduced $20 fees are available for veterans, seniors and individuals receiving government assistance.

For more information: (609) 292-0424
www.nj.gov/health/medicalmarijuana/





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One-Stop Career Centers

One-Stop Career Centers throughout the state offer a wide range of tools to help people, including military veterans, those who are 55+, and individuals with disabilities, find a new job or career. **All services are free of charge to help New Jersey's workers:**

- **Find a job**
- **Strengthen job-search skills**
- **Get training**
- **Improve reading and basic skills**
- **Network the way to a job**
- **Use labor market information to make career decisions**
- **Start a business**

To connect with your local One-Stop Career Center, call: 1-877-872-5627 or visit www.careerconnections.nj.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Any individual with a physical, mental, cognitive, or other form of disability that has a substantial impediment to employment may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. Each consumer is evaluated individually for eligibility and assistance needed to achieve employment.

Within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), counselors work with individuals and their families to develop and carry out a plan for training and placement. If financial need is established, the Division will purchase other rehabilitative services from private providers, such as further evaluation or counseling, training at a vocational center or technical school and on-the-job training. Individuals who are blind or visually impaired are served by the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI). All others receive services from DVRS.

For more information on CBVI and services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired or deaf/blind, see chapter 19.

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New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)

Administrative Office:
1 John Fitch Plaza, 12th Floor
PO Box 398
Trenton, NJ 08625-0398
Telephone: (609) 292-5987
VP: (609) 498-6221
careerconnections.nj.gov/careerconnections/plan/foryou/disable/vocational_rehabilitation_services.shtml

Vocational Rehabilitation at a Glance

Services Provided

- Diagnostic Evaluation
- Individual Vocational Counseling and Guidance
- Job Seeking Skills Training and Selective Job Placement
- Employment Support Services
- Post-Employment Services
- Physical Restoration
- Job Coaching, Vocational, Professional, or On the Job Training
- Business Outreach Team
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Benefits Counseling Services

Self-Employment Initiative

Individuals with an interest in becoming self-employed can work with their vocational rehabilitation counselor to develop a business plan that can lead to self-employment.

Fee for Service

Many of the services are provided free of charge. Coverage of expenses for medical services, training, books and supplies, tools, and other equipment are based on an individual's ability to pay.

See Appendix 7 on page 145 for DVR County Offices

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)/WorkForce 55+

The SCSEP/Workforce 55+ is the only federal program targeted to help older workers obtain employment and self-sufficiency. SCSEP participants gain work experience in a variety of community service activities at non-profit and public facilities, including schools, libraries, hospitals, day-care centers and senior centers. Participants work an average of 18 hours a week and are paid minimum wage. This training serves as a bridge to employment for participants. Participants must be at least 55, unemployed and have a family income of no more than 125% of the federal poverty level.

For more information, visit:
www.state.nj.us/labor/wioa/workforce55/workforce55.html



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Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

Social Security's Ticket to Work Program is available to people ages 18 through 64 who are blind or have a disability and who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Participation in the Ticket to Work program is free and voluntary. If you choose to participate, you will receive services such as career counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and job placement and training from authorized Ticket to Work service providers, such as Employment Networks (EN) or your State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency. The service provider you choose will serve as an important part of your "employment team" that will help you on your journey to financial independence.
For more information, contact: 1-866-968-7842
choosework.ssa.gov

Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)

PASS is an SSI provision to help individuals with disabilities return to work. If you receive SSI or could qualify for SSI after setting aside income or resources and wish to pursue a work goal, you could benefit from a PASS. A PASS can include supplies to start a business, school expenses, equipment and tools, transportation, uniforms and other items or services you need to reach your employment goal. PASS can help the participant save to pay these costs without jeopardizing SSI eligibility.

For more information, contact a PASS specialist at: 1-866-348-5403 (Last names A-M: dial extension 23648, N-Z: dial extension 23645) or visit:
www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm

Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN)

EARN helps employers and HR professionals recruit, hire, retain and advance people with disabilities in the workplace. EARN offers information and resources, including workplace training and educational materials, to assist employers in building a disability-inclusive environment and meeting their workplace diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) goals.
For more information, visit: askearn.org/



NJ WorkAbility

The NJ WorkAbility Program offers full New Jersey Medicaid health coverage to people with disabilities who are working and whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid.

Eligibility criteria:

- Age 16-64
- Working full or part-time with proof of employment
- Determined as disabled by the Social Security Administration OR the Medical Review Team at the Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services
- Income and asset eligibility as described below

Total Earned Income Potential

Includes but is not limited to: wages, self-employment earnings, workers' compensation, paid sick leave, private or state temporary disability plan benefits or commissions.

- **If you have no unearned income:**
  - Individual gross earned income may not exceed $68,748 per year/ $5,729 per month.
  - An eligible couple's gross earned income may not exceed $92,340 per year/ $7,695 per month.
- **If you have unearned income** (for example, in addition to your wages you also receive alimony), the maximum earned income threshold will vary.

Unearned Income Threshold

Includes but is not limited to: alimony, Social Security benefits received based on a parent or spouse's work history (includes both Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Survivors' benefits), unemployment, interest, investments, or trust payments. Note: SSDI and Railroad Retirement System benefits received based on the individual's own work history are disregarded.

- An individual's unearned income may not exceed $1,133 per month.
- An eligible couple's unearned income may not exceed $1,526 per month.

Asset Threshold:

Assets do not include primary home, a car used for work or medical transportation, or 401K/IRA retirement accounts.

- $20,000 for an eligible individual
- $30,000 for an eligible couple

For more information, call the Division of Disability Services (DDS) at 1-888-285-3036, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/services/workability/

Important Note: Portions of both earned and unearned income are not counted when determining eligibility for Workability. Please apply for a full eligibility determination using the NJ FamilyCare Aged, Blind, Disabled Programs Application, at: **www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/index.html**

Receiving Social Security Disability and considering working?

The social security administration publishes the Redbook: a helpful guide to Social Security Work Incentives. Find a copy here: www.ssa.gov/redbook/

Need more help? See below:

NJ WINS (New Jersey Work Incentive Network Support)

The Family Resource Network's New Jersey Work Incentives Network Support (NJWINS) program assists Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries to start, continue, or increase work efforts while maintaining cash and healthcare benefits for as long as they are needed. NJWINS can serve anyone ages 14 to 64, who is receiving SSI or SSDI benefits and is considering work, starting work, continuing present work, or increasing work efforts. www.njwins.org

Northern and Central New Jersey residents: 1-866-946-7465

Residents of: Cape May, Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem: 1-888-466-2942 x 20 (Full Circle Employment Solutions LLC)

Visit the New Jersey Benefits to Work Calculator at www.nj.db101.org

This site assists individuals ages 18-64 who are using public disability benefits in understanding how working may affect their total income or health benefits.

Other Helpful Resources

AbilityJobs

www.abilityjobs.com

The leading career website dedicated to employment of people with disabilities. Individuals can search through thousands of jobs and post resume for free. Employers can utilize website to search for qualified candidates for employment openings.

US Small Business Administration

www.sba.gov

The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Assists individuals in various aspects including developing business models, counseling, locating funding sources, and establishing professional contacts.

US Office of Disability Employment Policy

www.dol.gov/odep

This office's mission is to develop and influence policies and practices that increase the number and quality of employment opportunities for people with disabilities.



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Transportation Management Associations

Transportation Management Associations (TMA) are non-profit, public-private partnerships dedicated to reducing traffic congestion and improving mobility by promoting alternative commuting modes like transit, community shuttles, and van/carpool programs. Eight TMAs cover all 21 counties in New Jersey.

Find the TMA serving your county at: 1-800-245-7665
www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/rideshare/tma.shtm

ModivCare (formerly LogistiCare)

ModivCare provides non-emergency medical transportation to NJ FamilyCare clients living anywhere in the state. Passengers should call to request rides two days prior to their appointment and provide the following information:

- Your NJ FamilyCare ID number
- Your pick-up address and zip code
- Name, phone number and address of medical provider
- Appointment time and date
- Special transportation needs

To make an appointment for a ride: 1-866-527-9933

For more information about the service:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home/logisticare.html

ModivCare

If your ride is late or doesn't show, call 'Where's my Ride?' at 1-866-527-9934

To file a complaint about your transportation provider with ModivCare, call 1-866-333-1735

New Jersey Transit

New Jersey Transit provides commuter services through bus routes and rail lines in New Jersey and into New York and Pennsylvania. Lift-equipped and kneeling buses, as well as accessible rail stations, are important elements of New Jersey Transit's services to people with disabilities.

Access Link: New Jersey Transit's ADA Paratransit

Access Link can be used for any purpose including the following: travel to places of employment, education, recreation, shopping, to attend social functions, visit family, friends, physicians, dentists, run errands or just to get out of the house and relax. Comparable to the local bus service, it is a "shared-ride" system, meaning other customers may be picked up and dropped off while transporting you to your final destination, service is available during the same days and hours as the regularly scheduled local fixed route service, and you are charged a fare to ride.

Access Link: New Jersey Transit's ADA Paratransit

Access Link provides origin to destination public transportation to eligible people with disabilities who are unable to use local bus service. Individuals need to apply for eligibility. Once eligible, all rides must be scheduled by reservation.

For more information:
accesslink.njtransit.com

To apply:
(973) 491-4224

Access Link: New Jersey Transit's ADA Paratransit *(continued)*

While riders generally need to be able to leave their house and board the bus on their own, drivers may assist individuals in walking from house to bus. This is done on a case by case basis as long as riders, when scheduling, ask for an accommodation.

For more information, refer to the panel on the left.

New Jersey Transit Reduced Fare Program

Special rates are available for residents 62 years of age or older and people with disabilities. Personal assistants ride for free when proper identification is presented by the person with a disability. Even qualifying out-of-state residents can ride on NJ TRANSIT buses and trains at the reduced rate. Passengers with disabilities and those who are 65 and older may simply show their valid NJ Transit Reduced Fare ID or Medicare Card to the vehicle operator and present the appropriate fare. Those between the ages of 62-64 may be asked to present a valid ID including date of birth to get the reduced fare.

For more information: (973) 491-7112

To apply for a Reduced Fare ID:
www.njtransit.com/sf/sf_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=ReducedFareTo

Amtrak

Amtrak offers additional services to passengers with disabilities.

For more information: 1-800-872-7245
www.amtrak.com/accessible-travel-services



County Paratransit System

Each of the 21 counties in New Jersey provides a paratransit service for older residents and people with disabilities.

For more information on local paratransit services, including hours of operation, reservation procedures and any fees:

Atlantic County	(609) 645-5910
Bergen County	(201) 368-5955
Burlington County	(877) 603-5111
Camden County	(856) 456-3344
Cape May County	(609) 889-3700
Cumberland County	(856) 691-7799
Essex County	(973) 618-1280
Gloucester County	(856) 686-8350
Hudson County	(201) 369-4320
Hunterdon County	(800) 842-0531
Mercer County	(609) 530-1971
Middlesex County	(800) 221-3520
Monmouth County	(732) 431-6480
Morris County	(973) 829-8103
Ocean County	(877) 929-2082
Passaic County	(973) 305-5756
Salem County	(856) 339-8644
Somerset County	(908) 231-7115
Sussex County	(973) 579-0480
Union County	(908) 241-8300
Warren County	(908) 454-4044

Out of State Accessible Transit Services

Similar to NJ Transit's Access Link, the services below provide door to door transportation for individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals with disabilities who are unable to use public transportation. Rides are required to be scheduled 1-3 days ahead of time.

Pennsylvania: **SEPTA's Customized Community Transportation Paratransit Service**
(215) 580-7145
www.septa.org

New York: **MTA's Access-A-Ride**
(718) 393-4999
web.mta.info/nyct/paratran/guide.htm

NJTIP @ Rutgers

The New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP) teaches individuals with disabilities and older adults how to use public transportation safely and independently. NJTIP customers learn how to read bus and train schedules, plan their trips, pay their fares and take safety precautions. The only cost to customers during training is paying their own fares. Each graduate receives a free one-month bus pass. Training is offered in English and Spanish through one-on-one instruction, individual concierge and trip-planning services, small and large group instructions, and in-school instruction.

For more information:
Telephone: (848) 932-4499
Email: njtip_info@njtip.rutgers.edu
Website: vtc.rutgers.edu/njtip/



Chapter 9:
Child Care and Assistance Programs

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Child Care Assistance

The state Child Care Assistance Program can help families with low-to-moderate incomes who are working, in training or in school to pay a portion of their child care. To apply, you will need to provide proof of income, training/school hours and household size to help determine eligibility. If you want to calculate your child care eligibility, use this tool: **www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Calculator**

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R): have trained staff to provide information about the availability of child care services through the Child Care Assistance Program, the different types of providers, and financial assistance available to obtain child care services. To get more information or connect to your local CCR&R, **call 1-800-332-9227 or visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov/**.

Our **Grow NJ Kids quality child care initiative** provides parents with information on selecting a quality provider to help them make the most of their kids' early learning opportunities. Visit **www.ChildCareNJ.gov/** and use the search feature that makes it easy to find care in centers or in registered homes, as well as corresponding licensing and inspections reports and whether the program participates in Grow NJ Kids.

Child Support

New Jersey's Child Support Program promotes financial stability and helps parents meet the needs of their children by offering a full range of support to both custodial and non-custodial parents. For more information on how to file an application and resources, visit **www.NJChildSupport.org**, **contact your local child support office located at your county's social service agency, or call 1-877-655-4371** and request an application. *For a list of County Boards of Social Service Agencies, see Appendix 2.*

The Kinship Navigator Program

The Kinship Navigator program provides assistance to caregivers who have taken on the responsibility of caring for their relatives' children, including siblings, grandchildren, nieces and/or nephews. Local kinship agencies help caregivers navigate other forms of government assistance, determine their eligibility for Kinship Navigator Program benefits, and provides technical support with legal commitments to the child. Services available through the program include (but are not limited to) help with the following:

- Payment for clothing for the child
- Referrals to grand-parenting and family support groups
- Getting medical coverage and services
- Housing
- Payment for furniture (for example, a bed, dresser, book shelves)
- Payment for tutoring services and extra-curricular activities for the child
- Payment for summer camp for the child
- Payment for graduation expenses for the child

For more information, call 211 to be referred to your local Kinship agency or visit: www.nj.gov/dcf/families/support/kinship/

NJ Parent Link

A website designed to meet the information and resource needs of expectant parents, families with young children (newborns up to children entering kindergarten) and professional stakeholders vested in the health & well-being of New Jersey's children & families. Parenting and support resources for families with older children, school aged to young adulthood, are also available.
Visit: www.njparentlink.nj.gov

NJ Healthy Families-TIP Program: is a home visitation program that offers in home parenting support to expectant and new parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to help improve their parenting skills. TIP creates a training plan that best suits each parent's situation, providing them with guidance on good nutrition, available medical and child care services, resume writing, job interview skills and more. **For more information:** www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/workfirstnj/tip/



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Special Child Health Services

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Each of NJ's 21 counties has a Special Child Health Services Case Management Unit that works with the child's parents, physician, and/or specialists to evaluate a child's strengths and needs and collaborates with the family and community-based partners to develop an individual service plan (ISP) for the child and family.

Special Child Health Services

PO Box 364 Trenton, NJ 08625-0364
(609) 777-7778
www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/sch/index.shtml

County Case Management Units

Atlantic County	(609) 909-9269
Bergen County	(201) 634-2620 x 5
Burlington County	(609) 914-8550 x 42837
Camden County	(856) 374-6021
Cape May County	(609) 465-6841
Cumberland County	(856) 327-7602
Essex County	(973) 395-8836
Gloucester County	(856) 218-4111
Hudson County	(201) 204-0004 x 7
Hunterdon County	(908) 788-6399
Mercer County	(609) 588-8460
Middlesex County	(732) 745-3100
Monmouth County	(732) 224-6950
Morris County	(973) 971-4155
Ocean County	(732) 341-9700 x 3
Passaic County	(973) 523-6778
Salem County	(856) 935-7510 x 8305
Somerset County	(908) 725-2366
Sussex County	(973) 948-5239
Union County	(908) 889-0950 x 2544
Warren County	(908) 475-7960

See the following Chapters for additional information regarding:

Early Intervention Services: Chapter 11

Educational Services: Chapter 11

PerformCare (Services For Children With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities): Chapter 18.





Chapter 11: Educational Resources

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) guarantees children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, the right to a free, appropriate public education delivered in the least restrictive environment. The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education provides leadership to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations and to establish standards that promote improved outcomes for students with disabilities. The New Jersey Department of Health also provides services to support children with disabilities. Below are some of the resources available.

The New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS)

Children develop at different paces, but there are developmental milestones that children should reach by certain times during the first three years of their lives. The Early Intervention Services can conduct an evaluation if your child is not meeting those developmental milestones. The NJEIS implements New Jersey's statewide system of services for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, with developmental disabilities. The cost of Early Intervention services for a child is determined by their family income. Families may receive Early Intervention Services at no cost depending on their household income.

1-888-653-4463

www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/eis/

Project Child Find

Project Child Find is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a disability from ages birth through 21.

1-800-322-8174

www.nj.gov/education/specialed/childfind/

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See Chapter 10 for information regarding Special Child Health Services

Regional Collaboratives

The Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives (REICs) are independent, non-profit corporations established to provide a community-based, culturally competent and consumer-driven early intervention system. The collaboratives are responsible for child find, public awareness, initial referral, service coordination, training and technical assistance and family support.

Family Link Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
2333 Morris Avenue, Suite A204 (2nd Floor)
Union, NJ 07083
(908) 964-5303
www.familylinkreic.org
(Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties)

Helpful Hands Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
82 Totowa Road
Wayne, NJ 07470
(973) 256-8484
www.nreic.org
(Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties)

Central Jersey Family Health Consortium Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
Central Jersey Family Health Consortium
30 Silverline Dr., 2nd Floor, Suite 1
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 937-5437
cjfhc.org
(Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Somerset Counties)

Southern New Jersey Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (SNJREIC)
1044 South Route 73, Suite A, Berlin, NJ 08009
(856) 768-6747
www.snjreic.org
(Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)



Head Start

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program for low-income children ages birth through five years old. It provides children with a developmentally appropriate early childhood education. The program ensures that young children get health checkups and treatment, oral health screenings and treatment, are fed a nutritious hot meal every day. Families who are not currently employed qualify for Head Start/Early Head Start programs.

To see if you are eligible for Local Head Start Programs or to find a location near you, call: (609) 376-9077
eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator

Parental Rights In Special Education Guide (PRISE)

This document describes the state and federal laws affecting the provision of special education to help parents understand their rights in the special education process. It is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Portuguese at:
www.nj.gov/education/specialed/form/prise/

Child Study Teams

A Child Study team (CST) is a multidisciplinary group of professionals typically employed by the board of education to provide parents and teachers with a variety of learning related services. These services include consultative, evaluative and prescriptive services for students who are experiencing academic difficulties. A typical CST consists of a psychologist, a learning disabilities consultant, social worker and oftentimes, a speech/language therapist alongside the student's parents. Ideally, they will meet before any special education testing is conducted and will continue to meet periodically if the student requires special services.

Upon completion of the evaluation, an Individualized Education Program (IEP), with stated goals and objectives, is written with the participation of the parents. An IEP is a written document that defines the student's goals and specific accommodations, supports, and services the school will provide for a student with disabilities to help them succeed in school.

New Jersey Specialized Child Study Team (NJSCST)

Provides resources for Students with Hearing Loss or Deaf-Blindness.
www.nj.gov/education/specialed/deaf/resources/

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County Offices of Education

Each county office serves as a resource for parents and educators, is led by an Executive County Superintendent and has a core staff, which includes an Executive County Business Official, a County Education Specialist and a County Special Education Specialist.
www.nj.gov/education/about/counties/

Learning Resource Centers

Learning Resource Centers provide research reports, educational guides, training, and workshops for parents and educators of students with disabilities.
www.state.nj.us/education/lrc

Learning Resource Center-Northern Region

7 Glenwood Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 201
East Orange, NJ 07017
(973) 414-4491
Serving: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties

Learning Resource Center-Central Region

200 Riverview Plaza, First Floor
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 376-3955
Serving: Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union Counties

Learning Resource Center-Southern Region

Rowan University – James Hall 1140
1 Memorial Circle
Glassboro, NJ 08028
(856) 256-4704
Serving: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties



NJDOE Special Education Ombudsman

The Office of the Special Education Ombudsman offers valuable resources and information to support parents, students and educators regarding special education rights and services.

PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone: (609) 376-9060
Email: specedombudsman@doe.nj.gov
www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/ombudsman/

Office of Special Education - Dispute Resolution

Oversees disputes, mediations/resolutions between parents and the school district and implements due process procedures.

Office of Special Education
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
(609) 376-9060
www.state.nj.us/education/specialed

New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

HESAA provides New Jersey students and families with the financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school.
1-800-792-8670
www.hesaa.org

For more information on services for children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, see chapter 18.





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Assistive technology is equipment or a service that serves to increase, maintain or improve the functional capability of an individual with a disability. This section lists agencies, outside of state government, that provide assistive technology services.

Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC): "Back in Action"

Provides information on assistive technology and maintains a used equipment recycling program that provides used items at low cost or free. View available items on their website.
www.at4nj.org/

210 S. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08638
Toll free: 1-800-922-7233
609-292-9742
disabilityrightsnj.org/how-we-help/areas-of-assistance/assistive-technology/

National Disability Institute: Assistive Technology Loan Program

Provides affordable loans of $500 to $30,000 to residents of New Jersey and New York.

(202) 449-9521
www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/financial-wellness/assistive-technology-loan-program/

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Advancing Opportunities: Assistive Technology Services/Lending Center

Assists people with disabilities, their families, teachers and employers identify and learn how to use the technology that will be most effective in meeting their goals. Their Technology Lending Center allows NJ residents with disabilities the opportunity to borrow assistive technology for a trial period, for free.

1005 Whitehead Road Ext., Suite 1
Ewing, NJ 08638
Toll free: 1-888-322-1918 x 536
609-882-4182
www.assistivetechnologycenter.org

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment

Refurbishes donated home medical equipment and offers it to individuals and families at low costs.

300 Benigno Blvd.
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
(609) 396-1513, (609) 812-2210
www.goodwillhomemedical.org



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NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD)

The NJCDD provides a forum for public and private agencies serving individuals with disabilities to come together with consumers, family members, and advocates, to develop a coordinated social policy. The Council also funds projects to educate and inform decision-makers, legislators, and the general public about developmental disabilities.

Mary Roebling Building
20 West State Street, 6th Floor
PO Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625-0700
Toll free: 1-800-792-8858
Email: njcdd@njcdd.org
https://njcdd.org/

Regional Family Support Planning Councils (RFSPCs)

RFSPCs provide a venue for parents and family members of people with developmental disabilities to exchange knowledge and information about available family support services. RFSPC members advise state agencies on how they can best meet the needs of families and individuals with developmental disabilities. Family members of people with developmental disabilities are encouraged to serve on a council. Councils generally meet monthly and may have up to 11 voting members. Meetings are open to the public and all families are welcome to attend. All 21 counties are represented by 10 regional councils. To find the council representing your county, visit: njcdd.org/the-regional-family-support-planning-councils/family-support-planning-councils/ or contact:

Kyoko Coco, Statewide RFSPC Coordinator
Telephone: 609-341-3112
Email: kyoko.coco@njcdd.org

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Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

CILs are community-based, consumer-driven organizations designed to support individuals with disabilities by providing a multitude of services based on individual needs, such as life skills training, advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling, socialization and community based activities. Membership is open to all people with disabilities, their able-bodied friends, and supporters. CILs promote personal growth and empowerment through choice, self-determination, and participation in programs providing information, education, skills development, and networking opportunities. **See Appendix 4 for a list of CILs by County.**

Association for Special Children and Families

This nonprofit consists of a group of parent consultants who support and educate other parents raising children with disabilities.

PO Box 494
Hewitt, NJ
07421-0494
(973) 728-8744
www.ascfamily.org

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

This nonprofit group provides education to families and professionals, family workshops, support groups and advocacy in the following areas: effective parent involvement, child care, general and special education, dropout and bullying prevention, child welfare, health care, mental health, youth leadership, transition to adult life, incarcerated youth, military family support, violence prevention and more.

35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Toll free: 1-800-654-7726
www.spanadvocacy.org

Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) receives reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of vulnerable adults ages 18 or older who reside in the community. Reports to APS that meet state criteria will generate a thorough assessment, including a private face-to-face interview with the potentially at-risk adult, to determine if further intervention is warranted. All information generated by the investigation is confidential. A report of suspected maltreatment should be made directly to the APS office in the county in which the vulnerable adult resides. The Division of Aging Services may be contacted to help facilitate the report to APS by calling the Information and Referral toll-free number **1-800-792-8820**.

See Appendix 5 for a list of APS offices by County.



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey

CASA of New Jersey provides a voice for abused and neglected children by empowering a statewide network of county-based programs. Working through community volunteers, these programs advocate on behalf of children in foster care and other out-of-home placements to ensure their well-being and ultimate placement in safe and nurturing permanent homes.

77 Church Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(609) 695-9400
Email: info@casaofnj.org
Website: www.casaofnj.org/

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

This private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization is devoted to defending the principles of freedom, justice and equality guaranteed by our state and federal constitutions and civil rights laws. They undertake litigation and advocacy on behalf of individuals and lobby for civil liberties in state and local government.

PO Box 32159
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 642-2084
www.aclu-nj.org

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ)

LSNJ coordinates the statewide legal services system in New Jersey, providing free legal assistance to low-income people in civil matters. This service is provided at no charge, but applicants must be financially eligible to qualify. Legal help is available in all languages and to the hearing-impaired. Services are provided in all 21 counties through local offices. Visit www.lsnj.org/LegalServicesOffices.aspx to find contact information for your local office.

100 Metroplex Dr.
PO Box 1357
Edison, NJ 08818
Toll free: 1-888-576-5529
www.lsnj.org

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Community Justice Center

This nonprofit legal service serves low-income and homeless individuals with disabilities and returning disabled veterans and their families, primarily within Central New Jersey.

310 W. State Street, Third Floor
Trenton, NJ 08618
(609) 218-5120
www.nj-communityjusticecenter.org

NJ Disability Action Committee

Composed of self-advocates, family/caregivers and support professionals, this group advocates for the health and well-being of all New Jerseyans with disabilities to ensure the needs of individuals with disabilities are represented in policy and decision making, in all areas of life.
njdac.org/

Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ)

DRNJ provides free legal and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities. They also provide education, training and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, the agencies that serve them, advocates, attorneys, professionals, courts and others regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities.

210 South Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
Toll free: 1-800-922-7233
Email: advocate@drnj.org
Website: www.drnj.org/

Community Health Law Project (CHLP)

This organization provides low cost, fee-for-service legal services to assist individuals living with disabilities and their families pursue civil and entitlement issues. This organization also provides free services to individuals receiving services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). They have several offices throughout the state. **Visit www.chlp.org/contact-us to find contact information for your local office.**

CHLP Administrative Office
185 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
(973) 275-1175
www.chlp.org



Chapter 14: Disability Rights and Laws: Information, Technical Assistance, and Enforcement

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Many laws protect the rights of individuals with disabilities. Brief overviews of relevant laws and local contacts for additional information and enforcement have been provided below. For a more comprehensive guide to disability rights and laws, please visit: www.ada.gov/cguide.htm

The NJ Law Against Discrimination (NJ LAD)

The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (N.J.S.A. 10:5-12) (LAD) makes it unlawful to subject people to differential treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex, pregnancy, familial status, marital status, domestic partnership or civil union status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, and mental or physical disability, perceived disability, and AIDS and HIV status. **The LAD prohibits unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, places of public accommodation, credit and business contracts. Learn more about the types of discrimination covered by the LAD at: www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/know-the-law/**

The NJ Family Leave Act (NJFLA)

The NJFLA entitles eligible employees to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave in a 24-month period to care for a family member.
For more information, see page 2.

The NJ Family Medical Leave Act (NJFMLA)

The NJFMLA entitles eligible employees to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period to care for yourself.

DCR Housing Discrimination Toll-Free Hotline: 1-866-405-3050

New Jersey Division on Civil Rights:

The NJ Division on Civil Rights (NJ DCR) is responsible for enforcing the NJLAD and the NJFLA by investigating claims of discrimination in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation (e.g., schools, stores, parks). The Division also offers free seminars and other outreach activities to educate the public on anti-discrimination laws. Complaints must be filed through a local office (see contacts below) within 180 days after the alleged act of discrimination.

NJ DCR Regional Offices:

Northern Regional Office
31 Clinton Street, 3rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 648-2700

Central Regional Office
140 East Front Street: 6th Floor
PO Box 090 Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 292-4605

Southern Regional Office
5 Executive Campus, Building 5,
Suite 107
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
(856) 486-4080

South Shore Regional Office
1601 Atlantic Ave, 6th Floor
Atlantic City NJ 08401
(609) 441-3100



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications.

ADA Title I: Employment

Prohibits discrimination in recruitment, hiring, promotions, training, pay, social activities, and other privileges of employment against otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities.

Enforced locally by:
NJ Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):
Newark Area Office
Toll free: 1-800-669-4000
ASL Video Phone: 844-234-5122

ADA Title II: State and Local Government Activities

Requires that state and local governments provide people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all programs, services, and activities.

Enforced locally by: The NJ Division on Civil Rights. ***See page 54.***

ADA Title II: Public Transportation

Requires that public transportation authorities do not discriminate against people with disabilities in the provision of their services. Requires accessible vehicles and the provision of paratransit services where they operate fixed-route bus or rail systems.

Enforced by:
US Office of Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration
Toll free: 1-888-446-4511
www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights-ada/

ADA Title III: Public Accommodations

Requires that places of public accommodation provide full access to goods and services to people with disabilities by removing barriers in existing buildings where it is easy to do so without much difficulty or expense and by allowing "reasonable accommodations" when serving people with disabilities. It also requires that places of public accommodation take steps necessary to communicate effectively with customers with vision, hearing, and speech disabilities.

Enforced locally by: The NJ Division on Civil Rights. See page 54.

ADA Title IV: Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS)

Requires that common carriers establish TRS Services, which enable callers with hearing and speech disabilities who use TTYs (also known as TDDs), and callers who use voice telephones to communicate with each other through a third party communications assistant. Title IV also requires closed captioning of federally funded public service announcements.

Enforced by: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Toll free: 1-888- 225-5322
VP: 1-844- 432-2275
www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/telecommunications-relay-services-trs

ADA Title V: Miscellaneous

Contains a variety of provisions relating to the ADA as a whole, including its relationship to other laws, state immunity, impact on insurance providers and benefits, prohibition against retaliation and coercion, illegal use of drugs, and attorney's fees. This title also provides a list of conditions that are not to be considered as disabilities.

For local information, training, and or technical assistance on the ADA:

Northeast ADA Center
1-800-949-4232
www.northeastada.org

For information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the Federal level.

Department of Justice ADA Information Line
1-800-514-0301
www.ada.gov



The Fair Housing Act (FHA):

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities. Additional protections apply to federally assisted housing. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing due to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act:

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

To file a complaint related to the FHA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, contact your local HUD office at:

New Jersey HUD Newark Field Office
One Newark Center
1085 Raymond Boulevard
13th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102-5260
(973) 776-7200
Email: NJ_Webmanager@hud.gov

Visit this page for answers to frequently asked questions about the housing rights of people with disabilities and the responsibilities of housing providers and building and design professionals under federal law:

www.hud.gov/topics/information_for_disabled_persons

US Access Board

The US Access Board is an independent federal agency that provides accessibility guidelines for the built environment, transportation, communication, medical diagnostic equipment, and information technology.
1-800-872-2253
www.access-board.gov

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

A federal law mandating that all children, regardless of disability, are entitled to a free, appropriate public education without extra cost and in the least restrictive and least segregated environment possible.
sites.ed.gov/idea/

Air Carrier Access Act

Federal law which requires airlines to accommodate the needs of passengers with disabilities. It applies to all flights in the United States and to flights to, or from, the United States by foreign airlines. It prevents airlines from refusing to transport a passenger solely because of a disability; limits the circumstances under which passengers with disabilities must provide advance information about their disabilities to air carriers; states that assistive devices do not count against passenger baggage limits; and sets accessibility guidelines for airplane facilities. Airline personnel must provide routine physical assistance but are not required to provide what would customarily be regarded as personal care assistance. However, if a passenger requires an attendant, the airline must transport the attendant free of charge. The law does not require an airline to transport an individual who may endanger the health or safety of others. The Act mandates that a Complaints Resolution Officer (CRO) be immediately available to resolve disputes between airlines and passengers with disabilities.
www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/passengers-disabilities

Voting Accessibility for Individuals with disabilities

Requires polling places across the United States to be physically accessible to people with disabilities for federal elections or to provide an alternate means of casting a ballot on the day of the election. This law also requires states to make registration and voting aids available for voters with disabilities and those who are elderly.

For more information, visit: disabilityrightsnj.org/who-we-are/programs/



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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

The Division oversees New Jersey's adult system of community-based behavioral health services. Provider agencies deliver a full array of mental health and substance use disorder services, including: prevention, intervention, emergency screening, outpatient and intensive outpatient mental health and addictions services, partial care and partial hospitalization, case management, medication-assisted treatment for substance abuse, and long and short-term mental health and substance abuse residential services.

PO Box 362
Trenton, NJ 08625
1-800-382-6717
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/home/

For Mental Health Information and Referrals:
1-800-382-6717

For Substance Abuse Treatment Services (ReachNJ):
1-844-732-2465

NJ Mental Health Cares Helpline
1-866-202-HELP (1-866-202-4357) 8am to 8pm daily
www.njmentalhealthcares.org/

Looking for Behavioral Health or Substance Use Treatment Services for Someone 20 Years Old or Younger?

PerformCare is the single point of access to behavioral health and substance use treatment services for NJ youth up to the age of 21.

Toll-free:
1-877-652-7624 (24/7 access)
www.performcarenj.org/index.aspx

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County Crisis Intervention Contacts

The numbers listed below provide callers with access to psychiatric emergency services for non-medical emergencies and crisis intervention:

Atlantic County	(609) 344-1118
Bergen County	(201) 262-4357
Burlington County	(609) 835-6180
Camden County	(856) 428-4357
Cape May County	(609) 465-5999
Cumberland County	(856) 455-5555
Essex County (Clara Maas)	(973) 844-4357
Essex County (Beth Israel)	(973) 926-7444
Essex County (UBHC)	(973) 623-2323
Gloucester County	(856) 845-9100
Hudson County	(866) 367-6023
Hunterdon County	(908) 788-6400
Mercer County	(609) 396-4357
Middlesex County	(732) 235-5700
Monmouth County	(732) 923-6999
Morris County	(973) 625-6160
Ocean County	(732) 886-4474
Passaic County	(973) 754-2230
Salem County	(856) 299-3001
Somerset County	(908) 526-4100
Sussex County	(973) 383-0973
Union County	(908) 994-7131
Warren County	(908) 454-5141

New Jersey's 24/7 Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-855-NJ-HOPELINE (1-855-654-6735)
Specialists are available for confidential telephone counseling and support
24 hours a day, 7 days per week



Mental Health-Related Support Associations

New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse
673 Morris Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081
Toll free: 1-800-367-6274
www.njgroups.org

Mental Health Association in New Jersey
673 Morris Ave, Suite 100
Springfield, NJ 07081
Toll free: 1-800-367-8850
www.mhanj.org

NAMI NJ (National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey)
1562 Route 130
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 940-0991
www.naminj.org

National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery
25 Bigelow St
Cambridge, MA 02139
(202) 642-4480
www.ncmhr.org

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 35
Mercerville, NJ 08619
(609) 838-5488
www.njamhaa.org

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Addiction Resources

Reach NJ Addictions Helpline
Toll free: 1-844-732-2465
reachnj.gov

NJ Connect for Recovery
(A free confidential call line for Individuals and Families Coping with Addiction)
Toll free: 1-855-652-3737
www.njconnectforrecovery.org

Alcoholics Anonymous
South Jersey Intergroup:
(856) 486-4444

Cape Atlantic Intergroup:
(609) 641-8855

Central Jersey Intergroup:
(609) 586-6902

Intergroup of Northern NJ:
(908) 687-8566
www.aa.org

Intoxicated Driving Program Call Center:
(609) 815-3100

AL-ANON Adult Children & Family Group ALA-TEEN
North Jersey:
(973) 744-8686
www.northjerseyal-anon.org

Gamblers Anonymous
Toll Free: 1-855-222-5542
www.ga4nj.com

Narcotics Anonymous
Toll free: 1-800-992-0401
www.na.org

NAR-ANON Family Group
Toll free: 1-877-424-4491
naranonofnj.org

Nicotine Anonymous
Toll free: 1-877-879-6422
Email: info@nicotine-anonymous.org
www.nicotine-anonymous.org

National Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information Center
Toll free: 1-800-784-6776

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 35
Mercerville, NJ 08619
(609) 838-5488
Fax: (609) 838-5489
www.njamhaa.org



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Personal Care Assistant Service (PCA)

PCA services are non-emergent, on-going health related tasks performed by qualified staff in an eligible NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid) member's home. The purpose of the program is to accommodate long-term/chronic or maintenance health care by providing assistance with activities of daily living and household duties essential to the individual's health and comfort. The number of hours authorized is based upon medical necessity, as determined by a nursing assessment. **To apply, contact your NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organization (MCO).** ***See page 15.***

Personal Preference Program (PPP)

The PPP offers an alternate way for individuals to receive their NJ FamilyCare Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services. Using a self-directed model, this program enables eligible NJ FamilyCare recipients to direct and manage their PCA services rather than receiving traditional PCA agency services. **To enroll, contact your NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organization (MCO) and ask to speak with a Care Manager.** ***See page 15.***

Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)

The Managed Long Term Services and Supports program (MLTSS) is a New Jersey initiative intended to provide a better way to help seniors and individuals with disabilities live at home for as long as possible. MLTSS also provides access to private duty nursing services for children requiring a skilled level of care. The program is designed to coordinate support services according to a participant's needs. Participants will receive their primary, acute, behavioral, and long-term care needs through a NJ FamilyCare MCO. **MLTSS includes services such as:**

- **Access to all NJ FamilyCare Plan A Benefits (see chapter 5)**
- **Care Management;**
- **Home and Vehicle Modifications;**
- **Home Delivered Meals;**
- **Respite;**
- **Personal Emergency Response Systems;**
- **Mental Health and Addiction Services;**
- **Assisted Living;**
- **Community Residential Services;**
- **Nursing Home Care.**

For more information about MLTSS, visit:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html

To apply for MLTSS:

Birth through age 20: Contact the Division of Disability Services (DDS) at 1-888-285-3036.

21 years or older: Contact your County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) or your County Board of Social Services. See pages 127 and 129, respectively, for a listing of those numbers by County.

Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Provides frail individuals, age 55 and older, comprehensive medical and social services coordinated and provided by a team of professionals in a community-based center and in their homes, helping program participants delay or avoid long-term nursing home care. To participate in PACE, an individual must be 55 years of age or older, require nursing home level of care but be able to live safely in the community at time of enrollment with the services of PACE, and reside in the service area of a PACE organization. You can leave a PACE program at any time. Six PACE agencies are currently operating in New Jersey and you must live in their coverage area to participate.

For more information, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/pace/

To apply, contact the PACE agency serving your area at the numbers listed below:

PACE Centers:

LIFE St. Francis:
(609) 599-5433 (serving Mercer County and portions of Burlington County)
www.stfrancismedical.org/LIFE/Overview.aspx

Trinity Health LIFE New Jersey:
(856) 675-3675 (serving most of Camden County and portions of Burlington County)
www.trinityhealthpace.org/th-life-new-jersey

Lutheran Senior LIFE:
Toll Free: 1-877-543-3188 (serving most of Hudson County)
www.lsmnj.org/how-we-help/senior-healthcare-retirement-living/lutheran-senior-life-jersey-city/

Inspira LIFE:
Toll Free: 1-855-295-5433 (serving portions of Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)
www.inspirahealthnetwork.org/life-center

Beacon of LIFE:
(732) 592-3400 (serving Monmouth County)
www.beaconhss.com

AtlantiCare LIFE Connection:
(609) 572-8588 (Serving Atlantic and Cape May Counties)
www.atlanticare.org/services/life-connection/services

The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)

The PASP is a personal care assistance program for individuals with permanent physical disabilities who are capable of directing their own services. The program provides up to 40 hours per week of routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults ages 18 and above, who are employed, preparing for employment (attending school or other training) or engaged in volunteer work. Personal assistants help with personal care tasks including, but not limited to: bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, meal preparation, shopping, light housekeeping, driving or using public transportation. Eligibility is open to all who meet the above criteria, regardless of earnings, but there is a cost share based on income. To apply, contact your county PASP Coordinator. **For more information and County Coordinator contact information, visit:** nj.gov/humanservices/dds/services/pasp/



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Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC)

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) is a program that provides in-home services to seniors, age 60 and over, who require a nursing facility level of care but wish to remain in their homes. JACC includes an array of services designed to supplement the assistance given by the individual's existing network of family caregivers. Qualified individuals may have the opportunity to hire their own eligible family, friends, or neighbors to provide the care they need. By designing service plans uniquely tailored to the individual, JACC works to enhance the individual's community care options. JACC also strengthens the ability of caregivers to continue in their vital role as primary support providers. Services available through JACC include the following: care management, personal care assistance, caregiver relief (respite), home modifications, special medical equipment and supplies, chore services, personal emergency response system, home delivered meal services, social adult day care, and transportation. JACC has a monthly co-pay based on the participant's (and spouse's) income.

Individuals eligible for this program must:

- require a nursing facility level of care, but wish to remain at home
- not participate in other services that provide this type of care
- meet financial guidelines for income and assets:
  - countable monthly income that is no more than 365% of the Federal Poverty Level ($4,134 for individuals and $5,569 for a couple in 2022) and
  - countable resources at or below $40,000 for an individual or $60,000 for a couple

For more information, visit:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/jacc/

To apply, please contact your County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). ***See Appendix 3.***



Statewide Respite Care Program

This program offers services to individuals needing care so as to provide a break ("respite") to unpaid caregivers. Services can include adult day care, home care, companion services, campership, or a short stay in a facility. There is a caregiver directed option, which allows the caregiver to pay for and be reimbursed for services or items that make caregiving easier. There are cost shares from 0% to 25% of the cost of care.

Individuals eligible for this program must:

- live in the community and require daily, basic care that is currently being provided by unpaid caregivers such as a spouse, family members or friends
- not participate in other services that provide this type of care
- meet financial guidelines for income and assets. There may be a co-pay based on income.

For more information, visit:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/srcp/

To apply, please contact your county AAA/ADRC. *See Appendix 3.*

Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program (AADSP)

This program gives a break (respite) to unpaid caregivers who are caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, such as dementia, by subsidizing adult day care at participating day centers. The day centers provide higher staffing ratios and dementia-specific care. There are co-pays based on income.

Individuals eligible for this program must:

- have a qualifying diagnosis that includes permanent and progressive dementia
- live in the community and require daily, basic care that is currently being provided by unpaid caregivers such as a spouse, family members or friends
- not participate in other services that provide this type of care
- meet financial guidelines for income and assets. There may be a co-pay based on income.

For more information, please visit:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/aads/

To apply, call your County AAA/ADRC. *See Appendix 3.*

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Older Americans Act Funded Programs

This Division of Aging Services administers programs funded through the Older Americans Act. Services vary depending on county and consist of things like: home delivered meals, congregate nutrition programs, information and assistance, and screening for benefits. Some counties may have light home repair services or "handy man" services available. Eligibility for these programs is not based on income. Most programs are for individuals in need, age 60 and older, but some services are also available to caregivers of any age and to grandparents age 55 or older. **To learn what services your county has available, call your County AAA/ADRC. *See Appendix 3.***

Other Resources for Caregiver Support

Care2Caregivers Program

Care2Caregivers is a peer-lead support program for those providing care for a family member or friend diagnosed with dementia.

Toll free 1-800-424-2494
www.care2caregivers.com

The Caregiver Action Network (CAN)

The Caregiver Action Network is the nation's leading family caregiver organization working to improve the quality of life for the more than 65 million Americans who care for loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, disease, or the frailties of old age. CAN serves a broad spectrum of family caregivers ranging from the parents of children with special needs, to the families and friends of wounded soldiers; from a young couple dealing with a diagnosis of MS, to adult children caring for parents with Alzheimer's disease. CAN (formerly the National Family Caregivers Association) is a non-profit organization providing education, peer support, and resources to family caregivers across the country free of charge.

(202) 454-3970
Toll free 1-855-227-3640
www.caregiveraction.org

Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA)

Family Caregiver Alliance was the first community-based nonprofit organization in the country to address the needs of families and friends providing long-term care at home. Long recognized as a pioneer in health services, FCA now offers programs at national, state and local levels to support and sustain caregivers.

Toll free 1-800-445-8106
www.caregiver.org



American Healthcare Association (AHCA)

AHCA is the Nation's largest association of long term and post-acute care providers. They advocate for quality care and services for individuals who are frail, elderly, and/or have disabilities. AHCA members provide essential care to approximately one million individuals in over 13,500 not-for-profit and proprietary member facilities.

(202) 842-4444
www.ahcancal.org

Wellspouse Association

The Well Spouse Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization, advocates for and addresses the needs of individuals caring for those with chronic illnesses or disabilities. The agency offers peer to peer support and educates health care professionals and the general public about the special challenges and unique issues "well" spouses face every day.

(732) 577-8899
www.wellspouse.org

National Alliance for Caregiving

Established in 1996, the National Alliance for Caregiving is a non-profit coalition of national organizations focusing on issues of family caregiving. Alliance members include grassroots organizations, professional associations, service organizations, disease-specific organizations, a government agency, and corporations.

Email: info@caregiving.org
www.caregiving.org

Safe Care Cam Program

The "Safe Care Cam" program makes micro-surveillance cameras available for free 30-day loans to anyone who suspects their loved one is being abused or neglected by home health aides or other in-home caregivers.

For more information, call the Division of Consumer Affairs.
Toll free 1-800-242-5846 or (973) 504-6375

Find a Long Term Care Facility:

healthapps.state.nj.us/facilities/fsSearch.aspx

Find Hospitals, Ambulatory Care, and other Acute Care Facilities:

healthapps.state.nj.us/facilities/acSearch.aspx

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Fraud Prevention

NJ Long Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO)

The NJLTCO is responsible for securing, preserving, and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey's elderly population, through investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; legislative and regulatory advocacy; policy work; and education and outreach.

P.O. Box 852
Trenton, NJ 08625-0852
1-877-582-6995
www.state.nj.us/ooie/

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

219C Blackhorse Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 777-1940
Hotline: 1-877-767-4359
seniormedicarepatrolnj.org/

Other Anti-fraud Resources

- **The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs** is charged with protecting the public from fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation in the sale of goods and services. **Report allegations to 1-800-242-5846, 1-877-746-7850 or visit their website** www.njconsumeraffairs.gov.

- **The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** works to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and to help consumers to spot, stop, and avoid them. **To find information or file a complaint, visit their website at** www.ftc.gov **or call 1-877-382-4357**.

- **National Consumer League's Fraud Center** has a website where you can file a complaint on-line at www.fraud.org.



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Established in 1997 within the NJ Department of Human Services, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) serves as the lead state agency representing the interests of individuals with disabilities by providing information and support to enhance health, education, employment, recreation and social engagement. Through partnerships with other state and local agencies, DDS ensures representation in policy and decision-making to improve access, equity and inclusion. DDS serves all individuals with disabilities, statewide.

Need assistance navigating disability-related services in NJ?

Contact a DDS I & R Specialist today:
1-888-285-3036
Email: dhsco-dds-information@dhs.nj.gov.

How We Help:

- **Information and Referral Services (I & R)**
  Through a toll-free hotline, nationally certified Information and Referral Specialists (I & R Specialists) are available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, to:
  - assist NJ residents with disabilities in navigating and accessing community supports;
  - provide information and technical assistance for NJ ABLE and NJ WorkAbility (***see pages 7 and 31***);
  - initiate Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) enrollment for children and young adults, 20 years old and younger (***see page 63***);
  - create and distribute publications, such as New Jersey Resources and the NJ Guide to Accessible Parking; and
  - attend public events throughout the state to provide information and answer questions.

- **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (TBI FUND)**
  The TBI Fund provides services and supports to New Jersey residents of any age, who have a traumatic brain injury.

  The Fund aims to foster independence and maximize quality of life when insurance, personal resources, and/or public programs are unavailable to meet those needs.

  Services include, but are not limited to: companion; personal care; household management; assistive technology; physical/occupational therapies; cognitive rehabilitation therapy; home/vehicle modifications.

  A portion of the Fund is used to support public education, outreach, and prevention strategies related to TBI.

  An eligible applicant must be a NJ resident for at least 90 days prior to the application date, have liquid assets less than $100,000, and have a medically documented traumatic brain injury.

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DDS Communications

To stay current with the latest information from DDS, subscribe to our listserv, **DDS Communications**, on our homepage at: www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/index.html

- **Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)**
  The PASP is a personal care assistance program for individuals with permanent physical disabilities who are capable of directing their own services. The program provides up to 40 hours per week of routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults ages 18 and above, who are employed, preparing for employment (attending school or other training) or engaged in volunteer work. Personal assistants help with personal care tasks including, but not limited to: bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, meal preparation, shopping, light housekeeping, driving or using public transportation. Eligibility is open to all who meet the above criteria, regardless of earnings, but there is a cost share based on income.

  The PASP is administered through County offices with oversight and funding provided by the DDS. ***See more on page 65.***

- **Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant Program (IHC)**
  The Inclusive Healthy Communities (IHC) Grant Program provides funding to communities and organizations in New Jersey to promote inclusive practices through policy, systems and environmental change that support the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities in the communities where they live.
  For more information, visit: www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/services/ihc/

- **Disability Health and Wellness Initiatives**
  DDS aims to promote healthy living and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities and create healthier, more inclusive communities through policy, systems and environmental changes. ***See more on page 119.***

For more information regarding services provided by DDS and to access electronic versions of our publications, visit:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/index.html

To request printed copies of our publications, email us at:
dds.publications@dhs.nj.gov

NJ Division of Disability Services (DDS)
PO Box 705
11A Quakerbridge Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625
1-888-285-3036
Email: DHSCO-DDS-Information@dhs.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/index.html



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A developmental disability is a chronic physical or intellectual disability, or a combination thereof, that:

- manifests before age 21;
- is permanent;
- substantially limits an individual's ability to complete activities in at least three of the following life activities:
  - self-care;
  - learning;
  - mobility;
  - communication;
  - self-direction;
  - economic self-sufficiency;
  - the ability to live independently.
- reflects the need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment, or other services that are lifelong or extended and individually planned and coordinated.

In New Jersey, services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) are categorized into children services or adult services:

Services for Children with I/DD: (Birth-age 21):

are administered through the NJ Children's System of Care (CSOC), under the Department of Children and Families, through **PerformCare.** ***See page 74.***

Services for Adults with I/DD: (21 and older):

are administered through the **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).** ***See page 75.***

Some Examples of developmental disabilities are:

Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Muscular Dystrophy. However, it's important to remember that the definition of a developmental disability is not based on diagnosis alone. It's dependent upon the age at which the disability occurred and the effect on one's long-term abilities to complete activities of daily living. Therefore, injuries to the brain or spinal cord incurred before the age of 21 may also qualify as developmental disabilities provided they are permanent and effect an individual's ability to complete day-to-day tasks in three or more areas of life activity.

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PerformCare

Toll-free: 1-877-652-7624 (24/7 access)
www.performcarenj.org

Through the New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC), PerformCare administers the publicly funded developmental disability service delivery system for children and youth up to age 21. PerformCare is also the single point of access to behavioral health and substance use treatment services for New Jersey youth up to the age of 21. **For more information on those services, see chapter 15.**

The service system for children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is designed to help families meet the needs of children with I/DDs that are not being met through school-related services, medical services reimbursable by health insurance, or by other existing supports or services. Services through this program are administered based upon level of care and the availability of funds.*
See more about early intervention and educational entitlement services in chapter 11.

Services through PerformCare include the following:

Family Support Services (FSS): FSS services provide caregiver relief (Respite), assistive technology, home and vehicle modifications, and assistance with summer camp during summer breaks from school.

Connection with local Care Management Organizations (CMOs): CMOs are agencies that provide a full range of treatment and support services to children with the most complex needs. They work with child-family teams to develop individualized service plans. The CMO's goals are to keep children in their homes, schools and communities.

Out of Home (OOH) services and supports: provide out-of-home treatment for youth who are not able to safely be cared for at home. If a youth or young adult (under age 21) requires OOH Treatment, PerformCare will work with the family's Care Management Organization (CMO) to identify the least restrictive type of treatment setting to best meet a child's identified needs.

To access developmental disability services for children: an application for developmental disability determination of eligibility must be submitted.

- For children under the age of 18 (although services are provided until age 21), the application must be submitted to PerformCare. Applications can be completed online through a secure portal or are available to download

* *Under the direction of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD), the Regional Family Support Planning Councils assist the Children's System of Care in the allocation of funding for family support services by making recommendations based on input they receive from families. See chapter 13 for additional information about those organizations.*



and complete by hand at: www.performcarenj.org/families/disability/determination-eligibility.aspx or you can **call PerformCare at 1-877-652-7624.**

- For children 18 and older, applications for access to developmental disability services can be submitted to the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), but services will continue to be provided through PerformCare until the age of 21, at which time the eligible individual will transition to DDD. An application for an individual age 18 and older can be obtained on the DDD website at: www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/applyservices/ or by calling a **DDD Intake worker at the DDD Community Services Office that serves the county where the individual lives. See page 76 for a list of DDD offices.**

NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

DDD Central Office
222 South Warren St. (PO Box 726) Trenton, NJ 08625-0726
Phone: (609) 633.1482
Toll Free: 1-800-832-9173

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is the state agency that ensures New Jersey adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) age 21 and older receive quality services to support them in living, working, and participating in their communities. The DDD partners with community-based support coordination and service provider agencies to expand opportunities for adults with I/DD to live as independently as possible, exercise their right to make choices, and reach their goals. A wide array of day and residential services *(see panel to the right)* are available to eligible individuals who meet the functional criteria for an intellectual/developmental disability and are eligible for Medicaid. To talk with a DDD intake worker or request to have an Application for Eligibility mailed to you, contact the DDD Community Services Office that serves the county where the individual lives. *See page 76.*

The Application for Eligibility is also available on the DDD website, www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/applyservices/ .

DDD Services Available (Based on Individual's Assessed Needs)

- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Supports
- Career Planning
- Cognitive Rehabilitation
- Community Based Supports
- Community Inclusion Services
- Community Transition Services
- Day Habilitation
- Environmental Modifications
- Goods & Services
- Individual Supports
- Interpreter Services
- Natural Supports Training
- Occupational Therapy
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Physical Therapy
- Prevocational Training
- Respite
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Therapy
- Support Coordination
- Supported Employment
- Supports Brokerage
- Transportation
- Vehicle Modifications

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DDD Community Services Offices

Morris, Sussex, Warren	**Flanders Office:** 1-B Laurel Drive Flanders, NJ 07836 **(973) 927-2600**
Bergen, Hudson, Passaic	**Paterson Office:** 100 Hamilton Plaza, 7th Floor Paterson, NJ 07505 **(973) 977-4004**
Essex	**Newark Office:** 153 Halsey St., 2nd FL PO Box 47013 Newark, NJ 07101 **(973) 693-5080**
Union, Somerset	**Plainfield Office:** 110 East 5th St. Plainfield, NJ 07060 **(908) 226-7800**
Ocean, Monmouth	**Freehold Office:** Juniper Plaza, Suite 1-J 3499 Route 9 North Freehold, NJ 07728 **(732) 863-4500**
Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex	**Trenton Office:** 11A Quakerbridge Plaza PO Box 705 Trenton NJ 08625 **1-800-832-9173**
Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem	**Mays Landing Office:** 5218 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 205 Mays Landing, NJ 08330 **(609) 476-5200**
Burlington, Camden, Gloucester	**Voorhees Office:** 2 Echelon Plaza, 221 Laurel Rd., Suite 210 Voorhees, NJ 08043 **(856) 770-5900**



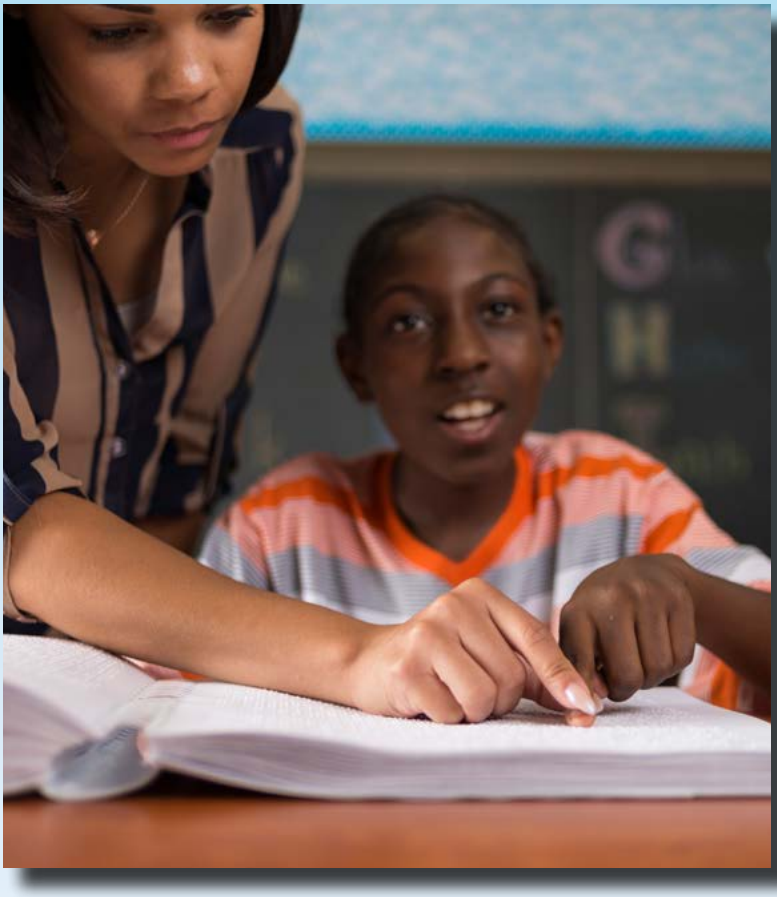
Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities And Their Families

The Office was established by the State Legislature in December 2017 to serve individuals and their families – to help make sure that they get the services and supports they need and deserve. Appointed by the Governor and housed within the Department of Treasury, the Ombudsman serves as the administration's lead advocate and ally for New Jersey residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities of all ages and their families. The Ombudsman provides guidance and assistance for individuals and families who are having difficulty receiving the services they need and works closely with other government officials to resolve issues, to identify patterns of complaints regarding rights and services of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and to recommend strategies for improvements.

Paul Aronsohn, Ombudsman
PO Box 205
Trenton, NJ 08625
Email: Paul.Aronsohn@treas.nj.gov
Phone: (609) 984-7764
www.disabilityombudsman.nj.gov/

The Stephen Komninos' Law was enacted on May 1, 2018 to strengthen protections for adults with developmental disabilities. The law provides additional opportunities for the Department of Human Services and service providers to advance health, safety and well-being of the individuals who receive our services. Recognizing the important role of guardians and family members in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities, the law enhances communications between providers, guardians and families, and strengthens safety and reporting practices.

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/home/skl.html





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Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)

153 Halsey St, 6th Floor
P.O. Box 47017
Newark, NJ 07101-47017

Phone: (973) 648-3333
Toll Free: 1-877-685-8878

E-mail: askcbvi@dhs.nj.gov
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi

The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) provides education, employment, independent living and eye health services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired, their families, caregivers and the community. Programs are designed to enable individuals to gain independence and include orientation and mobility, braille instruction, and vocational rehabilitation.

Eligibility: available to all blind or visually impaired NJ residents experiencing vision loss that is affecting their daily life activities.

Visually Impaired means that an individual's vision is 20/70 or less in the better eye. (The person sees at 20 feet what a normally sighted person sees at 70 feet.)

Legally Blind means that an individual's vision is 20/200 or less in the better eye. (The person sees at 20 feet what a normally sighted person sees at 200 feet.) Also, an individual is considered legally blind if they have a restricted visual field limited to 20 degrees or less. (The person sees 20 degrees of all the objects in his or her field of vision when a normally sighted person would see 180 degrees.)

To apply or refer someone for services call 1-877-685-8878 or (973) 648-3333 or a regional service office. ***See page 85.***

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CBVI Services and Programs

Educational Services: to students who are blind or visually impaired from birth through high school.

Infant services are provided by CBVI to infants and toddlers (birth through 2 years)

In collaboration with the lead early intervention services providers within the New Jersey Early Intervention System, CBVI provides assessment and support services for infant/toddlers with vision loss, and consults with families and developmental instructors regarding all issues related to the early development and conceptual learning of blind and visually impaired babies. Services are free of charge to the families, and are provided in the child's natural environment (usually the home) with their primary caregivers.

School-based services (preschool through high school)

Provides specialized instruction, materials, technology, and other accommodations for students who are blind or visually impaired to succeed in school. These services are based upon each student's individual needs and are free of charge to students and their families regardless of family income. Services may include: Counseling and training for families; services for children who are deaf-blind or who have multiple disabilities; literacy enhancement; tutoring in special areas; and assistance with adaptive equipment, accessible textbooks, reading materials and other teaching aids from the Meyer Instructional Resource Center.

Students can be referred at any time in their school careers by the family, school personnel, medical professionals, or social services providers.

The SHARP Program

SHARP is a summer program that enables students with vision loss, ages six through thirteen, to acquire and practice blindness skills in the areas of Braille, assistive technology, and independent living, including orientation and mobility. During the summer, students can attend the SHARP program, through hands-on and community field trips, experience, and practice.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Provides vocational training and counseling specifically designed to assist individuals who are blind, visually-impaired, or deaf-blind to prepare for, secure, retain, or advance in employment that is consistent with their strengths, skills, and interests.



The scope of Vocational Rehabilitation Services includes:

- Assessment for determining eligibility and VR needs by qualified personnel;
- VR counseling and guidance, including information and support services to assist an individual in exercising informed choice, including referral and services from other agencies;
- Physical and mental restoration services;
- Vocational and other training services;
- Maintenance and transportation related to the rendering of any VR services;
- Vocational rehabilitation services to family members to assist in achieving the employment goal for an individual with a disability, e.g., family counseling;
- Interpreter services, including sign language and oral interpreter services, for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, and tactile interpreting services for individuals who are deaf-blind;
- Independent living skills instruction including personal and home management;
- Orientation and mobility services to instruct in methods of independent community travel;
- Services to assist students to transition from school to work;
- Job-related services, including job search and placement assistance, job retention services, follow-up services, and follow-along services;
- Supported employment services;
- Personal assistance services, including reader services;
- Occupational licenses, tools, equipment, initial stocks, and supplies;
- Technical assistance to individuals who are pursuing self-employment;
- Rehabilitation technology services and devices; and
- Post-employment services, i.e., short term services required to keep a job.

- **Pre-Employment Transition Services:** Transition services are available to eligible students with disabilities, ages 14 to 21, and include: job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, workplace readiness training, instruction in self-advocacy, and counseling on post-secondary enrollment opportunities. These transition programs include:

- **Life 101:** a two-week summer, residential program for ninth and tenth grade students. The program is comprised of interactive and community-based activities, focused on career exploration, independent living skills, and post-secondary education.

- **EDGE (Employment, Development, Guidance, and Engagement) 1.0:** helps prepare blind and vision-impaired high school students receiving

transition services to become successful professionals. Students attend monthly workshops to develop their professional, self-advocacy, and independent living skills. Additionally, students attend community trips to socialize with other blind peers, build life skills, and learn about opportunities to find employment or become more involved in extracurricular activities.

- **EDGE (Employment, Development, Guidance, and Engagement) 2.0:** serves college undergraduates who are blind and vision-impaired. Students learn how to maximize their college experience through individualized plans that addresses barriers on campus, sets academic and social goals, and campus and community engagement. Students have career development plans that provide a map to graduation and a guide to careers in their fields of interest. In addition, students participate in campus visits with a career advisor, monthly mentor conversations, and peer meetings with career-centered activities. Using each of these resources and a career-focused approach, students enhance their ability to become employed competitively in their field of choice.

- **The CBVI College Preparation Experience (CPE):** is an integrated part of The College of New Jersey's pre-College Program. This is a credit-bearing program for rising high school juniors and seniors. The program helps prepare students for college through college-level coursework, community engaged learning, and college-based workshops. The CPE includes a two-week Orientation program in which students have the opportunity to practice blindness skills and college-readiness skills on TCNJ's campus. This includes learning to navigate a college campus, practicing time-management, and beginning the process of writing essays for the college application process.

- **The Work Skills Preparation Program (WSP):** is a pre-employment transition program for high school students (ages 16-21) who are blind and vision-impaired with additional disabilities, who would benefit from an employment outcome upon completion of high school. Students practice functional academic skills, employment skills, and independent living skills in both classroom-based and community-based settings.

The Youth Employment Solutions (YES) Program:
Provides job coaching and job development services to individuals 18-25 years old in partnership with TCNJ.

Assistive Technology Support:
Assists consumers in gaining direct access to computer equipment and other technology through a comprehensive assessment of skill and accessibility needs.



The purpose of the unit is to minimize barriers and enable individuals to have more efficient professional or academic lives Regional Technology Assistance Centers (RTACs) are located in Newark, Freehold, Cherry Hill, Atlantic City, Trenton, and New Brunswick.

Joseph Kohn Training Center (JKTC): offers vocational rehabilitation, employment services, and independent living skills training to blind, deaf-blind, and visually-impaired individuals. Individuals 18 years or older who are blind or visually impaired, have exited from their secondary school program, and want to learn the independent living skills that will enable them to be integrated into their community may be eligible. The program is customized for each consumer, free of charge, and can range in duration from approximately 2 weeks to 20 weeks or more.

For information on vision care assistance, see pages 21-22.

Business Enterprises New Jersey (BENJ): CBVI is the State Licensing Agency (SLA) for the Federal Randolph-Sheppard program. BENJ, directly oversees New Jersey's Randolph Sheppard program. This program enables individuals who are blind to manage their own businesses, including: vending machines, newspaper stands, snack bars, and full service cafeterias. Individuals who wish to enter BENJ are required to: be at least 18 years of age, be legally blind, have a high school diploma (or GED), pass a background check, be registered to receive CBVI vocational rehabilitation services, and be a United States citizen.

Business Relations Unit (BRU): provides services to both public and private sector businesses in order to assist them with meeting their diversity initiatives in hiring individuals with disabilities. The BRU partners with businesses to address their needs, such as education and technical assistance on recruiting, hiring, and retaining employees who are blind, deaf-blind, and visually-impaired.

Independent Living Skills:
Provides training designed to help people of any age who are blind or vision impaired to adjust to their vision loss and gain the skills of daily living that they need to lead a full and productive life. Provides assistance and in-home instruction in the areas of daily living activities and home management; orientation and safe independent travel within the home, community, work, and school environment; child care training; training in braille and other communication methods; eye health education; low-vision services and referral to community resources.

Assistive Support Programs for Independence Renewal and Education (ASPIRE):
A state-wide network of peer support groups designed to provide individuals who are living with vision loss the opportunity to gain the necessary coping skills, information, and education needed to thrive. ASPIRE offers individuals with vision loss the opportunity to become more socially engaged and connected with peers who face similar challenges and life experiences.

The Senior Hands-On Retreat Experience (SHORE):

Provides consumers age 55+ the opportunity to participate in a six-day retreat that includes instruction in intensive independent living, travel, health and wellness, assistive technology, communication, and self-advocacy skills. Consumers also obtain information about, and/or participate in, coping with vision loss, community integration, emergency preparedness, and leisure activity options. Some of the specific activities/lessons covered include eye health and nutrition, diabetic education, grocery shopping, kitchen safety, dining at restaurants, and music and relaxation therapy.

Library Equal Access Program (LEAP):

Helps individuals age 55 and older with a change in vision to gain access and learn how to utilize assistive technology. Equipment available includes computers (with speech and magnification software), iPads, and a Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV). The collaborative libraries are located in Mays Landing, South Orange, East Brunswick, Cherry Hill, Hackensack, Toms River, Morris Township, and Atlantic City. **To sign up for classes, call the Talking Book & Braille Center at 1-800-792-8322, extension 812.**

Project BEST (Better Eye Health Services and Treatment):

Provides vision screenings to save sight and restore vision whenever medically possible and to identify eye disease in target populations that do not have access to eye health care. It facilitates treatment through community providers and referrals to emergency intervention when needed.

The Early Childhood Screening Program (Pre-School Vision Screenings) helps identify impediments to education and eye disease specific to that age group; the **Migrant Worker Screening Program** provides eye screening to migrant workers who are uninsured or underinsured, and in collaboration with the Department of Health, the **Diabetic Eye Disease Detection Program**, targets populations with diagnosed Type II diabetes.

For a schedule of eye-screenings, visit:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/prevention/index.html



Deaf-Blind Services

Provides transition and vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with dual sensory impairments. A full range of services are provided to assist individuals with hearing and vision loss to reach their highest level of independence and prepare for, obtain, or retain employment.

iCanConnect NJ provides various types of assistive technology and telecommunication devices to New Jersey residents who are both vision and hearing impaired. Devices such as iPads, iPhones, Braille note takers, laptops, screen readers, and adaptive software may be purchased for individuals meeting the program's eligibility requirements. Any New Jersey resident with combined hearing and vision loss can reach out to see if they qualify for the iCanConnect program to receive free technology to support distance communication. Program guidelines can be found at **www.icanconnect.org/see-if-you-qualify**.

The Support Services Providers of New Jersey Program, or SSP-NJ, is a consumer-driven program providing qualified trained professionals to support and promote the independence of deaf-blind New Jersey residents. SSPs provide visual and environmental information, as well as human guiding, to acclimate the consumers to their environment so that they can make informed decisions. The program supports consumers in a variety of activities such as post-secondary education, household management, employment, health/well-being, and community integration.

CBVI Service Centers

Northern Region

Newark Service Center (NSC):
153 Halsey St., 5th Floor,
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 648-2111

Counties Served: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren

Central Region

Freehold Service Center (FSC):
100 Daniels Way,
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 308-4001

Counties Served: Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union

Southern Region

Cherry Hill Service Center (CHSC):
2201 Rt. 38 East, Suite 600,
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
(856) 482-3700

Counties Served: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, and Salem

Atlantic City Service Center Satellite (ACSC):
1300 Atlantic Avenue, 3rd Floor
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 441-3074

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Other CBVI Locations

Joseph Kohn Training Center (JKTC):
130 Livingston Ave.,
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 937-6363

George F. Meyer Instructional Resource Center (TMC):
375 McCarter Hwy.,
Newark, NJ 07114
(973) 648-2547

Business Enterprise New Jersey (BENJ):
130 Livingston Ave.,
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 418-3270

Additional Services Outside of CBVI

NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center (TBBC)
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618
1-800-792-8322
www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/
Provides free, home-delivered services to children, teens and adults who have difficulty reading standard print or trouble holding a book.

The Seeing Eye*
10 Washington Valley Road
P.O. Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07963
(973) 539-4425
www.seeingeye.org

The Center on Sensory and Complex Disabilities
2000 Pennington Road
Ewing, NJ 08628
(609) 771-3083
njcscd.tcnj.edu

National Federation of the Blind-NJ
295 Broad Street
Keyport, NJ 07735
(732) 421-7063
www.nfbnj.org

NJ Council of the Blind, Inc.
242 Clay Street
Trenton, NJ 08611
(609) 375-6682
www.njcounciloftheblind.org

NJ Blind Citizens' Association
18 Burlington Avenue
Leonardo, NJ 07737
(732) 291-0878
www.njbca.org

* *For more information on service animal organizations see chapter 23.*



St. Joseph's School for the Blind at Concordia
761 Summit Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07307
(201) 876-5432
www.schoolfortheblind.org

St. Joseph's Home for the Blind
537 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 653-8300

Association for the Multiple Impaired Blind, Inc.
35 Beaverson Blvd.
Building #13
Brick, New Jersey 08723
(732) 262-0082
www.amib.net

Vision Loss Alliance of NJ
155 Morris Ave, Suite 2
Denville, NJ 07834
(973) 627-0055
www.vlanj.org

Blind Center of the NJ Cape
PO Box 624
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 231-4881

Eyes Like Mine, Inc.
PO Box 10125
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 327-3035
www.eyeslikemine.org

Beyond the Eyes, Inc.
P.O. Box 212
South Orange, NJ 07079
(973) 763-6308
www.beyondtheeyes.info

Blind Children's Resource Center
23 Alexander Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940
201-400-1101
www.blindchildren.org

Learning Ally
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
1-800-221-4792
www.learningally.org

NJ Cultural Access Network (Audio-Description)
P.O. Box 124
Allenhurst, NJ 07711
(973) 250-6661
info@njtheatrealliance.org
www.njtheatrealliance.org

NJ Camp for Blind Children, Inc.
27 Durham Rd.
Rockaway, NJ 07866
(973) 627-1113
www.campmarcella.org

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The Margaret Winchester Enrichment Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
168 Sunny Slope Drive
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 451-5623

John D. Young Memorial Lions Blind Center
100 Crestview Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201
(609) 677-1199
www.lionsblindcenter.org

Blind Athletes Inc.
P.O. Box 632
Wharton, NJ 07885
(678) 362-4560
www.blindathletes.org

Association of Blind Athletes of New Jersey (ABANJ)
(Goalball, Beep Baseball, and Soccer)
(848) 459-5983
Email: abanjsecretary@gmail.com





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Through education, advocacy and direct services, the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) works to eliminate barriers and promote increased accessibility to programs, services, and information to individuals who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. DDHH maintains up-to-date resources on hearing loss, and provides the following services: communication access referral, equipment distribution program, hearing aid programs, language acquisition and development services for children ages 0-5, technical assistance, education and training, stakeholder communications, and advocacy.

Equipment Distribution Program

Eligible residents may receive safety and telecommunication devices such as an amplified telephone, captioned phone, visual smoke detector, and baby cry alert system, at no cost. Applicants must reside in New Jersey, have a hearing loss as attested by a physician or audiologist, and a household income under $45,000.

Applications are available at:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/edp/

Communication Access Referral Services

The DDHH assists individuals and agencies in finding interpreters and captioning services. **People or agencies in need of sign language interpreters or real-time captioning may obtain assistance by calling DDHH at (609) 588-2648.**

Lists of interpreters and captioning services are also available at:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/caption/

Information, Referral and Case Management

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in need of services can call for information and referral assistance. In addition, a case manager fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) can assist individuals by connecting them to services and navigating through the system. The case manager often works as a liaison between consumers and service providers. For assistance, please call DDHH:
Voice: (609) 588-2648
Videophone: (609) 503-4862
Email: DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

PO Box 074
Trenton, New Jersey
08625-0074

Toll Free:
1-800-792-8339 or
(609) 588-2648

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/

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Assistive Communication Device Demonstration Center

Individuals who are deaf or experiencing hearing loss can visit our Assistive Communication Device Demonstration Center located in Hamilton, NJ. The center displays assistive communication devices and allows individuals to test equipment so they can make informed decisions prior to purchasing such devices. The devices on display include those in the Equipment Distribution Program as well as other practical devices for home and office, such as door bells, alarm clocks, video phones, amplified sound systems, and more. The Center is located at the DDHH office in Hamilton NJ. **Appointments can be made by calling 609-588-2648** or via email at: DDHH.Communications2@dhs.nj.gov

Hearing Aid Programs

New Jersey Hearing Aid Project

New Jersey Residents who are 65 years of age or older, or disabled, and meet income requirements are eligible to receive refurbished hearing aids through the New Jersey Hearing Aid Project. Income eligibility is $38,769 if single; $45,270 if married. **For more information on obtaining or donating a hearing aid, please contact the DDHH toll free at 1-800-792-8339 or email:** DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov

Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled

The Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD) provides a $500 reimbursement for the purchase of a hearing aid.

You may be eligible for HAAAD if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a New Jersey resident;
- You are age 65 or older or between ages 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits; and
- Your income for 2022 is less than $38,769 if single or less than $45,270 if married.

For more information, please go to: www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/hearingaid/haaad/

Leveling the Playing Field

Families with deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind children ages 0-5 can receive language acquisition and development services for the child in American Sign Language. Research shows that the first five years of life are essential for language learning. It is important for deaf and hard of hearing children to receive early language input during this critical time period. Did you know that learning ASL will not hinder a child's ability to learn spoken language? Families can use ASL in conjunction with spoken language development to ensure early language acquisition and development. DDHH will screen ASL Associate candidates and assign them to a Childcare Resource & Referral (CCR&R) center near you. Associates will work with your child up to 25 hours a week in providing a language model. **For more information, please call (609) 588-2648 or email DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sensitivity Training

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers on-site sensitivity training that covers various topics including how to provide equal communication access in services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. DDHH presentations are two hours in length and can be modified to fit scheduling needs. Our goal is to provide education so deaf and hard of hearing individuals have equal access to your services. DDHH trainings have benefited businesses, social services agencies, government entities, educational institutions, hospitals and many other organizations. Trainings are provided at no cost. **For more information about our training options, please email at DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov**



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Services for The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Outside of DDHH

Accessible Communication

New Jersey Relay

A free service administered by the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) in collaboration with Sprint, to ensure equal communication access to telephone service for people who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard-of-hearing, or speech disabled. The service allows callers to communicate with standard (voice) telephone users through specially trained Relay Operators (OPR). **Dial 711 to use NJ Relay.**

Communication Options Available Through NJ Relay

Text Telephone Relay (TTY)
Allows individuals using a TTY to type their conversation to the OPR, who then reads the typed conversation to a standard telephone user. TTY equipment is also available with braille or large visual displays for individuals who are visually impaired.

Hearing Carry-Over (HCO)
Allows a speech disabled person with hearing capabilities to listen to a standard telephone user and type his/her conversation to the OPR, who will voice the message to the standard telephone user.

Relay Conference Captioning (RCC)
Enables individuals to participate in meetings, phone calls, videoconferences and multi-party conference calls using live, real-time text streamed to a computer connected to the Internet.

Captioned Telephones (CapTel), Web CapTel, Wireless CapTel
Allows users to listen, speak directly to the caller, and read captions of the caller's response either through a captioned telephone device (CapTel), via a computer with internet access (Web CapTel), or wirelessly using a mobile device. Spanish translation is available.

For additional information, contact the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 609-588-2648 or visit www.njrelay.com.

Other Communication Options

Video Relay Service (VRS)
Enables individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and who use sign language to communicate via a qualified sign language interpreter. VRS



can be accessed using any device equipped with a front facing camera or webcam and a high speed internet connection. The interpreter facilitates the conversation in sign language with the VRS user and by voice to standard telephone users.

Internet Protocol Relay (IP Relay)
Enables individuals to use any device connected to the internet to type their conversation to an OPR who then reads the conversation to a standard telephone user. Spanish translation is also available.

Early Detection:

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (EHDI)

Ensures that all New Jersey children receive timely and appropriate screening, diagnosis, and intervention for hearing loss. The New Jersey EDHI program provides insight and technical assistance to birthing facilities; provides education about newborn hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention to families and health care providers; and the establishment of a confidential registry and tracking system to ensure children are screened, have appropriate follow-up and are linked to services. **For more information, visit: www.nj.gov/health/fhs/nbs/ehdi/**

Department of Health
PO Box 364
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Voice: (609) 292-5676
Voice/TTY: (609) 984-1343
Email: EHDI@doh.nj.gov

New Jersey Specialized Child Study Team (NJSCST)

Provides evaluation, education and diagnostic services for children age three through twenty-one with a confirmed or suspected hearing loss who utilize varied communication modalities including speech, sign language, or a combination.

PO Box 500
200 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
(609) 376-9091
www.nj.gov/education/specialed/deaf/resources/

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Advocacy

SPAN EHDI Mentoring & Family Engagement Project

In this role, SPAN supports the development of statewide programs and systems of care that ensure that children who are deaf or hard of hearing are identified through newborn and infant hearing screening. SPAN's Deaf Mentor Program offers ASL Deaf Mentors who will provide ASL instruction, teach families about Deaf Culture and introduce them to the Deaf Community and Snapshots Deaf Mentors who will meet with families to answer questions about growing up with hearing loss.
For more information, visit: www.spanadvocacy.org/programs/ehdi/

NJ Deaf Advocacy Project

This organization provides culturally sensitive advocacy, education and supportive services to those impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence in the Deaf community.

For more information, visit: deafadvocacyproject.org

VP: 609-528-7216
Text: 609-619-1888 (24/7)
DAP@njcedv.org

Employment:

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services' Deaf Language Specialists

DVR employs Deaf Language Specialists, also known as Rehabilitation Counselors for the deaf, to cover all 21 counties who provide direct vocational counseling to DVRS consumers whose primary language is American Sign Language (ASL). **For more information and to find your local deaf language specialist, visit:** careerconnections.nj.gov/careerconnections/plan/foryou/disable/hearing_and_visual_services.shtml

Mental Health Related Services:

ACCESS Deaf Services

Behavioral health services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Services are provided by licensed social workers who are fluent in ASL and have experience in working with the diagnostic and treatment challenges present in this population. **For more information, visit:** www.stjosephshealth.org/clinical-focuses/behavioral-health-services/item/1328-access
Voice: 973-754-5595
VP: 973-870-0683
Email: uckarc@sjhmc.org



Center For Family Services

Recovery Network for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing Loss

The Recovery Network for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing outpatient program provides services to individuals experiencing substance use disorders who are Deaf, hard of hearing or who have hearing loss. All services are provided by staff that are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and culturally sensitive to the Deaf community.
The program provides outpatient level of care that includes family sessions, group, and individual counseling.
Phone: 1-877-922-2377
Email: access@centerffs.org
www.centerffs.org/our-services/addiction-and-recovery/recovery-network-deaf-hard-hearing-and-hearing-loss

Signs of Sobriety, Inc. (SOS)

Signs of Sobriety, Inc. (SOS), located in Ewing, New Jersey, has been providing support for substance abuse recovery services to New Jersey's deaf and hard of hearing residents since 1987. Our services have included interpreting and communication access for Twelve Step Meetings throughout the state, recovery retreat, and recreational events such as SoberCamp and Sober holiday celebrations, individual and family counseling, support groups, community education classes, and information and referral.

100 Scotch Rd, 2nd floor
Ewing, NJ 08628
Voice: (609) 643-5604
VP: (609) 882-7677
www.sosnj.org

Other Hearing Aid Resources

Grace's Law

New Jersey's Grace's law requires limited insurance coverage for children's hearing aids. Your health benefits plan may or may not be subject to the requirements of Grace's Law.
For more information, please visit: nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/assets/documents/Graces-Law_booklet.pdf





Chapter 21: Veterans Services

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Veterans of the United States Armed Forces may be eligible for a range of programs and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Eligibility for most VA benefits is based upon honorable discharge from active military service, while some benefits require wartime service.

Veterans enrolled in the VA's health care system are eligible to receive health care services, personal care assistance, medications and other services. Veterans must have a service-connected disability or meet income requirements to enroll.

Veterans are also eligible for various services through the VA such as home loans, gravestone markers, funeral plots at no cost when buried at a military cemetery or reimbursement for plots purchased in other cemeteries, educational loans through the GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment services, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, and survivor's benefits.

Veterans Services Organizations (VSOs)

Through a network of regional VSOs, the New Jersey Division of Military and Veterans Affairs' Bureau of Veterans Benefits provides state veterans and their dependents with information and guidance in filing claims. Trained veterans service officers also assist veterans with applying for services offered by federal, state, county or local veterans offices, such as employment, housing, education, and medical services.

State Operated VSOs

Funded by the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, trained service officers connect clients to state and federal services offered by the Veterans Administration. www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vso/

Veteran Organization Operated VSOs

These organizations have trained volunteers that operate as service officers. Because these service officers are members of various veteran organizations, they can offer first-hand knowledge of services and benefits.
www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vso/

County Operated VSOs

Funded by local county governments, these offices, while similar to the state-operated VSO, can also offer services tailored to the individual county, and on a state or federal level. These VSOs can offer more of a face-to-face service with the public because they typically have more service officers on hand to assist.
www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vso/

Veterans Hotlines

Benefit Hotline:
1-888-8NJ-VETS (1-888-865-8387)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

Vets4Warriors:
1-855-VET-TALK (1-855-838-8255)

NJ Vet2Vet:
1-866-VETS-NJ4 (1-866-838-7654)

Vet Center Combat Call Center:
1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)



Chapter 22: Guardianship

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What is guardianship?

Guardianship is the appointment of a person or agency by a court to exercise control over part, or all, of another individual's person and/or property. The guardian is the person or agency appointed by a court to make personal decisions for an individual who is incapable of making some or any decisions independently. The person who lacks capacity is referred to as the "alleged incapacitated person" until a guardian is appointed by the court. Thereafter, the incapacitated person is referred to as the "individual receiving guardianship services." Many individuals with developmental disabilities are capable of making their own decisions with appropriate support and advice, and do not need a guardian.

What types of guardianship are there?

The two types of guardianships involve guardianship of property and guardianship of a person. Many times both types are required to protect an individual receiving guardianship services, but sometimes only one type is necessary.

The guardian of the property has a duty to locate and marshal the assets of the individual receiving guardianship services. This includes all assets such as bank accounts, stocks, personal property and real estate. The guardian is required to file an initial inventory and to swear that it is accurate and complete. The assets are placed in the name of the guardian. It is the responsibility of the guardian to ensure that all assets are safeguarded and spent appropriately. Annual accountings are required to be filed with the court for review and are subject to the court's approval.

The guardianship of the person is appointed to watch over and make major life decisions for the individual receiving guardianship services until the reason for incapacity no longer exists and the court has deemed the person as capable. The guardian of the person makes decisions affecting everything from the individual receiving guardianship services' residence, visitation, medical care, socialization, travel and other areas of their life. Guardians of the person are required to file annual reports with the court to inform as to the status and well-being of the individual receiving guardianship services.

What's the difference between full and limited guardianship?

Generally, a court will consider delegating an individual's decision-making rights in the following areas: residential, vocational, medical, financial, educational and legal.

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In a plenary, or full, guardianship, all of these rights are delegated to the guardian and no rights are reserved to the individual receiving guardianship services. In a limited guardianship, some delegable rights are delegated to the guardian while the individual receiving guardianship services reserves other rights.

What is the role of the guardian?

All guardians are responsible for:

- Assisting the individual to participate with the guardian in the decision-making process, to the maximum extent of the individual's ability, to encourage the individual to act on their own behalf whenever able to do so;
- Encouraging the individual to develop or regain higher capacity to make decisions to the maximum extent possible in those areas in which they are in need of a guardian;
- Making decisions and giving consents on behalf of the individual, but only to the extent of the court order;
- Protecting the individual from harm;
- Looking out for the individual's interests;
- Safeguarding the individual's human and civil rights;
- Ensuring that the individual's physical, emotional and developmental needs, including education and training, are met;
- Acting consistently with a previously executed power of attorney for health care or advance directive;
- Helping the individual to obtain all available and appropriate benefits and supportive services;
- Visiting the individual not less than once every three months;
- Initiating legal action on the individual's behalf; and
- Submitting reports to the court as specified by the court.

A guardian is NOT responsible for:

- Providing for the individual from his or her own funds;
- Any liability to another person for acts of the individual;
- Injury to the individual from the wrongful conduct of another person providing medical or other care;
- Taking the individual into the guardian's home to live;
- Consenting to shock treatment, psychosurgery, sterilization or medical, behavioral or pharmacological research without further order of the court.



Are there alternatives to guardianship?

Yes. In New Jersey, an individual may appoint a Power of Attorney (POA) to make decisions on their behalf. The individual with the disability must be able to understand on a basic level that they are appointing someone to make decisions on their behalf. In addition:

- A person must be able to give consent;
- A POA can cover person and/or property;
- A POA can be revoked and/or changed at any time, based on changing needs;
- A POA is significantly less costly than guardianship; and
- It is best to work through an attorney to establish POA

Supported Decision Making

In supported decision-making, there is no court-appointed legal guardian to make decisions for a person. Instead, the individual makes his or her own decisions with the assistance and support of a trusted person or people, such as friends, family members, advocates or others. **More information about supported decision-making can be found through the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making at: www.supporteddecisionmaking.org**

How does one establish a guardianship?

In recent years courts have streamlined the application to facilitate families or interested parties who might seek a guardianship for an alleged person needing a guardianship on a pro se basis or self-representation in the court without an attorney. Complaints can also be filed by an attorney. To establish guardianship for an incapacitated adult, a Verified Complaint must be filed with the Surrogate's Court in the county where the alleged incapacitated person resides. The Complaint must include particular information and must be supported by affidavits of physicians or other clinical professional such as a psychologist, advance practice nurse or in certain circumstances, the child study team, as permitted by the court. based upon recent examinations of the alleged incapacitated person. Once a Complaint is filed, the court will enter an order appointing an attorney for the alleged incapacitated person and schedule a hearing. If the court determines that the person is incapacitated, then a judgment will be entered appointing guardian(s). Before the guardian(s) can act on behalf of the incapacitated person, they must appear before the County Surrogate to qualify as guardian, including by posting a bond if required.

For information on how to file for guardianship of an individual eligible for services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) visit:
www.njcourts.gov/prose/12009_guardianship_person.pdf

For information on how to file for guardianship of person and estate visit:
www.njcourts.gov/forms/10558_guardianship_person_and_estate.pdf

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Guardianship Related Resources

The New Jersey Judiciary Self-Help Resources

The New Jersey Judiciary provides guardianship related information and resources on its website. The site includes forms to file a guardianship, training materials and guardianship reporting forms that are required by the court and other resources.
www.njcourts.gov/courts/civil/guardianship.html

New Jersey Judiciary Guardianship Support/Guardianship Monitoring Program

The Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) provides an ongoing relationship between guardians and the court in support of the best interests of incapacitated individuals. The goal of the GMP is to safeguard and reduce the potential for abuse and exploitation of incapacitated individuals by their guardians. Contact your county court system for more information.

Surrogate's Courts

The Surrogate's Court can provide assistance on all matters affecting estates, guardianships, and other probate matters. The Surrogate is responsible for determining the validity of wills, appointing administrators for estates and guardians for minors and incapacitated persons, and appointing trustees where applicable. Contacts for your local surrogate's office can be found here:
www.njcourts.gov/public/assets/directories/surrogateroster.pdf

Office of the Public Guardian for Elderly Adults (OPG)

The OPG acts as surrogate decision-maker for residents 60 years of age and over who have been deemed incapacitated by the Superior Court of New Jersey. OPG does not petition to become guardian, but rather accepts judicial appointments on a discretionary basis.

Office of the Public Guardian for Elderly Adults
Helen C. Dodick, Acting Public Guardian
P.O. Box 812
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0812
(609) 588-6500
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/pg



Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP)

The GAP provides affordable legal services to assist parents of young adults with developmental disabilities in obtaining legal guardianship.
(609) 444-6653
www.gapservices.org/

Kinship Care-Legal Guardianship Program

This service assists caregivers making a legal commitment to the child/children in their care. To obtain legal guardianship, caregivers must have been caring for a child for at least one year and accept responsibility for the child until the child's 18th birthday, or 21 if the child has a disability. Caregivers who have legal guardianship may also be eligible for a subsidy.

For more information, call 211 to be referred to your local Kinship agency.

Bureau of Guardianship Services

Chief, Jessica Anastasi
PO Box 705
Trenton, NJ 08625-0705
(609) 631-2213

Under the auspices of the Department of Human Services, Central Office, the Bureau of Guardianship Services (BGS) is the state entity designated to provide guardianship services to adults who are receiving functional services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). When a person reaches the age of 18, they have full legal responsibility for themselves regardless of any disability, except, when determined necessary by the court, a guardian may be appointed to make decisions on their behalf.

BGS has two statutory responsibilities:

First, BGS may file a petition through the Office of the Attorney General, for the appointment of a guardian for an eligible adult in need of a guardian.

Second, BGS may serve as guardian of the person for a DDD eligible consumer where there is no known family or other interested party able or willing to serve as guardian of the person.

BGS does not pursue guardianships of the property- only guardianships of the person. **BGS is only able to assist individuals who receive services funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Individuals must apply to DDD to receive an eligibility determination.** *See chapter 18.*


Do Not Pet
or Distract
Working Service Dog



Chapter 23: Service Animals

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A service animal is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

- Under the ADA and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD), a place of public accommodation cannot refuse admittance of a service animal when it is accompanying a person with a disability.
- The ADA/NJLAD requires that places of public accommodation (which include privately-owned businesses that serve the public) allow people with disabilities to bring service animals into any area in which the public are generally allowed.
- The ADA/NJLAD does not require a service animal be certified or have special identification. Regardless of whether or not a dog has an identifying vest or special harness, a business may ask if the dog is a service animal or a pet.
- It is a violation of the ADA/NJLAD for a business to charge a cleaning or maintenance fee when a person with a disability has brought a service dog into the place of business. However, the owner of the animal has sole responsibility for its behavior and may be charged for any damages the animal causes as long as the business has a policy of charging non-disabled customers for damages that they cause. Likewise, it is not a violation of the ADA/NJLAD to exclude a service animal from a place of public accommodation if the animal behaves in a loud, threatening, or uncontrolled manner, creating a substantial disturbance or posing a direct threat to the safety of others.

For more information, visit:
www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html
or
www.northeastada.org/resource/the-ada-and-service-animals

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Fun Fact:
In 2020, the Seeing Eye Dog was declared the State Dog of New Jersey (P.L. 2019, c. 415).

Service Dog Providers

The Seeing Eye, Inc.
PO Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07963-0375
(973) 539-4425
www.seeingeye.org

The Seeing Eye breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs and provides instructions to blind people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs. Apply online or by phone.

Canine Companions for Independence
286 Middle Island Road
Medford, NY 11763
Toll Free: 1-800-572-2275
www.cci.org

This organization provides service dogs, hearing dogs, facility dogs, and skilled companion dogs to people with physical or developmental disabilities, adults who are deaf or hard of hearing and certain professionals who can demonstrate that an assistance dog will enhance their independence or their quality of lives. Apply online.

Canine Partners for Life
PO Box 170
Cochranville, PA 19330
(610) 869-4902
www.k94life.org

This organization trains service dogs to assist individuals who have mobility impairments and balance disorders, difficulty using their hands/arms, health related fatigue issues, and people with seizure/cardiac syncope and Type 1 Diabetes disorders. Visit the website to obtain an application.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind
611 Granite Springs Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Toll Free: 1-800-942-0149
www.guidingeyes.org

Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs to people with vision loss. Individuals must be: legally blind, over the age of 16, capable of walking outdoors unaccompanied and independently with the use of a white cane, responsible for the care of a dog. Apply online or by phone.

Assistance Dogs International (ADI)
ADI is a coalition of not for profit assistance dog organizations.

To find other service dog programs serving your area, use the "program search" available on their website at:
www.assistancedogsinternational.org



Chapter 24: Accessible Parking

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Accessible parking rights may be granted to individuals with both permanent and temporary mobility impairments.

Temporary Accessible Parking Placards:

- May be granted for short-term mobility impairments
- Require written medical certification from a qualified practitioner
- Are valid for six months
- Are renewable one time at the discretion of the issuing authority
- Are issued by the Chief of Police of each municipality

Permanent Accessible Parking Placards or Plates:

To qualify for a permanent accessible placard or plates, you must:

- Have lost the use of one or more limb
- Have a permanent disability and be unable to move without the use of an assistive device
- Have your mobility limited as certified by a physician
- Have a permanent sight impairment of both eyes as certified by the N.J. Commission of the Blind (placard only)

Note: Non-disabled drivers who are transporting persons who meet the criteria above may also use the Accessible parking privileges, but only when the person with the qualifying disability is in the car. Also, plates or placard must be accompanied by the companion "Person with a Disability ID" card at all times.

The Division of Disability Services publishes a comprehensive "Guide to Accessible Parking."

To request a copy, call DDS at 1-888-285-3036 or view it electronically at:

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/index.html

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
www.state.nj.us/mvc
(609) 292-6500 (Voice)
711 NJ Relay (TTY)

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

MAKE A KIT

- 3 Day Supply of Water (3 Gallons per person)
- Non-Perishable Food
- Battery-Operated Radio
- Flashlight & Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Maps
- Prescriptions/Medications
- Personal Toiletries
- Can Opener/Utensils
- Infant Care Needs
- Pet Care Needs
- Special Need Items
- Cash
- Important Documents

Need help? 2-1-1

HAVE A PLAN

- Meet with Your Family Members to Discuss Plans
- Identify Responsibilities for Each Member
- Select 2 Meeting Places:
  1. Outside Your Home
  2. Outside Your Neighborhood
- Have an Out-of-Area Phone Contact
- Pets: Know a Pet-Friendly Hotel/Shelter
- PRACTICE YOUR PLAN!

EMERGENCY

DIAL **9-1-1** DIAL

LOCAL POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE INFORMED

- Know What Disasters Might Occur in your Area
- **GET TRAINING**
  - CPR
  - First Aid
- Sign up for Nextdoor
- **VOLUNTEER**
  Join Citizen Corps

CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

medical reserve corps

citizen corps — UNITING COMMUNITIES - PREPARING THE NATION

VIPS Volunteers in Police Service

FIRE CORPS

For More Information: ready.nj.gov



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New Jersey Office of Emergency Management

Get Connected

NJOEM on Facebook:
facebook.com/READYNEWJERSEY

NJ State Police on Facebook:
facebook.com/NewJerseyStatePolice

NJOEM on Twitter:
twitter.com/ReadyNJ

NJ State Police on Twitter:
twitter.com/NJSP

NJOEM on Instagram:
instagram.com/readynj

NJ State Police on Instagram:
instagram.com/NewJerseyStatePolice

NJOEM YouTube Channel:
youtube.com/user/ReadyNJ

Nextdoor

Nextdoor Website:
Nextdoor.com

NJOEM Website:
ready.nj.gov

New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub

For the latest COVID-19 news and updates from the State of New Jersey visit:
www.covid19.nj.gov

Disaster Preparedness Checklist for People with Disabilities

The following list is intended to provide suggestions for disaster preparedness planning that may be taken by individuals with disabilities.

Self-Networks

____ Discuss your disability and needs with relatives and friends.

____ Develop a network of people who know your needs and location, who will be able to assist you or alert emergency personnel on your behalf. Do not depend on only one person.

Medical Equipment and Supplies

____ Evaluate equipment for repairs and obtain and keep spare parts.

____ Order the full allotment of supplies that your insurance allows, such as protective briefs, leg bags, suction tubing, hearing aid batteries, etc. Stockpile unused items.

____ Assemble a first aid kit. It should include: absorbent compress dressings, sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes, adhesive cloth tape, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, emergency blanket, breathing barrier (with one-way valve), cold compress, latex gloves (2 pairs), hydrocortisone ointment packets, roller bandages, sterile gauze pads, oral thermometer, triangular bandages, tweezers, and an emergency first aid guide.

Medications and Medical Needs

____ Create a list of current prescriptions, names and dosages. Remember to update this list, as needed.

____ Keep a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors and pharmacists.

____ Prepare a detailed description of your medical regimen and personal care needs.

____ Order a full 30-day supply of necessary medications. Check with your insurance carrier.



Communication

____ Make sure your cell phone battery and any extra batteries are kept fully charged.

____ Pre-arrange alternative methods to reach family, friends, or personal care attendants if ordinary communications are disrupted.

____ Consider keeping a notepad, portable white board, or picture boards available to facilitate communication.

Personal Assistant Care

____ Consider checking into a nursing home or hospital if a disaster is anticipated. Staff will be available to meet personal care needs. Also, backup generators will be operating to assist people who use power wheelchairs and/or ventilators.

____ Contact your personal care attendant provider to discuss disaster preparedness and maintain a list of phone numbers of those who can assist in obtaining personal care for you.

Food and Water

____ Three-day supply of water/three gallons of water per person

____ Keep a supply of canned, dehydrated, and no-cook foods.

____ Keep cases of nutrients available for tube feeding.

____ Keep foods for special dietary needs, such as diabetic and high caloric diets.

____ Pack adaptive equipment needed for eating or drinking such as large grip utensils, straws, or cup-holders.

Service Animal

____ The animal always should wear an identification tag with all necessary contact information.

____ Keep your pet's and service animal's medical records current, including vaccination records and rabies tag number.

____ Your animal will need at least three days' worth of food and water, kept in sturdy storage containers. The amount of water your pet will need may vary. For example, dogs need at least 1oz of water for each pound of body weight. Be sure to figure out how much food and water you will need for 3 days.

____ Create a Go Bag for your Service Animal with food, water, blanket, waste bags, animal's working gear, medications, medical records, veterinarian, and ownership agency contact information.

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Power

____ Extended power outages may affect ventilators, heating and/or cooling units, which may be a matter of life or death for some people with disabilities. **Contact your utility provider if you require power to support your special need or circumstance.**

____ Familiarize yourself with emergency plans where you live, work, and in your community.

____ Consider staying at a hotel or with friends or family out of your area if you anticipate possible power outages, especially if you have medical equipment that is dependent upon power.

____ If you use a ventilator or have other complex needs that you cannot manage on your own, you may consider contacting a care facility for temporary assistance.

____ Contact your local Emergency Management Coordinator or call 211 for information on what people with disabilities should do during power outages.

____ Keep clear pathways in your home to allow for safer mobility if lighting is affected.

Oxygen

____ Buildings where oxygen is kept must display an "Oxygen in Use" emblem.

____ Oxygen must be kept in containers specifically manufactured for that purpose.

____ Alert emergency response staff to the use of oxygen.

____ Consider having a backup power source for your oxygen concentrator.

____ Oxygen is flammable, so avoid sparks and flame. Demand that people not smoke near an oxygen container.

Miscellaneous

____ Keep battery-operated flashlights and/or lanterns with lots of extra batteries.

____ Blankets and warm clothes should be packed in an emergency.

____ Keep the gas tank in your car full.

____ Have a battery-powered radio and extra batteries on hand.

____ Keep ample cash on-hand. ATMs and banks may not function during power outages.

____ Have a non-electric can opener.

____ Keep a supply of assorted plastic bags.

Contact numbers for NJ utility providers:

PSEG:
1-800-436-7734
You can report an outage by phone or Text OUT to 47734.

JCP&L:
1-888-544-4877 or Text REG to 54486 (LIGHTS) to report outage

Atlantic City Electric:
1-800-833-7476
Text OUT to 20661 to report outage

Rockland Electric Company:
1-877-434-4100
Text OUT to 69678 to report outage



For more information on developing individualized disaster preparedness plans, contact your local Office of Emergency Management Coordinator on your municipality's website. For other preparedness information contact:

State

Register Ready- New Jersey's Special Needs Registry
www.registerready.nj.gov
(Call 211 for registration or help)

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
www.ready.nj.gov

County Emergency Management Coordinators & Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Liaisons:
ready.nj.gov/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml

New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
www.njhomelandsecurity.gov

Federal

US Department of Homeland Security
www.ready.gov
www.Listo.gov (Spanish)
1-800-BE-Ready

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
www.fema.gov

Local

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Residential Disability and Oxygen Emblems Program

The Division of Fire Safety distributes emblems you can display to alert first responders of an oxygen hazard or that an individual with a disability resides in the home. Emblems are distributed free of charge. An application can be obtained online at: www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/forms/

For more information, contact the Division of Fire Safety at (609) 633-6106.

Register Ready:
New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters

Allows NJ residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends and caregivers an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

Remember to register annually.

For more information:
www.ready.nj.gov





Chapter 26: Traveling With A Disability

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Air Carrier Access Rules lift many restrictions that formerly discriminated against passengers with disabilities, and all carriers are now required to have a Complaints Resolution Officer (CRO) immediately available to resolve disputes between carriers and passengers with disabilities. While airlines may not require passengers with disabilities to provide advance notice of their disability or intent to travel (except in some very specific circumstances), doing so may in some cases help to avoid inconvenience.

The following is a list of suggestions for air travelers with disabilities:

Physical Disability

- Ask the screener for assistance with your mobility aid and carry items.
- Let the screener know your level of ability and your need for physical assistance.
- Inform the screener about any special equipment or devices that you are using and where this equipment is located on your body.
- Ensure that all bags hanging from, or carried on, your wheelchair are put on the X-ray belt.
- Ask the screener to reunite you with your carry items and assistive devices after screening.
- Request assistance with removing your shoes when additional screening is necessary.

Hearing Disability

- Ask the screener to write the information down or to look directly at you and repeat the information.

Visual Disability

- Ask the screener to explain the security process to you step by step and to let you know where the metal detector is located.
- Ask the screener to let you know when you will be going through the metal detector and when there are obstacles that you will need to avoid.
- Ask the screener to find someone to escort you through the security process.
- Ask the screener to perform a hand inspection of equipment to prevent damage and to direct you toward your gate once the screening has been completed.

For more information on traveling by air with a disability, contact:

Federal Aviation Administration
www.faa.gov

Transportation Security Administration
www.tsa.gov

Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov

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Hidden Disability

- Advise screeners that you have a disability and may need some assistance, or need to move slower.
- Offer suggestions to screeners on the best way to approach you during a pat-down inspection.
- Notify the screener if you need to sit down before and/or during the screening process.

Traveling With Medical Supplies/Devices

- Notify the screener that you are carrying medical supplies with you.
- Medications must be properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label.
- Notify screeners if you are using any surgically implanted medical device (i.e., insulin pumps, prosthetics, or artificial joints).
- Advise screeners if you are experiencing low blood sugar and are in need of medical assistance.
- Pacemaker users may wish to carry a Pacemaker Identification Card (ID).
- Crutches, canes and walkers will need to go through the X-ray machine. The screener will perform a hand inspection of your equipment if it cannot fit through the X-ray machine. You can ask for a private screening for the inspection of your prosthetic device or body brace.
- Notify screeners if you need assistance, such as a chair or someone to assist you during the inspection of your prosthetic devices or body braces.
- Tools and appliances used to put on or take off prosthetic devices must be screened.



Traveling With Service Animals

- Carry appropriate identification. Identification may include: cards or documentation, presence of a harness or markings on the tags. Service dogs and their harnesses or vests are subject to inspection.

- Advise the screener how you and your dog can go through the metal detector as a team with the leash and/or harness. If necessary, remind the screener that you should not be separated from your dog.

- When flying with their service animal, an individual can be required to provide their air carrier with the Service Animal Behavior Health Training Form prior to the flight: **www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-12/Service Animal Health Behavior Training Form.pdf**

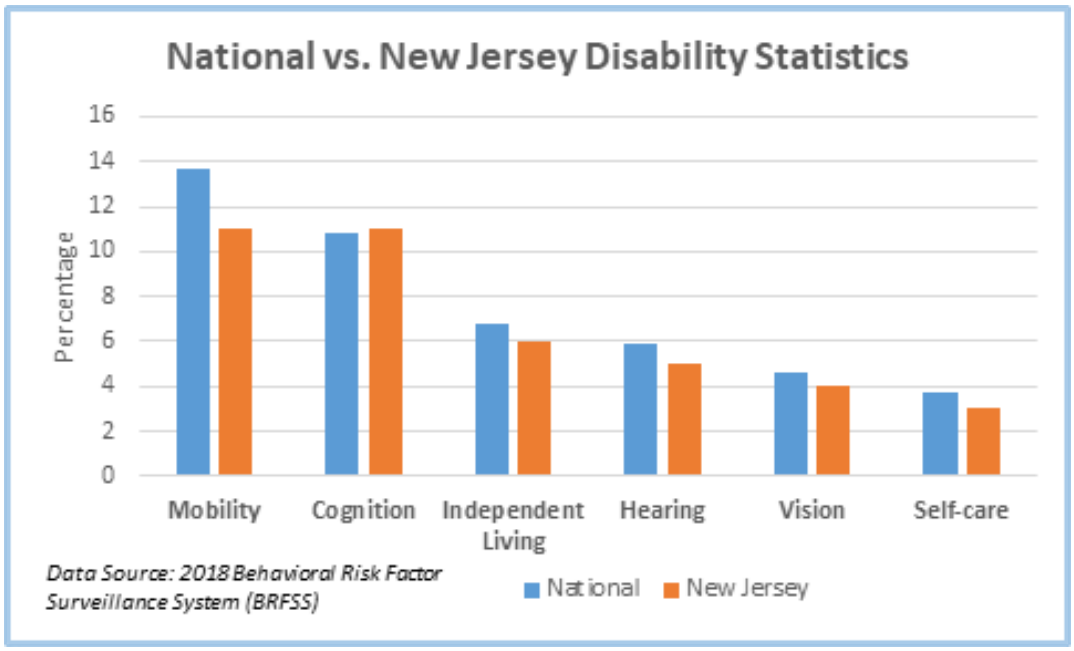
- If the flight is longer than eight hours, then the individual will also be required to complete and provide their air carrier with a Service Animal Relief Form: **www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-12/Service Animal Relief Form.pdf**





Chapter 27: Health and Wellness for People with Disabilities

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Disability Health and Data System, 26% of individuals over the age of 18 have any disability compared to 23% of individuals in New Jersey. Nationally, 13.7% of individuals have a mobility disability compared to 11% of individuals in New Jersey; 10.8% have a cognitive disability compared to 11%; 5.9% have a hearing disability compared to 5%; and 4.6% have a vision disability compared to 4% of individuals in New Jersey.

Disability Health and Wellness (DH&W):

Seeks to promote healthy living and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities.

The Division of Disability Services (DDS) collaborates with policy makers, health educators, public and private agencies, and experts in the field of health and wellness on projects and initiatives. DDS aims to promote healthy living and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities and create healthier, more inclusive communities through policy, systems and environmental change.

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DDS Communications

To stay current with the latest information from DDS, subscribe to our listserv, **DDS Communications**, under "related links" on our homepage at: www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/index.html

DH&W Projects:

Preventing Violence and Abuse Against Women with Disabilities

Since 2015, DDS has been awarded funding by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women through the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors with disabilities throughout the State of New Jersey. **For a listing of County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers see Appendix 8 on page 147.**

New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN): Community Grants Program

The New Jersey Healthy Communities Network grant program, established by local, regional and statewide leaders, aims to enable communities across the state to promote healthy eating and active living, and reduce obesity and chronic disease, especially among residents at highest risk for poor health outcomes.

DDS is a funder through NJHCN and awards grants to implement healthy eating and active living strategies to advance inclusive environmental, policy and system changes to enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

For more information and to stay up-to-date on developing projects and initiatives visit: nj.gov/humanservices/dds/services/dhwi/



Chapter 28: Automobility Equipment Resources and Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (CDRS)

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National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA)

NMEDA, a nonprofit trade association representing the Automotive Mobility Industry, is the certifying body for the nationally recognized Quality Assurance Program (QAP), the only accreditation for auto mobility businesses in North America. NMEDA offers resources to assist consumers in understanding and navigating automobility equipment solutions. **For more information, visit:** nmeda.org

NJ Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Accredited Dealers

QAP accredited dealers will provide in-depth knowledge of the different types of equipment available, recommend the best vehicles for the equipment needed, help consumers find a local Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) for an evaluation, and provide financing options. Unlike a standard dealer, QAP dealers specialize in automobility.

Drive-Master Systems & Controls

37 Daniel Road West
Fairfield, NJ 07004
Phone: (973) 808-9709
drivemastermobility.com/
Categories: High Tech Driving Systems Installer, Mobility Equipment Installer, Structural Vehicle Modifier

FTMobility

255 US Highway 46 West
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Phone: (973) 546-1900
www.ftmobility.com/
Categories: Mobility Equipment Installer

MobilityWorks - Cinnaminson
2303 Wallace Blvd
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
Phone: 1 (888) 473-5402
www.mobilityworks.com/
Categories: High Tech Driving Systems Installer, Mobility Equipment Installer

MobilityWorks – Farmingdale
5105 New Jersey Route 33
Wall Township, NJ 07727
Phone: 1 (888) 473-5402
https://www.mobilityworks.com/
Categories: High Tech Driving Systems Installer, Mobility Equipment Installer

MobilityWorks – Highland Park
211 Woodbridge Ave
Highland Park, NJ 08904
Phone: (732) 640-5350
www.mobilityworks.com/
Categories: High Tech Driving Systems Installer, Mobility Equipment Installer

MobilityWorks – Woodbury
1549 Gateway Blvd
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone: 1 (888) 473-5402
www.mobilityworks.com/
Categories: High Tech Driving Systems Installer, Mobility Equipment Installer, Structural Vehicle Modifier



NJ Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (CDRS)

A CDRS assists new or experienced drivers who have impairments due to illness, trauma, aging or disability get back on the road through state-certified programs that include pre-driver evaluation, prescriptions for necessary automobility equipment, on the road evaluation and on the road training.

Hackensack Meridian Health at Johnson Rehabilitation Institute at Ocean University Medical Center
425 Jack Martin Blvd
Brick, NJ 08724
Phone: (732) 836-4508
www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/en/Locations/Hackensack-Meridian-Johnson-Rehabilitation-Institute-at-Ocean-University-Medical-Center%20

Hackensack Meridian Health at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute
65 James St.
Edison, NJ 08820
Phone: (732) 321-7056, (732) 321-7000 ext. 68426
www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/en/Services/Rehabilitation

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation
1199 Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ 07052
Phone: (973) 731-3600 or (973) 731-3900 ext. 2322
www.kessler-rehab.com/conditions-and-services/outpatient-rehabilitation/

St Joseph's Wayne Medical Center
234 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite 302
Wayne, NJ 07470
973-956-3360 ext. 4
stjosephshealth.org/

Moss Rehab Driving School
Einstein Plaza
201 Old York Road, Suite 203
Jenkintown, PA 19046
Phone: (215) 886-7706 ext. 2
Email: DrivingProgram@einstein.edu
www.mossrehab.com/driving

Moss Rehab - New Jersey
135 S. Broad St.
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Phone: (215) 886-7706 ext. 2
Email: DrivingProgram@einstein.edu

Note: Moss Rehab of Jenkintown PA is the contact point for the satellite locations in New Jersey.

St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center
2381 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
Phone: (609) 896-9500 ex.2494
Email: jhunter@slrc.org **or** driver-rehab@slrc.org
www.slrc.org

Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation
61 West Jimmie Leeds Road
P.O. Box 723
Pomona, NJ 08240
Phone: (609) 748-6866
www.bacharach.org/services/driving-program/



Appendix I: County Offices of Disability Services

All 21 Counties have an office that serves individuals with disabilities. Some counties have a combined aging and disability office referred to as the County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). Contact your County office directly for more information regarding specific services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

Atlantic County Office of Disability Services*

Shoreview Building, Office #217
101 South Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225
1 (888) 426-9243
email: pio@atlantic-county.org

Bergen County Division of Disability Services*

One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076
(201) 336-6500
email: seniors@co.bergen.nj.us

Burlington County Office on Aging**

795 Woodlane Road
PO Box 6000
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 265-5069
www.rilnj.org

Camden County Department of Health and Human Services*

Division of Senior & Disabled Services
512 Lakeland Road 4th fl.
Blackwood, NJ 08012
(856) 858-3220

Cape May County Department of Aging and Disability Services*

Human Services Building
3801 Rt. 9 South
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
(609) 886-2784

Cumberland County Office on Aging and Disabled*

Library Complex
800 East Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 453-2220

Essex County Division of Senior Services*

465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room #102
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 395-8375

Gloucester County Division of Human and Special Services

115 Budd Blvd.
West Deptford, NJ 08096
(856) 384-6900

Hudson County Office of Inclusion and Accessibility (OIA)*

830 Bergen Avenue, Suite 2B
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 369-5280 ext. 4256

Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services*

PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900
(908) 788-1361
email: aging@co.hunterdon.nj.us

** Office also serves as the County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).*

*** Office also serves as the County's Center for Independent Living (CIL).*

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County Offices of Disability Services

Mercer County Office on Aging*
PO Box 8068
640 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08650
(609) 989-6661 & 6662
email: adrc@mercercounty.org

Middlesex County Office of Aging and Disabled Services*
75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 745-3295

Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services*
Monmouth County Human Services Building
3000 Kozloski Rd.
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 431-7450
email: contact@co.monmouth.nj.us

Morris County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming*
340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Fl.
PO Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
(973) 285-6848

Ocean County Office for Individuals with Disabilities*
1027 Hooper Avenue, Building #2
PO Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191
(732) 506-5374

Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disabilities and Veterans Affairs*
930 Riverview Drive, Suite #200
Totowa, NJ 07512
(973) 569-4060

Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities*
110 Fifth Street, Suite 900
Salem, NJ 08079
(856) 339-8622
email: scseniors@salemcountynj.gov

Somerset County Aging and Disability Services*
27 Warren Street, First Floor
P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262
(908) 704-6346
email: OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us

Sussex County Division of Senior Services*
Sussex County Administration Building
1 Spring Street, 2nd Floor
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 579-0555
email: seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs*
Union County Administration Building
10 Elizabeth Plaza, 4th floor
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207
(908) 527-4870
1 (888) 280-8226
ucnj.org/dhs/aging/

Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services*
Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Bldg.
165 County Road, Suite #245
Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949
email: seniorservices@co.warren.nj.us

** Office also serves as the County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).*

*** Office also serves as the County's Center for Independent Living (CIL).*



Appendix 2:
County Boards of Social Services

The County Boards of Social Services provide financial assistance and support to individuals and families who have limited resources and income. For more information regarding services, contact your County office below.

Atlantic County
Atlantic County Department of Family and Community Development
1333 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Telephone: **(609) 348-3001**
Fax: **(609) 343-2374**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, M-F

Bergen County
Bergen County Board of Social Services
218 Route 17 North
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
Telephone: **(201) 368-4200**
Fax: **(201) 368-8710**
Hours: 7:45 AM- 4:45 PM, M, W, Th, F Tues.: 7:45 AM -8:00 PM

Burlington County
Burlington County Board of Social Services
Human Services Facility
795 Woodlane Road, Mount Holly, NJ 08060
Telephone: **(609) 261-1000**
Fax: **(609) 261-0463**
Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F

Camden County
Camden County Board of Social Services
Althea R. Wright Administration Bldg.
600 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
Telephone: **(856) 225-8800**
Fax: **(856) 225-7797**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Cape May County
Cape May County Department of Social Services
Social Services Bldg.
3801 Route 9 S Unit 4, Rio Grande, NJ 08242
Telephone: **(609) 886-6200**
Fax: **(609) 889-9332**
Hours: M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Cumberland County
Cumberland County Board of Social Services
275 North Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360
Telephone: **(856) 691-4600**
Fax: **(856) 692-7635**
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Essex County
Essex County Department of Citizen Services
Division of Family Assistance & Benefits

Newark Office
321 University Avenue
Newark, NJ 07102

East Orange Office
50 South Clinton Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018

Telephone for both offices:
(973) 395-8000
Fax for both offices: (973) 504-9316
Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, M, T, Th, F
Weds. by appointment only -
(973) 733-2001: 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
*Closed to public every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Gloucester County
Gloucester County Division of Social Services
400 Hollydell Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080

Telephone: **(856) 582-9200**
Fax: **(856) 582-6587**
Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, M-F

Hudson County
Hudson County Department of Family Services
Welfare Division
257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302
Telephone: **(201) 420-3000**
Fax: **(201) 395-4624**
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM, M-F

Hunterdon County
Hunterdon County Department of Human Services
Division of Social Services
6 Gauntt Place, PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822
Telephone: **(908) 788-1300**
Fax: **(908) 806-4588**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Mercer County
Mercer County Board of Social Services
200 Woolverton Street, P.O. BOX 1450
Trenton, NJ 08650
Telephone: **(609) 989-4320**
Fax: **(609) 989-0405**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M, W, Th, F
Tues.: 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

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County Boards of Social Services

Middlesex County
Middlesex County Board of Social Services
181 How Lane, P.O. BOX 509
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
Telephone: **(732) 745-3500**
Fax: **(732) 745-4558**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM, M-F

Monmouth County
Monmouth County Division of Social Services
3000 Kozloski Road, P.O. BOX 3000
Freehold, NJ 07728
Telephone: **(732) 431-6000**
Fax: **(732) 431-6017**
Freehold Hours: M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
Ocean Twp. Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M, W, Th, F Tues: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Monmouth Field Office
2405 Rt. 66, Ocean, NJ 07712
Telephone: **(732) 431-6000**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, M, W, Th, F
Tues.: 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Morris County
Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance
340 W. Hanover Ave (Morris Township)
PO Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963
Telephone: **(973) 326-7800**
Fax: **(973) 829-8531**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
Every Other Tues.: 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Morris County Division of Social Services
325 East McFarland Street
Dover, NJ 07801
Telephone: **(973) 682-4990**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, M-F
8:30 AM – 7:30 PM every other Tuesday

Ocean County
Ocean County Board of Social Services
1027 Hooper Avenue, PO Box 547
Toms River, NJ 08754
Telephone: **(732) 349-1500**
Fax: **(732) 244-8075**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M, W, Th, F
Tues.: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Lakewood Office
225 4th Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701
Telephone: **(732) 370-8854**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, M-F

Manahawkin Office
333 Haywood Road
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
Telephone: **(609) 242-6100**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, M-F

Passaic County
Passaic County Board of Social Services
80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Telephone: **(973) 881-0100**
Fax: **(973) 881-3232**
Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
(Door are closed to the public at 4:15 PM)

Passaic County Satellite Office
114 Prospect Street, Passaic, NJ 07055
Telephone: **(973) 470-5050**
Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Salem County
Salem County Board of Social Services
147 South Virginia Avenue
Penns Grove, NJ 08069
Telephone: **(856) 299-7200**
Fax: **(856) 351-0432**
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, M-F

Somerset County
Somerset County Board of Social Services
73 East High Street, PO Box 936
Somerville, NJ 08876
Telephone: **(908) 526-8800**
Fax: **(908) 707-1941**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Sussex County
Sussex County Division of Social Services
83 Spring Street, Suite 203, PO Box 218
Newton, NJ 07860
Telephone: **(973) 383-3600**
Fax: **(973) 383-3627**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Union County
Union County Division of Social Services
342 Westminster Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208
Telephone: **(908) 965-2700**
Fax: **(908) 965-2758**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F

Plainfield Office
200 West 2nd Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060
Telephone: **(908) 791-7000**
Fax: **(908) 965-2758**
Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM M-F

Warren County
Warren County Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services
1 Shotwell Dr.
Belvidere, NJ 07823
Telephone: **(908) 475-6301**
Fax: **(908) 475-1533**
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F



Appendix 3: Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)/Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRCs)

New Jersey has 21 county-based Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) responsible for developing comprehensive, coordinated systems of community-based services for older adults.

AAAs serve as the Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) lead agencies in their counties to ensure that seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers have easy access to information and long-term services and supports. AAA/ADRCs are responsible for providing outreach, information & assistance, a screen to assess an individual's needs, and options counseling. For more information, contact your County ADRC or visit: www.adrcnj.org

Atlantic County Office on Aging*
Shoreview Building, Office #217
101 South Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225
1(888) 426-9243
pio@atlantic-county.org

Bergen County Division of Senior Services*
One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076
(201) 336-6500
seniors@co.bergen.nj.us

Burlington County Office on Aging
795 Woodlane Road
PO Box 6000
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 265-5069

Camden County Department of Health and Human Services*
Division of Senior & Disabled Services
512 Lakeland Ave. 4th fl.
Blackwood, NJ 08012
(856) 858-3220

Cape May County Division of Aging and Disability Services*
Social Services Building
3801 Route 9 South, Unit 4
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
(609) 886-2784

Cumberland County Office on Aging and Disabled*
Administration Building
800 East Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
(856) 453-2220

Essex County Division of Senior Services
465 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Suite 102
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 395-8375

Gloucester County Division of Senior Services*
115 Budd Blvd.
West Deptford, NJ 08096
(856) 384-6900

** Also serves as the County office for Individuals with Disabilities*

Appendix 3
Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)/ Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRCs)

Hudson County Office on Aging*
830 Bergen Avenue, Suite 3B
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 369-4313

Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services*
PO Box 2900
4 Gauntt Place, Bldg. 1
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900
(908) 788-1267, 1362 & 1363
aging@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Mercer County Office on Aging*
PO Box 8068
640 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08650
(609) 989-6661 & 6662
adrc@mercercounty.org

Middlesex County Office of Aging and Disabled Services*
75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 745-3295

Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services*
Monmouth County Human Services Bldg.
3000 Kozloski Rd.
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 431-7450
contact@co.monmouth.nj.us

Morris County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming*
340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Fl.
PO Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
(973) 285-6848

Ocean County Office of Senior Services*
1027 Hooper Avenue, Bldg. 2
PO Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191
(732) 929-2091

Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disabilities and Veterans Affairs*
930 Riverview Drive, Suite #200
Totowa, NJ 07512
(973) 569-4060

Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities*
110 Fifth Street, Suite 900
Salem, NJ 08079
(856) 339-8622
scseniors@salemcountynj.gov

Somerset County Aging and Disability Services*
27 Warren Street, First Floor
P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262
(908) 704-6346
Toll Free: 1-888-747-1122
OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us

Sussex County Division of Senior Services*
Sussex County Administration Bldg.
1 Spring Street, 2nd Floor
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 579-0555
seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

Union County Division on Aging*
Union County Administration Bldg.
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 4th Floor
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207
(908) 527-4870
Toll Free: 1-888-280-8226

Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services*
Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Bldg.
165 County Road, Suite #245
Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949
(908) 475-6591
seniorservices@co.warren.nj.us

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Appendix 4: Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

CILs are community-based, consumer-driven organizations designed to support individuals with disabilities by providing a multitude of services based on individual needs, such as: life skills training, advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling, socialization and community based activities. Membership is open to all people with disabilities, their able-bodied friends, and supporters. CILs promote personal growth and empowerment through choice, self-determination, and participation in programs providing information, education, skills development, and networking opportunities. See below for a list of CILs by county.

Atlantic County

Atlantic Center For Independent Living

160 South Pitney Road, Units 3 & 4
Galloway, NJ 08205
(609) 748-2253
www.atlanticcil.org/index.html

Bergen County

Heightened Independence & Progress (HIP)

131 Main Street, Suite 120
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 996-9100
www.hipcil.org

Burlington County*

*Resources For Independent Living (RIL)

351 High Street, Suite 103
Burlington City, NJ 08016
(609) 747-7745
www.rilnj.org

Camden County

Center For Independent Living Of South Jersey, Inc. (CIL-SJ)

1150 Delsea Drive, Suite 1 & 2
Westville, NJ 08093
(856) 853-6490
www.cil-sj.com
email: CIL-SJ@Outlook.com

Camden City

Camden City Independent Living Center

Virtua Camden
1000 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 105
Camden, NJ 08104
(856) 966-0800
www.camdenilc.org/
email: Vedasmithccilc@gmail.com

Cape May County

Resources For Independent Living (RIL)

351 High Street, Suite 103
Burlington City, NJ 08016
(609) 747-7745
www.rilnj.org

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Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Cumberland County
Resources For Independent Living (RIL)
351 High Street, Suite 103
Burlington City, NJ 08016
(609) 747-7745
www.rilnj.org

Essex County
DIAL, Inc.
2 Prospect Village Plaza, First Floor
Clifton, NJ 07013
(973) 470-8090
VRS: (973) 556-0226
www.dial-cil.org
email: INFO@Dial-cil.org

Gloucester County
Center For Independent Living of South Jersey, Inc. (CIL-SJ)
1150 Delsea Drive, Suite 1 & 2
Westville, NJ 08093
(856) 853-6490
www.cil-sj.com
email: CIL-SJ@Outlook.com

Hudson County
Heightened Independence & Progress-Hudson
35 Journal Square, Suite 703
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 533-4407
www.hipcil.org

Hunterdon County
Progressive Center For Independent Living (PCIL)
Hunterdon County Branch
1220 Route 31 North Suite 14
Lebanon, NJ 08833
(908) 782-1055
1-877-376-9174
www.pcil.org
email: INFO@Pcil.org

Mercer County
Progressive Center For Independent Living (PCIL)
Mercer County Branch
3635 Quakerbridge Rd, Suite 40
Hamilton, NJ 08619
(609) 581-4500
www.pcil.org
email: INFO@Pcil.org

Middlesex County
Alliance Center For Independence
629 Amboy Avenue,
1st Floor, Suite 104
Edison, NJ 08837
(732) 738-4388
www.adacil.org

Monmouth County
MOCEANS Center For Independent Living
213 Broadway, Room 102
Long Branch, NJ 07740
(732) 571-4884
email: INFO@Moceanscil.org
www.moceanscil.org

Morris County
DAWN, Inc.
66 Ford Road, Suite 121
Denville, NJ 07834
(973) 625-1940
1-888-383-DAWN
(1-888-383-3296)
VRS: (973) 453-4689
www.dawncil.org
email: INFO@Dawncil.org



Ocean County
MOCEANS Center For Independent Living
213 Broadway, Room 102
Long Branch, NJ 07740
(732) 571-4884
www.moceanscil.org
email: INFO@Moceanscil.org

Passaic County
DIAL, Inc.
2 Prospect Village Plaza, First Floor
Clifton, NJ 07013
Toll Free: (866) 277-1733
VRS: (973) 556-0226
www.dial-cil.org
email: INFO@Dial-cil.org

Salem County
Resources For Independent Living (RIL)
351 High Street, Suite 103
Burlington City, NJ 08016
(609) 747-7745
www.rilnj.org

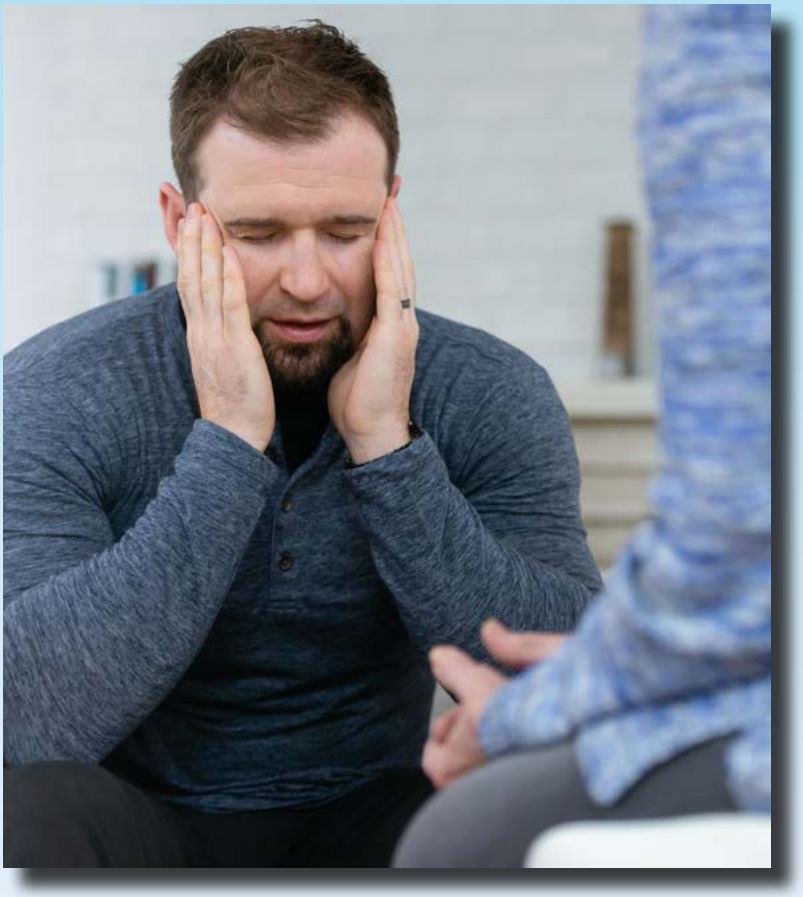
Somerset County
Alliance Center For Independence
629 Amboy Avenue,
1st Floor, Suite 104
Edison, NJ 08837
(732) 738-4388
www.adacil.org

Sussex County
DAWN, Inc.
66 Ford Road, Suite 121
Denville, NJ 07834
(973) 625-1940
1-888-383-DAWN
(1-888-383-3296)
VRS: (973) 453-4689
www.dawncil.org
email: INFO@Dawncil.org

Union County
Alliance Center For Independence
629 Amboy Avenue
1st Floor, Suite 104
Edison, NJ 08837
(732) 738-4388
www.adacil.org

Warren County*
*DAWN, Inc.
66 Ford Road, Suite 121
Denville, NJ 07834
(973) 625-1940
1-888-383-DAWN (1-888-383-3296)
VRS: (973) 453-4689
www.dawncil.org
email: INFO@Dawncil.org

** Office also serves as the County office for individuals with disabilities.*





Appendix 5: Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) receives reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of vulnerable adults aged 18 or older who reside in the community. Reports to APS that meet state criteria will generate a thorough assessment, including a private face-to-face interview with the potentially at-risk adult, to determine if further intervention is warranted. All information generated by the investigation is confidential. A report of suspected maltreatment should be made directly to the APS office in the county in which the vulnerable adult resides. The Division of Aging Services may be contacted to help facilitate the report to APS by calling the Information and Referral toll-free number, 1-800-792-8820, or calls may be placed directly to the APS office in the individual's county of residence.

County Adult Protective Services

Atlantic County	(888) 426-9243
Bergen County	(201) 368-4300
Burlington County	(609) 747-7745
Camden County	(856) 225-8178
Cape May County	(609) 886-2784
Cumberland County	(856) 825-0255
Essex County	(866) 903-6287
Gloucester County	(856) 582-9200
Hudson County	(201) 537-5631
Hunterdon County	(908) 788-1300
Mercer County	(609) 989-4346
Middlesex County	(732) 745-3635
Monmouth County	(732) 531-9191
Morris County	(973) 326-7282
Ocean County	(732) 349-1500
Passaic County	(973) 881-2616
Salem County	(856) 339-8622
Somerset County	(908) 526-8800
Sussex County	(973) 383-3600
Union County	(908) 497-3902
Warren County	(908) 475-6591





Appendix 6: Disability Specific Resources

This section lists agencies outside of state government that serve individuals with specific disabilities.

AIDS/HIV

Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

Services: Case management, assistance dealing with the emotional impact of HIV, pastoral care, legal advocacy, housing and discharge planning for incarcerated individuals with HIV/AIDS, mental health and substance abuse counseling for those with HIV/AIDS.

317 George Street, Suite 203
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
1-800-433-0254
(732) 246-0204
www.hyacinth.org

Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's New Jersey

Services: Care consultations, respite and wellness programs, family support groups, clinical research trials, safety awareness programs, education and training.

425 Eaglerock Avenue, Suite 203
Roseland, NJ 07068
1-888-280-6055
(973) 586-4300
www.alznj.org

Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter

Services: Support groups, help with care giving, education, planning.

23 Vreeland Road, Suite 105
Florham Park, NJ 07932
1-800-272-3900
www.alz.org/nj?set=1

Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter

399 Market St., Suite 250
Philadelphia, PA 19106
(856) 797-1212
www.alz.org/delval

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

The Neuromuscular and ALS Center

Services: Diagnosis, treatment, therapeutic drug trials, physical and occupational therapy, and social work

Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

125 Paterson Street, Suite 6100
Clinical Academic Bldg. (CAB)
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 235-7331
rwjms.rutgers.edu/

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ALS Association-Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Services: home care, financial support for home modifications, assistive technology, transportation, research, and support groups.

321 Norristown Rd. Suite 260
Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 643-5434
www.alsphiladelphia.org

Arthritis/Fibromyalgia

Arthritis Foundation-New Jersey Chapter

Services: Advocacy, education, support groups, and outreach.
1-800-283-7800
www.arthritis.org

Autoimmune Disorders

American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association

Services: Support groups, education, advocacy, and research.

19176 Hall Road, Suite 130
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 776-3900
www.aarda.org

Cancer

Cancer Hope Network

Services: Provides one-on-one support to patients and caregivers by matching them with volunteers who have survived cancer, also provides information regarding clinical trials.

2 North Rd, Suite A
Chester, NJ 07930
1-877-467-3638 or
(908) 879-4039
www.cancerhopenetwork.org/

American Cancer Society-NJ

Services: Provides education, a patient navigator program to guide you along the journey, and support services like rides to treatment and lodging nearby treatment centers.
1-800-227-2345
www.cancer.org/about-us/local/new-jersey.html

Cancer Thriving and Surviving (CTS) Workshops

This service provides peer-led workshops (2 1/2 hours, once per week for six weeks) in all 21 Counties for people who have completed cancer treatments and/or their caregivers.

Workshop topics include: Techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain, isolation, poor sleep and living with uncertainty; Exercises for regaining and maintaining flexibility and endurance; Making decisions about treatment and complementary therapies; Communicating effectively with family, friends and health professionals; Nutrition; and Setting priorities.

To find CTS workshops available in your county, please visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/tchagencies.html

Cardiac/Heart Disease

American Heart and Stroke Association-New Jersey Affiliate

Services: Provides advocacy and education on the diseases and promotes local events to raise awareness.

(609) 208-0020
E-mail: newjersey@heart.org
www.heart.org/en/affiliates/new-jersey/new-jersey



Cardiac/Heart Disease

Saddle Brook Office
Park 80 West, Plaza II
250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 202
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Chronic Disease Management

Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP)

This program provides peer-led workshops (2 1/2 hours, once per week for six weeks) in all 21 Counties to assist people dealing with chronic disease and/or their caregivers to overcome the daily challenges of living with chronic diseases.
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/cdsmpprograms.html

Tomando Control de su Salud

Tomando was developed for individuals who speak Spanish. The subjects covered are similar to CDSMP (see above), but they are presented in ways that are culturally appropriate. Workshops are conducted in Spanish without translators.

To find CDSMP or Tomando workshops available in your county, please visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/tchagencies.html

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association, Inc. (NJCFSA)

Services: Support groups, college scholarships, education, and advocacy.

PO Box 477
Florham Park, NJ 07932
Email: helpdesk@njcfsa.org
www.njmecfsa.org

Crohn's Disease

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America-NJ Chapter

Services: Education, support groups and doctor location services.

P.O. Box 1170
Eatontown, NJ 07724
(732) 786-9960
www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/chapters/newjersey

Communication Disorders

Adler Aphasia Center

Services: Education, support groups, research, and speech therapy.

60 West Hunter Avenue
Maywood, NJ 07607
(201) 368-8585
www.AdlerAphasiaCenter.org

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Cystic Fibrosis

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Greater New Jersey Chapter

Services: Provides information, education, and advocacy services as well as care center locater services, and case management to support individuals and families with CF.

111 Littleton Road - Suite 221
Parsippany, NJ 07054
973-656-9200
www.cff.org/NewJersey/

Diabetes

American Diabetes Association-Greater NYC/NJ Office

Services: Provides diabetes education and promotes healthy living.
1-800-342-2383
www.diabetes.org/community/local-offices/greater-nycnj

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

Services: Funds research, advocates for policies that accelerate access to new therapies, and provides a support network for millions of people around the world.

New Jersey Metro and Rockland County Chapter
1480 US Highway 9 North, Suite 306
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
www.jdrf.org/

Diabetes Foundation

Services: Provides access to critical resources and medication necessary to remain healthy. Serves children, parents, adults, and caregivers regardless of income or healthcare coverage.

411 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
(201) 444-0337
diabetesfoundationinc.org/
Email: info@diabetesfoundationinc.org

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Services: Through a series of workshops, people with diabetes and /or their caregivers meet for 2 1/2 hours once a week for six weeks. The diabetes workshops cover various subjects related to diabetes such as: techniques to deal with symptoms of diabetes, including fatigue, pain, hyper/hypoglycemia, stress, and emotions such as depression, anger, fear and frustration; Exercises for maintaining and improving strength and endurance; Healthy eating; Appropriate use of medication; Working more effectively with health care providers; and Preventing or delaying complications.

For more information, visit: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/cdsmpprograms.html

Dwarfism

Little People of America (LPA)

Services: LPA offers information on employment, education, disability rights, adoption, medical issues, clothing, adaptive products, and the many stages of parenting a short-statured child - from birth to adult. Information is provided through a national newsletter, the *LPA Today*, and numerous seminars and workshops.
1-888-572-2001
www.lpaonline.org



Dysautonomia

Dysautonomia International-New Jersey Support Group

Services: information, education, advocacy, doctor locator services, support groups, financial assistance resources directory.
E-mail: newjersey@dysautonomiainternational.org
www.dysautonomiainternational.org

Eating Disorders

Food Addicts Anonymous

Services: Support and meetings to help with food addiction.
NJ Helpline: (732) 244-4324
www. foodaddictsanonymous.org

National Eating Disorders Association

Services: provides help and support to those affected by eating disorders and those who care about them.
1-800-931-2237
www.nationaleatingdisorders.org

Environmental Sensitivities/ Intolerances

National Center for Environmental Health Strategies, Inc.

Services: Works to reduce hazardous exposure, prevent environmental illnesses and injuries, and provides advocacy and education to effect research and policy change.

1100 Rural Avenue
Voorhees, New Jersey 08043
(856) 429-5358; (856) 816-8820
Email: marylamielle@ncehs.org
www.ncehs.org

Head Injury/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey

Services: Information, education, advocacy, and assistance in connecting with TBI services.
825 Georges Road, Second Floor
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 745-0200
1-800-669-4323
www.bianj.org

For The Traumatic Brain Injury Fund, see page 71.

Huntington's Disease

Huntington's Disease Society of America

Services: HDSA offers Support Groups, Social workers, advocacy, and education.
PO Box 268
Ridgewood, NJ 07451
(973) 250-6660
newjersey.hdsa.org

Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of New Jersey

985 Livingston Avenue
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 246-2525
www.arcnj.org
Services: provides information, training, mentoring, support and advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

See chapter 18 for more information regarding services for individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities.

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Learning Disabilities

The International Dyslexia Association-NJ Branch

Services: education on dyslexia, conferences for educators and individuals with dyslexia, advocacy, and legislative work.
PO Box 32
Long Valley, New Jersey 07853
nj.dyslexiaida.org/

Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey

Services: LDANJ provides information, support, and advocacy for children and adults with learning disabilities.
614 Cranbury Road Unit 6268
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
(732) 645-2738
www.ldanj.org

Lupus

Lupus Foundation of America-NJ Chapter

Services: research, education, peer to peer support groups, doctor referral services, and Advocacy.

NJ Chapter

65 E. Northfield Rd.
Unit D, 1L
Livingston, NJ 07039
1-800-322-5816
(973) 379-3226
www.lupus.org/newjersey/node/179

Philadelphia Tri-State Chapter

101 Greenwood Ave, Suite 200
Jenkintown, PA 19046
(215) 517-5070
www.lupus.org/tristate

Multiple Sclerosis

National Multiple Sclerosis Society-NJ Metro Chapter

Services: Information on issues related to living with MS such as health and wellness, family and relationships, employment, insurance and financial planning, social and emotional support, mobility and accessibility, research and clinical trials.

Aspen Corporate Park 1

1480 U.S. Highway 9 North, Suite 301
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
(732) 660-1005
www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/NJM

National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater Delaware Valley Chapter

30 South 17th Street, Suite 800
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 271-2400
www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/PAE

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America-National Headquarters

Services: Equipment Distribution Program Application, Cooling Distribution Program, MRI Access Fund, Educational Programs, lending library.

375 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
1-800-344-4867
1-800-532-7667 (Toll Free)
Email: MSquestions@mymsaa.org
www.mymsaa.org/



Parkinson's Disease

American Parkinson Disease Association—NJ Chapter

Services: education, support, and patient services to individuals with Parkinson's and their families.

Robert Wood Johnson Fitness and Wellness Center
125 Paterson Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 235-5012
Email: sr1238@rwjms.rutgers.edu
www.apdaparkinson.org/community/new-jersey/

Respiratory Disease

American Lung Association

Services: education, advocacy, support groups and online support communities, and a help line.

New Jersey Chapter
PO Box 10188, #37214
Newark, NJ 07101
www.lung.org/about-us/local-associations/new-jersey.html

Sickle Cell Disease

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America

Services: Case Management, Counseling, Advocacy, Career/Vocational Counseling, Transportation, Community Outreach and Education, LeRoi Simmons Sickle Cell Disease Scholarship, Newborn Screening Follow-Up Program, Support Groups, Be An African–American Hero, Sickle Cell Sabbath.

SCDAA - Philadelphia/Delaware Valley
5300 Wynnefield Avenue, 2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19131
(215) 471-8686
www.sicklecelldisorder.com

SCDAA of NJ
1016 Broad street P.O Box 9501
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 482-9070
www.sicklecellnewjersey.org

Scleroderma

Scleroderma Foundation

Services: support groups, a toll-free helpline for information and referrals, publish a quarterly magazine and other informational brochures, research, and education.

Delaware Valley Chapter (Southern NJ)
385 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
1-866-675-5545
national.scleroderma.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=dv_home

Tri-State Chapter (Northern NJ)
59 Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13905
1-800-867-0885
national.scleroderma.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ts_home

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Resource Network

Services: family support, advocacy, prevention, education, recreation, financial assistance through the Jane Horowitz Special Medical Needs Fund (SMNF).

84 Park Avenue, Suite G-106
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908) 782-7475
www.thesbrn.org

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Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

Christopher & Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center

Services: information, education, advocacy to help people connect with resources in their area, peer mentor program, online social platform for individuals with paralysis and their loved ones to connect and share information, grants for non-profits, and has a Military and Veterans Program (MVP) through which it provides a host of support and programs to help servicemen and women connect with services, programs, and benefits.

Short Hills Plaza
636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A
Short Hills, NJ 07078
1-800-539-7309
www.christopherreeve.org

United Spinal Association

Services: Information, education, advocacy, one-on-one assistance, and peer support.
1-800-962-9629
www.spinalcord.org

Stroke/CVA

American Stroke Association-NJ Chapters

Services: information, education, advocacy, help connecting with local resources.
www.stroke.org
(609) 208-0020
Email: newjersey@heart.org

Saddle Brook Office
Park 80 West, Plaza II
250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 202
Saddle Brook, NJ, 07663

Tourette Syndrome

New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome

Services: Information, education, advocacy, youth development and leadership academies, webinars.

50 Division Street, Suite 205
Somerville, NJ 08876
(908) 575-7350
www.njcts.org

Transplant

NJ Sharing Network

Services: Recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for those in need of a life-saving transplant, awareness campaigns to education people of the importance of organ and tissue donations.

691 Central Avenue
New Providence, NJ 07974
1-800-742-7365
www.njsharingnetwork.org



Appendix 7: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) County Offices

To schedule an appointment for DVRS, contact the DVRS office below serving your county of residence:

DVRS Atlantic Office
2 South Main Street, Suite 2, 1st Floor
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
Telephone: (609) 813-3933
VP: (609) 224-1218

DVRS Bergen Office
60 State Street, 2nd Floor, Room 203
Hackensack, NJ 07601-5471
Telephone: (201) 996-8970
VP: (973) 968-6556

DVRS Burlington Office
795 Woodlane Road, 2nd Floor
Westampton, NJ 08060
Telephone: (609) 518-3948
VP: (609) 534-3956

DVRS Camden Office
101 Woodcrest Road, Suite 127
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-3620
Telephone: (856) 549-0600 (option 3)
VP: (856) 831-7599

DVRS Cape May Office
3801 Route 9 South, Unit 3
Cape May, NJ 08242
Telephone: (609) 224-2010
VP: (609) 224-1218

DVRS Cumberland/ Salem Office
40 East Broad Street, Suite 204
Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2881
Telephone: (856) 453-3888
VP: (856) 497-0075

DVRS Essex Office
990 Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Telephone: (973) 648-3494
VP: (862) 772-7166

DVRS Gloucester Office
1480 Tanyard Road, Suite A
Sewell, NJ 08080
Telephone: (856) 384-3730
VP: (856) 497-0075

DVRS Hudson Office
438 Summit Avenue, 6th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306-3187
Telephone: (201) 217-7180
VP: (201) 616-0447

DVRS Mercer Office
Labor Station Plaza 4, PO Box 959
28 Yard Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08625-0959
Telephone: (609) 292-2940
VP: (609) 498-7011

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DVRS Middlesex Office
550 Jersey Avenue, PO Box 2672
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
Telephone: (732) 937-6300
VP: (732) 393-8056

DVRS Monmouth Office
60 Taylor Avenue
Neptune, NJ 07753-4844
Telephone: (732) 775-1799
VP: (732) 606-4961

DVRS Morris Office
13 Emery Avenue 2nd Floor
Randolph, NJ 07869
Telephone: (862) 397-5600 / Option 4
VP: (973) 607-2034

DVRS Ocean Office
1027 Hooper Avenue, Bldg. 6,
3rd Fl., Suite 1
Toms River, NJ 08753-2225
Telephone: (732) 505-2310
VP: (732) 606-4961

DVRS Passaic Office
200 Memorial Drive, 1st Floor
Paterson, NJ 07501
Telephone: (973) 742-9226
VP: (973) 968-6556

DVRS Somerset/ Hunterdon Office
75 Veterans Memorial Drive East
Suite 101
Somerville, NJ 08876-2952
Telephone: (908) 704-3030
VP: (732) 393-8056

DVRS Union Office
921 Elizabeth Avenue, 3rd Floor
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Telephone: (908) 965-3940
VP: (908) 242-3563

DVRS Sussex/Warren Office
445 Marshall Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Telephone: (908) 329-9190
VP: (908) 645-0616



Appendix 8:
County Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SV) Service Providers

Atlantic County

AVANZAR (DV/SV)
927 North Main Street
Building D
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
1(800) 286-4184
(609) 646-6767
Text Line (609) 569-5437
avanzarnow.org

Fathers Ending Abuse
P.O. Box 311 Northfield, NJ 08225
24 Hour Hotline: (800) 286-4184
Office: (609) 601-9925
avanzarnow.org/programs-services/fathers-care-network/

Atlantic County Women's Center (SV)
1201 New Road, Suite 240
Linwood, NJ 08221
Toll Free Hotline: 1 (800) 286-4184
24 Hour Hotline: (609) 646-6767
Office: (609) 646-4376

Bergen County

Center for Hope and Safety (DV)
12 Overlook Avenue, Suite C
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
24 Hour Hotline: (201) 944-9600
Office: (201) 498-9247
E-mail: info@centerforhopeandsafetynj.org
www.hopeandsafetynj.org

Alternatives to Domestic Violence
1 Bergen County Plaza 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601
24 Hour Hotline: (201) 336-7575
Office: (201) 336-6000
www.co.bergen.nj.us/divisions-of-alternatives-to-domestic-violence/alternatives-to-domestic-violence

Healing Space (SV)
214 State Street, Suite 207
Hackensack, NJ 07601
24 Hour Hotline: (201) 487-2227
Office: (201) 345-1911
ywcannj.org/healingspace/

Burlington County

Providence House of Catholic Charities/Burlington (DV)
595 Rancocas Road
Westampton, NJ 07060
24 Hour Hotline: (609) 871-7551
Office: (856) 824-0599
www.providencehouse.org

CONTACT of Burlington County (SV)
PO Box 333
Moorestown, NJ 08057
Hotline: (856) 234-8888 or (866) 234-5006
Office: (856) 234-5484 ext. 4

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County Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SV) Service Providers

Camden County

New Jersey Association on Corrections/Camden County Women's Center (CCWC) (DV)
P.O. Box 1459
Blackwood, NJ 08012
24 Hour Hotline: (856) 227-1234
Office: (856) 227-1800 (Office)
sites.google.com/a/njaconline.org/camden-county-women-s-center

Harambe Social Services (DV/SV)
416 Sicklerville Road - 2nd Floor
Sicklerville, NJ 08081
(609) 225-6936

Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey
35-47 S. 29th Street
Camden, NJ 08105
(856) 541-6985 ext. 116

Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (SERV)
Center for Family Services (SV)
584 Benson Street
Camden, NJ 08103
Hotline: (866) 295-SERV (7378)
Office: (856) 964-1990 ext. 232
www.centerffs.org/serv

Cape May County

CARA, Inc. (DV/SV)
(Coalition Against Rape & Abuse, Inc.)
PO Box 774
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-0774
(609) 522-6489 (office)
(877) 294-2272 (CARA toll free)
Email: carasafe1@cara-inc.net
www.cara-cmc.org

Cumberland County

Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (SERV) (DV)
3642 East Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08631
24 Hour Hotline: (800) 225-0196
Office: (856) 696-2032
Email: serv@centerffs.org
www.centerffs.org

The Center for Family Services (CFS) Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (SERV) (SV)
3600 East Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08631
24 Hour Hotline: (800) 225-0196
(856) 696-2032
www.centerffs.org/serv

Essex County

The Safe House (DV)
PO Box 1877
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
24 Hour Hotline: (973) 759-2154
Office: (973) 759-2378

Partners for Women and Justice (DV/SV)
650 Bloomfield Avenue Suite 209
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 233-0111

Peace: A Learned Solution Family Connections DREAMS Program of Essex
7 Glenwood Avenue Suite 101
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 675-3817
www.familyconnectionsnj.org

Family Service League, Inc. (SV)
60 South Fullerton Ave; Suite 109
Montclair, NJ 07042
Hotline: (877) 733-CARE (2273)
Office: (973) 746-0800



Gloucester County

Center for Family Services (CFS) Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (SERV) (DV)

P.O. Box 566
Glassboro, NJ 08028
Toll free 24 Hour Hotline: (866) 295-7378
24 Hour Hotline: (856) 881-3335
Office: (856) 881-4034
Email: serv@centerffs.org

Center for Family Services (CFS) Services Empowering the Rights of Victims (SERV) (SV)

P.O. Box 566
Glassboro, NJ 08028
Office: (856) 881-4034
Toll free 24 Hour Hotline: (866) 295-7378
www.centerffs.org/serv

Hudson County

Women Rising, Inc. (DV)

270 Fairmount Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
24 Hour Hotline: (201) 333-5700
Email: womenrising@aol.com
www.womenrising.org

Hudson S.P.E.A.K.S (SV) (Formerly known as Hudson County Rape Crisis Center) CAREPOINT Foundation

179 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Hotline: (201) 795-5757
Phone: (201) 795-8741
Education and Outreach: (201) 795-8559

Hunterdon County

SAFE in Hunterdon (DV/SV)

47 East Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822 (mailing only)
Toll free 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 988-4033
24 Hour Hotline: (908) 788-4044
Office: 908-806-0019
Email: agencyinfo@safeinhunterdon.org
www.safeinhunterdon.org

Mercer County

Womanspace, Inc. (DV/SV)

1530 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
24 Hour Hotline: (609) 394-9000
(800) 572-SAFE (7233)
Office: (609) 394-0136
Email: info@womanspace.org
www.womanspace.org

NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence

1 N. Johnston Avenue, Suite C239
Hamilton, NJ 08609
(609) 584-8107 (statewide)
www.njcedv.org

Middlesex County

Women Aware, Inc. (DV)

250 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
24 Hour Hotline: (732) 249-4504
Office: (732) 249-4900
www.womenaware.net

Manavi Inc. (DV/SV)

P.O. Box 3103
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
(732) 435-1414 ext. 111

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Middlesex Center for Empowerment (SV)
29 Oakwood Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837
(877) 665-7273 (Hotline)
(732) 745-8270 (Office/Hotline)
(732) 321-1189 (Office)

Partners for Women and Justice (DV/SV)
650 Bloomfield Avenue Suite 209
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 233-0111

Monmouth County

180, Turning Lives Around (DV)
1 Bethany Road, Bldg. 3, Suite 42
Hazlet, NJ 07730
24 Hour Hotline: (732) 264-4111
(888) 843-9262 (toll free)
Office: (732) 264-4360
Email: infor@180nj.org
www.180nj.org

180 Turning Lives Around (SV)
Toll Free - 24 Hr. Hotline:
(888) 264-RAPE (7273)
Office: (732) 888-0197
Main Office: (732) 264-4360
Email: infor@180nj.org
www.180nj.org

Community Affairs Resource Center (DV/SV)*
913 Sewall Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712
(732) 774-3282

Mercy Center (DV/SV)*
1108 Main Street
Asbury Park, NJ 07712
Office: 732-774-9397 ext 118
732-774-7411 (Fax)
www.mercycenternj.org

Morris County

Jersey Battered Women Services (JBWS) (DV)
P.O. Box 1437
Morristown, NJ 07962-1437
24 Hour Hotline:
(877) R-U-ABUSED
Office: (973) 267-7520
www.jbws.org

Batterers' Program Abuse Ceases Today
P.O. Box 1437
Morristown, NJ 07962-1437
24 Hour Hotline:
(877) R-U-ABUSED
Office: (973) 267-7520
www.jbws.org

Morris Cares/Atlantic Health System (SV)
95 Mount Kemble Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
24 HR Hotline: (973) 829-0587
Office: (973) 971-4754

Ocean County*

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, Providence House-Ocean (DV)
P. O. Box 414
Whiting, NJ 08759
24 Hour Hotline: (732) 244-8259
(800) 246-8910
Office: (732) 350-2120
www.providencehouse.org

St. Francis Community Center (SV)
4700 Long Beach Boulevard
Long Beach, NJ 08008
Hotlines: (609) 494-1090/
(732) 370-4010
Office: (609) 494-1554

** These agencies serve Ocean and Monmouth Counties.*



Passaic County

Jewish Family Service & Children's Center of Clifton-Passaic, Inc. (DV/SV)

110 Main Avenue
Passaic, NJ 07055
973-777-7638 ext. 133

Passaic County Women's Center (PCWC) (DV/SV)

P.O. Box 244
Paterson, NJ 07543
24 Hour Hotline: (973) 881-1450
Office: (973) 881-0725
www.passaiccountywomenscenter.org

Peace: A Learned Solution NJ Association of Corrections Passaic County Women's Center with Jewish Family Services

P.O. Box 244
Paterson, NJ 07513
(973) 777-7638
www.passaiccountywomenscenter.org/childrens-services/

Wafa House (DV/SV)

P.O. Box 2102
Clifton, NJ 07015 (statewide)
(800) 930-9232
www.wafahouse.org

Salem County

Salem County Women's Services (SCWS) (DV)

P.O. Box 125
Salem, NJ 08079-0125
24 HR Hotline: (888) 625-9511
Office: (856) 935-6655
salemcountywomensservices.org

Salem County Women's Services (SCWS) (SV)

P.O. Box 125
Salem, NJ 08079-0125
24 Hour Hotline: (856) 935-6655
Office: (856) 935-8012
salemcountywomensservices.org

Somerset County

Safe and Sound Somerset (DV/SV)

P.O. Box 835
Somerville, NJ 08876
24 Hour Hotline: (866) 685-1122
Office: (908) 359-0003
www.safe-sound.org

Sussex County

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services (DASI) (DV/SV)

P.O. Box 805
Newton, NJ 07860
24 Hour Hotline: (973) 875-1211
Office: (973) 579-2386
www.dasi.org

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P.O. Box 805
Newton, NJ 07860
24 Hour Hotline: (973) 875-1211
Office: (973) 579-2386
www.dasi.org

Union County

Partners for Women and Justice (DV/SV)

650 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 209
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 233-0111

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YWCA of Eastern Union County
Project Protect (DV)
P.O. Box 242
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
24 Hour Hotline: (908) 355-4357
Office: (908) 355-1995

Union County Rape Crisis Center (SV)
300 North Avenue East
Westfield, NJ 07090-1499
Hotline: (908) 233-7273

Warren County
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault
Crisis Center (DASACC) (DV & SV)
P.O. Box 42
Belvidere, NJ 07823
24 Hour Hotline: (908) 453-4181
(866) 6BE-SAFE (623-7233)
Office: (908) 453-4121
www.dasacc.org

Rutgers University, School of Social Work
Center for Research for Ending Violence (REV)

REV strives to eliminate physical, sexual, and other forms of violence against women and children and the power imbalances that permit them. They accomplish their mission through a collaborative approach that focuses on multidisciplinary research and evaluation, education, and community engagement.

123 Church Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Phone: 848-932-4397

For legal assistance, refer to: Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) on page 51.

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(609) 888-7164
https://www.nj.gov/dcf/women/



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