

*New Jersey*  
**RESOURCE GUIDE**  
*for Women*

**Section XV:**

**SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**



State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Summer 2011

**ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY OF INFORMATION AND SERVICES**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Assistive Communication Device Demonstration Center	6
Camp Marcella	5
Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund	3
Day Services	7
Family Support Center of New Jersey	2
Guardianship	2
Health Care for People with Disabilities	1
NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) Schools for Persons with Disabilities	2, 5
NJ Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities	1, 6
NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities - Developmental Centers	7
NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities - Family Support Services	7
NJ Division of Disability Services	1
NJ Discoverability/ WorkAbility Program	1
Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities	6
Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired	4
Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	5
Project Child Find	2
Residential Services: NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities	7,8
Resources Directory: NJ Division of Disability Services	1
New Jersey School for the Deaf, Katzenbach Campus	5
Centers for Independent Living, Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)	4
Support for Catastrophic Illness in Children	3
Illustrated Equipment Catalogue	6
The Arc of New Jersey	8
The Business Enterprise Program (BEP)	4
The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)	4
The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – NJ Department of Human Services	5
Interpreter Service	5
The Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center	4
The Technology for Life & Learning Center (TLLC)	1

**Division of Disability Services**

New Jersey Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

**Toll Free:** 1-888-285-3036

**TTY:** 609-292-1210

**Fax:** 609-292-1233

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/index.html>

- ◆ This program provides information and referral services to adults who have become disabled and their families.

**Resources Directory****NJ Department of Human Services - Division of Disability Services**

**Web - PDF:** [http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/documents/RD\\_09\(3\).pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/documents/RD_09(3).pdf)

**Health Care for People with Disabilities**

**Toll Free:** 1-800-356-1561

**Phone:** 609-588-2600

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/>

- ◆ The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services provide this service, through its Medicaid program. The program helps to enroll Medicaid-eligible aged, blind or disabled residents in Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) through which their medical care can be coordinated and managed.

**NJ Discoverability/ WorkAbility****Division of Disability Services**

Department of Human Services

**Toll Free:** 1-888-285-3036

**TTY:** 1-609-292-1210

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/projects/discoverability/>

- ◆ DiscoverAbility NJ is a living document that was built upon the state's longstanding efforts to improve the labor market participation of people with disabilities. At the same time it included contemporary thinking about what is needed to increase their work opportunities (for instance, better transportation services) and improve employment and economic outcomes.
- ◆ 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.

**The Technology for Life & Learning Center (TLLC)**

**Phone:** 609-588-7911

**Fax:** 609-588-7237

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/education/techlearning.html>

- ◆ The Office of Education's (OOE) Technology for Life and Learning Center (TLLC) makes assistive technology services available to all students served by the OOE's educational programming. Services are specifically geared towards students with disabilities that affect communication, learning, academic achievement, and access to the environment. Services can be provided at OOE and in the referred student's school.

**Project Child Find**

**Toll Free:** 1-800-322-8174

**Web – PDF:** [http://www.state.nj.us/njded/specialed/childfind/fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/specialed/childfind/fact_sheet.pdf)

- ◆ **Project CHILD FIND** is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age.

**Schools for Persons with Disabilities****NJ Department of Education**

PO Box 500

Trenton, NJ 08625

**Phone:** 1-877-900-6960

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/instate/college.htm>

- ◆ The Office of Education provides an education for two different groups of children and young adults who require intensive educational services and support that are not available to them through the public school system. All programs operate year-round. The goal of each program is to provide children with basic educational, vocational, work readiness, social and life skills they will need to live as independently as possible as adults.

**Guardianship****Division of Developmental Disabilities****New Jersey Department of Human Services**

P. O. Box 726

Trenton, NJ 08625

**Toll Free:** 609-631-2213

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/guardianship/>

- ◆ The Division provides guardianship services for individuals appointed by a court to act on behalf of an individual to assure provision for the health, safety and welfare of the individual and to protect his or her rights in accordance with the judgment of guardianship. It is important to understand that guardianship removes an individual's fundamental right of self-determination. Therefore, it should only be a solution of last resort.

**Family Support Center of New Jersey**

2516 Route 35

Manasquan, NJ 08736

**Toll Free:** 1-800-372-6510

**Phone:** 732-528-8080

**TTY:** 1-800-852-7899

**Web:** <http://www.fscnj.org/>

- ◆ The Family Support Center is a clearinghouse of up-to-date information on a national, state and local family support programs, services and disabilities. The Center offers a "One-Stop-Shopping" approach to individuals seeking information on disabilities and services by providing them with easy access to a comprehensive array of services.

**Support for Catastrophic Illness in Children:****Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund  
New Jersey Department of Human Services**

PO Box 728

Trenton, NJ 08625

**Phone:** 609-292-0600**Family Information Line:** 1-800-335-FUND (3863)**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/>

- ◆ The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund is a financial assistance program for New Jersey Families whose children have an illness or condition otherwise uncovered by insurance, State or Federal programs, or other source, such as fundraising. The Fund is intended to assist in preserving a family's ability to cope with the responsibilities which accompany a child's significant health problems.

**Who is Eligible for the Fund?****Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/eligible/>

- In any prior, consecutive, 12 month period, dating back to 1988, eligible expenses must exceed 10% of the family's income, plus 15% of any excess income over \$100,000.
- The child must have been 21 years or younger when the medical expenses were incurred.
- The family must have lived in New Jersey for three months immediately prior to the date of application.
- Migrant workers may be eligible, but temporary residents are not eligible.

**What Expenses are Eligible?****Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/expenses/>

- ◆ The following incurred expenses will be considered and may be eligible for payment/reimbursement if found reasonable. The categories include, but are not limited to:
  - Specialized pediatric ambulatory care
  - Addictions/mental health services
  - Acute or specialized hospital care, both in and outpatient
  - Physician care in all settings
  - Medical equipment or disposable medical supplies
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Medically related home modifications and medical transportation
  - Home health care
  - Experimental medical treatment or pharmaceuticals following special review

**How to Apply?****Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cicrf/home/apply/>

- Apply online or call the toll free Family Information Line: 1-800-335-FUND (3863) for information and an application.
- The completed application is forwarded to the State Office of the Commission for screening and review. All applications to the Fund are confidential.
- The Commission will review the application and make the final determination on eligibility and the amount of assistance.
- Approved grant awards are disbursed directly to the providers to offset outstanding balances.
- Families may be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses.

**Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired:****The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)****Department of Human Services**

153 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

PO Box 47017

Newark, NJ 07101

**Phone:** 973-648-3333

**Fax:** 973-648-7364

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/index.html>

- ◆ The mission of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired is to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.

**The Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center**

130 Livingston Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

**Phone:** 732-937-6363

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/facilities/jkrc/>

- ◆ The Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center (JKRC) offers people who are blind and visually impaired an opportunity to learn skills that enable INDEPENDENCE. Students gain skills to attend college, to seek employment or become independent homemakers. The JKRC is located in New Brunswick and opened in the fall of 1988, replacing the former facility that operated in Newark for more than 30 years.

**The Business Enterprise Program (BEP)**

**Toll Free:** 1-877-685-8878

**Phone:** 609-584-4905

**Fax:** 609-584-4876

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/bep/>

- ◆ Since 1937, the New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired's Business Enterprise Program (BEP) has worked to help men and women who are legally blind become independent business operators and entrepreneurs.

**Centers for Independent Living****Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

1262 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road, Bldg. A, Suite 102

Hamilton, NJ 08690

**Phone:** 609-581-4500

**Toll Free:** 1-877-917-4500

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/cntrindlivindex.html>

<http://www.njsilc.org/>

- ◆ The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) offers independent living training designed to help people of any age who are blind or visually impaired gain the skills of daily living they will need to lead a full and productive life.

**Camp Marcella**

27 Durham Road

Rockaway, NJ 07866

**Phone:** 973-627-1996

**Web:** <http://www.campmarcella.org/>

- ◆ New Jersey Camp for Blind Children is the premier residential summer camp ground designed specifically for children and teens with blindness, visual impairments and special needs.

**Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:****The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing****New Jersey Department of Human Services**

P. O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

**Toll Free:** 1-800-792-8339

**Phone:** 609-984-7281

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/index.html>

- ◆ The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the principal state agency established by New Jersey Law (PL 1977, C. 166) on behalf of people of all ages who are deaf and hard of hearing. The division provides education, advocacy and direct services to eliminate barriers and promote increased accessibility to programs, services, and information routinely available to the state's general population.

**New Jersey School for the Deaf****Katzenbach Campus**

P.O. Box 535

Trenton, NJ 08625

**Phone:** 609-530-3100

**TTY:** 609-530-6620

**Web:** <http://www.mkzd.org/>

**Interpreter Service****Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing****Department of Human Services**

P.O. Box 074

222 S. Warren Street

Trenton, NJ 08625

**Toll Free/TTY:** 1-800-792-8339

**Fax:** 609-984-0390

**Web:** <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/interpreter/>

- ◆ Through the Interpreter Referral Service, the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) maintains a statewide list of American Sign Language Interpreters. Each person on the list holds either a current certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf or has passed an exam administered by DDHH. Once they receive a request for assistance, an IRS coordinator determines if an interpreter is available on the day and time requested. If so, the coordinator will contact the requester and make the referral.

**Illustrated Equipment Catalogue****Phone/TTY:** 1-800-792-8339**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/catalogue/>

- ◆ The cost of assistive communication devices can be very expensive. Since 1993, the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) has operated a program to ensure that New Jersey residents with hearing loss, regardless of their economic status, have access to telecommunications and visual alerting home safety equipment needed to live independently.

**To Qualify for the TTY Program:**

- ◆ Individuals unable to afford the costs of assistive communication devices may apply to the “Equipment Distribution Program” for assistance. Upon meeting eligibility requirements, individuals may receive communication devices free of cost from the DDHH.
  - Applicant must be a New Jersey Resident.
  - Applicant must have hearing loss verified by either:
    - Attaching an audiogram signaled by a licensed audiologist; OR
    - Obtaining a signature on the application by a licensed audiologist or physician verifying applicant’s hearing loss.
  - Total combined household income of applicant must be less than \$45,000.00 annually.
  - Information supplied on application must be clearly printed. Form must be signed by the applicant.

**Assistive Communication Device Demonstration Center****Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing****Toll Free:** 1-800-792-8339**Phone/TTY:** 609-984-7281**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/addc/>

- ◆ These centers display assistive communication devices for people with hearing loss. 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 centers also offer hands-on demonstrations so that consumers can make informed decisions prior to purchasing such devices.

**Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities:****Division of Developmental Disabilities****NJ Department of Human Services**

P. O. Box 726

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

**Toll Free:** 1-800-832-9173**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/index.html>

- ◆ The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) funds services for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Family Support**

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/fss/>

- ◆ Family Support services are intended to help support uncompensated caregivers for individuals who are eligible for DDD-funded services and living in their own homes.

**The Family Support Program includes:**

- Respite
- Camp
- Assistive Technology Devices
- Home & Vehicle Modifications

**Developmental Centers****Division of Developmental Disabilities**

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/centers/>

- ◆ The Division runs seven developmental centers across the state, for individuals with the most severe disabilities. Residents have intensive needs related to their developmental disabilities, and many also have co-occurring mental health, behavioral and/or medical needs. Many residents are non-ambulatory and must use a wheelchair for mobility.

**Day Services****Division of Developmental Disabilities****New Jersey Department of Human Services**

P. O. Box 726

Trenton, NJ 08625-0707

**Toll Free:** 1-800-832-9173

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/day/index.html>

- ◆ Day services allow individuals to remain active outside their home and develop social relationships with others. They also provide families and caregivers with time to pursue their own interests and activities, including a job. Individuals of any age can participate in day services. DDD recognizes, however, that young people who are completing their educational entitlement, and their families, have a particular interest in day service options.

**Residential Services****New Jersey Department of Human Services****Division of Developmental Disabilities**

P. O. Box 726

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

**Phone:** 1-800-832-9173

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/residential/index.html>

- ◆ DDD strives to support individuals by providing services that allow them to live in their own homes and be a part of their community. Sometimes, however, it is not possible to continue to support an individual at home. In those cases, DDD can help an individual move to a place where services and individual supports can be provided.

**In consultation with the individual and his family, the Division provides a variety of community residential options, including:**

- **Group homes** feature on-site, 24-hour staffing and serve the individual and several roommates
- **Supervised apartments**, where a consumer lives with a roommate and receives 24-hour help from staff living nearby
- **Supportive housing** exists for consumers that live alone or with a roommate, and help is available through a 24-hour hotline and assistance is provided on an as-needed basis
- **Community Care Home** exists for individuals that live as part of the family of a caretaker and receives assistance from that person and/or from an agency on a routine basis.

**The Arc of New Jersey**

985 Livingston Avenue

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

**Phone:** 732-246-2525

**Fax:** 732-214-1834

**Web:** <http://www.arcnj.org/>

**E-mail:** [info@arcnj.org](mailto:info@arcnj.org)

- ◆ The Arc of New Jersey is a human rights advocacy organization actively committed to full community participation and inclusion across the lifespan for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of New Jersey is an affiliated chapter of The Arc, and community-based services are available statewide through a strong network of local county chapters.