

NJ Resource Guide for Women

Section IX:

FAMILY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

**NJ Department of Community Affairs
Division on Women
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FAMILY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Housing:

New Jersey Home Ownership Preservation Effort (NJ HOPE)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/njhope/>

- ◆ The New Jersey Homeownership Preservation Effort (NJ HOPE) is a voluntary public/private alliance of government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and financial institutions committed to enhancing home ownership preservation by raising consumer awareness of available mortgage products and funding, providing increased access to credit and loan counseling for those who need it, and providing temporary assistance to consumers who are in immediate danger of foreclosure.

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Division of Housing and Community Resources

Web: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/dh/>

- ◆ The NJ Division of Housing and Community Resources provides information, training and technical assistance for housing development to municipalities, nonprofit organizations and private developers in order to encourage and facilitate the construction of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families. The division is also responsible for planning and implementing programs that provide rental housing assistance, and that support neighborhood preservation and community development initiatives. It provides financial and technical assistance to community-based nonprofit and local government agencies in an effort to improve the quality of life for New Jersey's low-income, disabled and disadvantaged citizens.

Homelessness Prevention

Housing Assistance Program Element (HAP)

Phone: 1 (866) 889-6270

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hp.html>

- ◆ Provides limited financial assistance to low- and moderate-income tenants and homeowners imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are used to disburse payments in the forms of loans and grants to landlords and mortgage companies on behalf of eligible households in danger of homelessness.

The Shelter Housing Exit Program (SHE)

Phone: (609) 633-9183

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/she.html>

- ◆ Provides housing assistance to victims of domestic violence with children, who are receiving shelter or transitional housing services from domestic violence programs across the state. Security deposits and up to two months rent are available to help victims of domestic violence leave shelters. The program also provides long-term assistance, in the form of security deposits and up to six months of housing assistance payments, to help those families who need assistance into the future. Referrals for the SHE program must come through the victim's local domestic violence shelter. Each county of New Jersey offers programs that have a variety of services for victims of domestic violence.

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Department of Children and Families

222 South Warren Street, 3rd Floor

PO Box 729

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 984-4500

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/index.shtml>

NJ Helps:

NJ Helps Website

Web: <http://www.njhelps.org/index2.html>

- ◆ The NJ Helps DHS Services Home Page is designed to give consumers a one-stop shopping resource for the wide range of programs and services provided by the Department of Human Services and its partners, to assist individuals, families and communities in New Jersey.

- ◆ The NJ Helps website is a free, private and easy way to find out more about the following 8 programs that are available to help individuals and families:
 - **The Food Stamp Program** helps families buy nutritious food.
 - **Medicaid** provides medical assistance to households and individuals.
 - **NJ FamilyCare** offers free or low cost health insurance for uninsured children 18 or younger.
 - **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** helps households pay their home heating costs.
 - **Work First NJ/General Assistance (WFNJ)** provides temporary cash assistance and support services to individuals and childless couples.
 - **Work First NJ/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** provides temporary assistance to families with children.
 - **NJ Cares for Kids** offers assistance with child care costs.
 - **Kinship Navigator Program** provides support and assistance to adults who are raising a relative's child.

Department of Community Affairs

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Deployed Military Spouses' Assistance Program

Phone: 609-543-6200 Ext. 325

- ◆ Provides assistance to spouses of deployed military personnel (Active duty, Reserve, and National Guard) through direct financial assistance payments and/or referrals to existing program services. This program is an emergency measure to alleviate financial and emotional stress to spouses due to the deployment. **For additional information about this program, contact the Women's Opportunity Center/Burlington County YMCA:**

Women's Opportunity Center/Burlington County YMCA

59 Centerton Road

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Attn: Fawn Mutschler

Phone: 609-543-6200 Ext. 325

Fax: 856-234-6560

E-mail: wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org

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*Department of the Public Advocate

240 West State Street
P.O. BOX 851
Trenton, NJ 08625-0851
(609) 826-5090

Web: <http://www.nj.gov/publicadvocate>

* Spanish Speakers Available

- ◆ The Department of the Public Advocate is a principal executive department of the state dedicated to making government more accountable and more responsive to the needs of average New Jerseyans. The Public Advocate advocates on behalf of New Jersey citizens, including children, the indigent, senior citizens, people with disabilities, mental illness and consumers utilizing a range of advocacy tools including systemic and class action lawsuits.
- ◆ In addition, The Office of the Child Advocate, which is “in but not of” the Department of the Public Advocate, defends the interests of children, and seeks solutions to problems affecting children through investigation, policy and practice innovation, public reporting, hearings, litigation, and other strategies. The Office’s jurisdiction extends to all public and private settings in which a State or county agency or department has placed a child, including but not limited to, juvenile detention centers, group homes, foster homes, residential treatment centers and shelters. The Child Advocate Helpline 1-877-543-7864 provides supportive services including an initial assessment of the situation and recommendations of resources available from the Office of the Child Advocate.

For Children and Caregivers of Children:

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

NJ Child Care Helpline: (800) 332-9227

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/CCRandRs.html>

- ◆ Registered family day care homes are monitored by the **Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (formally Unified Child Care Agencies)**, which are community-based organizations contracted by the state in each county. These agencies work with the DHS Division of Family Development to administer childcare subsidies, provide resource and referral services, raise the quality of childcare operations, and promote the development of additional childcare capacity.

NJ Cares for Kids (Childcare Assistance)

Toll Free: 1 (800) 332-9227

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/chldca.html>

- ◆ Working families with low to moderate-incomes can receive help with child care costs for their children, birth through 12 years of age. Single parents or both parents in two parent families must be employed on a full time basis (30 or more hours per week). Caregivers selected by the parent must be approved, registered or licensed and meet applicable State requirements. A waiting list currently exists for this service.

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New Jersey Child Abuse Hotline

Toll Free: 1 (877) NJ ABUSE (652-2873)

- ◆ People from all across the State of New Jersey can call one toll free telephone number, any time of the day or night, to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

New Jersey Missing Persons Unit

New Jersey State Police: (609) 882-2000 ext. 2894

Nationwide Toll Free Number: 1 (800) 709-7090

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Toll Free: 1 (800) THE-LOST

Parents Anonymous

Toll Free: 1 (800) THE-KIDS (843-5437)

Phone: (609) 585-7666

- ◆ Stress line, family help line, teen line.

Kinship Navigator Program (For Caregivers that are not Parents)

Toll Free: 1 (877) 816-3211

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ The Kinship Navigator Program helps kinship caregivers - adults who are raising relatives' children in their own homes - navigate their way through government systems to find local supports and services through a toll-free number. In addition to the Navigator Program, kinship caregivers may be eligible to receive financial assistance, help with child care costs and help paying for the purchase of certain items or services, such as furniture, moving expenses or clothing for the child. Some caregivers who go to court to acquire Kinship Legal Guardianship may be eligible for a monthly subsidy or wrap around services, which provide funding for short term or one-time expenses such as furniture, moving costs and respite care

Financial eligibility depends on the kinship caregiver's age and the size and income of the family unit. Caregivers must present proof of age and income. Documents that can help prove eligibility for kinship care benefits include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Birth, death and marriage certificates▪ Driver's licenses▪ Religious records▪ Immigration and naturalization papers▪ Census records | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ School records▪ Court records (including child custody information)▪ Medical records▪ Employment records▪ Records of public or private welfare agencies |
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Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

New Jersey WIC State Office: (609) 292-9560

Local WIC Agencies: 1 (866) 44 NJ WIC (446-5942)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/wic/index.shtml>

- ◆ Provides supplemental nutritious foods to eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, and infants and children up to the age of five. Services include nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion and support, immunization screening and health care referrals.

Benefits and Services	You Are Eligible If You Are:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ WIC checks for nutritious foods (cashed at grocery stores)▪ Nutrition education and counseling▪ Breastfeeding education and support▪ Immunization screening and referrals▪ Referrals for free or reduced cost health care▪ Referrals to health or social services▪ Medicaid▪ Food stamps▪ Family care (health care)▪ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pregnant (up to six weeks after delivery)▪ Postpartum (up to six months after delivery)▪ Breastfeeding (up to one year if you continue breastfeeding)▪ An infant▪ A child under five years old And: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Have a nutrition or medically related health risk, And: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Live in New Jersey (proof of residency required)▪ Meet income guidelines (proof of income required)

New Jersey WIC Local Agencies

NORTH JERSEY:

St. Joseph's WIC Program

703 Main Street

Paterson, NJ 07503

Toll Free: 1 (800) 427-3244

Phone: (973) 754-4575

Passaic WIC Program

199 Madison Street

Passaic, NJ 07055

Phone: (973) 365-5620

North Hudson WIC Program

5301 Broadway, Lower Level

West New York, NJ 07093

Phone: (201) 866-4700

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Jersey City WIC Program

201 Cornelison Avenue, 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07304
Phone: (201) 547-6842

East Orange WIC Program

444 Williams Street
East Orange, NJ 07017
Phone: (973) 395-8960

Newark WIC Program

110 William Street
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 733-7604

UMDNJ WIC Program

Martland Building (GA-06)
65 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07107
Phone: (973) 972-3416

CENTRAL JERSEY:

Trinitas WIC Program

1124 East Jersey Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Phone: (908) 994-5141

Plainfield WIC Program

510 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060
Phone: (908) 753-3397

NORWESCAP WIC Program

600 Elder Avenue
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Toll Free: 1 (800) 527-0125
Phone: (908) 454-1210

VNA of Central Jersey WIC Program

888 Main Street
Belford, NJ 07718
Phone: (732) 471-9301

Trenton WIC Program

222 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
Phone: (609) 989-3636

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Ocean County WIC Program

175 Sunset Avenue

P.O. Box 2191

Toms River, NJ 08754

Toll Free: 1 (800) 342-9738

Phone: (732) 341-9700 Ext. 7520

SOUTH JERSEY:

Atlantic City WIC Program

City Hall, 1st Floor

1301 Bacharach Boulevard

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 347-5656

Burlington County WIC Program

Raphael Meadow Health Center

15 Pioneer Boulevard

P.O. Box 6000

Westampton, NJ 08060

Phone: (609) 267-4304

Camden County WIC Program

Mt. Ephraim Plaza

2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Suite 411

Camden, NJ 08104

Toll Free: 1 (800) 328-3838

Phone: (856) 225-5050

Gloucester County WIC Program

160 Fries Mill Road

Turnersville, NJ 08012

Phone: (856) 262-4100

Tri-County WIC Program

110 Cohansey Street

Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Toll Free: 1 (800) 457-3188

Phone: (856) 451-5600

Child Nutrition Programs

NJ Department of Agriculture

Phone: (609) 984-0692

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/fn/childadult/>

- ◆ The NJ Department of Agriculture offers a number of nutritional assistance programs such as the school breakfast program, special milk program for children, after school snack program, child care food program, adult day care nutrition program, after school care snack program, homeless shelters and summer food service program for children. These programs are implemented through local schools and nonprofits.

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Children's Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/>

- ◆ Division of Children's Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS) serves children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral health care challenges and their families. DCBHS is committed to providing these services based on the needs of the child and family in a family-centered, community-based environment. The following is a list of services available through DCBHS:
 - **Mobile Response and Stabilization Services**
Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services is a single, comprehensive system of mobile response available to children and youth whose escalating emotional or behavioral issues require timely Interventions to prevent disruption of their current living arrangement, including out-of-home placement.
 - **Care Management Organizations**
Care management organizations (CMO's) are relatively, newly-established non-profits that provide a full range of treatment and support (wrap-around) 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, their schools and their communities.
 - **Family Support Organizations**
Family Support Organizations (FSO's) are family-run, county-based organizations that provide direct family-to-family peer support, education, advocacy and other services to family members of children with emotional and behavioral problems. **Visit the following website to view a list of organizations that provides these services in your community:**
 - **Youth Case Management Services**
Youth Case Management (YCM) is the supportive relationship that case managers develop with the children and families they serve. Based upon the family's strengths, this relationship is characterized by dignity, respect, and self-determination. YCM advocates for the needs and views of the child and their family. YCM has a leadership role in the coordination and integration of services designed to optimize care for children and families.

For questions about or to access any of the above services for children and youth, call the 24-hour, toll-free Access Line at:

**Value Options
(877) 652-7624**

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Health Care/Health Insurance:

New Jersey's Centers for Primary Health Care (CPHC)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/cphc/>

Locate a Center for Primary Health Care:

Web: <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/apps2/CancerFacilities/cphc.aspx>

- ◆ New Jersey's Centers for Primary Health Care (CPHC) offer a wide range of health care services for the entire family.
- ◆ You don't need health insurance to get care at a center. Centers serve the uninsured and underinsured, as well as patients with Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance. If you're uninsured, your bill will be based on your ability to pay. No one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

NJ FamilyCare Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 701-0710

Web: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/>

- ◆ NJ FamilyCare offers free or low cost health insurance for uninsured children 18 years old or younger who live in New Jersey. Children who are lawful permanent residents or in a qualified immigrant status may be eligible, regardless of their date of entry into the United States. NJ FamilyCare provides full health coverage through your choice of participating Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and covers almost every healthcare need including doctor visits, hospitalizations, lab test, x-rays, eyeglasses, mental health services, prescription drugs and even dental care for most children. Eligibility is based on monthly income and household size (which includes parents, stepparents, and children under 21). Assets are not a determining factor and no one is turned down due to a pre-existing medical condition. Pick up a single-page application at an application assistance site near your home, which includes your local County Board of Social Services, download one from the website, or apply by phone.

Medicaid

Toll Free: 1 (800) 356-1561

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/dhsmed.html>

- ◆ Medicaid provides medical assistance programs to individuals who are both categorically and financially eligible. Medicaid categories are limited to very low-income families with dependent children, pregnant women, children up to 21 years of age, individuals age 65 and older, or individuals determined blind or permanently disabled. Individuals must be residents of New Jersey and must be citizens of the United States or be lawfully admitted for permanent residence for at least five years. Pregnant women and children and other qualified aliens may be exempt from the 5-year requirement. The financial requirements vary for each program.

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Universal Service Fund (USF) NJ Board of Public Utilities

Toll Free: 1 (866) 240-1347

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/#3>

- ◆ Created by the State of New Jersey, USF helps make utility service more affordable to low-income utility customers by ensuring that those who meet the program requirements pay no more than 6% of their yearly income on gas and electric bills.

To be eligible for USF you must meet two qualifications:

- Your total household income must be less than or equal to 175% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- You must spend more than 3% of your income for electric service or more than 3% of your income for natural gas service. If you have electric heat in your home, you must spend more than 6% of your income on electricity.
- USF recipients must reside at the address provided on their utility account, and USF benefits will only be offered to the person/head of household listed on the utility account.

Winter Termination Program NJ Board of Public Utilities

Toll Free: 1 (800) 624-0241

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/#4>

- ◆ The Winter Termination Program prevents gas and electric service from being disconnected during the winter months for residential customers who participate in the Lifeline, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF), Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) programs. The Program is administered by the Board of Public Utilities and is in effect from November 15 through March 15.

Lifeline Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-9745

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/programs/#5>

- ◆ The Lifeline Program offers financial assistance to people who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements or who receive SSI. This includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Lifeline benefits of \$225 are provided only for electricity and natural gas.

New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral Energy Service, Inc. (NJSHARES)

Toll Free: 1 (866) 657-4273

Web: <http://www.njshares.org/>

- ◆ NJSHARES is a non-profit corporation organized to provide assistance to individuals and families living in New Jersey who are in need of temporary help in paying their energy bills. To qualify for NJ SHARES, a person or family must have severe financial problems but be ineligible for welfare. Recipients must also have a history of good-faith payments of their utility bills. Upon approval, recipients may receive a one-time grant of \$250 each for gas and/or electricity.

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Home Energy Audit

Toll Free: 1 (877) 786-5278

Phone: (609) 777-3300

Fax: (609) 777-3330

Web: http://www.njcleanenergy.com/home_analysis.html

- ◆ The Home Energy Audit program can help you save energy and money by creating a detailed home energy analysis tailored to your energy needs. This audit is linked to various incentives developed under the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, and is completely free of cost. To get started on your Home Energy Audit, visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/> and click on 'Home Energy Analysis.'

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

Phone: 1-866-NJSMART

1-866-657-6278

Web: <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/home-performance-energy-star/home-performance-energy-star-r>

- ◆ Sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® is an initiative that offers state residents access to trained, certified home improvement contractors that deliver state-of-the-art energy efficiency improvements to their home to save money, energy, and the environment.

New Jersey Comfort Partners

Toll Free: 1 (877)-786-5278

Web: http://www.njcleanenergy.com/html/1residential/4_comfort_partners.html

- ◆ The Comfort Partners program improves energy affordability for low-income households through the direct installation of energy efficient measures, personalized customer energy education and counseling. Participants are asked to partner with the program to develop and carry out a household energy savings Action Plan, and may qualify for an account balance reduction. All efficiency measures and energy education services are provided free of charge. For more information or to obtain an application form, visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/> or call your utility service provider at the toll-free number listed above.

COOLAdvantage Program

Web: http://www.njcleanenergy.com/html/1residential/1_cool_advantage.html

- ◆ The COOLAdvantage Program works to improve the energy efficiency of new electric central air conditioners and heat pumps by promoting the sale of qualifying energy-efficient equipment through rebates and incentives. Applicants must be a customer of Atlantic City Electric, JCP&L, PSE&G or Rockland Electric. For more information or to obtain a rebate application, visit the NJ Office of Clean Energy website as noted above or contact your utility service provider:

Atlantic City Electric	1 (800) 891-0321
JCP&L	1 (800) 228-0186
PSE&G	1 (800) 854-4444
Rockland Electric Company	1 (800) 231-0427

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WARMAvantage Program

Web: http://www.njcleanenergy.com/html/1residential/2_warm_advantage.html

- ◆ The *WARMAvantage* Program promotes the purchase of high efficiency natural gas home heating systems and/or water heaters by providing rebates towards the purchase of qualifying high-efficiency natural gas equipment. Applicants must be a customer of a participating gas utility. For more information, details on product specifications or to obtain a rebate application, visit the NJ Office of Clean Energy website noted above, or call your utility service provider:

PSE&G's Energy Conservation Center	1 (800) 854-4444
Elizabethtown Gas	1 (800) 221-0051
NJ Natural Gas	1 (800) 221-0051, press 3, then 4, then 2
South Jersey Gas	1 (800) 648-0138

ENERGY STAR Homes

Web: <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/nj-energy-star-homes/nj-energy-star-homes>

- ◆ The New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes program is part of the larger EPA ENERGY STAR program developed to promote energy-wise products and programs that help consumers save money while protecting the environment. To receive certification as a New Jersey ENERGY STAR Home, a home must score 86 out of a possible 100 points on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS), a nationally recognized standard for rating energy efficiency. In order to ensure a home meets this rating, a utility representative works with participants and builders to select the appropriate mix of energy-efficiency upgrades and to ensure proper building practices are followed.

Food Stamps:

NJ Food Stamps Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-9773

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/foodstamp.html>

- ◆ The Food Stamp Program serves as the first line of defense against hunger. It enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with coupons and Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. Food stamp recipients may use their benefits to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

New Jersey Food Banks

NJ Department of Human Services - End Hunger New Jersey

A Project of the New Jersey Hunger Prevention Advisory Committee

Web: <http://www.endhungernj.org/>

- ◆ Food Banks generally collect and distribute nutritious, high-quality food to help feed people who cannot afford to buy groceries.
 - Please be aware that many food banks and food rescue organizations do not provide direct food assistance to families and individuals, but do provide food to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. Food banks are usually warehouses where large, donated quantities of food are dropped off, sorted, and then distributed to community agencies like soup kitchens and food pantries. Food rescue organizations usually pick up prepared surplus food from restaurants and institutions and drop it off at service agencies, like soup kitchens and shelters.

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- Please contact your local food bank or food rescue organization for referrals to soup kitchens and food pantries in your area that would provide direct food assistance.

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The Community Food Bank of New Jersey

31 Evans Terminal Road
Hillside, N.J. 07205

Phone: (908) 355-3663

Fax: (908) 355-0270

Web: <http://www.njfoodbank.org/>

Food Bank Network of Somerset County

9 Easy Street

Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Phone: (732) 560-1813

Fax: (732) 748-0622

E-mail: mariescan@juno.com

Franklin Twp Food Bank

60 Millstone Road

Somerset, NJ 088753

Phone: (732) 246-0009

Fax: (732) 246-4694

Web: <http://www.franklinfoodbank.org/>

E-mail: mail@franklinfoodbank.org

NORWESCAP

201 North Broad Street

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Phone: (908) 454-4322

Fax: (908) 454-2030

Email: foodbank@norwescap.org

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY:

The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties

3300 Route 66

Neptune Twp, NJ 07753

Phone: (732) 918-2600

Fax: (732) 918-2660

Website: <http://www.foodbankmoc.org/>

Email: main@foodbankmoc.org

Mercer Street Friends

151 Mercer Street

Trenton, NJ 08611

Phone: (609) 396-1506

Fax: (609) 392-8363

Website: <http://www.mercerstreetfriends.org/>

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SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:

The Community FoodBank - Southern Branch

6735 Black Horse Pike
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Phone: (609) 383-8843
Fax: (609) 383-0474
Web: <http://www.njfoodbank.org/>

Food Bank of South Jersey

1501 John Tipton Blvd.
Pennsauken, NJ 08109
Phone: (856) 662-4884
Fax: (856) 662-4489
Email: bmendez@foodbanksj.org
Website: <http://www.foodbanksj.org/>

Lacey Food Bank Inc

102 Station Drive
Forked River, NJ 08731
Phone: (609) 242-2848

Tri-County Cap

110 Cohansey Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
Phone: (856) 451-6330 ext. 211

Welfare and Work Training:

WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/wfnjws.html>

- ◆ The state's welfare reform program, WorkFirst NJ (WFNJ), emphasizes work as the first step toward building a new life and a brighter future. The goal is to help people get off welfare, secure employment and become self-sufficient, through job training, education and work activities. WFNJ provides temporary cash assistance and many other support services to families through the **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program. New Jersey is one of only a few states that also provides cash benefits and support services to individuals and couples with no dependent children, through our **General Assistance (GA)** program. For information contact the local office or visit the website noted above.

New Jersey's County Welfare Agencies (and Boards of Social Services)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/dfdcwa39.html>

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Mental Health:

NJ Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS)

Phone: (609) 777-0702

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/receivingmhservices.html>

- ◆ The division serves adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses. Services are available to anyone in the state who feels they need help with a mental health problem.

Local Services:

- ◆ The Division funds about 120 private, not-for-profit community agencies to provide a full range of mental health services. You will not be denied services if you are unable to pay for service at these State supported agencies – each of these agencies has a sliding fee scale based on your ability to pay. Call your local County Mental Health Administrator's Office to locate an agency near you.

County Mental Health Administrator's Offices		
County	Address	Phone/Fax/Contact/E-mail
Atlantic (South)	Administrator 101 South Shore Road Northfield, NJ 08225	Phone: (609) 645-7700, x4307 Fax: (609) 645-5809
Bergen (North)	Co. Administration Bldg. 327 E. Ridgewood Avenue Paramus, NJ 07652-4895	Phone: (201) 634-2751 Fax: (201) 634-3002
Burlington (South)	795 Woodlane Road P.O. Box 6000 Westampton, NJ 08060	Phone: (609) 265-5545 Fax: (609) 265-5382
Camden (South)	CPAC/HSC 6981 North Park Drive East Suite 309-310 Pennsauken, NJ 08109-4212	Phone: (856) 663-3998 Fax: (856) 663-7182
Cape May (South)	Cape May Courthouse #4 Moore Road DN 907 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210	Phone: (609) 465-1055 Fax: (609) 465-4639
Cumberland (South)	County Admin. Bldg. Department of Health 590 Shiloh Pike Bridgeton, NJ 08302	Phone: (856) 453-7804 Fax: (856) 453-8419
Essex (North)	Essex Co. Dept. of Health 125 Fairview Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	Phone: (973) 228-8172 Fax: (973) 364-2305
Gloucester (South)	Budd Boulevard Complex Route 45 & Budd Boulevard P.O. Box 337 Woodbury, NJ 08096	Phone: (856) 384-6870 Fax: (856) 384-0207

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Hudson (North)	Dept. of Health Human Services c/o Meadowview Campus 595 County Avenue, Bldg. 2 Secaucus, NJ 07094	Phone: (201) 271-4344 Fax: (201) 271-4365
Hunterdon (Central)	Dept. of Human Services 8 Gauntt Place P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822-2900	Phone: (908) 788-1253 Fax: (908) 806-4204
Mercer (Central)	Mercer Co. Division of Mental Health 640 South Broad Street P.O. Box 8068 Trenton, NJ 08650	Phone: (609) 989-6574/6575 Fax: (609) 989-6032
Middlesex (Central)	Mental Health Administrator Dept. of Human Services JFK Square, 5 th Floor New Brunswick, NJ 08901	Phone: (732) 745-4186/3280 Fax: (732) 296-6916
Monmouth (Central)	Human Services Building Kozloski Road P.O. Box 3000 Freehold, NJ 07728-1255	Phone: (732) 431-7200 Fax: (732) 308-3700
Morris (North)	Dept. of Human Services 30 Schuyler Place, 3 rd Floor P.O. Box 900 Morristown, NJ 07963-0900	Phone: (973) 285-6852 Fax: (973) 285-6713
Ocean (Central)	Dept. of Human Services 1027 Hooper Ave, Bldg. 2 P.O. Box 2191 Toms River, NJ 08754-2191	Phone: (732) 506-5319 Fax: (732) 506-5309
Passaic (North)	Mental Health Department Co. Administration Bldg. 317 Pennsylvania Avenue, Rm. 204 Paterson, NJ 07503	Phone: (973) 225-3700 Fax: (973) 357-0159
Salem (South)	Salem Co. Mental Health Board 98 Market Street Salem, NJ 08079	Phone: (856) 339-8618 Fax: (856) 935-1234
Somerset (Central)	Somerset County DHS P.O. Box 3000 Somerville, NJ 08876-1262	Phone: (908) 704-6300 Fax: (908) 704-1629
Sussex (North)	c/o Juvenile Detention Center 135 Morris Turnpike Newton, NJ 07860	Phone: (973) 948-6000 Fax: (973) 948-6664
Union (Central)	Union County Admin. Bldg. Elizabethtown Plaza Elizabeth, NJ 07207	Phone: (908) 527-4840 Fax: (908) 558-2562

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Warren (Central)	Warren County DHS Cummins Building 202 Mansfield Street Belvidere, NJ 07823	Phone: (908) 475-6331 Fax: (908) 475-6206
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Designated Mental Health Screening Crisis Centers: Information and Referral Line: 1 (800) 382-6717

- ◆ Sometimes an individual is in emotional crisis and cannot wait for a regular appointment to receive services. In such situations, Screening/Crisis Centers were established in each county. Emergency services are provided 24-hours a day, seven-days a week, and are typically located in hospitals. An individual may walk in without an appointment, or the individual may be brought to the screening center by a parent, friend, spouse, police, mental health worker, or any other concerned individual. If the person in crisis is unable or unwilling to come to the center, a mobile outreach team can be sent to the person. In most situations, the screening centers will stabilize or calm the individual and refer him or her to a community mental health agency for follow-up, in order to help the individual to resolve the causes of the problems.
- ◆ There are some situations in which the individual cannot be stabilized, and is a danger either to himself or to others. In such a situation, the individual may be referred for inpatient hospitalization. The screening center may refer the person to a state or county hospital or to an inpatient bed located in a general hospital closer to the individual's residence. The goal of inpatient treatment is to stabilize the individual, and to link the individual with needed community support services so that they can return to the community.

New Jersey Division of Mental Health Regional Offices		
Regional Office	County	Phone
Northern Regional Office	Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex	(973) 977-4397
Central Regional Office	Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union, Warren	(609) 777-0674
Southern Regional Office	Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem	(609) 567-7352

New Jersey Child Support (NJCS)

Phone Number: 1-877-NJKIDS1 (655-4331)

Web: <http://www.njchildsupport.org/>

- ◆ Provides information on child support programs and services as well as resources throughout the State.

New Jersey Child Abuse Hotline

Toll Free: 1 (877) NJ ABUSE (652-2873)

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/abuse/how/>

- ◆ People from all across the State of New Jersey can call one toll free telephone number, any time of the day or night, to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

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Self-Help Organizations:

Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey

Phone: (732) 780-1175

- ◆ Provides a list of consumer self-help centers.

New Jersey Self-Help Clearinghouse

Toll Free: 1 (800) 367-6274

- ◆ Provides free help in finding or starting any N.J. support group.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) in New Jersey

Phone: (732) 940-0991

- ◆ Offers self-help, support and advocacy for families of people with serious mental illnesses.

Women's Referral Central

Toll Free: 1 (800) 322-8092

24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

- ◆ Provides information and referrals to women in New Jersey through a statewide toll-free telephone line. The Hotline provides referrals and basic information in areas such as discrimination, affordable housing, displaced homemakers, addiction services, continuing education, domestic violence, employment, legal assistance, divorce and separation, violence, health care, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, child care, child support/custody, single parenting, job training, social services, services including medical, mental and reproductive health and other areas of concern.