

# **NJ Resource Guide for Women**

## **Section XV:**

### **SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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### **The Division of Disability Services**

Division of Disability Services  
New Jersey Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 700  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

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

**Phone: (609) 292-7800**

**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.

### **NJ Department of Human Services**

**Division of Disability Services**

**Resources Directory**

**Web - PDF:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/publications/RD%2006.pdf>

### **Health Care for People with Disabilities**

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

**Phone: (609) 292-3717**

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

- ◆ 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 WorkAbility Program**

Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG)

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

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

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

- ◆ Provides employment incentives for people with disabilities and full Medicaid coverage for workers with disabilities whose earnings may be higher than the income limitation ruled by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

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

**Phone: (609) 588-3157**

**TTY: (609) 584-4355**

**Fax: (609) 588-7237**

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

- ◆ This center serves people who have difficulty communicating with others because of a severe expressive communication disorder.

**The TLLC works with the disabled to help them improve their ability to communicate with others and thus lead a fuller, more independent life. To do this, TLLC staff:**

- Meets with individuals to assess their needs
- Advises them on the types of technology or communication tools that can

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- help them
- Helps people acquire and use any equipment they need
- Instructs them in methods of communicating that do not require use of the voice
- Provides follow-up support

### **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.

### **NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) Schools for Persons with Disabilities:**

**Phone: (609) 588-3157**

**TTY: (609) 584-4355**

**Fax: (609) 588-7237**

- ◆ 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.

#### **Two Groups Are Served by DHS Schools:**

- Children and young adults from 3 through 21 who reside in Department of Human Services facilities or who live in the community and are clients of one of the divisions of the New Jersey Department of Human Services
- Teenagers and young adults who have been referred to Office of Education programs under arrangements with local school districts, county government, other state agencies or the federal government

### **Guardianship**

New Jersey Department of Human Services

The Division of Developmental Disabilities

P. O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

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

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/guard.html>

- ◆ The Division provides guardianship services for individuals, in order to protect their rights and to ensure appropriate care and treatment. Guardianship services are provided to help people with developmental disabilities, should it become necessary to act on their behalf because they do not have the capacity to make informed decisions regarding health, living arrangements, etc. The Division also guides parents through the process to become legal guardians of their adult children.

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### **Family Support Center of NJ**

The Family Support Center of New Jersey  
2516 Route 35 North  
Manasquan, NJ 08736

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

**Phone: (732) 528-8080**

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

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

- ◆ A "One-Stop Shop" clearinghouse, offering you the most up-to-date information on all types of disabilities as well as national, state, and local support programs and services for individuals and families seeking such information.

### **\*Department of the Public Advocate**

The Division of Developmental Disability Advocacy  
240 West State Street  
PO BOX 851

Trenton, NJ 08625-0851

**Phone: (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 protects and advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities in developmental disability, mental health, and long-term care facilities to ensure that they receive adequate supports and services. The Division works collaboratively with families, advocates, service providers, and other governmental agencies to improve the overall quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities throughout New Jersey.
- ◆ Additionally, the Division of Mental Health Advocacy includes the Division of Mental Health and Guardianship, which represents people facing voluntary or involuntary commitment to state psychiatric facilities. It also provides guardianship representation for clients of the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

### **Support for Catastrophic Illness in Children:**

#### **Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund**

New Jersey Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

**Phone: (609) 292-0600**

**Family Information Line: 1(800) 335-FUND (3863)**

**Web:** [http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/catill/news\\_04.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/catill/news_04.htm)

- ◆ In the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Program: any illness can be "catastrophic" based on uncovered eligible medical expenses and the family's income in a prior 12-month time period. A catastrophic illness is any illness or condition, acute or chronic, for which expenses are incurred that are not fully covered by insurance, state or federal programs, or other sources and exceed the program's eligibility threshold.

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### **Who is Eligible for the Fund?**

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/catill/whoelig1.htm>

- 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 18 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/catill/elgexp1.htm>

- ◆ 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/catill/apply1.htm>

- 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.

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### **Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired:**

#### **The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)**

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

P. O. Box 47017

Newark, NJ 07101

**Phone: (973) 648-3333**

**Fax: (973) 648-7364**

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

- ◆ The Commission coordinates and provides preventive, rehabilitative and assistive services to people who are blind or visually impaired or at risk of becoming so. Services include, but are not limited to, eye health screenings and assessments for adults and children, educational and vocational rehabilitation, annual sleep-away camping for children who are blind or visually impaired, and referrals to other services.

#### **The Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center**

130 Livingston Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

**Phone: (973) 648-2324**

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

- ◆ This center in New Brunswick offers rehabilitation training for people who are blind or visually impaired. The Center offers 13 week-long courses that provide training in the skills participants need to enter and stay in the workforce. During the course, participants also are evaluated and counseled about different types of careers and work with staff to set goals and create a vocational or career plan. Participants are encouraged to live at the Center during the week while they are taking the course, although they can attend as a day student. The Center can provide referrals for vocational training courses and programs in how to use various types of adaptive technology.

#### **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/bep.html>

- ◆ The New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired's Business Enterprise Program (BEP) helps men and women who are legally blind become independent business operators and entrepreneurs. BEP operators must be 18 and legally blind (20/200 or worse with best corrected vision and certain field of vision limitations). Training classes are conducted at the Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center in New Brunswick, followed by on-the-job training at BEP locations throughout the state.

#### **Special Independent Living Service**

**Phone: (973) 648-2324**

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

- ◆ 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.

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**The Commission for The Blind and Visually Impaired provides five general types of assistance or instruction as part of this program:**

### **Social Casework**

- ◆ Caseworkers assess a person's needs, provide information about the resources available through CBVI or the community and provide or coordinate services appropriate to meet any needs that have been identified.

### **Rehabilitation**

- ◆ Rehabilitation Teachers teach home management skills, how to use specialized equipment, communication skills such as Braille and typing, leisure time activities such as crafts, and assessment and counseling to their students and their families.

### **Orientation and Mobility**

- ◆ Orientation and mobility instruction teaches methods for safe, independent travel so people who are blind or visually impaired will be able to get to and around their own homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

### **Eye Health**

- ◆ Eye Health nurses arrange for any medical care, including surgery, that is necessary to restore vision and/or prevent further vision loss. They teach people with visual disabilities and their families about eye disorders, the progression of eye diseases and the medications used to fight them along with the importance of good nutrition and proper eye care. Nurses also teach clients with diabetes how to administer their own insulin using specialized adaptive insulin devices.

### **Low Vision**

- ◆ CBVI will help people with low vision acquire visual aides appropriate for their degree of vision loss and also helps people learn how to cope with their vision loss in social situations, at work or at school and when involved in leisure time or recreational activities.

### **Camp Marcella**

**Bonnie Ryder**

**Phone: (973) 693-5024**

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

- ◆ CBVI, with the support of the Lions Clubs of New Jersey, operates a sleep-away camp for blind and visually impaired children in Rockaway, N.J. Each summer approximately 200 children between 5 and 16 attend the camp, which runs from mid-June through August. The camp offers blind and visually impaired children the chance to spend time with other visually impaired youth and participate in recreational activities including swimming, boating, hiking, music, arts and crafts and sports and games.

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### N.J. TAP

#### Office of Education

Phone: (609) 588-2596/2594

- ◆ This program assists in the education of children from birth through 21 who have difficulty with their vision and hearing. The program was created by the New Jersey Department of Education, which identifies the children to be served. The Office of Education administers the program and provides skilled staff to work with the children, their families, the staff at their schools and service providers.

#### N.J. TAP Services can be requested by:

- Parents, guardians or other family members
- Teachers or administrators
- Service providers
- Staff members from state agencies or non-profit organizations that are familiar with a child and his or her problem
- Friends and other interested persons

#### Once a child is accepted into the program, N.J. TAP will:

- Identify and assess the nature and extent of the child's disability
- Provide instruction in skills that can improve communication
- Train school personnel, parents and others who are involved in the child's education
- Provide information and resource material, including information on the education rights of people with disabilities
- Help the family develop a support network
- Counsel and assist older children as they make the transition from school to adulthood

#### 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) 292-3717

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

- ◆ The Division is the State's central information and referral service for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. This division helps people obtain devices and services required to help them better communicate and participate in daily life, such as text telephones (TTYs) and sign language interpreters.

#### School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Marie H. Katzenbach School

P.O. Box 535

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 530-3114

TTY: (609) 530-3568/6620

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### **The Interpreter Referral Service (IRS)**

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.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/scan.html>

- ◆ 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.

### **Text Telephone (TTY), Voice Carry Over (VCO), and TeleBraille Program:**

**Phone/TTY: 1 (800) 792-8339**

**Fax: (609) 984-0390**

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

- ◆ The Division distributes Text Telephones (TTY) Voice Carry Over (VCO) telephones and TeleBraille telephones to qualified deaf, hard of hearing and deaf and blind New Jersey residents, as well as those with a serious speech impediment.

#### **To Qualify for the TTY Program:**

- An audiologist or physician must certify that the applicant needs the equipment in order to be able to use the telephone due to his or her degree of hearing loss or speech impediment
- Applicants can be no younger than 11
- Qualified applicants can have an annual household income no greater than \$35,00
- Only one TTY will be distributed per household in a four-year period

### **Assisted Device Demonstration Center:**

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

**Phone/TTY: (609) 984-7281**

- ◆ This is located at the Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center, which is operated by the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired in New Brunswick. Devices that assist people with hearing loss are on display for hands-on demonstration. These devices include TTYS, VCO telephones, smoke detectors, doorbell signalers, and assistive listening devices.

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### Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities:

#### The Division of Developmental Disabilities

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities

P. O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

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

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

- ◆ The Division coordinates and provides services for people with autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and traumatic brain injuries. Services include counseling, respite care for family members, and referral services to other community-based resources needed. This Division also operates seven developmental centers, where people with developmental disabilities receive round-the-clock care and it licenses privately-operated group homes, supervised apartments, supported living programs and skill development and family care homes in communities throughout the State.

Regional Office Contact Information	
1-B Laurel Drive Flanders, NJ 07836 <b>Phone: (973) 927-2600</b> Counties Served: Morris, Sussex, & Warren	100 Hamilton Plaza, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Paterson, NJ 07505 <b>Phone: (973) 977-4004</b> Counties Served: Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic
153 Halsey St., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor P. O. Box 47013 Newark, NJ 07101 <b>Phone: (973) 693-5080</b> County Served: Essex	59 Main Street West Orange, NJ <b>Phone: (973) 324-2000</b> Counties Served: Somerset & Union
32 Hanover Street P. O. Box 706 Trenton, NJ 08625-0706 <b>Phone: (609) 92-4500</b> Counties Served: Hunterdon, Mercer & Middlesex	Juniper Plaza, Suite 1-11 3499 Route 9 North Freehold, NJ 07728 <b>Phone: (732) 863-4500</b> Counties Served: Ocean & Monmouth
2 Echelon Plaza 221 Laurel Road, Suite 210 Voorhees, NJ 08043 <b>Phone: (856) 770-5900</b> Counties Served: Burlington & Camden	40 N. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037 <b>Phone: (609) 561-5070</b> Counties Served: Atlantic, Cape May, Gloucester & Salem

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### Family Support Services:

- ◆ Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for creating a system of family support that is flexible, strengthens and supports families at home, and empowers families to meet their loved one's needs.

### The Family Support Program includes:

- Cash subsidies
- Communication and interpreter services
- Counseling and crisis intervention
- Day care
- Equipment and supplies
- Home and vehicle modifications
- Homemaker assistance
- Medical and dental care
- Personal assistance services
- Respite care
- Self-advocacy training
- Therapeutic or nursing service
- Vouchers for services

### Family Support allows the families to:

- Choose, control and monitor their own services
- Exchange vouchers for services they choose
- Receive cash subsidies to purchase services
- Decide what services they need

### Developmental Centers

- ◆ The Division runs seven developmental centers across the state, for individuals with the most severe disabilities. Residents live as part of a community, receive training, medical care and therapy and, as needed, receive training in preparation for community life.

<b>Developmental Centers Contact Information</b>		
<b>Hunterdon Developmental Center</b> P.O. Box 4003 40 Pittstown Road Clinton, NJ 08809-4003 <b>Phone: (908) 735-4031</b>	<b>New Lisbon Developmental Center</b> P.O. Box 130 Route 72 New Lisbon, NJ 08064 <b>Phone: (609) 726-1000</b>	<b>North Jersey Developmental Center</b> P.O. Box 169 Minisink Road Totowa, NJ 07511 <b>Phone: (973) 256-1700</b>

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<b>Woodbine Developmental Center</b> DeHirsh Avenue Woodbine, NJ 08270 <b>Phone: (609) 861-2164</b>	<b>Vineland Developmental Center</b> P.O. Box 1513 16 76 E. Landis Avenue Vineland, NJ 08362-1513 <b>Phone: (856) 696-6115</b>	<b>Woodbridge Developmental Center</b> P.O. Box 189 1277 Rahway Avenue Woodbridge, NJ 07095 <b>Phone: (732) 815-4880</b>
<b>Green Brook Regional Center</b> 275 Green Brook Road Green Brook, NJ 08812 <b>Phone: (732) 968-6000</b> Fax: (737) 424-1503		

### Day Programs

New Jersey Department of Human Services  
The Division of Developmental Disabilities  
P. O. Box 707

Trenton, NJ 08625-0707

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

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/dayprogram.htm>

- ◆ Adult training services, which help individuals with basic vocational skills, such as those needed to develop social skills, manage money and take care of their homes. Extended employment at sheltered workshops, where individuals receive work-related training, such as learning how to package and assemble products, as well as job counseling and job referrals. Supported employment services include on-site job coaches; crew work, in which an individual works as part of a peer group; and arrangements in which a consumer can sample different jobs to find a good "fit."

### Residential Services

New Jersey Department of Human Services  
The Division of Developmental Disabilities  
P. O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

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

**Web:** <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/dddservices.html>

- ◆ When it is no longer possible for a person with a developmental disability to remain living at home, DDD helps the family make other living arrangements that best meet the individual's needs. Individuals who receive residential services may be required to contribute toward the cost from their disability benefits or other personal resources. There currently is a "Community Services Waiting List" for residential programs and for adult day programs. Individuals are served in the order in which their names were added to the list.

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**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 living** 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
- **Sponsor families**, where the individual lives as part of the family of a trained caretaker, and receives 24-hour care and assistance from that person, with other support services available as needed
- **Private homes** are another option. By combining personal and Division funds, and/or by pooling funds with other residents, individuals can purchase or rent a house or condo
- **Full home ownership** is an option for individuals and/or families with sufficient resources

### **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 statewide, private, nonprofit advocacy organization that serves children and adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.