

**Atlantic**

**Home To Work Program**

The Women's Center  
(609) 601-9925

**Bergen**

**Displaced Homemakers Center at The Bergen One-Stop**

Bergen County Technical Schools  
(201) 343-6000 ext. 5533

**Displaced Homemaker Program**

Women's Rights Information Center  
(201) 568-1166

**Burlington**

**Women's Opportunity Center**

YMCA of Burlington and Camden Counties  
(609) 543-6200, ext. 224

**Essex**

**The Linda & Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women**

National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section  
(973) 994-4994

**Gloucester**

**Center for People in Transition**

Rowan College at Gloucester County  
(856) 415-2264

**Hudson**

**Hispanic Women's Resource Center**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark  
(201) 325-4800

**Hunterdon**

**Career & Life Transitions Center for Women**

NORWESCAP  
(908) 788-1453

**Middlesex**

**Women In Transition**

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County  
(732) 777-1940

**Monmouth**

**Displaced Homemakers Services**

Brookdale at Long Branch  
(732) 739-6020

**Morris**

**The Women's Center**

County College of Morris  
(973) 328-5025

**Ocean**

**Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County**

Ocean County College  
(732) 255-0400 ext. 2297

**Passaic**

**Women in Transition**

Wayne Counseling Center, Inc.  
(973) 694-9215

**Sussex**

**Displaced Homemaker Program**

Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County  
(973) 940-3500

**Warren**

**Career & Life Transitions Center for Women**

NORWESCAP  
(908) 835-2624

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# New Jersey Displaced Homemaker Programs



The New Jersey Division on Women (DOW) was established by statute in 1974 as a pioneering state agency for women's advocacy. Today, DOW is proud to continue the tradition of advocating for women's rights and opportunities by funding organizations, agencies and programs that serve New Jersey women.

DOW funds 15 displaced homemaker programs and fosters services that empower women. DOW is committed to supporting services for displaced homemakers to help them become economically self-sufficient. Displaced homemaker programs are listed in this brochure. If there is no program in your county, please contact a program in a neighboring county.

### Displaced Homemaker Program History

In 1979, New Jersey enacted the Displaced Homemakers Act to assist individuals who lost their primary source of income due to divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse and must obtain or upgrade skills to transition into the labor market.

In 2013, legislation was enacted designating May as "Displaced Homemakers Awareness Month" in New Jersey.



### Who Are Displaced Homemakers?

Displaced homemakers are individuals who have worked in the home for a number of years and, due to the divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse, now find themselves as the primary source of household income. In many cases displaced homemakers may be underemployed and unable to support either themselves or their children. Displaced homemakers may need to return to the workforce after having lost their primary source of financial support.

DOW's displaced homemaker programs help participants obtain or upgrade skills for the labor market. The goal is to help individuals become economically self-sufficient through education, job readiness, networking, outreach, referrals and emotional support.

### Displaced Homemaker Program Core Services

Displaced homemaker programs enhance the employability and earnings of displaced homemakers and improve an entire family's quality of life. With supportive counseling and training, displaced homemakers are encouraged to reach their full potential.

#### Case Management

- Short-Term and Long-Term Goals
- Plan of Action
- Follow-up

#### Educational and Vocational Assessment and Training

- Personality and Career Exploration
- Evaluation, Assessment and Counseling
- Develop Career, Education, Vocational or Training Plan

#### Education and Training

- Life Skills Training
- Job Readiness Development and Training
- Computer Training/Literacy
- In Demand Career Exploration

#### Career Services/Counseling

- Individual and Group Career Counseling and Development
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Interviewing Techniques
- Pre-Employment Workshops
- Job Search, Development and Placement Assistance

#### Workshops

- Entrepreneurial
- Self Esteem, Assertiveness and Self-Development
- Decision-making
- Effective Communication Skills
- Stress and Time Management
- Legal Clinics or Referrals
- Financial Management
- Violence Against Women (Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking)
- Health Issues