

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER CENTERS: 32 Years of Service - 90,841 Served

A DISPLACED HOMEMAKER IS a woman who has worked in the home for a number of years and, due to divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse or dependent, now must transition to the work world – and do so at a time of extreme crisis.

- ✚ **Barriers to Self-Sufficiency:**¹ 78.91% Anxiety/Depression; 64.45% More Education/Job Training; 63.66% Self-Confidence/ Decision-Making; 58.27% Financial; 55.66% Employment; 42.34% Violence, Emotional and/or Sexual Abuse; 38.70% Divorce/Separation; 24.76% Legal Assistance; 23.04% Housing; 18.24% Child Care; 17.73% No Medical Insurance; 14.99% Medical Problems; 11.37% parenting issues; 9.14% Transportation; 6.10% language barrier; 5.43% Disabled
- ✚ **Marital Status:** 60.8% Separated/Divorced; 17.1% Separated from Live-In Partner; 8.57% Widowed; 8.92% Married Unsupported; 2.35% Single; 1.61% Spouse Disabled
- ✚ **Ethnicity:** 65.31% Caucasian; 16.04% Hispanic/Latina; 13.77% African American; 2.37% Asian; 2.02% multi-racial; .49% Native American
- ✚ **Age:** 33% age 41 to 50; 27.98% age 51 and over; 24.09% age 31 to 40; 14.44% a 21 to 30
- ✚ **Income:** 30.58% from \$1-9,999; 20.95% No Income; 15.87% above \$25,000; 14.43% from \$10-14,999; 8.95% from \$15-19,999; 8.86% from \$20-24,999
- ✚ **Source of Income:** 28.21% Salary; 15.79% Child Support; 12.86% Family/Friend; 10.90% Unemployment; 9.27% Public Assistance; 8.31% Social Security; 7.19% Alimony; 4.38% Disability
- ✚ **Children:** 28.4% with no children; 26.27% with 1 child; 25.97% with 2 children; 13.13% with 3 children; 6.23% with 4+ children
- ✚ **Highest Level of Education:** 41.19% High School Graduate/GED; 16.03 % College Degree; 10.15% Grade School; 9.29% Associate Degree; 8.35% Some College; 7.9% Voc-Tech School
- ✚ **Employment Status:** 63.76% Unemployed; 19.93% Employed Part Time; 15.41% Employed Full-Time
- ✚ **Housing:** 41.54% Rent; 34.73% Own Home; 16.82% live with Family or Friend; 6.08% are Homeless and living in Shelters or Transitional Housing

Over 25% of New Jersey's female headed families (double that of male headed families and SEVEN times that of married couples) lives in poverty.²

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1. Data concerning client barriers and demographics obtained from **2000-14 NJDCF DOW funded Annual Program Reports.**

2. Legal Services of NJ, Poverty Research Institute. **Poverty Benchmarks 2014.** Legal Services of NJ, September 2014. p. 22 Drawn down on 10/9/14 from <http://www.lsnj.org/PDFs/Benchmarks2014.pdf>