

Whole-Community Resilience Planning: A Starting List of Organizations

This document includes some organizations that work with socially-vulnerable individuals and communities. This list is just a starting point. In addition to those organizations detailed below, religious institutions, local service organizations such as food pantries, and civic organizations with the project region are good resources to consider. It is important to consider populations who may not reside within the region, but rely on services or facilities within the project area.

National Organizations

Catholic Charities

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same...work with affordable housing, immigrant & refugee services, health and nutrition, leadership development, social enterprise, policy, and disaster services.

<https://www.ccdm.org/contact-us>

Community Health Charities

Community Health Charities has been empowering people to improve health and wellbeing for over 60 years, by raising awareness and resources for health and wellness. We support education, treatment, and prevention for those with health challenges; bring organizations together to improve community health; provide individuals with opportunities to get involved; and increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations.

<https://healthcharities.org/>

Easterseals

To enrich the lives of people living with disabilities and special needs, and those who care about them, by providing opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities.

<http://www.easterseals.com/nj/>

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Family Promise

Family Promise is a holistic approach to the crisis of family homelessness. Our programs address the range of issues that affect low-income families. These include direct services, educational curricula, prevention programs and more.

<http://familypromisemc.org/>

Hispanic Access Foundation

Connects Latinos with partners and opportunities to improve lives and create an equitable society.

<https://www.hispanicaccess.org/>

Latino Action Network

The Latino Action Network [LAN] is a grassroots organization composed of individuals and organizations committed to engaging in collective action at the local, state and national levels in order to advance the equitable inclusion of the diverse Latino communities in all aspects of United States society.

<http://latinoaction.blogspot.com/>

NAACP

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

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

Red Cross

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

<https://www.redcross.org/local/new-jersey.html>

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Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

<https://newjersey.salvationarmy.org>

YMCA

We believe that to bring about meaningful change in individuals and communities, we must be focused and accountable. At the Y, we measure the success of our cause by how well we engage communities in our three areas of focus: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

<https://njymca.org/>

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Statewide Organizations

Advocates for Children of New Jersey

To identify children's needs through research, policy and legal analysis, to raise awareness of those needs through strategic communications, and to work with elected officials and other decision-makers to enact effective responses.

<https://acnj.org/>

Affordable Housing Alliance

The alliance mission is to improve the quality of life for all New Jersey residents by developing and preserving affordable housing, by providing services to maintain housing affordability, by providing housing education, and by helping communities meet their legal and moral housing obligations.

<http://www.affordablehousingalliance.com/>

Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey

The Anti-Poverty Network is an education and advocacy organization that draws together diverse partners in the effort to prevent, reduce and end poverty in New Jersey. Our mission is to fight poverty in NJ by educating the community, empowering partners, and advocating for solutions.

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

CATA Farmworkers

CATA's mission is to empower and educate farmworkers and immigrants through leadership development and capacity building so that they are able to make informed decisions regarding the best course of action for their interests.

<https://cata-farmworkers.org/>

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Disability Rights New Jersey

DRNJ's mission is to protect, advocate for and advance the rights of persons with disabilities in pursuit of a society in which persons with disabilities exercise self-determination and choice, and are treated with dignity and respect.

<https://www.drnj.org/>

Fair Share Housing Center

the only public interest organization entirely devoted to defending the housing rights of New Jersey's poor through enforcement of the Mount Laurel Doctrine, the landmark decision that prohibits economic discrimination through exclusionary zoning and requires all towns to provide their "fair share" of their region's need for affordable housing.

<http://fairsharehousing.org/>

Family Resource Network

The Family Resource Network provides services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in NJ....With more than 50 programs and services available for New Jersey residents living with epilepsy, autism, intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities, and chronic illness, The Family Resource Network (FRN) and its affiliates have been affecting lives of thousands of families across New Jersey for the past 48 years.

<https://www.familyresourcenetwork.org/>

Family Success Centers

Family Success Centers are "one-stop" shops that provide wrap-around resources and supports for families before they find themselves in crisis. Family Success Centers offer primary child abuse prevention services to families and bring together concerned community residents, leaders, and community agencies to address the problems that threaten the safety and stability of families and the community.

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/support/success/>

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Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey

The Network works with our members and others statewide to develop the resources and policies needed to ensure that the housing and community development sector continues to expand and thrive, providing families with opportunity and helping to revitalize communities. As part of its education and advocacy mission, the Network works to uncover and analyze barriers to community development, educate members and the public about critical public policy issues, and develop positive policy alternatives.

<https://www.hcdnj.org/>

Institute for Social Justice

The Institute's dynamic and independent advocacy is aimed at toppling load-bearing walls of structural inequality to create just, vibrant, and healthy urban communities. We employ a broad range of advocacy tools to advance our ambitious urban agenda, including research, analysis and writing, public education, grassroots organizing, communications, the development of pilot programs, legislative strategies, and litigation.

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

Leading Age New Jersey

We are dedicated to advancing quality aging services in New Jersey through advocacy, education and fellowship. We will be recognized as a trusted statewide leader and resource for comprehensive aging services.

<https://leadingagenj.org/>

New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials

The New Jersey Association of City and County Health Officials advances the art and science of public health, and ensures conditions that promote health, prevent disease and protect the health of the state's population through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and the assurance of workforce competencies.

<http://njaccho.org/>

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New Jersey Division of Aging Services

The Division of Aging Services (DoAS) administers a number of federal and state-funded programs that make it easier for older adults to live in the community as long as possible with independence, dignity and choice.

<http://www.aging.nj.gov/>

New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance

The New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) is a statewide alliance of organizations and individuals focused on environmental justice issues. In addition to addressing statewide issues, the organization also works on local concerns in north, central, and south Jersey.

<http://njeja.org/>

New Jersey Foundation for Aging

The mission of the Foundation is to promote services that enable older adults to live in the community with independence and dignity through a variety of means to address unmet needs and through increasing society's awareness to influence public policy.

<https://www.njfoundationforaging.org/>

New Jersey Voluntary Organizations After Disasters

A coalition of organizations that contribute to developing and sustaining community resiliency throughout the disaster cycle – facilitates and fosters cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration among members and partners to improve preparedness, resilience, response and recovery resulting in more effective outcomes.

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

New Jersey Working Families Alliance

Working Families is a growing progressive political organization that fights for an economy that works for all of us, and a democracy in which every voice matters.

<http://workingfamilies.org/states/new-jersey/>

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NJ Community Capital

New Jersey Community Capital is a nonprofit community development financial institution that provides innovative financing and technical assistance to foster the creation of quality homes, educational facilities, and employment opportunities in underserved communities of New Jersey.

<https://www.newjerseycommunitycapital.org/>

NJ Work Environment Council

Working together for safe, secure jobs, and a healthy, sustainable environment. WEC links workers, communities, and environmentalists through training, technical assistance, grassroots organizing, and public policy campaigns to promote dialogue, collaboration, and joint action.

<https://njwec.org/>

The ARC of New Jersey

The Arc of New Jersey promotes and protects the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes; and is committed to enhancing the quality of life of those individuals and their families through advocacy, empowerment, education and prevention.

<https://www.arcnj.org/index.html>

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Regional Organizations

Coastal Communities Family Success Center

Coastal Communities Family Success Center offers programs and services to the coastal Monmouth community. These programs and services include parent education, family literacy, life skills training, employment, parent-child activities, and outreach events. Our goal is to increase the knowledge base of parents, change behaviors, improve relationships, and provide the opportunity to grow parent—child bonding. Our programs and services are focused on economic self-reliance and family sustainability.

<http://coastalfsc.org/>

Fulfill

Fulfill’s mission is to alleviate hunger and build food security in Monmouth & Ocean Counties and to make sure that all people at all times have access to enough nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy life.

<https://fulfillnj.org/>

Garden State Episcopal CDC

Our Mission is to create healthy neighborhoods through community development initiatives that cultivate the resources of residents, businesses, government and the faith-based community in serving those most vulnerable in our society.

<https://gsecdc.org/>

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Gateway Community Action Partnership, Inc

Gateway has worked with residents, governments, other agencies and private sector institutions to help tens of thousands of local residents help themselves. Gateway CAP provides child care for more than 2,000 children daily, builds high-quality affordable housing, collaborates to do economic development, operates the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program, provides literacy services, assists families maintain stable households, promotes fiscal stability through matched savings programs and serves as an advocate for children and families at the local, state and federal levels.

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

Interfaith Neighbors

To assist those less fortunate among us to meet life's basic necessities, while seeking to improve the quality of life for individuals and families and the communities in which they live. Over the years, our services have grown to now include seven distinct programs serving all of Monmouth County: Rental & Mortgage Assistance, Nutrition and Meals on Wheels, Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, the Business Development Center, the Kula Café, and the Kula Urban Farms.

<https://www.interfaithneighbors.org/>

Jewish Family and Children Services

To provide innovative, responsive, cost effective, non-sectarian human services that enhance the quality of life for children, families and the aged in our community, while reflecting the shared compassion, ancient wisdom and unifying traditions of Judaism.

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

Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Indians of New Jersey

An organization to inform, educate, get feedback, and assist tribal citizens.

<http://nanticoke-lenapetribalnation.org/about/>

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NORWESCAP

Norwescap is a private, nonprofit corporation, established in 1965, serving the low-income population in Northwest NJ. We offer a comprehensive array of strategies, programs, and services to create opportunities and change lives.

<http://norwescap.org>

STEPS-Solutions to End Poverty Soon

STEPS has been providing as well as arranging assistance to those in need. Using funds raised from the sale of goods at the thrift store, donations, as well as government grants, this is what allows the charity to meet some of the needs of the working poor Ocean County. STEPS offers pre- and post-purchase home ownership education and counselling.

<http://njsteps.org/>

United Way of Central Jersey

The United Way of Central Jersey provides leadership to create opportunities for a better life for people living or working in our community who are needy, at risk and vulnerable. We achieve this by mobilizing people, organizations and financial resources to create and sustain programs that achieve targeted outcomes and lasting change through volunteerism, partnerships services and advocacy.

<https://www.uwcj.org/>

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Local Organizations

City Bloom/Greater Newark Conservancy

Greater Newark Conservancy promotes environmental stewardship to improve the quality of life in New Jersey's urban communities.

<http://citybloom.org/>

Concerned Citizens Coalition of Long Branch

The Concerned Citizens Coalition is the community "watchdog" monitoring the clean up process, meeting with NJDEP and NJNG representatives to get information and to express concerns. We also coordinate public meetings to keep residents informed and to hear their concerns. We welcome the public and interested community groups to join us in our fight for justice.

<https://longbranchccc.wordpress.com/>

Cooper's Ferry Partnership

To serve as the catalyst for the preservation and growth of a vibrant Camden. A residents-first approach is at the core of what we do and focuses on housing, public safety, infrastructure, education, neighborhood initiatives, park and green space development, and to facilitate the creation of employment opportunities.

<https://coopersferry.com/>

Elijah's Promise

Elijah's Promise harnesses the power of food to break the cycle of poverty, alleviate hunger, and change lives. We fight to end hunger by serving good food for all at our community soup kitchen, providing education and jobs in the food industry through our Promise Culinary School, encouraging neighborhood agriculture at our community garden, offering social services to those in need, engaging in community advocacy and creating social enterprise food businesses that further social good.

<http://elijahspromise.org/>

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Ironbound Community Corporation

Every day the Ironbound Community Corporation empowers residents of the Ironbound section of Newark—a diverse neighborhood of 50,000 people—to build better lives for themselves and a better community for all who call the Ironbound home. As the leading social service and advocacy organization in the Ironbound, ICC takes a unique approach to delivering quality services by linking them with community planning, development, and activism.

<http://ironboundcc.org/>

Isles

Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization based in Trenton, New Jersey. With a mission to foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities, we design and develop effective services that support this mission and share what we learn with others who can make a difference.

<https://isles.org/>

Newark Science and Sustainability Inc

A community-driven, 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Newark, NJ that implements various initiatives to increase awareness of environmental, ecological and wellness issues through educational programs and hands-on activities. Newark SAS assists with the creation of self-sustaining and environmentally friendly communities by developing pathways for green jobs, increased self-sufficiency, and broader community empowerment.

<http://www.sasglocal.com/>

Paterson Task Force for Community Action Inc

Our mission is to help the poor improve their quality of life and to become self-sufficient by addressing the causes as well as the effects of poverty.

<https://www.patersontaskforcenj.org/>