



# NJ Human Services In the Community

## COMMISSIONER'S WELCOME

Friends:

This holiday season, NJ Human Services is grateful for the opportunity to help advance Governor Murphy's vision of making New Jersey a stronger and fairer state for everyone. Here is a small snapshot of our recent work toward that goal:



NJ Human Services is funding community organizations in Camden, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties and partnering with others throughout the state to help New Jerseyans **enroll in affordable health coverage** as part of the Governor's Get Covered NJ initiative. Open enrollment runs through December 15. Visit [www.GetCovered.NJ.gov](http://www.GetCovered.NJ.gov) to learn about your affordable coverage options.

We are helping working families in New Jersey **afford child care** by investing \$38 million in new child care resources. New Jersey's payment rates for child care centers have remained relatively flat for the past decade. We are now boosting child care subsidies to help families with lower incomes afford child care when they are working, in school or in training programs.

We are **combatting food insecurity on college campuses**. For many families, college affordability includes not just tuition, but ensuring access to essentials like food and child care. NJ Human Services is changing our rules so that students in career and technical education programs in community colleges have better access to SNAP, our food assistance program.

For older New Jerseyans, we are **making it easier to get help with the cost of prescription drugs**, Medicare premiums, utilities, and other living expenses. We've launched a one-stop, online application called [NJSave](#) for older New Jerseyans with lower incomes and individuals with disabilities to apply to our state assistance programs.

We also **increased wages for direct support professionals** who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our communities. Governor Murphy and the Legislature identified \$32 million in additional funding to support these higher wages.

Our department looks forward to continuing our work on these and many other important initiatives as we move into 2019.

With best wishes for the holidays and the new year,

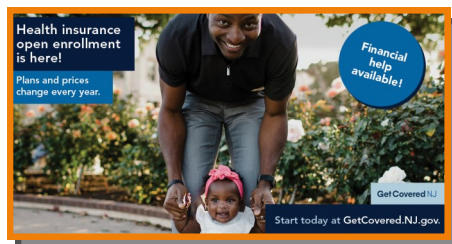
Carole Johnson  
NJ Human Services Commissioner

### What's Inside

Commissioner's Welcome	1
Get Covered NJ	2
SNAP for Community College Students	2
DSP Wage Increases	3
Child Care Funding	3
NJSave Application	4
Opioid Funding	5
LEAP Program Ribbon Cutting	5
Suicide Prevention Conference	6
NJ FamilyCare Data Dashboard	6
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	7
Disability Pride Parade	7
New DHS Homepage	7
Program Spotlight	8
Community Voices	9
In the News	11
Snapshots	12

## GET COVERED NJ

NJ Human Services is delighted to be working with Governor Murphy and other state departments to help New Jerseyans get covered during the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) 2019 open enrollment period.



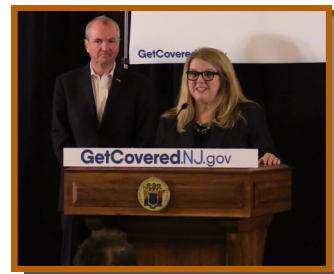
The Get Covered NJ campaign is the first coordinated health coverage public awareness campaign conducted by the state to promote affordable insurance options through the ACA Marketplace and NJ FamilyCare.

As part of the campaign, the state launched the website [www.GetCovered.NJ.gov](http://www.GetCovered.NJ.gov) to serve as a one-stop resource. The site includes plan options, information about financial assistance and contact information for enrollment assisters who can help New Jerseyans get covered.

“New Jerseyans should have as much opportunity as possible to learn about affordable health coverage options and how coverage can benefit their families,” **NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson said.** “This initiative will ensure that we reach out to as many people as we can and get them signed up for health coverage. A healthy New Jersey means a better New Jersey for everyone.”

As part of this effort, the Department is working with five community organizations that are providing application assistance and organizing outreach events. The organizations are the Center for Family Services of Camden; The Family Resource Network of Hamilton (Mercer County); The Oranges ACA Navigator Project; Fulfill Monmouth & Ocean; and the Urban League of Hudson County.

Watch our [video here](#).



## COMBATTING FOOD INSECURITY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES



L-R Chairwoman Joann Downey; DHS Commissioner Carole Johnson; DFD Director Natasha Johnson; Middlesex County College Interim President Dr. Mark McCormick.

NJ Human Services partnered with anti-hunger advocates, students and higher education officials to announce it is expanding food assistance to career and technical education students at community colleges.

During a visit to Middlesex County College, which earlier this year opened a food pantry for students, NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson said the state is taking action to make it easier for community college students to access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

In response to what has been called a hidden crisis on college campuses, Johnson said NJ Human Services will now recognize all approved Career and Technical Education Programs at New Jersey community colleges as eligible SNAP employment and training

programs. Students who meet SNAP income eligibility standards and participate in these training programs will now have access to this critical food assistance. Partners in this effort include Hunger Free New Jersey, the Council of County Colleges and the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

“Hunger is often a focus this time of year, but it’s a year-round problem for far too many people, including students who too often are forced to worry about food instead of their studies. Students learning employable skills in New Jersey’s community colleges should not be left behind when it comes to this crucial nutritional assistance program.” **Commissioner Carole Johnson said.**

In 2017, 67,000 students were enrolled in career and technical education programs, with an estimated 45 percent considered low-income based on financial aid records, according to the Council on County Colleges.



Middlesex County College food pantry

## DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WAGE INCREASE

NJ Human Services announced a wage increase for direct support professionals who work to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live successfully in their communities. Governor Phil Murphy and the Legislature identified \$32 million in additional state and federal funding to support higher wages for direct support professionals. The increase represents an average wage increase of about 4.5 percent.

*"We truly appreciate the great work of the direct support professionals who work hard each and every day to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities," said Jonathan Seifried, Assistant Commissioner of the Department's Division of Developmental Disabilities.*

"Direct support professionals play a crucial role in our effort to assist individuals with disabilities live successfully in our communities," **NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson said.** "Their dedication leads to better lives for so many New Jerseyans, which is why we're pleased to be able to recognize their commitment."



"The work performed by direct support professionals is truly a labor of love," **State Senator Troy Singleton said.** "They care for those with disabilities, advocate on their behalf, and help integrate them into their communities. For these reasons and thousands more, they deserve - and have rightfully earned - a higher wage for the work that they do each and every day. I am proud to have led the effort to secure funding for this wage increase."

"This is well deserved. These professionals are tasked with the care of some of our most vulnerable populations. Often times they are the only people that these individuals have contact with on a regular basis," **Assembly Budget Chair Eliana Pintor Marin said.** "This is noble, but hard work. I'm glad that their compensation will be more reflective of that."

## NEW INVESTMENTS IN CHILD CARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy and NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson announced \$38 million in new investments in child care to help more families find services they need and to advance quality child care.

New Jersey's subsidy payment rates for child care centers have remained relatively flat for the past decade, but the state will now be using \$30 million to boost child care subsidies that help working families with lower incomes afford child care while they are in school or in training programs, and \$8 million in improving quality and services in child care programs.



The highest rate increase is set for infant care. Infant care subsidy rates will increase by 25 percent - from \$724 per month to \$904 per month. Toddler rates will increase 6 percent - from \$717 per month to \$761 per month - and pre-school rates will increase 10 percent, from \$585 per month to \$645 per month. Payment rates will increase further for programs that are rated by Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's quality rating improvement system for child care programs. For instance, infant care rates will increase to at least

\$1,012 per month for Grow NJ Kids' three-star rated programs.

"Research shows children who are in quality child care and early learning programs when they are young are better prepared for kindergarten with better reading skills, more math skills and larger vocabularies," **said Natasha Johnson, Director of NJ Human Services' Division of Family Development.**

In addition, \$1.2 million will be made available to create a new \$100-per-infant-per-month incentive for new infant care slots, available for 12 months on top of the base rate and any Grow NJ Kids incentive payment increases, to provide a further incentive for child care centers to expand infant care. Advocates have long pointed to the need for increased access to infant care slots in New Jersey.

This announcement builds upon Governor Murphy's efforts to improve access to child care services. The budget the Governor signed earlier this year includes his plan for a Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to help more than 70,000 New Jerseyans earning less than \$60,000 per year care for a child or other dependent.

Watch our [video here](#).

*"The Murphy Administration is committed to helping families find the quality child care they need, which is why I'm thrilled we're making this crucial investment. This is another critical step towards building a stronger future for our state."*  
**First Lady Tammy Murphy**

# NJSAVE: ONE-STOP RESOURCE FOR OLDER NEW JERSEYANS

Older New Jerseyans and adults with disabilities in New Jersey are now just one click away from benefits and savings.

## NJSave

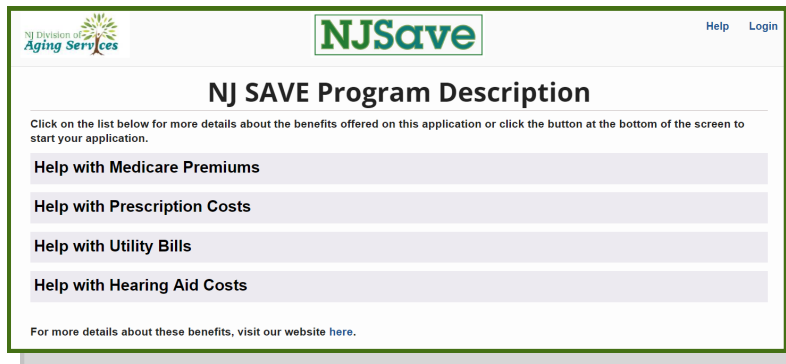
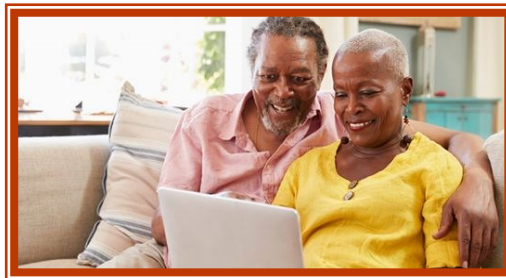
*“This application gives seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers a new, easily-accessible way to get the help they need to maintain their health and financial well-being.”*  
**Human Services’ Division of Aging Director Louise Rush.**

**NJSave**, the new online application from NJ Human Services’ Division of Aging Services, allows older residents with lower incomes and individuals with disabilities to use just one application to check their eligibility and enroll in various savings and assistance programs. They include New Jersey’s Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD); Medicare Savings Programs that provide extra help with premiums, deductibles and co-pays; and, the Lifeline Utility Assistance Program.

Previously, individuals had to fill out a paper eligibility application for each program.

Individuals can now fill out the single, online application, add required supporting documents as attachments, and submit the entire form completely online. Applicants will also be able to create an account and save the form so they do not have to fill it out in one sitting.

To qualify for the programs, the applicant has to be a resident of the State of New Jersey, meet certain income requirements and be 65 years of age or older. Also eligible are individuals who meet these requirements and are between the ages of 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security disability benefits.



## Stay Connected with NJ Human Services

**New Jersey Department of Human Services**

**is on Social Media**

**Follow us on:**



**NJSave enrolls eligible applicants into the following programs:**

\*Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (**PAAD**)

\*Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (**HAAAD**)

\*Lifeline Utility Assistance

\*Medicare Savings Programs

\*Medicare Part D’s Low Income Subsidy (**LIS**, also known as “**Extra Help**”)

\*Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program

**The application is also used to screen individuals for numerous savings and assistance programs. These programs include:**

\*Universal Service Fund (**USF**)

\*Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (**LIHEAP**)

\*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**)

## NJ GETS NEW FUNDING TO FIGHT OPIOID ADDICTION

The Murphy Administration announced that New Jersey will receive three federal grants totaling more than \$30 million to fight the opioid epidemic through initiatives aimed at preventing overdoses and expanding treatment and recovery services.

New Jersey received \$21.5 million to fund targeted initiatives including increasing access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT), which is instrumental in treating opioid use disorder and reducing overdoses; expanding access to the overdose reversal drug naloxone; and, tools to identify the presence of the deadly drug fentanyl. The Garden State will also receive \$9 million to expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services in New Jersey's Federally Qualified Health Centers, and to assist counties in expanding treatment, preventing neonatal abstinence syndrome and expanding alternatives to opioid pain medication.

These resources complement the \$100 million in state resources the Governor secured to fight this epidemic through a strategic, coordinated multi-agency effort. That funding will be used to expand opioid use disorder outpatient treatment, enhance real-time data collection to better target interventions, and to focus on the risk factors and social supports that help people on the path to recovery. "Increasing access to medication-assisted treatment to treat opioid use disorder is vital if we're going to effectively tackle this crisis," said NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson.

*"This funding will help us provide expanded services to those suffering from addiction and build a healthier, safer state for all."*

**Governor Phil Murphy**

## LIBRARY EQUAL ACCESS PROGRAM COMES TO NEWARK

Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson, and Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Acting Director Dr. Bernice Davis joined Newark leaders at the ribbon-cutting for the Newark Public Library Equal Access Program, or [LEAP](#).

*"Access to information in the 21st century is crucial, and not having the ability to have access to resources that can be easily used by visually impaired people is really a barrier to being fully engaged in the mainstream of our life,"*

**Lt. Governor, Sheila Oliver**

A partnership between NJ Human Services and the New Jersey State Library, the LEAP program offers library visitors who are blind or visually impaired access to assistive technology to the use the internet, iPads, and other technology.



Training is available for beginners and advanced level instruction is also available and includes use of reading magnification and speech software to read websites, emails and other documents.

Libraries are a vital community resource and with this new program, Newark Library will be accessible and available to even more of its residents. Newark is the 9<sup>th</sup> public library to join the program, which is sponsored by NJ Human Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

## 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services hosted the fourth annual suicide prevention conference September 13 at the War Memorial in Trenton.

More than 700 advocates, family members, individuals with lived experience, mental health and substance use providers, primary care providers, administrators, educators, first responders, faith-based organizations and others attended “Suicide Prevention: A Community Effort – Working Together to Prevent Suicide.”

The conference, held during National Suicide Prevention Week, featured multiple expert speakers and a panel of Murphy Administration Cabinet members discussing the importance of addressing this critical issue.

The goal of the conference was to emphasize the role of suicide prevention strategies in health care services and in community settings as well as to highlight the importance of community in preventing suicide. Many session panelists shared compelling, first-hand accounts of their experiences and recovery.

“The fact that this conference has grown from 30 people the first year to more than 700 this year demonstrates the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services tireless work to bring this effort to the forefront,” **said NJ Human Services’ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Assistant Commissioner Valerie Mielke.**



**L-R Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson; Children and Families Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer; Health Commissioner Shereef Elnahal; Acting Corrections Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks**

## NJ FAMILYCARE DATA DASHBOARD



The New Jersey Department of Human Services unveiled a new web site to bring greater transparency to the state’s NJ FamilyCare program. The site can be found [here](#).

“Our intent with this new site is to bring greater transparency to the state’s Medicaid program,” **said Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson.** “Over time, users will be able to access timely and in-depth information on this vital program for our state. The more information we can make available about this important program, the better.”

**Meghan Davey, director of the Department’s Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services,** who leads the Medicaid program, encouraged people to scroll through the site and learn more about the program.

“We’re thrilled to offer this service to New Jersey residents,” **Davey said.** “NJ FamilyCare is an invaluable program that provides a wide-range of health care services, and we’re excited to continue to work to bring this type of easy-to-navigate transparency to the program.”

The site includes data on enrollment and demographics, along with county-by-county statistics, monthly figures and trends. Information on the site will be continuously updated, with more information to be added in the coming weeks and months. The additional information will include data on long-term care, consumer assessments and performance metrics.



## COMMISSIONER VISITS WITH ‘GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN’



NJ Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson was the guest speaker at the Sept. 19 meeting of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group in Cape May County. The group is organized by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Family and Community Health Sciences.

Johnson, along with Aging Services Director Louise Rush, provided an overview of the services and programs available through the Department of Human Services that help older residents.

One of the goals of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group program is to assist grandparents in obtaining information about services and programs available to them and their grandchildren.

Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren do so out of love and commitment, but they also can face new challenges that may significantly impact their retirement savings or other life plans. Understanding the options and resources available to assist them in caring for their family is an important opportunity to help their grandchildren and themselves.



L-R , Rutgers Cooperative Extension Associate Professor Marilou Rochford; Division of Aging Services Director Louise Rush; Division of Aging Services Manager Dennis McGowan

## 2018 DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE

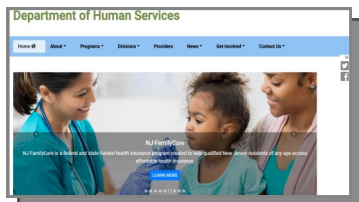


The 8th annual New Jersey Disability Pride Parade & Celebration took place on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in Trenton. Dozens of people and organizations marched and rolled from the State House Annex to the celebration site at West Lafayette Street. The celebration featured speakers, entertainers, singers, dancers, musicians and comedians.

Commissioner Carole Johnson presented the Governor’s proclamation recognizing October as Disability Pride Month in New Jersey.

DHS’ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Division of Disability Services, and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired took part in the day by providing information about the services and supports available from NJ Human Services along the parade route.

## NJ HUMAN SERVICES NEW HOMEPAGE



We are excited to announce the launch of NJ Human Services’ redesigned homepage. Our goal with this new page is to create a user-friendly browsing and searching experience for everyone.

You’ll find quick access to information on DHS programs and services, links to all our divisions, news, and important resources. Check out the new look here: [www.state.nj.us/humanservices](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices). We hope you find it helpful and more updates will come in the future.

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

*Our newsletter will regularly shine a spotlight on NJ Human Services programs and the employees behind these initiatives. This edition highlights the Division of Family Development's Grow NJ Kids Program, which is our initiative to strengthen and improve the quality of child care and early learning throughout New Jersey, and the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's NJ Hearing Aid Project, which focuses on providing refurbished hearing aids to older residents in New Jersey with low incomes at no cost.*

## GROW NJ KIDS

Research shows that children who are in quality child care and early learning programs during the early years of life are more likely to achieve healthy emotional, social, cognitive and intellectual development.

The NJ Human Services' Division of Family Development oversees a quality rating improvement system for child care providers called Grow NJ Kids. It is a statewide collaborative initiative with two overarching goals: 1) to help child care programs enhance the quality of care provided to New Jersey children, and 2) to give parents the tools to find quality programs. Participating child care programs are given technical support, training, and materials and then are assessed by trained professionals in five areas:



- Health and safety of the child and the classroom
- Age appropriateness of learning environments and lesson plans
- Relationship of the child's program with family and the community
- Staff education
- Business operations



**Division of Family Development staff**  
L-R Karen Francis, Shonda Laurel, Kaja-Kai Ojamaa, Kim Owens, Andrea Breitwieser, Rebecca Patrizzo, Syreeta Garbarini, Anthony Sotiropoulos

Based on performance, each program is given a star rating up to 5 stars. The standards are high and reaching the higher rating levels is often a long-term process.

“With commitment, cooperation and the relentless hard work of many DFD staff – the Grow NJ Kids team at the center, supported by budget, policy, and communications – both the number of child care programs enrolled in Grow NJ Kids and the focus on quality in New Jersey continue to grow,” **said DFD Director Natasha Johnson.**

To find a Grow NJ Kids participating child care program, visit [GrowNJKids.gov](http://GrowNJKids.gov).

## THE NEW JERSEY HEARING AID PROJECT

The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project provides free refurbished hearing aids for eligible older New Jerseyans with lower incomes.

The project is collaboration between NJ Human Services' Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Hearing Charities of America/Sertoma and Montclair State University.



Used hearing aids are donated to the program and reconditioned to meet the needs of the consumer. The program has provided hundreds of refurbished hearing aids to older consumers with the help of

audiologists across the state.

Earlier this year, the Murphy Administration announced that it has boosted the reimbursement for audiologists participating in the program from \$150 to \$300 to increase access to these services. It also recognized the contributions of New Jersey audiologists who participate in the program.

For more information on this program, visit our [web site](#).



**Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing staff**  
L-R Baylie Sappir, Ira Hock, Angela Scott, Wayne Roorda



# COMMUNITY VOICES

From increasing funding for child care, to expanding SNAP benefits to more community college students, New Jersey community leaders are weighing in.

“The Murphy administration’s recent announcement regarding the expansion of funding for childcare by \$38 million is great news for New Jersey and advocates for children in the state.” – **Darrin Anderson, Executive Director, New Jersey YMCA State Alliance on child care funding**

“We are thrilled that the Murphy Administration is taking this important step to address hunger among college students.” – **Adele LaTourette, Director of Hunger Free New Jersey on SNAP college initiative**

“Early in their career development, it’s so rewarding for them (Montclair State University audiology students) to recognize how this NJHAP hearing aid opportunity changes a person’s life.” – **Maris Appelbaum, MSU Director of Hearing Aid Services on NJ Hearing Aid Project**

“Any step that consolidates and simplifies the application process for those (senior) services is a step in the right direction, particularly for the 1.1 million family caregivers in our state.” – **Stephanie Hunsinger, State Director, AARP New Jersey on NJSave**

“We thank the Department of Human Services for working with community colleges to help more individuals get on and stay on a path to a successful career.” – **New Jersey Council of County Colleges President Aaron R. Fichtner, Ph.D. on SNAP college initiative**

“Thank you @GovMurphy for signing SJR 96 Designates October of each year as Disability Employment Awareness Month and promoting independence and community inclusion for people with IDD.” – **Maureen Shea, New Jersey Association of Community Providers**

“Grateful to @NJ DHS Commissioner Johnson and @GovMurphy for recognizing the critical work of DSP’s (Direct Support Professionals) in NJ.” – **NJ DSP Wage Coalition on direct support professional wage increase**

# COMMUNITY VOICES

From increasing funding for child care, to expanding SNAP benefits to more community college students, New Jersey community leaders are weighing in.

“We're excited to use @NJ DHS NJ FamilyCare Data Dashboards to help inform our work in improving health of NJ residents.”—

**New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute**

“NJ gets it! We need to invest in our kids #Right-fromthestart. Great news to hear about the @NJ DHS investment in child care subsidies!” – **Turrell Fund**

“Great news! @NJ DHS just announced an expansion of \$38 million for #child-care with #infant care as a priority! Thank you @GovMurphy, @FirstLadyNJ and Commissioner Johnson for your leadership for kids @ZEROTOTHREE!” – **Advocates for Children of New Jersey**

“Urban League of Hudson County is eager to support individuals and families navigate their way to quality healthcare insurance. And peace of mind.” – **Urban League of Hudson County, DHS Affordable Care Act navigator grantee**

“Thrilled at today’s announcement by @FirstLadyNJ and @NJ DHS of \$38 million in new State support for #infant and #childcare. Much-needed subsidy rate increase will boost access to & quality of childcare in #NewJersey.” – **Arturo Brito, Executive Director, Nicholson Foundation on child care funding**

“We look forward to working with the administration on this important policy change and create awareness across our network of pantries, including campus pantries across New Jersey.” – **Carlos Rodriguez, President and CEO, Community FoodBank of New Jersey on SNAP college initiative**

“If you or someone you know is a low-income older adult or individual with disabilities, please look at this application!” – **New Jersey Foundation for Aging on NJSave**

# ***NJ HUMAN SERVICES IN THE NEWS***

State of New Jersey



Murphy Administration Takes Action to Get More New Jerseyans Covered During Open Enrollment

**TAP into East Brunswick**

NEW FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS TO HELP ANTI-ADDICTION FIGHT IN GARDEN STATE

**NJ Spotlight**

Human Services to Work with 5 Organizations to Promote ACA Signup

**Newark Patch**

Organizations in Camden, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Monmouth/Ocean to Help Enroll People in Health Coverage

NJ unveils effort to combat food insecurity at community colleges

BY [Raven Santana](#), Correspondent | November 20, 2018, 5PM EST

**NJTV**

OP-ED: MORE STATE FUNDING FOR CHILDCARE AT LAST

DARRIN W. ANDERSON | NOVEMBER 7, 2018

**NJ Spotlight**

Murphy directs \$38 million for infant and child care, support

NICOLE LEONARD Staff Writer Oct 17, 2018

**Press of AC**

Human Services: Increased Wages for Direct Support Professionals

\$32 Million Increase for the Professionals who Care for those with Disabilities

**Montclair Patch**

NEW STATE FUNDING FOR AUTISM CENTER TO BOOST RESEARCH AND TREATMENT

**NJ Spotlight**

NJ program improves access to the internet for the blind and visually impaired

BY [Michael Hill](#), Correspondent | October 9, 2018, 5PM EST

**NJTV**

NJ Human Services Announces New One-Stop, Online Application for Older New Jerseyans to Access Benefits

**TAP into Parsippany**

GROUP HELPS SENIORS HEAR AGAIN AT NO COST

November 10, 2018

**Montclair Local**

NEW JERSEY EXPANDS MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

LILLO H. STANTON | SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

**NJ Spotlight**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICAID IN NJ? NEW WEBSITE HAS ANSWERS

**NJ Spotlight**



**Launch of the Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) at the Newark Library with Lt. Governor Oliver**



**Commissioner Johnson visits ARC of Somerset County**



**Deputy Commissioner Adelman speaks at the Family Support Planning Council**

# NJ Human Services Snapshots



**Deputy Commissioner Neira at the Interfaith-RISE Refugee Services Walkathon**



**Joining Gov Murphy at ACA Get Covered NJ Kick Off**



**Back-to-School Back Pack Drive 2018**



**With First Lady and Legislative Black Caucus to discuss maternal & infant health**



**Visit to the Community Food Bank of NJ to discuss SNAP outreach**



**College students discuss expanding SNAP benefits**



**Childcare funding announcement**



**Fall Behavioral Healthcare Conference with Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services**



**Combatting Opioid Epidemic Panel with Senator Menendez**



**Joining service recipients for Blindness Awareness Month**



**Division of Aging Services marks Falls Prevention Week**



**NJ Human Services leaders participate in National Federation for the Blind Conference**



**Joining First Lady Tammy Murphy at the Family Festival in Paterson**