

New Jersey
Resource Guide
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Families
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Children



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Introduction

New Jersey has a vast network of services that are available for children and the families of children who are under the custody, care or supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) or who live in poverty and are in need of financial support, food, housing, medical care and the basic necessities of life. These services are available through various agencies which have different income and eligibility guidelines, making it difficult and frustrating for families to seek the appropriate assistance and care. The purpose of this Guide is to provide contact information to families in need of services and to assist them in understanding the resources that may be available to them. The Resource Guide also aims to assist individuals who advocate on behalf of children such as law guardians, CASA volunteers, case managers and others who routinely are called upon to locate services and provide information to families about available resources. The information and resources contained in the Guide are primarily available through State and governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations providing services to poor, low income or underserved families and children.

The information contained in the Resource Guide was compiled through web-based research and by contacting various state agencies and non-profit organizations. While there is a wealth of information contained in the various websites and resources, they could not all be listed in the Resource Guide. The websites and contact information are included to allow the user to obtain additional information directly from the sources.

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Benefits

Benefits and Public Assistance

Division of Family Development (DFD)
Quakerbridge Plaza, Bldg. 6, P.O. Box 716, Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: 609-588-2000
Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/wfnjws.html

A number of benefits are available to indigent persons and their families in New Jersey. These benefits include financial support, food stamps, child care services, child support and paternity services, health insurance, temporary assistance to needy families, vocational services and support, and heating bill assistance.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Division of Family Development
Quakerbridge Plaza, Bldg. 6, P.O. Box 716, Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: 609-588-2000
Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/index.html

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal benefits programs that is available to persons who are disabled, blind or over 65 and meet the income and eligibility criteria. These benefits are available to children as well as adults who meet the federal guidelines. (See also Children: Social Security Administration). SSI recipients may be eligible for additional benefits through county welfare offices.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Division of Family Development
Quakerbridge Plaza, Bldg. 6, P.O. Box 716, Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: 609-588-2000
Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/wfnjws.html

New Jersey receives Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (formally Aid to Families with Dependent Children) funds to support its needy families with children. Through Work First New Jersey (WFNJ), the State's Public Assistance Program, eligible families receive temporary financial support as well as work, education, training and other support in order to become self-sufficient.

Utility/Heat Assistance

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Phone: 1-800-510-3102

LIHEAP is a program that assists low income persons with heating costs and certain medically-necessary cooling expenses.

Universal Service Fund (USF)

Phone: 1-866-240-1347

USF was created to make utility bills more affordable to low income persons. Eligible customers may receive reductions in natural gas and electricity bills. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Children

Adoption Services and Support

Department of Children and Families (DCF)
Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Office of Adoption Operations
50 East State Street, Box 717, Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: 609-292-4441, Toll Free 1-800-99ADOPT
Web site: www.njadopt.org

Children with disabilities or special needs adopted from foster care are eligible for monthly adoption subsidy stipends, medical coverage through New Jersey Medicaid or Medicaid in their state of residence, and may be eligible for preschool childcare, administered by the Department of Human Services. Depending on the severity of the child's disability, additional services or supports may be covered in the subsidy agreement between the adoptive parents and DYFS. Adoptive parents of all special needs children are eligible for a \$10,000 federal tax credit in the year of the adoption. Post-Adoptive counseling is available throughout the state to all adoptive children and families. This service is funded by DCF and provided by adoption certified therapists at community social service agencies. A wealth of adoption information and resources may be found on the New Jersey Adoption Resource Clearing House (NJARCH) website: www.njarch.org
Pictures of and information regarding children in foster care in New Jersey waiting for adoptive families may be accessed at www.njadopt.org

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline

Phone: 877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873)

Calls may be made at any time. Any person with a reasonable belief that a child is being abused or neglected is required to make a report to the hotline.

Child Care and Referral Centers

Website: www.njaccrra.org

Registered home based family day care programs are overseen by the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (formerly Unified Child Care Agencies). These community-based organizations are located in each county. The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Family Development, works with these agencies and administers child care subsidies, provides resource and referral services, and improves the quality and operation of child care.

Atlantic County

Atlantic County Women's Center
Phone: 609-646-1180
Website: www.acwc.org

Cape May County

EIRC-Southern Regional Child Care
Resource Center
Phone: 609-886-5164
Website: www.eirc.org

Bergen County

Bergen County Office for Children
Phone: 201-336-7150
Website:
www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcdhs/divisions/children.htm

Cumberland County

Tri-County Community Action Partnership
Phone: 856-451-6330
Website: www.tricountycaa.org

Burlington County

Burlington County Community Action Program
Phone: 609-261-6834
Website: www.bccap.org

Essex County

Programs for Parents, Inc.
Phone: 973-297-1114
Website: www.programsforparents.org

Gloucester County

EIRC-Southern Regional
Child Care Resource Center

Phone: 856-582-8282

Website: www.eirc.org

Hudson County

Urban League of Hudson County

Phone: 201-451-8888

Website:

www.urbanleaguehudsonnj.org/childrens_services.htm

Hunterdon County

NORWESCAP Child & Family Res. Servs.

Phone: 908-782-8183

Website: www.norwescap.org

Mercer County

Child Care Connection

Phone: 609-989-7770

Website: www.childcareconnection-nj.org

Middlesex County

Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen

Phone: 732-324-4357

Website: www.childcareinfo.info

Monmouth County

Child Care Resources

Phone: 732-918-9901

Website: www.ccrnj.org

www.childcareconnection-nj.org

Morris County

Child & Family Resources

Phone: 973-398-1730

Website: www.childandfamily-nj.org

Ocean County

The Children's Home Society of NJ

Phone: 732-557-9633

Website: www.chsofnj.org

Passaic County

North Jersey Community Coordinated Child
Care Agency, Inc.

Phone: 973-684-1904

Website: www.nj4c.org

Salem County

Tri-County Community Action Partnership

Phone: 856-935-0944

Website: www.tricountycaa.org

Somerset County

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

Phone: 908-927-0869

Website: www.childcareinfo.info

Sussex County

NORWESCAP Child & Family Res. Servs.

Phone: 973-383-3461

Website: www.norwescap.org

Union County

Community Coordinated Child Care of
Union County

Phone: 973-923-1433 x 122

Website: www.cccunion.org

Warren County

NORWESCAP Child & Family Res. Servs.

Phone: 908-454-1078

Website: www.norwescap.org

Child Care Help Line of New Jersey

Phone: 1-800-332-9227

Child Care Center Licensing

DCF, Office of Licensing

PO Box 717, 225 East State Street, 4th Floor West, Trenton, NJ 08625

Website: www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/licensing/index.htm

The Office of Licensing inspects every licensed child care center annually to enforce health, safety, and educational program requirements. In addition, DCF regulates family day care providers that are registered voluntarily with the State.

Child Support

New Jersey Child Support Information Line

Phone: 1-877-NJKIDS1.

To contact county child support offices go to: www.njchildsupport.org/LocalOffices.asp

Children's Hospitals

National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI)

401 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-684-1355

Fax: 703-684-1589

Website:

www.childrenshospitals.net/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Homepage&Template=/customSource/homepage/homepage.cfm

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

CASA of New Jersey, 945 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08618.

Phone: 609-695-9400

Fax: 609-695-0040

Website: www.casaofnj.org/index.asp

CASA is a network of local volunteers who work to ensure that children under the DYFS's custody and care have a voice in court proceedings that determine their future. CASA volunteers serve as advocates for these children and work to ensure that they obtain the services that they need. Contact information for local CASA programs in New Jersey can be found on the organization's website.

Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships

Department Of Children and Families

Website: www.state.nj.us/dcf/prevention/

The Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships works to ensure that New Jersey has a variety of programs to prevent child abuse and/or intervene when situations of abuse arise. These programs strive to build on family strengths, and be family-focused and culturally competent. Information about available domestic violence services, family support services, early childhood services and school-linked services are listed on their website.

Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)

Department of Children and Families

50 East State Street, PO Box 717, Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

Phone: 609-984-4500

Website: www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/dyfs/

Hotline: 1-877 NJ ABUSE (1-877-652-2873), TTY 1-800-835-5510

The Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) is New Jersey's child protection and child welfare agency, within the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It is responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect, and ensuring the protection, safety, well-being, and treatment of children who are under its care and custody, or who receive support services.

DYFS Action Hotline

Phone: 1-800-331-DYFS (331-3937)

This hotline is available to answer questions and respond to issues and concerns regarding services provided by DYFS or agencies licensed or having a contract with DYFS.

DYFS Area Offices

Atlantic/Cape May Area Office

Phone: 609-625-4913, 866-815-9858
Fax: 609-625-8540

Bergen/Passaic Area Office

Phone: 201-342-4397, 1-800-719-9670
Fax: 201-342-0563 / 201-342-0493

Burlington/Mercer Area Office

Phone: 609-777-2000
Fax: 609-777-2050

Camden Area Office

Phone: 856-772-1549
Fax: 856-770-1370

Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Area Office

Phone: 856-582-3964, 866-492-8320
Fax: 856-582-5183

Essex Area Office

Phone: 973-624-3678, 1-800-334-6930
Fax: 973-643-0085

Gloucester County-EIRC-

Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center

Phone: 856-582-8282
Website: www.eirc.org

Foster and Adoptive Family Services

P.O. Box 518, 4301 Route 1 South, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852
Phone: 609-520-1500 or 1-800-222-0047
Website: www.fafsonline.org

Foster and adoptive family services offers training, resources and supportive services to prospective foster and adoptive parents as well as those who are already licensed in this state. Foster and Adoptive Family Services also offers some educational and scholarship assistance to youth in foster care, and helps to provide and pay for extra expenses for foster children, such as yearbooks, senior class rings, prom tickets, art/music lessons, and camp expenses through its 'Fostering Wishes For Children' program.

Foster Home Recruitment Line

Phone: 1-877-NJ-FOSTER (653-6783)

Hudson Area Office

Phone: 201-863-3179, 888-670-6406
Fax: 201-863-4249

Monmouth/Middlesex Area Office

Phone: 732-229-2518, 866-598-5574
Fax: 732-229-2932

Morris/Sussex Area Office

Phone: 973-490-1958, 866-649-8831
Fax: 973-539-0465, 973-539-0507

Ocean Area Office

Phone: 732-240-4095, 866-662-5127
Fax: 732-736-0476

Union Area Office

Phone: 908-754-0952
Fax: 908-561-0380

Warren/Hunterdon/Somerset

Phone: 908-730-7782, 866-332-3693
Fax: 908-735-4973

Kinship Care

Department of Children and Families, 222 South Warren Street
P.O. Box 729, 3rd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-984-4500

Website: www.nj.gov/njfofosteradopt/kinship/

Kinship caregivers are individuals who have taken responsibility for the custody and care of children of their relatives, including siblings, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. A number of supports are available for these caregivers including financial assistance, Medicaid, access to the Kinship Navigator Program to assist families in finding supports and services, child care subsidies, wrap-around services, clothing, furniture, tutoring, and the Kinship Legal Guardian program.

Kinship Navigator Program

P.O. Box 716, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 1-877-816-3211

Fax: 609-631-4545

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/kinship%20nav_eng.html or www.njhelps.org/

This office provides assistance with navigating government programs to find services and supports (e.g. housing assistance, financial assistance, child care assistance). Applicants may go online to determine eligibility for services.

NJ 211

Phone: 211 (If you are unable to call this number, use the number below)

Alternative Phone: 1-800-HELP555 (435-7555)

Website: www.nj211.org

N.J. 211 provides information and assistance to all NJ residents, whether or not in situations of crisis, in the areas of health, human services, community resources, government assistance programs.

NJ Child Placement Advisory Council and Child Placement Review Boards

P.O. Box 983, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-633-2581, 609-633-8124

Child Placement Review Boards (CPRB) are comprised of trained, court-appointed volunteers who monitor the cases of children placed in out of home care by the DYFS. These volunteers act as independent advocates, review cases, and work for the best interest of the child. CPRBs are located in each county.

Safe Haven Infant Protection Act

DCF, PO Box 729 Trenton, NJ 08625-0212

Phone: 609-292-0422

Hotline: 877-839-2339

The Safe Haven Infant Protection Act allows parents or a representative to anonymously give up custody/care of an infant to a hospital or police station if the infant is fewer than 30 days old and free of any signs of abuse or neglect.

Dental

Children's Oral Health Education Program

Department of Health and Senior Services, P. O. Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360

Phone: 609-292-7837, Toll-free in NJ: 1-800-367-6543

Website: www.nj.gov/health/fhs/newborn/oralhealth.shtml

DHSS coordinates the Children's Oral Health Education Program that is located in the northern, central and southern parts of the State. The Program is comprised of the school-based fluoride mouth rinse program and oral health education; classroom-based activities which include daily tooth brushing with fluoridated toothpaste; oral hygiene education; parent education; dental screening; referral; and follow-up.

NJ Dental Association's Donated Dental Services Program

Phone: 732-549-8909 (South); 732-549-8506 (North)

This program offers reduced fees for dental services for some seniors and persons with developmental disabilities.

NJ Dental Care Directory

Website: www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/newborn/documents/dental_directory.pdf

The NJ Dental Care Directory assists persons who have difficulty obtaining appropriate dental care due to insurance or financial constraints. The directory lists available dental resources in each county.

Disability and Related Services

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

153 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101

Phone: 973-648-2324

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi

The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides specialized services and training to the visually impaired and promotes independence. The Commission also works to educate the community concerning attitudes toward people with visual impairments and to decrease the incidence of vision loss.

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

P.O. Box 726, Trenton NJ, 08615-0726

Phone: 609-987-0800, 1-800-832-9173

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/about_ddd.html

DDD coordinates and provides a number of services to people with disabilities including autism, mental retardation, spina bifida and traumatic brain injury. In addition to operating developmental centers throughout the State, DDD licenses privately operated group homes, supervised housing programs, and skill development programs, and provides support for families, including counseling and respite care. DDD's regional offices are as follows:

NORTHERN REGION**Phone:** 973-927-2600

Counties Served: Morris, Sussex & Warren

Phone: 973-977-4004**Counties Served:** Bergen, Hudson and Passaic**UPPER CENTRAL REGION****Phone:** 973-324-2000

Counties Served: Somerset & Union

Phone: 973-693-5080**County Served:** Essex**CENTRAL OFFICE**

Carnegie Center, Bldg. 508

Princeton, NJ 08540

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 726

Trenton, N.J. 08625-0726

Phone: 609-987-0800**LOWER CENTRAL REGION****Phone:** 609-292-4500

Counties Served: Hunterdon,

Mercer & Middlesex

Phone: 732-863-4500**Counties Served:** Ocean & Monmouth**SOUTHERN REGION****Phone:** 856-770-5900**Counties Served:** Burlington,

Camden & Gloucester

Phone: 609-476-5200**Counties Served:** Atlantic, Cape May,

Cumberland & Salem

Division of Disability Services (DDS)

NJ Department of Human Services

222 South Warren St., P. O. Box 700, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 888-285-3036**Fax:** 609-292-1233**Website:** www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds

DDS provides services to disabled adults, and administers information and referral services, and home and community based programs that allow disabled adults to live more independently. For more information and referral resources, see DHS's Guide: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/RD_08.pdf

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

P.O. Box 074, Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

Phone: 609-984-7281, 1-800-792-8339 V/TTY**Fax:** 609-984-0390**Website:** www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/about_ddhh.html

DDHH provides a number of services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing including advocacy, information and referral services, and assistive technology and equipment to those who qualify.

NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)

135 East State Street, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 398, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-5987**Fax:** 609-292-8347**Website:** lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/

The New Jersey DVRS provides assistance and services to enable individuals with disabilities to seek and retain employment. These services include: vocational counseling, placement services, job seeking skills and skills training, college training, physical restoration, and emotional restoration services.

Social Security Administration**Phone:** 1-800-772-1213**Website:** www.ssa.gov/

For information concerning how to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits, call the toll-free number or use the website to locate the nearest office. Social Security offices are located in each county.

Education

Department of Education (DOE)

100 River View Plaza, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-4469

Website: www.state.nj.us/education/

The NJ Department of Education oversees and monitors the operation of over 600 school districts including regular education programs, curricula and services, early childhood education programs, and special education.

Division of Early Childhood Education

Phone: 609-292-4469

Website: www.state.nj.us/education/ece/index.html

The Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE) of the New Jersey Department of Education is responsible for the development and implementation of NJ's preschool to grade three programs and for the promotion of high quality early childhood programs. Programs include Head Start and pre-school for Abbott and Non-Abbott School Districts. Children who are residents of Abbott Districts are eligible for preschool programs starting at age three.

Early Intervention System

Division of Family Health Services, Department of Health and Senior Services

P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Phone: 609-777-7734, 1-800-322-8174

The NJ Early Intervention System provides a number of services to families of infants and toddlers, from birth to three years of age, with developmental delays or disabilities. These services include assistive technology services/devices; audiology services; developmental intervention; family training, counseling and home visits; health services; nursing services; nutrition services; occupational and physical therapy; psychological services; social work services; speech and language therapy; vision services; and other early intervention services. Contact the Special Child Health Services, County Case Management Unit in the family's county of residence to determine eligibility, or the toll-free number listed above.

Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives (REICs)

Website: www.nj.gov/health/fhs/intervention.pdf

Family Link, Inc. REIC (serving Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren)

2333 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ

Phone: 908-964-5303

Fax: 908-964-6091

Website: www.njeis.org/familylink/

Helpful Hands; Northeast REIC

(Serving Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic)

57 Willowbrook Blvd., Suite 303

Wayne, NJ 07470

Phone: 973-256-8484

Fax: 973-256-1233

Website: www.nreic.org

Mid-Jersey CARES for Special Children REIC (serving Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean, Monmouth and Somerset)

501 Hoes Lane, Suite 206

Piscataway, NJ 08854

Phone: 732-699-0944

Fax: 732-699-1218

Website: www.cnjmchc.org

Southern New Jersey REIC (serving Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Winslow Professional Building

339 South, Route 73, Suite 6

Berlin, NJ 08009

Phone: 856-768-6747

Fax: 856-768-7608

Website: www.njeis.org/snjreic

General Education Development (GED)

NJ Department of Education
PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-777-1050

Website: www.nj.gov/education/students/ged/

Tests of General Education Development (GED) are available to individuals who did not complete an accredited high school program or obtain a high school equivalency or diploma; are at least 16 years of age; and are not enrolled in a regular high school. The GED test can only be administered at specific testing centers.

A list of Testing Centers can be found at:

www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/education/ged/centers.pl?string=id&maxhits=100

Head Start and Early Education

NJ Department of Human Services, Office of Early Care and Education

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/PB/dhsc.html

Head Start is a federal program that promotes school readiness and academic and social development to disadvantaged children and families by providing grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies for the development of educational services and programs.

Office of Program Support Services

NJ Department of Education

Phone: 609-292-5935

Fax: 609-633-9655

The Even Start Family Literacy Program is an education program designed to support family-centered education and cooperative learning by empowering parents to become full participants in their children's education. Participants must meet federal guidelines that include low income, non-English speaking, and teenaged parents, or parents who have not obtained an endorsed high school diploma.

A list of Even Programs in each county can be found at:

www.nj.gov/education/titles/title1/even/contacts.htm

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

NJ Department of Education

100 Riverview Plaza, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

Phone: 609-633-6833

Website: www.nj.gov/njded/specialed/

The Office of Special Education Programs develops policy, provides guidance and oversees the implementation of special education programs and services by local school districts. The Office is responsible for overseeing and administering all federal funds obtained by the state to ensure that children with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 21, receive a free and appropriate public education. OSEP monitors all special education programs, provides impartial mediations to resolve disputes between parents and school districts, processes hearing requests, and is responsible for investigating complaints.

Education: Post Secondary Services

Federal Education and Training Voucher Program

Hotline: 1-800-222-0047

This program provides eligible foster and homeless youth with tuition assistance to private and out of state education institutions.

GEAR UP (*Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs*)

Website: www.nj.gov/highereducation/gearup/

GEAR UP is administered by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and aims to increase the number of low-income students who are entering and succeeding in postsecondary education. The focus of the project is to work with middle and high school students, families, and teachers in order to encourage students to obtain college degrees while providing a variety of support services such as tutoring, summer programs, mentoring, counseling, test preparation, and college visits.

New Jersey College and University Directories

Website: www.nj.gov/highereducation/colleges/

New Jersey Commission on Higher Education

P.O. Box 542, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-4310

Website: www.state.nj.us/highereducation/

This website provides information concerning NJ Colleges and Universities and additional resources for disadvantaged youth.

New Jersey Foster Care (NJFC) Scholars Program

Hotline: 1-800-222-0047

The NJFC Scholarship Program provides eligible foster and homeless youth with full tuition to a public New Jersey college, university, or vocational school.

Family Planning and Related Services

Family Planning Programs

NJ Department of Health & Senior Services

Family Planning Program

Phone: 609-292-8104

Family Planning Association of NJ

Phone: 609-393-3268

NJ Family Planning League

Phone: 973-622-2425

NJ Family Health Line

Phone: 1-800-328-3838

Family planning services include referrals, physical exams, health screenings, pelvic and breast exams, pap smear, pregnancy testing, counseling, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) diagnosis and treatment, birth control instruction and counseling, and emergency contraception. Others services that may be available depending upon the site are prenatal care and infant delivery programs, confidential HIV testing and counseling, male services, teen services, prenatal substance abuse programs, as well as community education services.

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey

210 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ

Phone: 609-278-5863

Toll Free Number: 1-800-230-PLAN (7526)

Fax: 609-599-4042

Website: www.plannedparenthoodnj.org

These organizations seek to improve the health and safety of women, prevent unintended pregnancies, and assist individuals and families in making informed choices.

Health Care Services

Community Health Centers

Department of Health and Senior Services

P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Phone: 609-292-1495, 1-800-328-3838

For a list of NJ Community Health Centers see: www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/cphc/

Federally Qualified Health Centers/Centers for Primary Health Care (FQHCs/CPHCs) provide comprehensive primary care health services that include pediatrics, internal/family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, and dental services. Larger centers, usually in urban areas, may provide transportation services to and from the health center.

Family Centered Care Services

Division of Family Health Services, Department of Health & Senior Services

P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Phone: 609-777-7778

This program provides individualized, family-centered, community-based services for children from birth to 21 who have a broad range of disabilities or chronic illnesses. A case manager, usually a social worker or nurse, works with the family and the child's health care providers to ensure the child receives the appropriate services.

Local Health Departments

Website: www.state.nj.us/health/lh/olh.htm

The services available at local health departments include: immunizations for children and adults, preventive health care for babies and pre-school children, screening for various adult diseases, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted disease control, information and educational programs, inspections of potential public health and environmental health hazards, rabies vaccination for pets as well as other services.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

PO Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Phone: 609-292-4043

Fax: 609-292-9599

Website: www.mchb.hrsa.gov/about/default.htm

MCHB seeks 1) to provide support to and coordinate systems of care for children who have, or are at risk for, chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions and who are in need of health and related services; 2) to eliminate health disparities and barriers to high quality health care and services for women and infants; 3) to support, expand and enhance family and community-based services for adolescents; 4) to reduce illness, injury and death rates among children and youth by promoting community-based health care by utilizing private and public resources; and 5) to promote community-based oral health care services through public and private systems.

Housing

Rental Assistance Programs

NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing

101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 806, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: Customer Service - 609-292-4080

Website: www.nj.gov/dca/dh/srap/index.shtml

The NJDCA assists low and very low-income households with Section 8 rental subsidy payments to landlords. The statewide program is available to residents of all New Jersey counties. Some Section 8 Existing Housing programs are administered throughout the State by municipalities and county authorities. Some State housing grants, similar to Section 8, are also available.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program-HOME

New Jersey Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Housing

101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 806, Trenton, NJ 08625-0806

Phone: Customer Service - 609-292-4080

Website: www.nj.gov/dca/dh/hometbra/index.shtml

This program provides rental assistance to families with special needs and households headed by an elderly or disabled person.

Residential Assistance and Housing Resources

Centers For Independent Living List

Website: www.njsilc.org/list.html

Housing Resource

Website: www.njhousing.gov/njhrc/find_housing.html

List of affordable and handicapped accessible housing in NJ.

Lead Free Housing Registry

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dcr/leadsafe/lead_safe_report_06-07.pdf

List of lead-free housing registered with the State of NJ.

Municipal Housing Liaisons

Website: [/www.nj.gov/dca/coah/muniliaisons.p](http://www.nj.gov/dca/coah/muniliaisons.p)

List of Municipal Housing Liasons in NJ.

NJ Public Housing Authorities

Website: www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/nj.cfm

List of Public Housing Authorities in the State of NJ.

Job Training

Edison Job Corps Academy

500 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817

Phone: 732-985-4800

Fax: 732-985-8551

Website: www.edison.jobcorps.gov/html/home/

Job Corps provides disadvantaged young adults the opportunity to become responsible and productive members of the State's workforce through its educational training program.

Job Corps Directory

Website: jobcorps.dol.gov/docs/jc_directory.pdf

US Department of Labor

Website: www.jobcorps.dol.gov/centers/NJ.htm

Welfare to Work

NJ Department of Human Services

222 South Warren Street, P.O. Box 700, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-3717

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/wfnjws.html

Work First NJ (WFNJ) is New Jersey's public assistance program. Its primary focus is to promote self-sufficiency by providing supportive services that enable program participants to move to independence. WFNJ emphasizes work as a major goal in reaching independence and self-sufficiency, and provides job training, education and work-related activities.

Lead Poisoning and Control

NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Phone: 1-877-DCA-LEAD

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dcr/leadsafe/index.shtml

The DCA provides education and public information concerning the dangers of lead paint, and information concerning how families can live safely in lead environments. DCA also provides a lead-free housing registry at www.state.nj.us/dca/dcr/leadsafe/lead_safe_report_06-07.pdf

Legal and Advocacy

Association for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ)

35 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-643-3876

Fax: 973-643-9153

Websites: www.acnj.org, www.kidlaw.org, www.makekidscount.org

ACNJ is a statewide child advocacy agency working to advance policies that assist children and their families. ACNJ's Children's Legal Resource Center provides information, training and publications related to children and the law. Staff attorneys handle cases related to special education, residency and discipline; they will attend school meetings and mediation with parents or caretakers. (Spanish-speaking attorney on staff.)

Community Health Law Project (CHLP)

185 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

Phone: 973-275-1175

Website: www.chlp.org

The Community Health Law Project (CHLP) provides free legal representation to low-income people with disabilities in New Jersey in a wide range of civil matters. In addition to its administrative office in South Orange, CHLP has the following office locations:

Regional offices:

Bloomfield - 973-680-5599

Elizabeth - 908-355-8282

Trenton - 609-392-5553

Asbury Park - 732-592-0059

Collingswood - 856-858-9500

Satellite offices:

Jersey City - 201-963-6295

Toms River - 732-349-6714

Mt. Holly - 609-261-3453

Absecon - 856-858-9500

Education Law Center

Education Law Center

60 Park Place, Suite 300, Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-624-1815

Fax: 973-624-7339

Website: www.edlawcenter.org

Founded in 1973, the Education Law Center (ELC) advocates on behalf of public school children for access to an equal and adequate education under state and federal laws. ELC uses a wide variety of strategies, including public education and engagement, policy initiatives, research, communications and, as a last resort, legal action.

Legal Services of New Jersey

100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 400, Edison, NJ 08817

Toll free: 1-888-LSNJLAW

Website: www.lsnj.org

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) provides legal representation, advice and educational programs to qualified low-income persons in civil matters. Eligible persons may obtain services by calling LSNJ’s toll-free hotline. In addition to the statewide office, Legal Services of New Jersey has regional offices in every county throughout the state as follows:

Atlantic County – South Jersey Legal Services	609-348-4200
Bergen County – Northeast New Jersey Legal Services	201-487-2166
Burlington County – South Jersey Legal Services	609- 261-1088
Camden County – South Jersey Legal Services	1-800-496-4570
Cape May County – South Jersey Legal Services.	609-465-3001
Cumberland County – South Jersey Legal Services.	856-691-0494
Essex County – Essex-Newark Legal Services	973-624-4500 or 973-824-3000
Gloucester County – South Jersey Legal Services.	856-848-5360
Hudson County – Northeast New Jersey Legal Services.	201-792-6363
Hunterdon County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.	908-782-7979
Mercer County – Central Jersey Legal Services.	609-695-6249
Middlesex County – Central Jersey Legal Services	732-249-7600 or 732-324-1613
Monmouth County – Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services.	732-866-0020 or 732-222-3338
Morris County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey	973-285-6911
Ocean County – Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services	732-341-2727
Passaic County – Northeast New Jersey Legal Services	973-523-2900
Salem County – South Jersey Legal Services	856-678-6492
Somerset County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey	908-231-0840
Sussex County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey	973-383-7400
Union County – Central Jersey Legal Services	908-354-4340
Warren County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.	908-475-2010

NJ Office of the Child Advocate

135 W. Hanover Street, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 92, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-984-1188

Helpline: 877-543-7864

Website: www.state.nj.us/childadvocate/

The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) is an independent State agency established to investigate, review, monitor and evaluate the State’s responses to allegations of child abuse or neglect in New Jersey, and make recommendations for reform. The jurisdiction of the OCA extends to public and private settings or placements by State or county agencies or departments, including but not limited to, juvenile detention centers, group homes, foster homes, residential treatment centers and shelters. The OCA Helpline serves as a reliable and competent resource for the public to report the experiences of children within various state systems and for callers to receive appropriate supportive services from the OCA helpline staff, including initial assessments, referrals, advocacy and recommendations for available resources.

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc. (NJP&A)

210 South Broad Street, 3rd floor, Trenton, NJ 08608,

Phone: 609-633-7106

Website: www.njpanda.org

NJP&A provides legal representation to eligible individuals with disabilities as well as referral services, legal and non-legal advocacy, outreach and education.

Rutgers University - Camden Law School Clinics

Rutgers University School of Law - Camden

217 North Fifth Street, Camden, NJ 08102,

Phone: 856-225-6375

Website: www.camlaw.rutgers.edu/

Rutgers Law School in Camden offers free legal services to low-income persons in the following Clinical Programs: Childrens' Justice Clinic; Civil Practice Clinic; and the Domestic Violence Clinic.

Rutgers University – Newark Law School Clinics

123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Website: www.law.newark.rutgers.edu/clinics.html

Rutgers University Law School – Newark offers free legal services and assistance in a broad range of areas, including the following:

Child Advocacy Clinic - Phone: 973-353-3196

Provides legal assistance in cases involving children, such as SSI, child protection, public benefits and general advocacy on behalf of children.

Community Law Clinic - Phone: 973-353-5059

Provides legal assistance, including transactional matters, to small businesses and non-profits.

Constitutional Litigation Clinic - Phone: 973-353-5687

Provides legal assistance in matters involving constitutional issues.

Federal Tax Law Clinic - Phone: 973- 353-1685

Provides taxpayer assistance to low-income persons.

Special Education Clinic - Phone: 973-353-5576

Provides legal assistance in Special Education and Early Intervention cases, and training.

Urban Legal Clinic – Phone: 973-353-5576

Provides legal assistance in such areas as SSI, landlord-tenant, municipal court/disorderly persons offenses, and matrimonial matters

Seton Hall University Law School

Seton Hall University School of Law,

One Newark Center, Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-642-8700

Website: www.law.shu.edu/

Seton Hall University Law School houses several Clinics that offer legal services as follows: Civil Litigation Clinic; Family Law Clinic; Impact Litigation Clinic; Juvenile Justice Clinic; Immigration & Human Rights Clinic; and the Immigrant Workers' Rights Clinic.

State of New Jersey, Office of the Public Defender

Hughes Justice Complex 1st Floor N-Wing,
25 Market Street, P.O. Box 850, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-7087

Website: www.thedefenders.nj.gov/

The Office of the Public Defender provides legal representation to defendants in criminal cases and to parents in child/abuse neglect and termination of parental rights cases. Local offices are located in each county.

State of New Jersey, Office of the Public Defender - Law Guardian Division

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 850, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-341-4500

Website: www.nj.gov/defender/law_grd_main.html

The Office of the Law Guardian, a unit of the Office of the Public Defender, provides legal representation for children in child abuse, neglect and termination of parental rights proceedings in the New Jersey family courts. The Law Guardian also represents children in Kinship Legal Guardianship cases involving DYFS. The Law Guardian Office does not represent children in cases of voluntary out-of-home placement. Local Offices are located in each county.

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)

35 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-648-8100; Fax: 973-648-8080

Toll Free Line: 1-800-654-SPAN

Website: www.spannj.org

SPAN provides resources, support, training and advocacy to parents to empower them in ensuring the healthy development and education of their children.

Medical Insurance

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

Phone: 1-800-335-3863

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/whats1.htm

The purpose of this Fund is to cover the medical expenses of catastrophic illnesses of children who are not covered by insurance or other State or Federal Programs.

Charity Care (NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program)

Phone: 866-588-5696

Website: www.state.nj.us/health/cc/

This program provides medically necessary in-patient and out-patient care to persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

Medicaid

DHS, Medicaid Call Center: Information and Referral Hotline

Phone: 1-800-356-1561

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/dhsmed.html

In order to be eligible for Medicaid benefits, an individual must meet the residency, status, resource and income guidelines. Medicaid pays for hospitals, doctors, prescriptions and other health care services. There are several programs geared to meet the needs of families, children, the aged, disabled and medically needy.

NJ Family Care

Phone: 1-800-701-0710

Website: www.njfamilycare.org/index.html

Affordable health care coverage is available at no cost or low cost to eligible families and children. Applications may be completed online.

Mental Health Services

Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS)

New Jersey Department of Human Services

50 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 1-800-382-6717

Website: www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhs

DMHS provides a broad range of services through community service providers, hospitals and county administrators. Services include: assessments, emergency and/or crisis intervention, and referrals to inpatient programs. More detailed listings can be found on the websites listed below:

Community Services: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/AGENLIST.pdf

County Hospitals: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/cohosp.html

County Mental Health Administrators: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/mh-admins-list.html

Psychiatric Hospitals: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/psych-hospitals.html

Psychiatric Screening Centers: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/MH-screeningcenters.html

Atlantic County

Psychiatric Intervention Program (PIP)

Atlantic City Medical Center-City Division

HOTLINE: 609-344-1118

Bergen County

Primary Screening Center for Bergen County

Psychiatric Emergency Screening, Care Plus NJ

Inc. @ Bergen Regional Medical Center

HOTLINE: 201-262-4357

Burlington County

Primary Screening Center for Burlington County

Drenk MHC SCIP @ Lourdes Medical Center

HOTLINE: 609-835-6180

Camden County

Primary Screening Center for Camden County

(1) Steininger Center @

Kennedy Memorial Hospital

HOTLINE: 856-428-4357

(2) Steininger Behavioral Care Services @

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center

HOTLINE: 856-541-2222

Cape May County

Primary Screening Center for Cape May County

Cape Counseling Service @

Burdette Tomlin Hospital

HOTLINE: 609-465-5999

Cumberland County

Primary Screening Center for Cumberland County
 Cumberland County Guidance Center @
 So. Jersey Hospital-Bridgeton Division
HOTLINE: 856-455-5555

Essex County

Primary Screening Center for Essex County
 (1) East Orange General Hospital
HOTLINE: 973-266-4478
Office Contact: 973-266-8461
 (2) Newark Beth Israel Medical Center CMHC
HOTLINE: 973-926-7444
Office Contact: 973-926-4369
 (3) University Behavioral Health Care
HOTLINE: 973-623-2323
Office Contact: 973-972-9805

Gloucester County

Primary Screening Center for Gloucester County
 Newpoint Behavioral Health Care @
 Underwood Memorial Hospital
HOTLINE: 856-845-9100

Hudson County

Primary Screening Center for Hudson County
 (1) **Jersey City Medical Center**
HOTLINE: 866-367-6023
Office Contact: 201-915-2210
 (2) **Bayonne Medical Center**
HOTLINE: 201-858-5286
Office Contact: 201-858-5296
 (3) **Palisades Medical Center**
HOTLINE: 201-854-6300
 (4) **Christ Hospital**
HOTLINE: 201-795-8373
Office Contact: 201-795-8374
 (5) **St. Mary's Hospital CMHC**
HOTLINE: 201-795-5505
Office Contact: 201-792-8191

Hunterdon County

Primary Screening Center for Hunterdon County
 Hunterdon Emergency Services
 Behavioral Health
HOTLINE: 908-788-6400
Office Contact: 908-788-6401

Mercer County

Primary Screening Center for Mercer County
 Capital Health System at Fuld
HOTLINES: 609-396-4357, 609-989-7297 (*youth*)

Middlesex County

Primary Screening Center for Middlesex County
 University Behavioral Health Care
HOTLINE: 732-235-5700
Office Contact: 732-235-5700

Monmouth County

Primary Screening Center for Monmouth County
 Monmouth Medical Center
HOTLINE: 732-923-6999
Office Contact: 732-923-6940

Morris County

Primary Screening Center for Morris County
 (1) St. Clare's Hospital, Inc.
HOTLINE: 973-625-0280
Office Contact: 973-625-6150
 (2) Morristown Memorial Hospital
HOTLINE: 973-540-0100
Office Contact: 973-971-7911

Ocean County

Primary Screening Center for Ocean County
 Kimball Medical Center (PESS)
HOTLINE: 732-886-4474 or 866-904-4474
Office Contact: 732-886-4475

Passaic County

Primary Screening Center for Passaic County
 (1) St. Mary's Hospital, Psychiatric Emergency
 Screening Unit
HOTLINE: 973-470-3025
Office Contact: 973-470-3025
 (2) St. Joseph's Hospital
HOTLINE: 973-754-2230
Office Contact: 973-754-2831
 (3) Barnert Memorial Hospital
HOTLINE: 877-977-6996
Office Contact: 973-977-6735

Salem County

Primary Screening Center for Salem County
 (1) Healthcare Commons, Inc. @
 Memorial Hospital of Salem County
HOTLINE: 856-299-3001
Office Contact: 856-299-3200, x128
 (2) Healthcare Commons Inc. @
 Memorial Hospital of Salem County
HOTLINE: 856-299-3001

Somerset County

Primary Screening Center for Somerset County
Somerset County PESS

HOTLINE: 908-526-4100

Office Contact: 908-526-2922

Sussex County

Primary Screening Center for Sussex County
Newton Memorial Hospital

HOTLINE: 973-383-0973

Union County

Primary Screening Center for Union County

(1) Trinitas Hospital

HOTLINE: 908-351-6684

Office: 908-994-7131 *(for information & referral)*

(2) Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center

HOTLINE: 908-668-2599

Office Contact: 908-226-5837

Warren County

Primary Screening Center for Warren County
Family Guidance Center of Warren County

HOTLINE: 908-454-5141

Office Contact: 908-454-4470

Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Behavioral Health Services

DCF/DCBHS, 50 East State Street, 4th Floor, P.O. Box 717, Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

Phone: 1-877-652-7624 (24 Hour Access Line through Value Options)

Website: www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/

Services are available to children ages 18 and under with behavioral and emotional disorders. The services include: Children's Crisis Intervention, outpatient services, partial care and partial hospitalization, Youth Case Management services, assessments, Family Support Organizations, Mobile Response and Stabilization services, Care Management Organizations and residential care. Once enrolled, children may receive services up to age 21.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help children and youth who are experiencing emotional or behavioral crises. The services are designed to defuse an immediate crisis, keep children and their families safe, and maintain children in their own homes or current living situation (such as a resource home or relative home) in the community.

Family Support Organizations (FSO's) are family-run, county-based organizations that provide direct family-to-family peer support, education, advocacy and other services to family members (including resource parents, extended kin, and present caregivers) of children with emotional and behavioral problems. To access services, you may call these organizations directly or call 1-877-652-7624.

Atlantic County

Frank Johnson, Executive Director

Atlantic/Cape May Family
Support Organization, Inc.

1601 Tilton Road Unit 1

Northfield, NJ 08225

Phone: 609-485-0575

Fax: 609-485-0467

E-mail: fjohnson@acfamsupport.org

Bergen County

Rosemarie Lobretto, Executive Director

Family Support Organization of Bergen County

0-108 29th Street

Fairlawn, NJ 07410

Phone: 201-796-6209 ext. 101

Fax: 201-796-1151

E-mail: rofsobc@covad.net

Burlington County

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Camden County

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Cape May County

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Cumberland County

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Essex County

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Hudson County

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E-mail: bobbielocke201@msn.com
Web: www.njfamily.org
Admin. Assistant: Lirie Mulaj

Monmouth County

Sue Benedetto, Executive Director
Family Based Services Association of New Jersey
279 Broadway, West Wing
Long Branch, NJ 07740
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Fax: 732-571-0050
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Office Manager: Patrice Perez

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Sussex/Morris, Inc.
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E-mail: mlozowski@fso-hsw.org

Nutrition

End Hunger NJ

Website: www.endhunger.org

End Hunger is New Jersey's hunger prevention Advisory Committee that provides a list of local food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, and other food resources in the local community and information on nutrition for families and children.

Food Bank of New Jersey

Main Office: 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ

Phone: 908-355-FOOD

Southern Branch: 6735 Blackhorse Pike, Egg Harbor, NJ

Phone: 609-383-8843

Website: www.njfoodbank.org

The Food Bank provides food and the locations of local partners that provide meals and food in the surrounding areas.

Food Stamps

NJ Department of Human Services

222 South Warren Street, P.O. Box 700

Trenton, NJ 08625-0700

Phone: 609-292-3717

New Jersey's Food Stamp Information Line: 1-800-687-9512

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/foodstamp.html

Online Application: www.foodstamps.dhs.state.nj.us/forms/frmHome.aspx

School Breakfast and Lunch

State of NJ, Department of Agriculture, Division of Food and Nutrition,

Bureau of Child Nutrition

PO Box 334, Trenton NJ, 08625

Phone: 609-984-0692

Fax: 609-984-0878

Website: www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/fn/childadult/school_breakfast.html

This program provides nutritious, well-balanced breakfast and lunch to school-aged children in an effort to promote good health and eating habits and academic achievement.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Department of Health and Senior Services

P. O. Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 609-292-9560

Toll Free: 866-44 NJ WIC (446-5942)

Website: www.nj.gov/health/fhs/wic/index.shtml

WIC provides education and supplemental nutritious foods to at risk and low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, and to infants and children up to the age of five.

Substance Abuse

Division of Addiction Services

Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 362, Trenton, NJ 08625

Hotline: 1-800-238-2333

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/drug-alcohol.html

For Work First NJ parents with addiction problems, please see the following website:
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/drug-alcohol.html

Women's and Domestic Violence Resources

Domestic Violence Hotline

Phone: 1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/countyresourcesdv.shtml

New Jersey Division on Women

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/

The New Jersey Division on Women provides information and referral services throughout the state including county-by-county resources for those who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or in need of employment, shelter and other services.

See also the Division on Women's Resource Guide:

www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/njresguidewomen/njresguidewomen.shtml

Sexual Assault Hotline

Phone: 1-800-601-7200

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/countyresourcesrcc.shtml

Women's Resource Services

Phone: 1-800-322-8092

Website: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/countyresourcesset.shtml

Youth Services

Medicaid Extension for Young Adults (MEYA)

Phone: 1-888-235-4766

Medicaid Extension for Young Adults (MEYA) provides continued Medicaid coverage for adolescents who meet the eligibility requirements and are living in a DYFS paid placement on their 18th birthday. This free coverage is available until the young adult reaches the age of 21 regardless of income.

Transitions for Youth

Website: www.transitionsforyouth.org

Transitions for Youth (TFY) is a state-wide initiative to address the many needs of youth transitioning to adulthood. TFY serves the most vulnerable populations of young people such as youth involved in foster care, juvenile justice and the mental health system. Its goal is to ensure that these young people have knowledge of the resources available to them to transition from youth to adulthood.

Services include: Life Skills Training, Aftercare, Education and Employment, Housing, Healthcare, Addiction Services, Youth Advocacy, Financial Assistance for Independent Living, and Permanency services.

TFY is funded primarily through the Department of Children and Families, Adolescent Services Unit and the Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services and coordinated by the Institute for Families, The School of Social Work at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

**For additional information and resources
covering a variety of areas, see the following websites:**

www.state.nj.us/dcf/prevention/directoryinfo/DPCPDirectory.pdf
created by DCF's Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships

www.njhelps.org
created by N.J. Department of Human Services

www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/nj.htm
created by Wrightslaw, an information and advocacy resource for children with disabilities