



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WEBINAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9:30-11AM



Congressman
Andy Kim
(NJ - 3rd District)



Congresswoman
Bonnie Watson Coleman
(NJ - 12th District)



Congressman
Frank Pallone
(NJ - 6th District)

Featuring representatives from:

- ✓ *Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- ✓ *NJ Department of Community Affairs*
- ✓ *NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs*
- ✓ *NJ Board of Public Utilities*
- ✓ *Board of Social Services*



HUD NJ Housing Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Justin Scheid, New Jersey Field Office Director
February 2, 2023

New Jersey's 3rd, 6th, and 12th Congressional District



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(FPM)

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Office of Community Planning and
Development (CPD)

Office of Fair Housing and Equal
Opportunity (FHEO)

Office of Housing – Multifamily

Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

FHA Loans or Programs / Single Family Homes
FHA Resource Center/ Philadelphia Homeownership Center
Phone: (800) CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342)
Email: answers@hud.gov

At-Risk of Homelessness



Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and provides funding for efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families

Homeless Service Provider	Contact Information
NJ-502 - Burlington County CoC	Malikah Morris Deputy Director Burlington County Office of Human Services (609) 265-5185 housinghub@co.burlington.nj.us
NJ-507 - New Brunswick/ Middlesex County CoC	Melissa Acree Call Center Director (877) 652-1148 macree@nj211.org
NJ-508 - Monmouth County CoC	Kathleen Weir Monmouth County Continuum of Care Coordinator County of Monmouth 732-683-2102 Kathleen.Weir@co.monmouth.nj.us
NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC	Rose Bulbach Coordinator, Human Services Advisory Council Ocean County, NJ 732-506-5374 rbulbach@co.ocean.nj.us
NJ-513 - Somerset County CoC	Edward Prior Project Coordinator, Somerset County, NJ (908) 541-5756 eprior@co.somerset.nj.us
NJ-515 - Elizabeth/Union County CoC	Nicole DeAugustine Director, Division of Individual & Family Support Services County of Union New Jersey (908) 527-4874 ndeaugustine@ucnj.org
NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC	Janet Porter Coordinated Entry and Assessment Services Director (609) 989-3722 jporter@trentonnj.org

HUD Rental Housing Assistance



Multifamily Housing

Privately owned subsidized housing

- Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)
- Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)

To Apply:

Contact the Multifamily Development's Property Management Office to find out more about their application process

- [List of Multifamily Properties in NJ](#)

Public Housing Authorities (PHA)

Public Housing or

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

To Apply:

Contact a Public Housing Authority in New Jersey to find out more about their application process

- [Website of the PHAs in NJ](#)

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help veterans who are homeless

If you are a veteran looking for housing assistance, contact a VA medical center near you to learn more about HUD-VASH:

- [VA Locations in New Jersey](#)

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs are accepting Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program **pre-applications online until Friday, February 3, 2023, at 5:00PM ET:**
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html>



HUD Resource Locator

facilitates searches for housing with rental assistance by providing a map and contact information for local public housing authorities, privately-owned buildings with rental assistance, and homeless services resources.hud.gov



Homeownership

Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

HUD Homeownership Centers insure single family FHA mortgages, assure FHA mortgage quality, and oversee the selling of HUD homes.

The HUD Homeownership Center for New Jersey is the Philadelphia Homeownership Center (PAHOC).

For more information about the **FHA Resource Center**:

Phone: (800) CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342)
Email: answers@hud.gov

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Visit the **FHA online information base**

HUD provides support to a nationwide network of Housing Counseling Agencies and counselors that offer advice on buying a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures, and credit issues.

Contact a **HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency in New Jersey**

Find assistance to avoid foreclosure by calling HUD's interactive voice system to locate a Housing Counseling Agency near you at (800) 569-4287.



Fair Housing



HUD enforces the Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation)
- Familial Status
- Disability

If you believe your rights may have been violated, we encourage you to submit a complaint with FHEO. Because there are time limits on when a complaint can be filed with HUD after an alleged violation, you should submit a complaint as soon as possible.

Information on Filing a Fair Housing Discrimination Complaint

www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint



Housing Assistance



Individuals and families facing homelessness can contact a **Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Service Provider** in NJ

www.hudexchange.info/housing-and-homeless-assistance/



HUD Resource Locator provides the contact information of HUD offices, local PHAs and Multifamily locations to apply for rental assistance, homeless coordinated entry system points of contacts

resources.hud.gov



Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Resource Center assists homeowners with FHA-insured home mortgages, Section 203(h) mortgage insurance for disaster victims in Presidentially designated disaster areas, and 203(k) rehab mortgage insurance

www.hud.gov/answers or (800) CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342)



HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies

Call 1-800-569-4287 or contact a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency to discuss with a housing counselor

www.hud.gov/makehomehappen



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Contact HUD: New Jersey for more information

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NEW JERSEY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



RENTAL ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

DCA's rental assistance
programs keep more than
41,000

families safely housed
every year.



- ▶ Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program – 24,078 vouchers
 - ▶ Supportive Housing Connection – 11,000 vouchers
 - ▶ State Rental Assistance Program – 4,500 vouchers
 - ▶ Other Programs – 1,500 vouchers
- More than **\$33 million** paid to landlords each month on behalf of NJ families

DCA's COVID Emergency Assistance (CVERAP) paid arrears and rent for more than
82,925
households to date.



DCA received more than
\$920 million

in federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds:

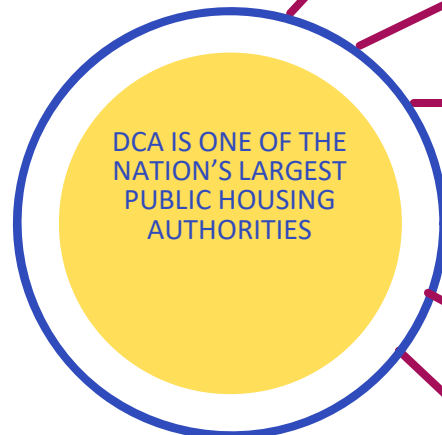
Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) assists
30,000
families with \$500 million in ARPA funds



Additional ERA
\$219.5 million in additional
reallocated funds from other
areas

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SNAPSHOT

HUD funds more than 3,300
housing authorities nationally;
DCA's Section 8 Housing Choice
Voucher Program is the
**13th Largest
in the Nation**



1 **24,078**
families served annually.

2 **\$264 million**
annual budget

3 99% voucher utilization rate
(national average is 86.5%)

4 Avg. rent payment - \$938 per month
13.6% increase in past 5 years

5 Earns **\$29.7 million**
annually in administrative fees

6 Designated
"High-Performing Agency"
HUD's Highest Ranking

*Growth since 2015

	2015	2022
Vouchers under lease monthly	20,220	23,734
Voucher Utilization Rate	88.7 %	99.1%
Average Monthly Rent Paid	\$16,404,622	\$22,495,559

SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

VETERANS

1,215

VASH Vouchers

Waiting list preference
for veterans

HOMELESS

996

Emergency Housing Vouchers

300

HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

229

Continuum of Care Vouchers

SRAP homeless waiting list

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CONNECTION

People with mental health and developmental
disabilities in partnership with DHS

SRAP WAITING LIST

for people with disabilities

SRAP-SSI

500 vouchers for people with disabilities receiving
Supplemental Security Income in partnership with
DHS

SRAP-KFT

600 vouchers
for Keeping Families Together vouchers for families
involved with child welfare in partnership with DCF

RENTAL ASSISTANCE TEAM



- 13 Field Offices
- Fiscal Services
- Program Compliance Unit
- Customer Service Unit
- More than 180 rental assistance staff

INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING


FY23

- Setting payment standards at 110% of HUD's current Fair Market Rents to help tenants rent units in NJ's tight market
- Funding 3 Regional Housing Navigation Community Based Agencies
- Stationing Housing Navigators in all 13 field offices to build relationships with landlords and help voucher holders locate more units
- Providing security deposits for homeless and at risk voucher holders
- Landlord incentives – up to \$3,000 to landlords who rent to homeless and at risk families with challenging rental histories
- Office of Eviction Prevention – Assisting more than 4,000 households in avoiding eviction through legal counsel and resource navigation



Janel Winter

Assistant Commissioner

Division of Housing & Community Resources

Department of Community Affairs



MISSION STATEMENT

Under the direction of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veteran's Haven North will ensure that homeless veterans are treated and cared for in a dignified, compassionate, and professional manner so as to reach an optimal level of independence and aid them in re-acquiring the life skills and ability to live in the community while maintaining their self-sufficiency, dignity, and honor.

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www.nj.gov/military/veteranshavernorth



2 Facilities

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS



Veteran's Haven North

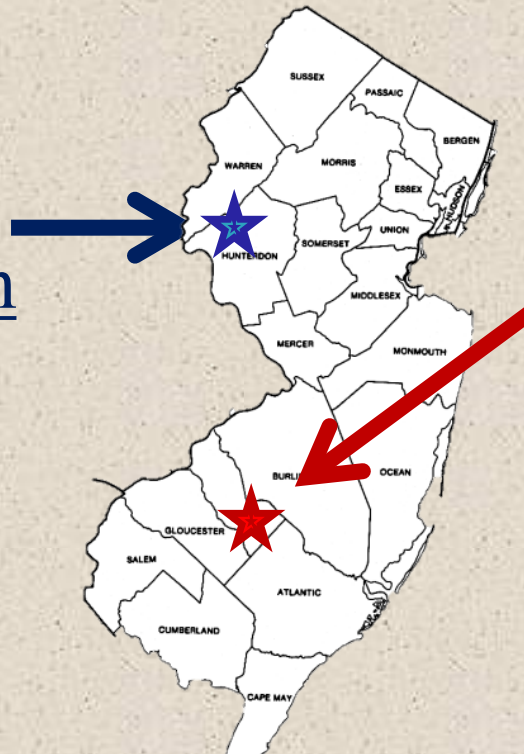
"The Rally Point"

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Located in Glen Gardner, NJ
- Hunterdon County

200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Phone: 908-537-1999
Toll Free: 877-648-0091



Veteran's Haven South

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Located in Winslow, NJ
- Camden County

PO Box 80
301 Spring Garden Road
Winslow, NJ 08095

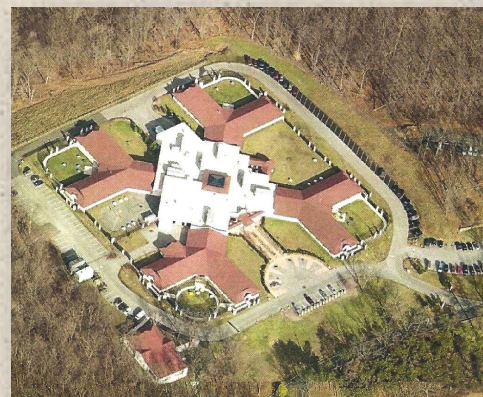
Phone: 609-561-0269
Phone: 609-567-5806
Toll Free: 888-849-7188

100 Bed Capacity in Each



THE FACILITY

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- ❖ Full Kitchen with Staff
- ❖ Resident Kitchenettes
- ❖ Resident Outside Courtyards
- ❖ Laundry
- ❖ Computer Labs
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Gymnasium with Outside Courtyard
- ❖ Game Rooms



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Supportive Services for Veteran Families SSVF funds are administered by nonprofit organizations and community cooperatives to assist veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Funds can be used for outreach; case management; assistance with rent, utility, and moving costs; and help applying for VA and other benefits.

VA obligations for the SSVF program are based on the program's authorized level, which was \$380 million in FY2020. The CARES Act waived the authorized funding level for SSVF to allow VA to provide additional funding for the program. VA announced additional funding for SSVF twice: \$202 million in May 2020 and \$400 million in July 2020

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- **~11- 13% of all homeless are veterans**
- **20% of the male homeless population are veterans**
- **68% reside in principal cities**
- **32% reside in suburban/rural areas**
- **51% of individual homeless veterans have disabilities**
- **50% have serious mental illness**
- **70% have substance abuse problems**
- **Veteran women are more than twice as likely as non-veteran women to be homeless. More than 1/3 are victims of military sexual trauma**

-US Interagency Council on Homelessness, 2018

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- The homes were granted a grant from the VA to provide emergency housing.
- The grant was only provided to the North Heaven.

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Transitional Housing Program

- 2 year program
- Admission criteria
 - Individual must be a veteran under USDVA guidelines
 - Veteran must be homeless
 - Applicant must be drug and alcohol free at time of admission

****VHN administration must interview and clear a veteran for admission through Veteran Health Care.**

Contact Person:

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- phone- (908) 537-1999 x1980
- Fax- (908) 537-1990
- Email- Jennifer.Chrucky@dmava.nj.gov

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The VHN Team

- ▶ Administration Department
- ▶ Human Service Department
- ▶ Maintenance Department
- ▶ Clinical Treatment Team
- ▶ Food Services Department

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The Team

- ▶ A diverse team of professionals specializing in social services, vocational rehabilitation, psychosocial rehabilitation, and nursing.
- ▶ All treatment is individualized with the purpose of attaining realistic life goals and instilling hope and wellness to maximize community reintegration.

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Services

- Assessment and Individual Service Planning
- Holistic Case Management
- Discharge Planning
- HMIS-Homeless Management Information System

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Partnerships

- Veterans Affairs
- New Jersey State Parole Board
- Continuum of Care Members in Hunterdon and Warren Counties
- Various Community Agencies and Associations
- Various Veterans Service Organizations
- Veteran's Service Officer on premises

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Donors and Volunteers

- Veteran Service Groups
- Community Organizations
- Individual Service Providers

➤ Veteran's Haven North's wish list can be found on our website.

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Customer Assistance Programs

Presented by: Maureen Clerc
Division of Customer Assistance



What is the Board of Public Utilities?

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJ BPU) is a state agency with authority to oversee regulated utilities, such as natural gas, electricity, water, telecommunications, and cable television.

The mission of the NJ BPU is to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable, non-discriminatory rates to all members of the public.

NJ BPU offers protections and programs to residential utility customers in need.



Winter Termination Program (WTP)

NJBPU's **Winter Termination Program** protects eligible residential electric, gas, water and sewer customers of investor-owned utility companies from service disconnection during the winter months (November 15th through March 15th).

New Jersey Dept of Community Affairs' Winter Termination Program protects municipal utility customers not under NJBPU's jurisdiction.



Winter Termination Program (WTP)

ELIGIBILITY: Customers must be enrolled in one of the following programs:

- 1) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- 2) Universal Service Fund (USF)
- 3) Lifeline Utility Assistance
- 4) Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
- 5) Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- 6) Work First New Jersey-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- 7) Work First New Jersey/General Assistance; OR
- 8) *Unable to pay utility bill due to circumstances beyond their control.***



Winter Termination Program (WTP)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. All residential customers who are eligible for the WTP shall enroll in a 12-month budget payment plan with their utility. These customers must make good faith payments toward their WTP budget during the heating season, if they have the ability to do so.
2. WTP eligible gas and electric customers are usually required to make a down payment of **up to 25%** of their outstanding balance, as a condition for entering into a WTP budget plan. This requirement does not apply to water and sewer customers.



Winter Termination Program (WTP)

DISPUTES:

The investor-owned utility shall refer to the NJBPU for resolution of all disputes regarding WTP enrollment.

Until the Board has rendered a determination, the utility must not discontinue service during WTP.



Winter Termination Program (WTP)

SERVICE RECONNECTIONS:

WTP customers who have been disconnected can have service reconnected if he or she is enrolled in a 12-month budget plan.

Utilities may not: request a security deposit or any other additional payment during WTP period.

*Familiarize yourself with the **Utility Customer Bill of Rights** on NJBPU's website at: nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/*



Universal Service Fund (USF)

Created by: NJBPU

Administered by: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Benefit: Provides a monthly credit of up to \$180 on electric/gas bills

Goal: Reduces customer bills to an affordable percentage of income

Income Limit: raised *temporarily* to: 400% FPL

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Annual Income Limit	\$54,360	\$73,240	\$92,120	\$111,000	\$129,880
Monthly Income Limit	\$4,530	\$6,103	\$7,677	\$9,250	\$10,823



Universal Service Fund (USF)

To Qualify for USF:

- 1) Household income must be within limits
- 2) Household member must have a gas or electric bill in their name
- 3) More than 2% of annual household income must be spent on gas costs or non-heating electric costs; or more than 4% of household income must be spent on electric heat.
 - USF covers any amount spent on energy over the required percentage of income up to \$180 monthly cap
 - Minimum \$5 monthly benefit if household meets income requirements

Customers can apply for USF with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application and receive benefits from both programs!



Universal Service Fund (USF)

- **How do I apply for USF?**
 - Apply online at: www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid
 - Call 2-1-1 to have an application mailed to you, to find your local USF/LIHEAP application agency OR to request a home visit if you are home bound.
 - Print the paper application and mail to a local application agency found online at: www.energyassistance.nj.gov
 - Request an appointment with your local USF/LIHEAP application agency

If a customer is disconnected for non-payment, reconnection can be requested based on submission of a USF/LIHEAP application!



USF-Fresh Start Program

Created by: NJBPU

Administered by: Investor-owned gas and electric utilities

Goal: To give USF participants an opportunity to wipe out old debts accrued prior to enrollment in USF.

How it works: Each month a USF customer pays current bill in full, a portion of their overdue balance is forgiven. If customer complies for 12 months, the full overdue balance is forgiven.

Limit on debt forgiveness: None

3 Month Grace Period: If a customer has not earned full forgiveness of their overdue balance at end of 12 month Fresh Start program, they are given a 3-month grace period. During this time, any payment received by utility company is applied toward 12 months of Fresh Start bills to help customers earn full forgiveness.



USF-Fresh Start Program

To qualify for Fresh Start:

- 1) Customer must be a USF participant; and
 - 2) Customer must owe \$60 or more in overdue balances.
- Utility company enrolls USF customers who meet this criteria automatically; customers cannot apply for Fresh Start.

Customer receives from utility company:

- 1) Fresh Start welcome letter explaining the terms of the program;
 - 2) A congratulatory letter if customer earns forgiveness; and
 - 3) Reminder letters if they do not comply.
- Fresh Start credits are shown on utility bill (monthly or quarterly).



USF-Fresh Start Program

Non-Compliance:

- Customers cannot be shut off for their Fresh Start balance during the program, however at the end of 15-month program, any overdue balance that has not been forgiven is restored to account as due.
- Customers cannot be removed from the Fresh Start program for non-payment; their opportunity to earn forgiveness simply expires at the end of the 15-month Fresh Start program period.



USF-Fresh Start Program

New:

Prior to October 2021, Fresh Start was only available the first year of enrollment in USF, however due to the pandemic, any USF participant is now eligible for Fresh Start regardless if they participated in USF in the past. This change will be in place through September 2023, so apply for USF now!

Questions about Fresh Start?

- Call your gas or electric company at the number on your bill
- Call NJBPU if not satisfied



Affordable Connectivity Program

The **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACF)** is a program run by the Federal Communications Commission that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

ACF provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.



Affordable Connectivity Program Eligibility

- *A household is eligible if household member meets at least one of the criteria below:*
 - Household income at or below 200% of the FPG (apx \$55K for a family of four); or
 - Participates in certain assistance programs, such as Lifeline telephone assistance, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, or Tribal specific programs;
 - Is approved to receive benefits under the free or reduced-price school breakfast or lunch program;
 - Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
 - Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Two Steps to Enroll: 1) Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and 2) Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

For help, call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575



BPU is Here to Help!

Call us at: 800-624-0241

Email: utility.assistance@bpu.nj.gov

Website: www.nj.gov/bpu

Call BPU if:

- You have a complaint against your utility company
- You are in danger of disconnection

Questions about NJ Utility Assistance Programs?

- Call 2-1-1
- Email Maureen Clerc, BPU Customer Assistance Division at: maureen.clerc@bpu.nj.gov or call BPU Customer Assistance hotline

NEW JERSEY COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES

in NJ Congressional Districts 3, 6, and 12

BURLINGTON		BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES HUMAN SERVICES FACILITY 795 WOODLANE RD. MOUNT HOLLY, NJ 08060-3335	609-261-1000
8:00-5:00	FAX 609-261-0463		
MERCER		MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES 200 WOOLVERTON ST., P.O. BOX 1450 TRENTON, NJ 08650-2099	609-989-4320
8:30-4:30	FAX 609-989-0405		
8:30-8:30 (Tuesday)			
MIDDLESEX		MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES 181 HOW LANE, P.O. BOX 509 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ 08903	732-745-3500
8:30-4:15	WFNJ FAX 732-745-4555		
MONMOUTH		MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES 3000 KOZLOSKI RD., P.O. BOX 3000 FREEHOLD, NJ 07728	732-431-6000
8:30-4:30 (Freehold Office)	FAX 732-431-6017		
8:30-8:00 (Ocean Twp. Office - Tues)	WFNJ FAX 732-431-6267		
OCEAN		OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES 1027 HOOPER AVE., P.O. BOX 547 TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754-0547	732-349-1500
8:30-4:30			
8:30-6:00 (Tuesday/Toms River)	FAX 732 244-8075		
SOMERSET		SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES 73 E. HIGH ST., P.O. BOX 936 SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876-0936	908-231-6448
8:15-6:00	FAX 908-707-1941		
UNION		UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES 342 WESTMINSTER AVE. ELIZABETH, NJ 07208-3290	908-965-2700
8:30-4:30	WFNJ FAX 908-965-2758		

Legal Resources for Tenants in NJ

JANUARY 2023

Get Legal Advice: New Jersey Legal Services

Help is available to tenants in every county in New Jersey

Legal Services of New Jersey – Statewide Legal Assistance Telephone Advice Hotline:

Free Legal Advice and information for eligible tenants:

Toll Free Hotline: 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529)

Apply Online at: WWW.LSNJLAW.ORG

LSNJ can provide advice and in some cases representation in court, across a range of civil legal matters, including housing. LSNJ can also refer cases to the five regional Legal Services programs.

Regional Legal Services Programs:

Five regional Programs with offices in every county.

If eligible, local legal services attorneys can provide a range of free services from brief advice to legal representation in court.

WWW.LSNJ.ORG/GetLegalHelp



CONTACT LSNJLAWSM, THE STATEWIDE HOTLINE

➔ Apply [Online](#)

➔ Apply by phone

1-888-LSNJ-LAW
1-888-576-5529

The LSNJLAW Hotline is open
from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
Monday - Friday

This service is provided at no
charge, but applicants must be
financially eligible to qualify.

Legal help is available in all
languages and to the hearing-
impaired.

All calls are strictly confidential.

ACCESS LEGAL INFORMATION

WWW.LSNJLAW.ORG

The LSNJLAW website provides self-
help materials such as publications,
forms, resource directories, benefit
calculators, and much more in both
English and Spanish.

➔ Visit the LSNJLAW website

➔ Visite LSNJLAW en Español

SEEK REPRESENTATION

New Jersey has six Legal Services
programs: 5 regional programs, which
provide direct services to clients in all
21 counties through 23 local offices,
and Legal Services of New Jersey
(LSNJ), the statewide coordinating
office.

➔ Find Your Local Program

➔ Learn About Our Statewide Projects

Legal Services of New Jersey
100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 402
P.O. Box 1357
Edison, NJ 08818-1357
(732) 572-9100
1-888-576-5529

<https://www.lsnj.org/LegalServicesOffices>

Regional Legal Services Programs

Central Jersey Legal Services

Mercer County	609-695-6249
Middlesex County	732-249-7600
Union County	908-354-4340

Essex-Newark Legal Services 973-624-4500

Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

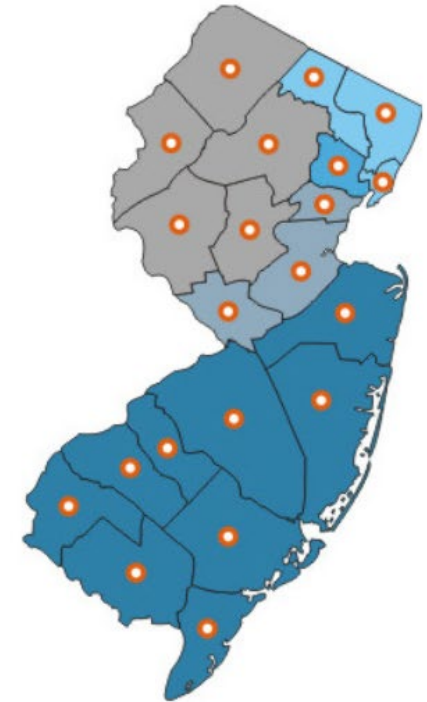
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Morris County	973-285-6911
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