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Homelessness Prevention

- Homelessness Help/Prevention Hotlines
  NJ 211 Social Service Resources: 211/www.nj211.org
  NJ Homelessness Prevention Program: 866-889-6270

- State of New Jersey Homelessness Prevention Program
  Contacts sorted by county:

Services: Provides limited financial assistance to low- and moderate-income tenants and homeowners in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are used to disburse payments in the forms of loans and grants to landlords and mortgage companies on behalf of eligible households in danger of homelessness.
Emergency/Transitional Housing
Be sure to call to check details as some may have changed since the creation of this list.

NO REFERRAL REQUIRED

- **Covenant House**
  14 William Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 621-8705
  [http://www.covenanthouse](http://www.covenanthouse)
  
  **Services:** Shelter for youth 16-21. Free healthcare, legal services, training/counseling, and education courses.

- **Interfaith Hospitality Network**
  46 Park Street
  Montclair, NJ 07042
  (973) 746-1400 (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm)
  
  **Services:** Limited capacity (up to 14 people, 3-5 families) emergency housing for families (does not separate). Telephone prescreening M-F 10-4; in-person intake M-F 12-3. Locations change regularly, and are throughout Essex County. Up to 30 days.

- **St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter**
  619 Grove Street
  Jersey City, NJ 07310
  (201) 656-7201
  
  **Services:** Shelter for single men and women. 24/7 facility. Referrals given to welfare, SSI, unemployment, etc.

- **United Community Corp.**
  31 Fullerton Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 642-0181
  
  **Services:** Shelter for single men and women. Hours: 5pm (arrive no later than 5 pm) to 7am, 7 days a week. ID required.

- **Circle of Life Shelter**
  55 Tillinghast St.
  Newark, NJ 07108
  (973) 223-8488 / (973) 885-0153
Services: Shelter for single men and women. Hours: 5pm (arrive no later than 5 pm) to 7am, 7 days a week. ID required.

- Goodwill Rescue Mission
  79 University Avenue
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 621-9560 ext. 30
  http://www.grmnewark.org/index.asp

  Services: Shelter for men. Requires three hours of service a week from able-bodied, healthy guests. Referrals and call/walk-ins accepted. Must have ID. Sign in 3pm – 7:30 pm.

- Sierra House
  11 S. Maple Ave.
  East Orange, NJ 07108
  (973) 678-3556
  www.sierrahouse.org

  Services: Transitional housing for women 18-25 years old. Case management and education support. Intake 6 pm – 8 pm.

- United Community Corporation
  14 Fulton St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 621-7209 / (973) 621-8295

  Services: Shelter for individuals 18 and older. Essex county residents only. ID required. Walk-ins must be in line by 4:30 pm. Shelter open from 4 pm until 7:30 am.

REFERRAL REQUIRED
Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (973-643-5727) is the only agency that issues vouchers for shelter stays; clients must go to NESF and complete an intake process with a case worker in person before a voucher will be issued. To obtain a referral to a shelter, bring a letter from former residence detailing the situation or an eviction notice to the welfare office. If the client does not already have a welfare worker, an ID and DC-5 form will be required.

If the client or their child(ren) has HIV/AIDS, they may be eligible to request shelter regardless of Welfare benefits status.

- Isaiah House
  238 North Munn Avenue
  East Orange, NJ 07018
Services: Transitional housing for women with children. Opens at 4 pm, 7 days a week.

- Project Solutions/St. Rocco's Family Shelter
  355 South 6th Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 242-7242

  Services: Short-term shelter for women with children (boys up to 14, girls up to 16). Intake during week days 7-6. May need to call to apply before 3 pm for interview.

- The Restoration Center
  300 South 12th Street
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 622-4934
  http://restorationcenterinc.com/

  Services: Shelter for individuals 18 and older. Must be an Essex county resident. Also offers transitional housing and a training center.

- Raphael’s Life House
  18 N 19th St.
  East Orange, NJ 07017
  (908) 354-4750
  http://www.raphaelslifehouse.org/

  Services: Transitional housing program pregnant women, 18-23 years old. May stay up to 12 months.

- Apostle's House
  16-18 Grant Street
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 482-6609


- Helping the Homeless
  260 Mount Prospect Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 483-9377

  Services: Shelter for individuals over 18 years old.
- **Newly Destined**
  1114 Broad St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 242-8088

  *Services*: Shelter for individuals. Supportive services available. Intake M-F 8 am-10 pm.

- **Missionaries of Charity**
  60 Jay St.
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 483-0165 / (973) 481-9065

  *Services*: Shelter for adult females. Intake at 4 pm every day but Thursday. Night services only. Three-week maximum stay.

- **Newark Transitional Corporation**
  212 Peshine Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07108
  (973) 242-1119

  *Services*: Shelter for women. 12 month maximum (prefer use as shorter term).

  198 Clinton Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07108
  (973) 242-8317

  *Services*: Shelter for men. 12 month maximum (prefer use as shorter term).

- **Salvation Army**
  Montclair Cornerstone
  13 Trinity Place
  Montclair, NJ
  (973) 744-8666

  *Services*: Shelter for adults and families from suburban Essex county. Case management and homeless prevention services provided.

  Elizabeth
  908-352-2886S

  *Services*: Shelter for single adults.
• Turning Point Community Services Transitional Housing  
  892 Grove St.  
  Irvington, NJ 07111  
  (973) 374-7838  

  Services: Shelter for single women with children. Case management and homelessness prevention services.

UNKNOWN REFERRAL REQUIREMENT

The following placements may require a referral. Always call to get the most up-to-date referral requirements.

• Choices, Inc.  
  169-173 Roseville Avenue  
  Newark, NJ 07107  
  (973) 481-1889  

  Services: Transitional housing for single women (21+) and women with small children (3 mo.+). Focuses on substance abuse treatment.

• New Community Corporation Harmony House  
  278-282 South Orange Avenue  
  Newark, NJ 07103  
  (973) 623-8555  

  Services: Transitional housing (6-9 months) for families (mostly single mothers with children). Individual units.

• YMCA of Newark/Vicinity  
  600 Broad Street  
  Newark, NJ 07103  
  (973) 624-8900  

  Services: Shelter for single men and women, families, and youth (13-17; placed by CPS).

• Sadaqa House for Women  
  231 Court St.  
  Elizabeth, NJ 07206  
  (973) 280-9109  

  Services: Shelter for women. Stay limit is 30 days.
- **Urban Renewal Corp.**
  224 Sussex Ave  
  Newark, NJ 07103  
  (973) 483-2882 (24/7 hotline)  
  [http://www.urbanrenewal.org](http://www.urbanrenewal.org)

  *Services:* Shelter for adults, pregnant women 18-21. Large capacity of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing. ID required. Open 7 days a week.

- **Hope House**
  246 Second St.  
  Jersey City, NJ 07302  
  (201) 420-1070  

  *Services:* Shelter for women with children.

- **Integrity, Inc.**
  103 Lincoln Park  
  Newark, NJ 07102  
  (973) 623-0600

  *Services:* Transitional housing and intensive case management for female ex-offenders.

- **Joí’s Angels**
  114 S. Arlington Ave.  
  East Orange, NJ 07018  
  (973) 395-4348 / (973) 715-9989

  *Services:* Transitional housing and intensive case management for female ex-offenders.
Special Purpose Shelters/Housing Assistance

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

- Safehouse
  P.O. Box 1887
  Bloomfeild, NJ 07003
  (973) 759-2154 (24 hour hotline)

  Services: Shelter for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.

- Rachel Coalition
  (973) 740-1233 (24 hour hotline, ask for “Rachel”)

  Services: Shelter for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. See legal section for more information about legal services.

- Babyland Family Violence Program
  755 South Orange Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07106
  (973) 484-1704
  24 hour hotline: (973) 399-3400

  Services: Shelter for women and children who have experience domestic violence. Services (and possibly shelter) also offered to men who have experienced domestic violence. Counseling, community support, and legal advocacy available.

VETERAN-ONLY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- HUDVet
  1-877-424-3838

  Services: Free hotline for veterans for questions ranging from homeownership to homelessness.

- G.I. Go Fund
  http://www.gigofund.org/index.html

  Services: Assistance for veterans transitioning to civilian life, including help securing benefits, finding employment, educational advancement, and homeless prevention and assistance.
- **Community Hope**
  

  *Services:* Provides transitional housing and supportive services for veterans and their families. Temporary financial assistance for rent, utilities, security payments, moving costs, childcare, and transportation expenses may be available. Mental illness and addiction services available. Pro bono legal aid donated to veteran residents of the transitional housing program.

- **Homeless Prevention Program**
  
  [1-877 AID VET (877-424-3838)](tel:1-877-AID-VET) or go to:
  [http://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.net](http://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.net) or [www.maketheconnection.net](http://www.maketheconnection.net)

  *Services:* Free, confidential hotline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist veterans, their family, and their friends who are at risk for homelessness or are attempting to exit homelessness access a variety of resources and benefits, including homelessness prevention services, housing support, job training, and healthcare.
Rental Assistance

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

- Subsidized Apartment Search, Public Housing, and Section 8 Vouchers

- Emergency Assistance Program

  **Services:** Aid to meet the emergency needs to TANF/WFNJ, GA, or SSI recipients. Eligibility includes such circumstances as natural disaster, an eviction, family violence, and others. Assistance may include food, clothing, shelter, **retroactive payment of rent/mortgage, utilities in arrears, security deposits, moving expenses,** and furniture.

- Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)

  **Services:** Payment for **back rent** given to an applicant/recipient landlord in order to prevent homelessness of TANF/WFNJ, GA, or SSI recipients facing eviction and need help to stay in the current residence.

- La Casa De Don Pedro Emergency Housing Assistance Program
  76 Clinton Avenue
  Newark, NJ 07114
  (973) 624-4222

  **Services:** Limited program to provide **rental/mortgage or rental down payment assistance** where legitimate need and capacity to maintain continued occupancy are demonstrated. Clients must demonstrate genuine emergency of homelessness or eviction with proof of income and proof of their emergency situation. If funding is not available, La Casa collaborates with other homelessness prevention and assistance organizations to secure adequate assistance for the situation.

OTHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Center for Food Action Homelessness Prevention Program
  (201) 569-1804
Services: Provides rental assistance, security deposits, or utility assistance as a temporary way to bridge a gap in income. Up to one month’s back rent paid to landlord for those who have received an eviction notice or the first month’s rent on a new, more affordable apartment, up to a capped amount. For those with Section 8 vouchers or seniors, security deposit assistance is available. Additionally, aid is available to pay up to one month’s utility bill to prevent shut-off services, paid directly to the utility company; will also pay for fuel oil for heating. Assistance will not be provided to anyone currently on welfare. An appointment will need to be set up with the CFA nearest the individual to provide requisite documentation before assistance will be given.

- Apostles House Housing Relocation Program
  http://apostleshouse.org/programs.php

  Services: Provides rental security assistance to low income working families with dependent children. Amount of aid unknown.

- Focus
  441-443 Broad Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 624-2528 ext. 114

  Services: Provides aid to be used towards a security deposit, first month’s rent, and mortgage payments. Referral required. Limited to Essex residents with photo ID. Proof of income required. Call Monday-Friday 8:30-11 am.

- East Orange-Orange Community Development Corporation
  490 Main St.
  East Orange, NJ 07017
  (973) 677-7333

  Services: Provides rental assistance, utility assistance, and supportive services to those who are in danger of eviction or foreclosure or who are currently homeless. Economic crisis must be temporary, beyond the control of the applicant, and have documentation. Applicant may not have lived in a shelter greater than three time prior to seeking financial assistance from EOOCDC or be receiving other rental assistance, such as Section 8. If applicable, applicant must be able and willing to receive treatment for addiction.

- Isaiah House Homeless Prevention Program
  http://www.isaiahhouse.org/homeless-prevention.php

  Services: Program for low income East Orange residents with children that provides payments for back rent, security deposits, or utility arrearages. For those with rental
arrears, a court summons is required; up to one month’s rent will be paid. For relocation assistance (security deposit), proof of eviction is required. For those needing help with utilities, a bill with a shut-off notice is required; $500 maximum assistance. Individuals may apply for assistance through this program once a year.
Becoming a Homeowner

HOME BUYING GUIDES

- HUD Home Buying Booklet

  Information on important keywords to the home buying process, as well as advice on obtaining the best deal and fair lending practices.

FINANCING RESOURCES

- Veteran’s Association - Home Loans

  Program guarantees private loans for eligible veterans and active duty military (and families). Down payment and private mortgage insurance not required under most circumstances. Closing cost maximums are set and closing costs may be paid by the seller under the VA rules. No early payment fees charged. Financial aid available if the borrower is unable to make payments due to temporary financial hardship. There is no first-time homebuyer restriction. The VA-backed loan may be used to purchase a completed home or condominium (in a VA-approved project), to build a new home, to purchase and to improve a home, to make a home more energy-efficient, or to purchase a manufactured home and/or lot.

- NJ HMFA - First-Time Homebuyer Program

  Program offers a below-market, fixed interest 30-year mortgages with low down payments (must come from borrower’s own liquid assets). Certain closing costs may be gifted from family members, non-profit organizations, or government agencies. Debt-to-income ratios limits. Must qualify as a “First-Time Homebuyer.” Income limits and purchase price limits exist for both statewide and Urban Target Areas; loans with FHA, VA, and/or USDA must adhere to the agency’s and HMFA guidelines. Mortgage insurance is required on all conventional loans for certain high LTV. Properties may be one-family units (including all condos) and 2- to 4-family dwellings that have been in existence for 5 or more years in the state of New Jersey. (If Urban Target Area, may be any new or existing 2-unit dwelling.)

- NJ HMFA - Urban Target Areas (UTAs)

  Site evaluator:
Program that allows buyers to access the first-time homebuyer loan rates and conditions with higher income limits, higher house purchase prices, and without being a first-time homebuyer (but may not own a home at time of closing) if the purchase is in a designated Urban Target Area.

Police and Firefighter Retirement System Mortgage Program
http://www.njhousing.gov/dca/hmfa/homeownership/buyers/retire/

Mortgage for active members (>1 year of service) of the New Jersey Police and Firefighter Retirement System (PFRS) to buy a home (first-time or trade-up) or refinance an existing home. Purchase price limits. Rates set in February and August. Mortgage insurance required on down payments less than 20%. Limits on second mortgages. Requires non-refundable application feel and a low servicing fee that is applied to the mortgage payment. Properties may be one- or two-family residences and condominiums located within the State of New Jersey; vacant land used to construct an eligible 1- or 2-family dwelling that will be habitable as the borrower’s primary residence within 120 days of closing is also eligible.

GRANTS + DOWN-PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Homeward Bound Homebuyer Mortgage Program
http://www.njhousing.gov/dca/hmfa/homeownership/buyers/homeward/

Purchase money only loan for first-time homebuyers and trade-up/trade-downs. Property must be within the State of New Jersey and comply with any and all guidelines and the insurer/guarantor; must be borrower’s primary residence within 60 days of closing and borrow must maintain occupancy for the life of the loan. Individual eligibility is determined by the respective Federal Agency (FHA, VA, or USDA) guidelines. Must have a credit score of 620 or higher (middle score of three credit repositories used). Borrow may fund closing costs with a NJHMFA Smart Start loan (if eligible) but escrow payments must be paid from borrower’s liquid assets. Down payments are based on the insurer's/guarantor's guidelines.

Smart Start

Site Evaluator: www.njhousing.gov/homeownership/buyers/site

Program offered to participants in the First-Time Homebuyer Program who are purchasing homes in Smart Growth Areas. Gives access to a second mortgage for down payment and/or closing costs up to 4% of the first mortgage interest free (but additional interest will be added to the first mortgage). Limits on personal assets. Property must be occupied as the borrower’s primary residence within 60 days of closing and the borrower must maintain occupancy for the life of the loan. No
prepayment penalty. The principal on the second mortgage will be satisfied if the buyer lives in the home for five years. If the borrower conveys, refinances, or claims another principal residence, the principal will need to be repaid at a prorated amount, based on time elapsed.

- **East Orange HOMEBuyers Purchase Program**
  [http://bit.ly/1Hr1J4U](http://bit.ly/1Hr1J4U)

Program that provides **deferred payment loans** (0% interest rate) on eligible properties within the city of East Orange (paid back when the home is resold). Must be first-time homebuyers and be have an annual income less than or equal to 80% AMI. Aid amount may be between $1000 and the maximum determined on a sliding scale based on the primary mortgage. The deferred payment loan may be used for **down payment assistance, closing costs, interest buy down, and/or mortgage buy down.** Front-end debt limits, applicant must contribute 1.5% of down payment from personal savings, and have two months of mortgage payments set aside. Must complete post credit counseling after close. Major systems must have set life expectancy at close. Property may be a one- to four-unit house, a condominium, a cooperative unit, a manufactured home (must be connected to permanent utility hook-ups upon completion). If HOME funds are used are used to help purchase acquire multiple units, HOME rental affordability requirements apply to all rental units. Funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or construct a property (including hard and soft costs).
Transition to Homeownership Assistance

- Section 8 Homeownership Program

Participants in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are eligible for this program and could become homeowners provided they meet all Section 8 Homeownership Program eligibility requirements. The Housing Choice Voucher that is currently used towards rental payments will be applied towards homeownership expenses including principal and interest on mortgage debt, insurance, taxes, utilities and other homeownership expenses.
Foreclosure Prevention

- **Making Home Affordable (MHA)**

  Program designed to help homeowners get **mortgage help** and avoid foreclosure. Options include lowering monthly mortgage payments, aid in refinancing (especially if the loan is greater than the value of the home), homeownership exit assistance (including relocation assistance up to $10,000), and suspension of mortgage payments during unemployment.

**HUD-CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELING ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Tri-City Peoples Corporation**

  **Services**: Offers counseling for residents of Newark, East Orange, & Irvington. Counseling services are **free**, but there is a small fee for Reverse Mortgage Counseling and First Time Home Buyers (for a credit report). All areas of housing counseling. Spanish available.

- **Urban League of Essex County**
  Urban League of Essex County
  508 Central Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07107
  [http://www.ulec.org/content/housing-education-and-counseling](http://www.ulec.org/content/housing-education-and-counseling)

  Olga Montero, Housing Counselor
  (973) 624-9535 ext. 156

  **Services**: For residents of Essex County. Offer Road to Homeownership (Pre-Purchase) classes one Saturday a month as well as general housing counseling appointments. Cost is unknown.

- **New Jersey Citizen Action**
  NJCA Financial Education and Technology Center
  24 Commerce St., Suite 504
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 643-8800
  [financialed@njcitizenaction.org](mailto:financialed@njcitizenaction.org)
  [http://www.njcitizenaction.org/financial.html](http://www.njcitizenaction.org/financial.html)
Services: For residents of North Jersey. Provides financial education and one-on-one counseling. Also has a Loan Counseling Services that refers participants to banks that participate in the Community Reinvestment Act to offer below market mortgages and home improvement loans. Cost is unknown.

- **Las Casa de Don Pedro**
  For First Time Home Buyer Education: 39 Broadway, Newark, NJ 07104
  For Foreclosure Prevention Program: 317 Roseville Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107

  For Emergency Housing Assistance: 76 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07114
  Dorothy Rivers
  (973) 485-0701 ext. 4622
  drivers@lacasanwk.org

Services: For Newark residents. Provides housing counseling and have a First Time Home Buyer Education Program, a Foreclosure Prevention Program, and an Emergency Housing Assistance Program. May provide direct emergency assistance when funding is available. Spanish available. Cost unknown.

- **HOMECorp**
  One Woodland Ave.
  Montclair, NJ 07042

  Victoria Lindsey: (973) 744-4141

Services: For residents of Montclair. Provides full variety of housing counseling and seminars on common topics. Counseling may be offered off-site if requested. Fee of $50 for First Time Homebuyer class.
Utilities and Weatherization Assistance

- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

  **Services:** Assistance for heating and cooling for low income families (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level). Must pay heating hosts to the fuel supplier directly to be eligible. SNAP and PAAD recipients are automatically screened for this program and only need to fill out an application if requested by the agency responsible. Heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region. The medically necessary cooling assistance benefit amount will be $200, which will be issued as a direct credit to an active electric account in our system, otherwise they will be issued as one party check to the eligible applicant.

- **Universal Service Fund – State of New Jersey**

  **Services:** Subsidies for natural gas and electric bills for low-income households (at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Level). Must spend more than 3% of income on for electricity and 3% on natural gas or 6% on electricity if heating is electrical. Applicants must be paying heating costs to the fuel supplier directly. SNAP and PAAD recipients are automatically screened for this program and only need to fill out an application if requested by the agency responsible.

  **Additional Services:** The Fresh Start program under USF allows eligible New Jersey households to earn forgiveness of pre-existing arrearages by making full, on-time payments for 12 months. If a household is eligible, it will be enrolled automatically into the program and receive information about the program by email.

- **Weatherization Assistance Program**
  [www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/wap.html](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/wap.html)

  **Services:** Payments/rebates for: 1) A home energy audit and 2) installation of energy efficient measures which may include air sealing, insulation, heating system repair and/or replacement of refrigerators and heating systems if necessary. To be eligible, a household must have a gross income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

- **NJ SHARES – Energy Assistance**
  [http://www.njshares.org/aboutNJShares/energy-assistance.asp](http://www.njshares.org/aboutNJShares/energy-assistance.asp)

  **Services:** Aid up to $700 for heating source (gas and electric heat) and up to $500 for electric service for low to moderate income families experiencing temporary financial
hardship. Grants must result in continuance and/or restoration of service. Applicants must demonstrate temporary financial need, reside in New Jersey, be behind on their energy bill, be over the limit for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF), have an income that doesn’t exceed 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, and have made a good-faith payment of at least $100 within 90 days of applying. Seniors and the disabled may also be eligible.

- **Lifeline Program**
  
  [http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/lifelinedetail.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/home/lifelinedetail.html)

  *Services:* Up to $225 for electric and gas utility bills, credit if paying directly and check if utilities are included in rent OR $18.75 per month to recipients of SSI. Applicants must receive SSI or meet PAAD eligibility requirements and have an annual income less than $26,575 if single and $32,582 if married. Limited to one tenant per household.

- **Winter Termination Program**
  
  1-800-624-0241

  *Services:* Utility companies may not discontinue services between November 15 through March 15 for customers receiving LIHEAP, TANF/WFNJ, SSI, PAAD, GA, or USF.

- **Payment Assistance for Gas & Electric (PAGE)**
  
  [http://www.njpoweron.org/page.html](http://www.njpoweron.org/page.html)

  *Services:* Annual assistance program for utility bills. For low to moderate income families. Homeowners and renters are eligible if they have not received USF in the past 6 months and HEA within the last heating season, are facing a documented crisis, have received notice of overdue payment for gas and/or electric service, and have a record of making regular payments toward their utility bills.

- **H2O Help to Others**
  
  1-800-272-1325
  
  [http://www.njshares.org/whereToApply/index.asp](http://www.njshares.org/whereToApply/index.asp) (Agencies with a blue home symbol with a star)

  *Services:* Grants up to $500 to pay unpaid bills for water usage. To qualify, customers must have had their water shut off or have received a notice with the threat to shut off service, a total monthly income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and must have proof of a good faith payment of at least $100 on their account within 90 days of applying.

- **H2O Help to Others - Low Income Payment Program (LIPP)**
  
  1-800-272-1325
http://www.njshares.org/whereToApply/index.asp (Agencies with a blue home symbol with a star)

Services: Recurring assistance to cover up to 20% of a customer’s monthly usage. To qualify, the total monthly household income must be under 200% of the Federal Poverty level and the client must have proof of a good faith payment of at least $100 on their account within 90 days of applying.

- United Water Cares
  http://www.uwcares.org/

Services: Water bill forgiveness payment up to $100 for any United Water customers undergoing a temporary crisis that makes paying the water bill difficult. Applicant must be a United Water customer experiencing financial crisis, be “at risk” for service termination or currently without service, have paid at least $20 on their account within 90 days, and has not received assistance from this program within 12 months. Aid may only be used for consumption charges (not deposits, reconnection fees, or repairs), and must continue or restore service.
SOCIAL SERVICES
General Applications and Benefits Finders

- New Jersey One App
  https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us/default.aspx

  Services: Online tool to determine eligibility for Health and Social Services. Screening takes 10-15 minutes and information provided is confidential. Apply for New Jersey Social Services online in about 20-45 minutes. No longer accepts Medicaid applications.

- Social Security Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool (BEST)
  http://ssabest.benefits.gov/


- Benefits.gov
  http://www.benefits.gov/

  Services: Search tool for more than 1,000 benefit programs and determine eligibility, including energy assistance, housing, living assistance, loan/loan repayment, tax assistance, and military.

- NJHelps
  http://www.njhelps.org/

  Services: Self-screen for 28+ state and federal programs, including those for housing, and get links to online applications/forms. Some links no longer work.
Communication Payment Assistance

- **Communications Lifeline**
  1-888-337-3339

  *Services*: Discounts for basic phone service that reduce the cost of the plan of zero to $1.95/month for existing Verizon residential customers who receive SNAP, GA, SSI, Home Energy Assistance Program, Lifeline Utility Credit/Tenants Lifeline Assistance, PAAD, Section 8, National School Lunch Program, or TANF/WFNJ or if 65 and older and annual income is 150% or below federal poverty income level.

- **JerseyOn**
  [https://jerseyon.org/get-connected/](https://jerseyon.org/get-connected/)

  *Services*: Internet access for as little as $10 a month for Newark residents; those with children enrolled in school may receive service for free (participants in My Brother’s Keeper). Limits on speed past low data limits in some areas (service offered by T-mobile).

- **Lifeline Program for Low-Income Consumers**
  [https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline](https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline)

  *Services*: Payment assistance to low-income individuals for landline service and pre-paid wireless service. Eligible if household income is at or below 135% of the federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in/receive Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, Section 8/Housing Choice vouchers, LIHEAP, TANF, National School Lunch Program’s Free Lunch Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs GA, TTANF, FDPIR, Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met), and some state assistance programs. One discount per household. Support may also be available for combinations of broadband and telephone service.
Family Success Centers

Funded through the NJ Department for Children and Families, Family Success Centers are “one-stop” shops that provide free wrap-around resources for families in crises. Programs include access to information on child/maternal/family health services, referrals to local health care services, employment-related/income security/economic self-sufficiency services, information and referral services, life skills training (budgeting, nutrition, etc.), housing-related services, parent education, parent-child activities, and advocacy.

- Babyland Family Success Center
  755 South Orange Avenue
  Newark, NJ 07106
  973-399-3400

- Central and West Ward Family Success Center
  982 Broad Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  973-639-2100

- East Orange Family Success Center
  60 Evergreen Place, Suite 307
  East Orange, NJ 07018
  973-395-1442

- FOCUS Family Success Center
  441-443 Broad Street
  Newark, NJ 07102
  973-624-2528 ext. 114

- Ironbound Community Corporation Family Success Center - Cortland Street
  29-31 Cortland Street
  Newark, NJ 07105
  973-344-5949 x201

- Ironbound Community Corporation Family Success Center - Elm Street
  317 Elm Street
  Newark, NJ 07105
  973-465-0555 ext 202

- Irvington Family Development Center Family Success Center
  50 Union Avenue, Suite 403
  Irvington, NJ 07111
  973-372-4353 x17
- LaCasa’s Family Success Center I
  23 Broadway
  Newark, NJ 07104
  973-483-2703 Ext. 2218

- LaCasa’s Family Success Center II
  282 First Avenue
  Newark, NJ 07107
  973-482-9002

- The North Ward Center Family Success Center
  286 Mt. Prospect Avenue
  Newark, NJ 07104
  973-485-5723
Disability Assistance

- Temporary Disability Application
  http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/tdi/apply/download_ds1.html

- Disability during Unemployment
Personal Assistance (60+ years old)

- Aging & Disability Resource Connection – Essex County
  (973) 395-8375
  http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/jacc/

  Services: Homemaker services, environmental accessibility adaptations, home-delivered meal service, caregiver training, transportation, chore services, attendant care, home-based supportive care, and other personal services are available to U.S. citizen residents of New Jersey not in a care facility who has no alternate means available to secure needed services and have been determined to be clinically eligible for a nursing facility level of care. Individual must be financially ineligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waiver services, have a monthly income that is no more than 365% of the Federal Poverty level ($3,581 for individual or $4847 for couples per month), and have countable resources at or below $40,000 for an individual or $60,000 for a couple. Depending on income, a copay may be required.
Food Pantries/Soup Kitchens

- **East Orange Community Development Corporation**
  490 Main St.
  East Orange, NJ 07017
  (973) 266-5315

  *Services:* Food pantry M-F 9-1. Also available are a thrift shop, social services, and rental/utility assistance when funds allow.

- **Apostle’s House**
  18-24 Grant St.
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 482-0625 / (973) 482-6609

  *Services:* Food pantry M, W, F 9-3. See entry in shelter section for shelter services. Substance abuse counseling available.

- **Feed the Hungry at St. John’s**
  22 Mulberry St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 623-0822

  *Services:* Breakfast (8:30 am) and lunch (11:30 am) Tuesdays through Saturdays. Open 7 am – 3 pm.

- **Salvation Army**
  699 Springfield Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 375-5933

  *Services:* Pantry sign up Thursday, food available Friday from 10-2. Requires proof of residence (lease), proof of income, and ID.
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Online Career and Job Information

- **CareerOneStop**

  *Services:* Comprehensive career exploration website sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Offers specialized sections of the website for students, veterans, those with disabilities, those with criminal convictions, career changers, older workers, entry-level workers, and credential seekers. Also provides links to local resources.

- **US Dept. of Labor – Job and Career Information**

  *Services:* Website developed by the Educational and Training Administration (Dept. of Labor) to assist in job and career development. Includes assessment tools, tips for switching careers, a job search tool, tips for dealing with job loss, and information on gaining experience and credentials, and information on workers’ rights.

- **New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator**
  [https://njcis.intocareers.org/materials/portal/home.html](https://njcis.intocareers.org/materials/portal/home.html)

  *Services:* Free web-based career guidance system. Includes assessments for matching careers to interests, details on various potential careers, and the education required to be a good fit for the careers. Also gives tips on job searches and on keeping a job.
Job Search Tools

- **OnRamp**  
  [https://webos.dol.state.nj.us/Career/Login.aspx](https://webos.dol.state.nj.us/Career/Login.aspx)

  *Services:* Targeted job search website developed by Jobs4Jersey.

- **USAJobs**  
  [https://www.usajobs.gov/](https://www.usajobs.gov/)

  *Services:* Jobs search tool for government jobs, including military reserves.

- **Local Job Fairs**  
  View upcoming job fairs in the Newark area.

  *State web site:* [http://lwd.state.nj.us/WorkForceDirectory/jobfair.jsp](http://lwd.state.nj.us/WorkForceDirectory/jobfair.jsp)  
  *Eventbrite:* [https://www.eventbrite.com/d/nj--newark/job-fair/?view=list](https://www.eventbrite.com/d/nj--newark/job-fair/?view=list)
Local Job and Career Training/Information

- **One-Stop Career Center – East Orange**
  50 S. Clinton St., 2nd Floor
  East Orange, NJ 07018
  973.395.5839

  *Services:* Provides job referrals, job fairs, workshops, resume help, education help, and access to computers, faxes, and copy machines. Also has programs specifically for veterans, those with disabilities, youth, those over 55 years old, and ex-offenders.

- **One-Stop Career Center – Newark**
  990 Broad St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
  973.648.3370

  *Services:* Provides job referrals, job fairs, workshops, resume help, education help, and access to computers, faxes, and copy machines. Also has programs specifically for veterans, those with disabilities, youth, those over 55 years old, and ex-offenders.

- **Council for Airport Opportunity – Newark Center**
  17 Academy St., 5th Floor
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 622-4537

  *Services:* Offers job search and referral assistance, career counseling, skills training, and apprenticeship opportunities. Apply online first: [http://www.caonynj.com/apply-now](http://www.caonynj.com/apply-now)

- **FOCUS Hispanic Center for Community Development**
  441-443 Broad St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 624-2528

  *Services:* Provides education (including ESL) and employment/training services. For Essex and west Hudson County residents.
- **La Casa de Don Pedro**
  39 Broadway
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 481-4713

  *Services:* Provides ESL and GED courses. For Essex County residents.

- **Northward Center - Newark Business Training Institute**
  246 Mount Prospect Ave.
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 268-8900

  *Services:* Provides an ESL course that emphasizes work-related language skills to increase employability. Also assists with job readiness, financial literacy, and workforce development in the class.

- **East Orange-Orange Community Development Corporation**
  490 Main St.
  East Orange, NJ 07017
  (973) 266-7333
  [http://www.eoocdc.org/services-offered/](http://www.eoocdc.org/services-offered/)

  *Services:* Clients are provided a case manager who assists with creating a resume, the job search, practicing interviews, and gaining customer service skills. Interview clothing may be provided if needed by client.

- **New Community Corporation Adult Learning Center**
  131-185 Bergen St.
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 565-9500

  *Services:* Provides ESL, ABE, pre-GED, GED, computer literacy, and typing courses to adult students. Also assists with job searches and referrals.

- **YMCA Newark**
  600 Broad St.
  Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 624-8900
http://www.newarkymca.org/emergencyresidence.cfm

Services: Provides employment assistance to those in the emergency residence program.
Local Temp Agencies

- **Labor Ready**
  186 W. Market St., #109
  Newark, NJ 07103
  (973) 824-1690
  1804-BR@laborready.com
  http://www.laborready.com/locations/branch/1804

  *Employment Type:* Various temporary and temporary-to-permanent positions

- **Update Legal**
  One Riverfront Plaza – The Legal Center
  1037 Raymond Blvd, Suite 310
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 464-4660
  newjersey@updatelegal.com

  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent attorney, paralegal, and litigation support staff positions

- **Brickforce Industrial**
  183 Ferry St
  Newark, NJ 07105
  (973) 491-6441

  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent light industrial positions

- **Advance Talent Solutions**
  https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/AdvanceTalentSolutions1/

  *Employment Type:* Various temporary and permanent positions (predominantly teaching and support roles at charter schools in Newark)

- **Staff Management (SMX)**
  https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/AdvanceTalentSolutions1/

  *Employment Type:* Various temporary and permanent positions (predominantly teaching and support roles at charter schools.)
- **CommandCare**
  (844) 263-2273
  [http://commandcare.com/opportunities.htm](http://commandcare.com/opportunities.htm)
  
  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent positions for RNs, LPNs, home health aides, and therapists

- **Always Home Care**
  625 Mount Prospect Ave
  Newark, NJ 07104
  (973) 481-1500
  [alwayshomecareinc@yahoo.com](mailto:alwayshomecareinc@yahoo.com)
  [http://www.alwayshomecare.org/job-opportunities.html](http://www.alwayshomecare.org/job-opportunities.html)
  
  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent positions for RNs, home health aides, and marketing specialists
  
  *Training Available:* New Jersey Home Health Aide Homemaker Training Program

- **Best Home Health Care**
  879 Bergen Avenue, Suite 200
  Jersey City, NJ 07306
  (201) 798-7600
  
  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent positions for RNs and home health aides

- **Secura Home Health**
  24 Commerce St., Suite 607
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 623-2212
  [ptran@securahomehealth.com](mailto:ptran@securahomehealth.com)
  [http://www.securahomehealth.com/work_us.html](http://www.securahomehealth.com/work_us.html)
  
  *Employment Type:* Temporary and permanent positions for RNs, home health aides, and administrators
Interview Clothing Resources

- **Dress for Success / Career Gear – Hudson County**
  121-125 Newark Ave., 3rd Floor
  Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
  201.395.0202

  *Services:* Provides gently used interview attire for **women** (Dress for Success) and **men** (Career Gear). Requires scheduled interview with potential employer. **Referral required.**

- **Dress for Success - Morris County**
  Madison Community House
  25 Cook Ave.
  Madison, New Jersey 07940
  973.822.3188

  *Services:* Provides gently used interview attire for **women.** Requires scheduled interview with potential employer. **Referral required.** (Many Essex County charities on referral list.)

- **NCJW/Essex Center for Women – Career Closet**
  Career Closet of NCJW/Essex
  349 East Northfield Rd., LL-1
  Livingston, New Jersey
  973.994.4994

  *Services:* Provides gently used interview attire for **women** who are assisted by volunteer personal shoppers. **Requires referral** (social service agency or a Center for Women Case Manager) **and an appointment.**
Unemployment Resources

- **Unemployment Insurance Claims**
  
  https://njsuccess.dol.state.nj.us/html/uimain.html

  *Services:* File, reopen, or modify unemployment claims.

- **Disability during Unemployment**
  

  *Services:* Information on disability insurance while unemployed.
Miscellaneous

- **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)**

  *Services*: Employment and savings incentive program for holders of Section 8 vouchers. Offers case management to help participants pursue education, job training, counseling, child care, financial literacy, and other forms of social service assistance while still living in assisted housing and an escrow accounts into which the PHA deposits increased rental charges that a family pays as its earnings rise; these funds may be withdraw for any purpose after 5 years. Incentivizes higher-paying jobs and allows for families to save for repairs, homeownership, emergency funds, etc.
LEGAL ASSISTANCE

General Population

- Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
  (973) 645-1955
  vlj@vljn.org
  http://www.vljnj.org/get-help/

  Services: For economically disadvantaged residents of New Jersey. Pro bono representation and free criminal expungement informational sessions and legal consultations. Free walk-in legal clinics.

- Newark Reentry Legal Services (ReLeSe) Network
  (973) 645-0022
  relese@vljn.org

  Services: For individuals with criminal records. Legal services to help with civil legal matters that are barriers to successful community reintegration.

- Rachel Coalition
  (973) 765-9065

  Services: Free legal representation and consultations to victims of domestic violence proceedings in Family Court.

- American Civil Liberties Union of NJ (ACLU-NJ)
  (973) 642-2084

  Services: Free representation in the areas of criminal justice, immigrant rights, election and voting, free speech and expression, gay and lesbian rights, religious freedom, student and youth rights, poverty rights, prisons, privacy discrimination, national security police practices, reproductive freedom, open government and cyber-liberties.

- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
  89 Market St., 6th Floor
  Newark, NJ 07102
  Immigrant Rights: (973) 643-1924
  Criminal Justice: (973) 643-3079
  https://www.afsc.org/office/newark-nj

  Services: Consultations, full representation, and outreach/training for immigration legal matters (except employment-based issues). Also has some criminal justice services.
- **Association of Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) KidLaw**  
  (973) 643-3876 ext. 220  
  [http://acnj.org/gethelp/](http://acnj.org/gethelp/)  

  *Services*: Information and training on legal issues affecting children.

- **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop Francis Center for Immigration Services**  
  (973) 733-3516  

  *Services*: Low-cost, fee-for-service legal assistance for all phases of immigration and naturalization proceedings, representation in deportation or exclusion proceedings before the Immigration Court, and assistance with any immigration or citizenship matter. Walk-ins accepted T 9am – 11am and Th 4pm – 6pm for initial consultation. Consultation fee of $50 for general immigration cases and $60 if the case is in immigration court or a deportation; payable by money order. Hours of operation are M-F 9-5.

- **Community Health Law Project**  
  185 Valley St.  
  South Orange, NJ 07079  
  (973) 680-5599; TTY (973) 680-1116  
  [http://www.chlp.org/programs](http://www.chlp.org/programs)

  *Services*: Representation and consultations regarding social security, landlord/tenant issues, public entitlements, health care, advance directives, and living wills.

- **Covenant House Youth Advocacy Center**  
  330 Washington St.  
  Newark, NJ 07102  
  (973) 621-8705  
  [https://nj.covenanthouse.org/supportive-services](https://nj.covenanthouse.org/supportive-services)

  *Services*: Representation for at-risk youth 18-21 in civil legal matters, including immigration, housing, and public benefits.

- **Education Law Center**  
  (973) 624-1815; TTY (973) 624-4618
Services: Representation for parents of disadvantaged children in areas of access to public education, student rights, school discipline, special education, school district admissions, and alternative education. Also advocates for access to public education.

- Essex County Legal Aid Association
  (973) 622-0063
  Services: Legal advice and legal counseling on landlord/tenant issues, family law, and civil law (under $5,000).

- Essex-Newark Legal Services
  5 Commerce St., 2nd Floor
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 624-4500
  Hotline: 1-888-576-5529
  Services: Free hotline that provides advice and referrals for cases involving anti-predatory lending, consumer protections/legal defense, domestic violence, education, family, health care access, immigration, legal assistance to patients, prisoner reentry, senior citizen, SSI, Worker/Farm worker rights. Also provides legal representation for economically disadvantaged residents of Essex County.

- Essex County Prosecutor’s Office Victim-Witness Advocacy
  50 W Market St., 3rd Floor
  Newark, NJ 07102
  (973) 621-4687
  http://www.njecpo.org/vw/index.php
  Services: Assists victims of crime and persons who are required to testify as witnesses in criminal cases. M-F 8:30-5:00.

- Essex County Public Defender’s Office
  (973) 648-6200
  http://www.nj.gov/defender/client/#1
  Services: Representation for children who are victims of abuse and neglect (Office of Law Guardian), for parents in Title 30 cases (Office of Parental Representation), and individuals involved in Megan’s law “tier classification” hearings (Special Hearings unit). Also provides services to those accused of criminal offenses in adult court or any offense in juvenile court.
Veterans-only

- Veteran Justice Initiative

  *Services:* Representation on cases provided pro bono by Lowenstein Sandler law firm to homeless veterans.

Additional Legal Resources
See brochure for additional legal resources in NJ (sorted by area of law on page 7):
[http://law.shu.edu/ProgramsCenters/PublicIntGovServ/CSJ/upload/pro-bono-service-program-brochure.pdf](http://law.shu.edu/ProgramsCenters/PublicIntGovServ/CSJ/upload/pro-bono-service-program-brochure.pdf)