

Atlantic

Home To Work Program

The Women's Center
(609) 601-9925

Bergen

Displaced Homemakers Center at The Bergen One-Stop

Bergen County Technical Schools
(201) 343-6000 ext. 5533

Displaced Homemaker Program

Women's Rights Information Center
(201) 568-1166

Burlington

Women's Opportunity Center

YMCA of Burlington and Camden Counties
(609) 543-6200, ext. 224

Essex

The Linda & Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women

National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section
(973) 994-4994

Gloucester

Center for People in Transition

Rowan College at Gloucester County
(856) 415-2264

Hudson

Hispanic Women's Resource Center

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
(201) 325-4800

Hunterdon

Career & Life Transitions Center for Women

NORWESCAP
(908) 788-1453

Middlesex

Women In Transition

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County
(732) 777-1940

Monmouth

Displaced Homemakers Services

Brookdale at Long Branch
(732) 739-6020

Morris

The Women's Center

County College of Morris
(973) 328-5025

Ocean

Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County

Ocean County College
(732) 255-0400 ext. 2297

Passaic

Women in Transition

Wayne Counseling Center, Inc.
(973) 694-9215

Sussex

Displaced Homemaker Program

Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County
(973) 940-3500

Warren

Career & Life Transitions Center for Women

NORWESCAP
(908) 835-2624

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New Jersey Displaced Homemaker Programs



The New Jersey Division on Women (DOW) was established by statute in 1974 as a pioneering state agency for women's advocacy. Today, DOW is proud to continue the tradition of advocating for women's rights and opportunities by funding organizations, agencies and programs that serve New Jersey women.

DOW funds 15 displaced homemaker programs and fosters services that empower women. DOW is committed to supporting services for displaced homemakers to help them become economically self-sufficient. Displaced homemaker programs are listed in this brochure. If there is no program in your county, please contact a program in a neighboring county.

Displaced Homemaker Program History

In 1979, New Jersey enacted the Displaced Homemakers Act to assist individuals who lost their primary source of income due to divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse and must obtain or upgrade skills to transition into the labor market.

In 2013, legislation was enacted designating May as "Displaced Homemakers Awareness Month" in New Jersey.



Who Are Displaced Homemakers?

Displaced homemakers are individuals who have worked in the home for a number of years and, due to the divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse, now find themselves as the primary source of household income. In many cases displaced homemakers may be underemployed and unable to support either themselves or their children. Displaced homemakers may need to return to the workforce after having lost their primary source of financial support.

DOW's displaced homemaker programs help participants obtain or upgrade skills for the labor market. The goal is to help individuals become economically self-sufficient through education, job readiness, networking, outreach, referrals and emotional support.

Displaced Homemaker Program Core Services

Displaced homemaker programs enhance the employability and earnings of displaced homemakers and improve an entire family's quality of life. With supportive counseling and training, displaced homemakers are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Case Management

- Short-Term and Long-Term Goals
- Plan of Action
- Follow-up

Educational and Vocational Assessment and Training

- Personality and Career Exploration
- Evaluation, Assessment and Counseling
- Develop Career, Education, Vocational or Training Plan

Education and Training

- Life Skills Training
- Job Readiness Development and Training
- Computer Training/Literacy
- In Demand Career Exploration

Career Services/Counseling

- Individual and Group Career Counseling and Development
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Interviewing Techniques
- Pre-Employment Workshops
- Job Search, Development and Placement Assistance

Workshops

- Entrepreneurial
- Self Esteem, Assertiveness and Self-Development
- Decision-making
- Effective Communication Skills
- Stress and Time Management
- Legal Clinics or Referrals
- Financial Management
- Violence Against Women (Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking)
- Health Issues