

Free and Low Cost Legal and Advocate Services

**The New Jersey Department of Education
Office of Special Education**

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Introduction

A variety of free and low-cost legal services and advocate services are available to assist parent(s), guardians, and students with disabilities in resolving disputes with local education agencies over the provision of special education services. This listing may not be an exhaustive representation of all legal and advocate service options available throughout the state of New Jersey. Inclusion on this listing does not constitute an endorsement by the New Jersey Department of Education. The nature and extent of the services are determined by the parent(s), guardians, student, and the agency or advocate. Please refer to the organization's website for further details and the appropriate means of contact.

Legal Services

Community Health Law Project

185 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
973-275-1175
917-275-1721 (TTY)
Website: chlp.org/home
Email: chlpinfo@chlp.org

[Community Health Law Project](#) is a statewide not-for-profit advocacy and legal service organization which provides legal representation and advocacy services, training, education, and related activities to persons with disabilities, and chronic health conditions. There are five direct service offices located in Neptune, Bloomfield, Trenton, Elizabeth, and Collingswood with satellite offices located in Jersey City, Toms River, Mt. Holly, and Galloway.

Administrative Office

185 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
973-275-1175
973-275-1721 (TTY)
973-275-5210 (Fax)
Email: chlpinfo@chlp.org

North Jersey

650 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 210
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
973-680-5599
973-680-1116 (TTY)
973-680-1488 (Fax)
Email: bloomfield@chlp.org

East Jersey Main Office

65 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 402
908-355-8282
908-355-3369 (TTY)
908-355-3724 (Fax)
Email: elizabeth@chlp.org

East Jersey Satellite Office

35 Journal Square, Suite 831
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-630-6201
201-239-6365 (Fax)

Shore Area Main Office

3301 Route 66, Building C, Suite 130
Neptune, NJ 07753
732-380-1012
732-380-1015 (Fax)
Email: neptune@chlp.org

Shore Area Satellite Office

250 Washington Street, Suite 5
Toms River, NJ 08753
732-349-6714
732-349-6935 (Fax)

Central Jersey Main Office

225 East State Street, Suite 5
Trenton, NJ 08608
609-392-5553
609-392-5369 (TTY/Fax)
Email: trenton@chlp.org

Central Jersey Satellite Office

4 Commerce Place
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
609-261-3453
609-261-8596 (Fax)

South Jersey Main Office

Station House Office Building
900 Haddon Avenue, Suite 400
Collingswood, NJ 08108
856-858-9500 (Phone/TTY)
856-858-9545 (Fax)
Email: collingswood@chlp.org

South Jersey Satellite Office

160 South Pitney Road
Galloway, NJ 08205
856-858-9500

Disability Rights of New Jersey

210 South Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
800-922-7233 (in NJ only)
609-292-9742 (Voice)
609-633-7106 (TTY)
609-777-0187 (Fax)
Website: disabilityrightsnj.org
Email: advocate@disabilityrightsnj.org

Disability Rights of New Jersey is an independent agency which operates under a model of self-advocacy. Disability Rights of New Jersey empowers parents and students with disabilities by

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providing advice to address concerns or obstacles with their school district under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Section 504, disciplinary concerns, and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Services provided include brief advice or consultation, resources, sample forms and letters, and best practices for gathering information and documentation. Disability Rights of New Jersey also offers webinars and recordings on common obstacles in special education throughout the year. In some instances, Disability Rights of New Jersey may offer representation during formal proceedings such as mediation, due process, complaint investigations, and systemic litigation.

Education and Health Law Clinic

Rutgers Law School – Newark
123 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-353-5561
Website: law.rutgers.edu/education-and-health-law-clinic

The [Education and Health Law Clinic \(EHLIC\)](#) provides free legal representation to low-income parents of students with disabilities in special education, early intervention, and school discipline matters.

Education Law Center, Inc.

60 Park Place, Suite 300
Newark, NJ 07102
973-624-1815
973-624-7339 (Fax)
Website: edlawcenter.org
Email: elc@edlawcenter.org

The [Education Law Center, Inc. \(ELC\)](#) is a nonprofit organization specializing in improving school funding equity and securing essential resources for all students. The Education Law Center provides services to parents seeking legal assistance in the resolution of problems affecting the education of poor children and students with disabilities. Due to limited capacity, legal representation can only be provided to a small number of applicants.

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Legal Services of New Jersey

Statewide Coordinating Office
100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 402
PO Box 1357
Edison, NJ 08818-1357
732-572-9100
888-576-5529 (toll free)
Website: lsnj.org

Legal Services of New Jersey coordinates the statewide Legal Services system, which provides free legal assistance to low-income New Jerseyans for their civil legal problems. New Jersey has six Legal Services Program: 5 regional programs, which provide direct services to clients in all 21 counties through 23 local offices, and Legal Services of New Jersey, the statewide coordinating office.

Statewide Coordinating Office

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100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 402
PO Box 1357
Edison, NJ 08818-1357
732-572-9100
888-576-5529 (toll free)

Atlantic County – South Jersey Legal Services

1300 Atlantic Avenue
Mezzanine Floor
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-348-4200
609-345-6919 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

Bergen County – Northeast NJ Legal Services

190 Moore Street, Suite 100
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-487-2166
Email: nnjls@lsnj.org

Burlington County – South Jersey Legal Services

107 High Street
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
609-261-1088
609-267-7812 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

Camden County – South Jersey Legal Services Administrative Offices

745 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102
856-964-2010
856-338-9227 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

Cape May County – South Jersey Legal Services

1261 Route 9 South
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
609-465-3001
609-465-9018 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

**Cumberland County – South Jersey
Legal Services**

415 W. Landis Avenue
2nd Floor
Vineland, NJ 08360
856-691-0494
856-691-5072 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

**Gloucester County – South Jersey
Legal Services**

47 Newton Avenue
Woodbury, NJ 08096
856-848-5360
856-853-4259 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

**Hunterdon County – Legal Services
of Northwest Jersey**

82 Park Avenue
Flemington, NJ 08822
908-782-7979
908-782-9761 (Fax)
Email: lsnwj-hunterdon@lsnj.org

**Middlesex County – Central Jersey
Legal Services**

317 George Street, Suite 201
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-249-7600
732-249-7966 (Fax)
Email: cjls@lsnj.org

**Monmouth County – South Jersey
Legal Services**

303 West Main Street
3rd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-414-6750
732-414-6757 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

**Essex County – Newark Legal
Services**

5 Commerce Street
2nd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
973-624-4500
Email: enls@lsnj.org

**Hudson County – Northeast NJ Legal
Services**

574 Summit Avenue
2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-792-6363
Email: nnjls@lsnj.org

**Mercer County – Central Jersey Legal
Services**

198 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
609-695-6249
609-392-7952 (Fax)
Email: cjls@lsnj.org

**Middlesex County – Central Jersey
Legal Services**

313 State Street, Suite 308
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732-324-1613
732-324-6253 (Fax)
Email: cjls@lsnj.org

**Morris County – Legal Services of
Northwest Jersey**

30 Schuyler Place
2nd Floor
PO Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963
973-285-6911
973-605-8991 (Fax)
Email: lsnwj-morris@lsnj.org

Ocean County – South Jersey Legal Services

215 Main Street
Toms River, NJ 08753
732-608-7794
732-608-9636 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

Salem County – South Jersey Legal Services

415 W. Landis Avenue
2nd Floor
Vineland, NJ 08360
856-691-0494
856-691-5072 (Fax)
Email: sjls@lsnj.org

Sussex County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

18 Church Street, Suite 120
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-7400
973-383-3469 (Fax)
Email: lsnwj-sussex@lsnj.org

Warren County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

91 Front Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823-1437
908-475-2010
908-475-1719 (Fax)
Email: lsnwj-warren@lsnj.org

Ft. Dix Legal Assistance Office

Ft. Dix Judge Advocate General
5418 S. Scott Plaza
Ft. Dix, NJ 08641
609-562-3295
Website: statesidelegal.org/ft-dix-legal-assistance-office

Stateside Legal assists people with military experience by providing them with information and resources to better understand and protect their rights.

Passaic County – Northeast NJ Legal Services

152 Market Street
6th Floor
Paterson, NJ 07505
973-523-2900
Email: nnjls@lsnj.org

Somerset County – Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

90 East Main Street
3rd Floor
Somerville, NJ 08876
908-231-0840
908-231-6780 (Fax)
Email: lsnwj-somerset@lsnj.org

Union County – Central Jersey Legal Services

60 Prince Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07208
908-354-4340
908-354-4361 (Fax)
Email: cjls@lsnj.org

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Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

PO Box 32040
Newark, NJ 07102
973-645-1955
973-645-1954 (Fax)
Website: vljnj.org
Email: vlj@vljni.org

[Volunteer Lawyers for Justice](#) Children's Representation Program represents eligible parents and guardians of children who have been denied special education services to which they are entitled, represent children who are victims of harassment or bullying at school, or represent children facing discipline issues.

Lawyer Referral Services

Following is a listing of county bar associations that offer lawyer referral services. Locate your county of residence and contact the appropriate service.

Atlantic County Bar Association

1201 Bacharach Boulevard
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-345-3444
Website: atcobar.org

Bergen County Bar Association

15 Bergen Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-488-0044
Website: bergenbar.org

Burlington County Bar Association

137 High Street, 3rd Floor
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
609-261-4862
609-261-4863
Website: burlcobar.org
Email: bcbaburlcobar.org

Camden County Bar Association

1702 Haddonfield-Berlin Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
856-482-0620 x113
856-482-0637 (Fax)
Website: camdencountybar.org

Cape May County Bar Association

9 North Main Street
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210
609-463-0313
Website: cmcba.org

Cumberland County Bar Association

PO Box 2374
Vineland, NJ 08362
856-696-5550
Website: ccnjbar.org
Email: ccba@ccnjbar.org

Essex County Bar Association

470 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102

973-622-6204

Website: essexbar.com

Email: info@essexbar.com

Hudson County Bar Association

583 Newark Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

201-798-4708

Website: hcbalaw.com

Mercer County Bar Association

1245 White Horse Mercerville Road, Suite
420

Mercerville, NJ 08619

609-585-6200

Website: mercerbar.com

Monmouth Bar Association

Monmouth County Court House

Freehold, NJ 07728

732-431-5544

Website: monmouthbarassociation.com

Ocean County Bar Association

PO Box 381

Toms River, NJ 08754

732-240-3666

Website: oceancountybar.org

Salem County Bar Association

856-935-5629

Website: salemcountybar.org

Email: contact@salemcountybar.org

Gloucester County Bar Association

PO Box 338

Woodbury, NJ 08096

856-848-4589

Website: gcbanj.org

Email: baroffice@gcbanj.org

Hunterdon County Bar Association

PO Box 573

Annandale, NJ 08801

908-200-7822

Website: huntcolaw.org

Email: hcba@comcast.net

Middlesex County Bar Association

87 Bayard Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732-828-0053 ext. 100

Website: mcbalaw.com

Email: admin@mcbalaw.com

Morris County Bar Association

245 South Street

Morristown, NJ 07960

973-267-6089

Website: morriscountybar.com

Passaic County Bar Association

401 Grand Street, 3rd Floor

Paterson, NJ 07505

973-345-4585

Website: passaicbar.org

Somerset County Bar Association

20 North Bridge Street HCH 325

Somerville, NJ 08876

908-685-2323

Website: somersetbar.com

Email: director@somersetbar.com

Sussex County Bar Association

61 Spring Street, 4th Floor
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-3900
Website: sussexcountybar.com
Email: info@sussexctybarassoc.com

Union County Bar Association

2 Broad Street, 1st Floor
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
908-353-4715
Website: uclaw.com

Warren County Bar Association

413 Second Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823
908-387-1835
Website: warrencountybar.org
Email: info@warrencountybar.org

Advocacy Services

Advancing Opportunities

1005 Whitehead Road Extension, Suite 1
Ewing, NJ 08638
609-882-4182
888-322-1918 (Toll Free)
609-882-4054 (Fax)
Website: advopps.org
Email: info@advopps.org

[Advancing Opportunities](http://advopps.org), Inc., is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization providing services and supports to people with disabilities and their families so they can live independently. Advancing Opportunities provides a one-on-one individualized service to help parents navigate special education by designing an advocacy campaign to meet the needs of the student to ensure a free and appropriate education is provided. Services are available to families with children who meet the criteria for developmentally or intellectually disabled, at no cost to families. To find out if you child is eligible, contact the Department of Children and Families' Children's System of Care, at 1-877-652-7624.

The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute

985 Livingston Avenue
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
732-246-2525
732-246-2526 (Family Advocacy and Advocacy Services)

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732-214-1834 (Fax)

Website: thearcfamilyinstitute.org

Email: info@arcnj.org

The [Arc of New Jersey](#) is the state's largest organization advocating for and serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc of New Jersey is an affiliated chapter of the national chapter of [The Arc](#), and community-based services are available statewide through our strong network of [Local County Chapters](#). The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute is happy to assist families with children who receive special education and related services. They are able to provide information, education, and advocacy for families who are experiencing difficulty with their child's school district. If you require help from a non-attorney advocate regarding special education, visit their website and complete the form to [request an advocate](#).

Local County Chapters of The Arc

In all 21 counties in New Jersey, the Local County Chapters of The Arc work to help people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities achieve their fullest potential. The wide range of services offered span the lifetime of the person with a disability, and support both the individual and their family.

The Arc of Atlantic County

6550 Delilah Road, Suite 101
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234
609-485-0800

The Arc of Bergen County

223 Moore Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-343-0322

The Arc of Burlington County

115 East Broad Street
Burlington, NJ 08016
(856) 764-9494

The Arc of Camden County

215 West White Horse Pike
Berlin, NJ 08009
(856) 767-3650

The Arc of Cape May County

922 Route 47 PO Box 255
South Dennis, NJ 08245
(609) 861-7100

The Arc of Cumberland County

1680 West Sherman Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360
(856) 691-9138

The Arc of Essex County

123 Naylor Avenue
Livingston, NJ 07039
(973) 535-1181

The Arc of Gloucester County

1555 Gateway Blvd.
Woodbury, NJ 08096
(856) 848-8648

The Arc of Hudson County

3229 Bergenline Avenue Unit 3
Union City, NJ 07087
(201) 319-9229

The Arc of Mercer County

180 Ewingville Road
Ewing, NJ 08638
(609) 406-0181

The Arc of Monmouth County

1158 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 493-1919

The Arc of Ocean County

815 Cedar Bridge Road
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(732) 363-3335

The Arc of Salem County

PO Box 5
150 Salem-Woodstown Road
Salem, NJ 08079
(856) 935-3600

The Arc of Sussex County (SCARC)

11 US Route 206, Suite 100
Augusta, NJ 07822
(973) 383-7442

The Arc of Warren County

319 West Washington Ave, Suite 2
Washington, NJ 07882
(908) 689-7525

The Arc of Hunterdon County

The Concourse at Beaver Brook
53 Frontage Rd, Suite 150
Hampton, NJ 08827
(908) 730-7827

The Arc of Middlesex County

219 Black Horse Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 247-8155

The Arc of Morris County

PO Box 123
Morris Plains, NJ 07950
(973) 326-9750

The Arc of Passaic County

223 Moore Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 343-0322

The Arc of Somerset County

141 South Main Street
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 725-8544

The Arc of Union County

70 Diamond Road
Springfield, NJ 07081
(973) 315-0000

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Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey (LDANJ)

614 Cranbury Road, Unit 6268

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

732-645-2738

Website: ldanj.org

Email: info@ldanj.org

The [Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey \(LDANJ\)](http://ldanj.org) is the state affiliate of the Learning Disabilities Association of America. LDANJ is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to providing information, support, and advocacy for children and adults with learning disabilities.

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)

35 Halsey Street

4th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

973-642-8100

800-654-7726

973-642-8080 (Fax)

Website: spanadvocacy.org

Email: info@spanadvocacy.org

[SPAN](http://spanadvocacy.org) receives numerous federal, state, and other grants and funding to run a variety of programs and projects that support their vision and mission. Through the activities of these programs, SPAN provides families and professionals with the resources and support they need to ensure that their children become fully participating and contributing members of our communities and society.