Dear Reader,

I take this opportunity to present the Resources 2010 directory, the tenth annual edition published by the New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Division of Disability Services (DDS). This publication continues to be one of our department’s most sought after resource for people with disabilities, their family members and advocates for its comprehensive, statewide directory of programs and services.

DDS has successfully and consistently maintained this consumer friendly, useful tool of resources available at all levels of government, community organizations and professionals working to assist people with disabilities. The publication provides access to up-to-date information that individuals with disabilities, along with their families, may need to flourish in their physical, professional and recreational lives.

I encourage you to use the publication and to share it with others within your community.

A certified Information and Referral Specialist is also available to discuss your individual concerns, problems or issues, and can provide direct assistance by phone at 1-888-285-3036 (toll free). The more we communicate about issues, the more likely we are to better understand them.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Regards,

Jennifer Velez
Commissioner

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Resources 2010 provides easy access to information about programs and services available for residents living and working with disabilities and the families, advocates and professional communities working to assist people with disabilities. The New Jersey Department of Human Services’ (DHS) Division of Disability Services developed the directory, and encourages you to contact the division if you have any questions or difficulty using it.

**REPORTING CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES**
The programs and agencies listed in this directory are asked to report any information changes as quickly as possible.

**NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**
Should you require additional or updated information, please call 1-888-285-3036, the Division of Disability Services, and ask to speak to an Information and Referral Specialist.

**DISCLAIMER**
The DHS Division of Disability Services reserves the right to publish items selectively, as space permits. Listed items are not necessarily under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

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DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES (DDS)

MISSION STATEMENT
The New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services promotes and facilitates the maximum independence and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life through active information exchange and the provision of community services. DDS supports and fosters coordination and cooperation among all government agencies.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES
“The first place to call for disability-related information”

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
The Division of Disability Services is a single point of entry for all people seeking disability related information in New Jersey. Certified Information and Referral Specialists are available to confidentially discuss issues and to provide information, assist with problem solving, and to refer individuals to appropriate agencies or services. Use of a customized database allows for calls to be tracked and information to be stored for quality customer service.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND
The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to provide New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury the opportunity to access the brain injury related services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund purchases supports and services to foster independence and maximize quality of life. This Fund is used where insurance, personal resources, and/or public programs are unavailable to meet the needs of the applicant. A portion of the Fund is also used to support public education, outreach, and prevention activities related to TBI.

OFFICE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
The Office of Home and Community Services is responsible for the administration of three Medicaid Waiver Programs serving people with disabilities and Medicaid Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Services.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) WAIVER
The TBI Waiver serves people between 21 and 64 who have an acquired brain injury. People in the program receive full Medicaid benefits plus additional services including case management, structured day program, neuropsychology, community residential services, night supervision, respite care and cognitive therapy.

AIDS COMMUNITY CARE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (ACCAP) WAIVER
The ACCAP Waiver serves people with AIDS of any age and children up to age 13 who are HIV positive. It provides full Medicaid benefits plus case management, private-duty nursing, medical day care, expanded personal care assistant services, certain narcotic and drug abuse treatments at home and hospice care.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD) WAIVER
The CRPD Waiver was created by incorporating three long-standing Medicaid “Model” Waiver Programs into one larger waiver. All individuals served under this waiver must meet, at a minimum, the “nursing facility level of care,” be financially eligible for Medicaid waiver coverage, and require the services offered under the waiver. The waiver is open to individuals with disabilities of all ages. Individuals in the CRPD Waiver Program receive case management services, in addition to all Medicaid State Plan services. Individuals meeting specific clinical criteria can receive private duty nursing services of up to 16 hours per day.

MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT (PCA) SERVICES
Personal Care Assistant Services (PCA) are available statewide and reimbursed by the New Jersey Medicaid Program for adults and children who are eligible for Medicaid services in the community. The purpose of personal care is to accommodate long-term chronic or maintenance health care as opposed to short-term skilled care as provided under Medicaid’s home health program. PCA services are health-related tasks performed by qualified staff in an eligible beneficiary’s home or workplace, not to exceed 40 hours per week, based on clinical assessment and requiring prior authorization. Services include assistance with activities of daily living and household duties essential to the individual’s health and comfort. This program utilizes over 230 PCA provider agencies to serve over 27,000 New Jersey residents per month.
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

MEDICAID INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
Through a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), this project conducts a variety of activities to promote employment for people with disabilities, including the NJ WorkAbility Program (See Pages 47 and 48) and the development of DiscoverAbility NJ, a comprehensive employment system to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Other projects include the development of the two Internet portals listed below to provide transportation information and benefits calculation assistance to individuals with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment.

BENEFITS TO WORK CALCULATOR
This website is a helpful tool to show how Social Security benefits may change if you take a job. This site is designed to assist job seekers aged 16 to 64. To access the calculator go to www.njdb101.org.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)
PASP provides routine, non-medical assistance to adults with disabilities who are 18 to 65, employed, preparing for employment, involved in community volunteer work or attending school. Personal assistants help with tasks such as light housekeeping, bathing, dressing, preparing meals, shopping, driving or using public transportation. The number of hours a person receives depends on individual need up to 40 hours per week. The individual must be capable of directing his or her own care (See Page 51).

PERSONAL PREFERENCE: NEW JERSEY CASH AND COUNSELING PROGRAM
This service allows Medicaid recipients who are eligible for Medicaid PCA services to direct their own care. Through use of a monthly cash allowance, participants work with a consultant to develop a cash management plan by which they decide the services needed and the individuals and/or agencies to hire to provide the identified services. The program requires greater consumer responsibility but offers participants greater control, flexibility and choice.

DISABILITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES
This project involves health promotion and prevention of secondary conditions for people with disabilities. In addition, the project works to improve state surveillance activities, conduct health promotion interventions and facilitate partnerships between state and research or service-based agencies.

NEW JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER
The Housing Resource Center provides individuals with information on accessible and affordable housing throughout the state. This project was made possible through a partnership between the Division of Disability Services, the Department of Community Affairs and the NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency. To access the Center, go to www.njhousing.gov.

NEW JERSEY NURSE DELEGATION PILOT PROJECT
The New Jersey Nurse Delegation Pilot Project is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to explore the idea of registered professional nurses delegating skilled tasks to certified home health aides, so that consumers who need these services can remain in their homes or be discharged back to the community from nursing homes. The project also includes a research component to identify best practices and to monitor outcomes during the pilot.

STATUTORY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS

NEW JERSEY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
The Division of Disability Services, as the state’s designated lead agency for brain injury services, serves as staff to the NJ Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury. The Council, mandated under PL 2001, Chapter 332, is composed of 26 members. The Council holds quarterly public meetings and advises the Department of Human Services on matters related to brain injury services.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP), under the supervision of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, is required by law to have a statewide PASP Advisory Council. The PASP Advisory Council provides a means for consumers to express opinions and views that will affect the quality of personal assistance in New Jersey. The PASP Advisory Council is designed to review and evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and to make recommendations to improve the overall program statewide.
# STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Office of the Governor and the cabinet departments are listed below. Detailed information on the state agencies that specifically address the concerns of people with disabilities can be found in the subsequent sections of the directory.

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Tel: (609) 292-7272  FAX: (609) 777-0508

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Tel: (609) 984-4500  FAX: (609) 341-2088

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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
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### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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Honorable Kim Guadagno, Lt. Governor  
State of New Jersey  

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[www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov)

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**NJ Homeland Security**  
[www.njhomelandsecurity.gov](http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov)  
866-4-SAFE-NJ

**NJ State Police**  
[www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org)

**NJ Office of Emergency Management**  
[www.state.nj.us/njoem](http://www.state.nj.us/njoem)  
609-882-2000  
(for emergencies, call “911”)

**Office of Legislative Services**  
800-792-8630
FEDERALLY MANDATED DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities is New Jersey’s planning body for developmental disabilities issues. Members are appointed by the governor and approved by the New Jersey Senate. Members include people with developmental disabilities and parents or guardians; non-governmental service providers; and representatives from state agencies that provide services to people with developmental disabilities and to their families.

The Council develops and monitors the State Plan for Services to People with Developmental Disabilities and administers the federally assisted Basic State Grant Program, and publishes People With Disabilities and Families magazine.

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Trenton, NJ 08608
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DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW JERSEY AT A GLANCE

- Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR)
- Client Assistance Program (CAP)
- Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)
- Healthcare Consumer Assistance Program (HCCAP)
- Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC)
- Traumatic Brain Injury Protection and Advocacy (PATBI)
- Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)
- Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA)

For Information: (800) 922-7233
KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL SELF-ADVOCACY

- **Make sure you have an accurate understanding of what is needed** - When advocating for equipment or services, make sure you have all the details and product information. If insurance is being used, ask if there are preset guidelines or requisite information that is always needed. This will save time during the application process.

- **Be prepared to assist professionals who may have limited experience** - Your family doctor may be great, but he or she may have little or no experience in writing prescriptions for wheelchairs. Add your productive two-cents by discussing your needs, and giving as much detail as possible about what you are looking for. Some consumers prefer to use agencies for equipment and service evaluations before approaching a doctor for authorization.

- **Understand your insurance benefits** - Review the terms of each program and policy. Pay careful attention to co-pays, service limits, replacement, and equipment ownership. These issues become especially important for parents with children, who will outgrow equipment, or those whose functional abilities may change with time. Remember, you may always appeal an insurance company’s decision in the event of a denial, even an HMO.

- **Seek help from others who have succeeded** - Peer support is the greatest tool to an advocate. The information that you get from peers can be priceless. Learn from those who have done it before.

- **Keep accurate notes** - Include dates, all contact names, and phone numbers.

- **Find the line between advocacy and aggression** - A successful advocate lets the system work for them. Allow professionals to do their jobs. Stay vigilant, but don’t be a pest.

- **Be prepared to wait** - Most agencies have waiting lists, processing periods, and lots of paperwork to be done. This takes time, be prepared for some delays.
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Human Services, the largest department in New Jersey state government, provides support services for people with disabilities and their families, as well as programs for mental health consumers, protective services for children, the New Jersey Medicaid program, food stamps, child care, financial assistance, and adoption services.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CBVI)

The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI), established in 1910, is one of the oldest continually operating agencies in New Jersey state government. It provides a wide range of educational services for children, vocational rehabilitation services for older teens and adults, and independent living services for people of all ages in New Jersey who are blind or visually impaired. CBVI also offers a number of special programs and services that address specific needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

CBVI programs and services are available to any New Jersey resident who meets the vision criteria. Depending on family income, some people who apply are required to pay a share of the cost of programs or services.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CBVI) - CENTRAL OFFICE

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CBVI Southern Region Office
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DIVISION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) serves people in New Jersey who are deaf or hard of hearing by providing advocacy, employment and vocational opportunities, and by assisting with a wide variety of social, legal, medical, educational, and recreational issues.

The DDHH administers New Jersey’s primary sign language interpreter referral service, provides assistance through an information and referral hotline and publishes a monthly newsletter as well as other resource information. DDHH distributes Text Telephone equipment and Voice Carryover Phones to assist individuals in their daily activities.

DIVISION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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(609) 984-7281
FAX: (609) 984-0390
DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)
The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides funding for services and supports that assist people with developmental disabilities. Most of these services are offered in the community by more than 250 New Jersey agencies through contracts with the division. DDD also operates seven residential developmental centers, which are home to approximately 2900 individuals.

DDD determines who is eligible to receive the services it funds through an application process. In general, to receive these services, you must show that you have a severe, chronic physical and/or mental impairment that manifests in the developmental years, before age 22 and is life-long. It also must substantially limit you in at least three of these life activities: self-care, learning, mobility, communication, self-direction, economic self sufficiency and the ability to live independently.

Qualifying conditions may include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spina bifida, autism or a neurological impairment.

DDD funds three types of services:
- Day services, including supports for people who are employed
- Residential services that support an individual in the community
- Services that support a family caring for a loved one at home

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(Hunterdon, Mercer and Middlesex counties)

Juniper Plaza, Suite 1-J
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(Monmouth and Ocean counties)

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(Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties)

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Telephone: (609) 476-5200
FAX: (609) 909-0656
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties)
DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
The Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS) serves adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses, as well as children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders. Central to the DMHS’ mission is the fact that these individuals are entitled to dignified and meaningful lives.

DMHS operates six psychiatric hospitals, monitors and helps fund psychiatric services provided by a number of county hospitals, and contracts with more than 120 agencies for a wide range of community mental health services. Services may be accessed by contacting a County Mental Health Administrator or a county screening center.

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PO Box 727
Trenton, NJ 08625-0727
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(609) 777-0702
FAX: (609) 777-0662

NJMentalHealthCares
NJMentalHealthCares is New Jersey’s mental health information and referral service. Our staff of mental health professionals use their experiences, and understanding of mental health system to connect you to the information and services you need!

866-202-HELP (4357)
TTY: 877-294-4356
www.njmentalhealthcares.org
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

• Connects you to mental health services including: inpatient and outpatient services, rehabilitation services, self-help services, legal, housing, employment, mental health education and more!

• Provides assistance in finding services, not crisis intervention. If you feel you need emergency psychiatric services, please call your local crisis center (listed on page 19).

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund
See Page 42

For Additional Addiction Resources
See Page 57

For Statewide Clinical Consultation (SCCAT), See Page 38
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

The Department of Health and Senior Services is responsible for overseeing and inspecting the state’s health care facilities, city and county health departments, and community health services, along with protecting the public health. In 1996, the department added programs for senior citizens to its jurisdiction.

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DIVISION OF HIV/AIDS SERVICES
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FAX: (609) 633-2494

- NJ AIDS/STD Hotline
  (800) 624-2377

- AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)
  (877) 613-4533

- Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP)
  (800) 353-3232

DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
PO Box 807
Trenton, NJ 08625-0807
Telephone: (609) 943-3345
FAX: (609) 943-3343

- Assisted Living and Adult Family Care Services (AL/AFC)
- Global Options (GO)
- Medical Day Care
- Social Adult Day Care (SADC)
- Congregate Housing Services Program
- Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers (JACC)
- Alzheimer’s Adult Day Services Program
  (609) 943-3475

For further information on NJ EASE and Adult Protective Services, See Page 20

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SENIOR INFORMATION LINE
(800) 792-8820
PAAD/Senior Gold Pharmacy Hotline
(800) 792-9745

- Community Choice Options
  (877) 856-0877

Northern Regional Office
973-648-4691
Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties

Central Regional Office
732-777-4650
Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union Counties

Southern Regional Office
609-704-6050
Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, and Salem Counties

- Adult Protective Services
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Statewide Respite Care Program
- NJ EASE
  (877) 222-3737

- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
  (877) 222-3737

- Office of the Public Guardian
  (609) 530-8810

DIVISION OF SENIOR BENEFITS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT
PO Box 715
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  (800) 792-9745 (Toll Free)
FAX: (609) 631-4668

- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
- Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)
- Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program
- Lifeline Utility Assistance Program
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
COMMUNITY CHOICE OPTIONS
Telephone: (877) 856-0877
The Community Choice Options program is designed to select appropriate short-term Medicaid Nursing Facility residents, provide them with choices of community-based alternatives and coordinate their discharge. This program encourages those individuals capable of living in the community to do so. Consumers are identified, encouraged to consider alternative housing with the necessary support services and assisted as they make the transition from a nursing facility to community housing.

GLOBAL OPTIONS (GO) FOR LONG-TERM CARE
The Department of Health and Senior Services has consolidated three Medicaid-supported home and community-based services (CAP, ECO, and CCPED) into a single waiver program called Global Options (GO) for Long-Term Care. To be eligible, an individual must have a disability and be between the ages of 21 and 64, or be a senior aged 65 or over, and must need the level of care provided in a hospital, a nursing facility, or an intermediate care facility. Service packages are based on individual client needs.

To obtain more information about GO, as well as other state-funded or private pay home and community-based long-term care services, call your local Area Agency on Aging toll-free at (877) 222-3737, or visit the Division of Aging and Community Services website at www.aging.nj.gov.
The Department of Community Affairs provides a variety of services to low-income families, women, and persons with disabilities. Services include assistance with rentals, the federal Section 8 voucher program, and emergency shelter grants and homelessness prevention.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE**
(800) 572-SAFE

**WOMEN’S REFERRAL HOTLINE**
(800) 322-8092

### DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS

PO Box 802
Trenton, NJ 08625-0802
Telephone: (609) 292-7899
FAX: (609) 633-6729

### DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

PO Box 809
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 633-6106
FAX: (609) 633-6134

### DIVISION OF HOUSING

PO Box 051
Trenton, NJ 08625-0051
Telephone: (609) 633-6303
FAX: (609) 984-8454

### DIVISION ON WOMEN

PO Box 801
Trenton, NJ 08625-0801
Telephone: (609) 292-8840
FAX: (609) 633-6821

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

The Office of Regulatory Affairs is responsible for the enforcement of the New Jersey Barrier Free Sub-Code. Complaints can be made verbally or in writing to:

Supervisor of Investigations
Department of Community Affairs
Office of Regulatory Affairs
PO Box 818
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 984-7672
FAX: (609) 984-7718

**WHEN MAKING A COMPLAINT, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- The complete address of the building that is thought to be non-compliant.
- A brief explanation of how the building seems to be non-compliant.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education is responsible for overseeing more than 600 school districts, and administering education programs to more than 1.4 million public and nonpublic elementary and secondary school children. The Office of Special Education Programs, within the Division of Student Services, has oversight responsibilities for the provision of education and related support services to students with disabilities, aged 3 to 21.

DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone:  (609) 292-9899
FAX: (609) 633-1046

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone:  (609) 292-0147
FAX:  (609) 984-6032

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone:  (609) 292-4469
(609) 292-0913
FAX:  (609) 777-4099

For information on the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, See Page 44

OFFICE OF STATE ASSESSMENTS
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone:  (609) 984-6311
FAX:  (609) 984-6032

MARIE KATZENBACH SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF
PO Box 535
West Trenton, NJ 08625-0535
Telephone:  (609) 530-3100
TDD:  (609) 530-6620
FAX:  (609) 530-5791
www.mksd.org

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS
AT A GLANCE

Learning Resource Center-Northern Region
7 Glenwood Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 201
East Orange, NJ 07017
Telephone:  (973) 414-4491
FAX:  (973) 414-4496
TDD:  (973) 266-1849
Serving:  Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties

Learning Resource Center-Northern Satellite
322 American Road
Morris Plains, NJ 07950
Telephone:  (973) 631-6345
FAX:  (973) 631-6350
TDD:  (973) 631-6490
Serving:  Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties

Learning Resource Center-Central Region
200 Riverview Plaza, First Floor
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone:  (609) 633-8893
FAX:  (609) 633-8968
Serving:  Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union Counties

Learning Resource Center-Southern Region
Samuel H. Jones Innovation Center
107 Gilbert Parkway, Suite 200
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
Telephone:  (856) 582-7000
FAX:  (856) 582-4323
TDD:  (856) 286-3291
Serving:  Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties
The Department of Labor & Workforce Development promotes economic activity, monitors labor standards, and administers federally funded programs such as workers compensation, disability insurance and unemployment compensation. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is responsible for training and placement of persons of employable age with disabilities.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AT A GLANCE

CRITERIA
Any person with a physical or mental impairment which is a substantial impediment to employment may qualify for vocational rehabilitation services. Each consumer is evaluated individually for eligibility and needed assistance. Individuals who are blind or have a serious visual impairment are served by the Commission for the Blind (CBVI), all others receive service from the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS).

SERVICES PROVIDED
- Diagnostic Evaluation
- Individual Vocational Counseling and Guidance
- Job Seeking Skills Training and Selective Job Placement
- Follow-Up Support Services
- Post-Employment Services
- Physical Restoration
- Job Coaching, Vocational, Professional, or On the Job Training

FEE FOR SERVICE
Many of the services listed above are provided free of charge. Coverage of expenses for medical services, training, books and supplies, tools and other equipment are based on the individual’s ability to pay.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
PO Box 110
Trenton, NJ 08625-0110
Telephone: (609) 292-2323
FAX: (609) 633-9271

Division of Workers’ Compensation
(609) 292-2515

Unemployment Insurance
(609) 292-2460

State Temporary Disability Benefits
(609) 292-7060

Disability Determinations
(866) 920-6997
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

DCF is focused on strengthening families and achieving: safety, well-being and permanency for all New Jersey’s children. Current priorities focus on reducing caseloads, developing a trained workforce, managing outcomes by data, and recruiting more safe and loving foster homes for our most vulnerable children. In addition to focusing on the fundamentals of child welfare, DCF has also embarked on several important initiatives, including: rebuilding specialized adoption practice, building a robust network of support in our local communities, re-engineering child abuse prevention, building capacity in the child behavioral health system, and improving the system of health care for children in the state’s care.

DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES (DYFS)
Telephone: 609-292-6920  FAX: 609 984-0507

DIVISION OF CHILD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Telephone: 609-292-4741  FAX: 609-396-6960

DIVISION OF PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Telephone: 609-984-0678  FAX: 609-292-1306

CHILD WELFARE TRAINING ACADEMY
Telephone: 609-777-5930  FAX: 609-341-2088

See Also, PerformCare Page 54

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
PO Box 729
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 984-4500  
FAX: (609) 341-2088

HOTLINES
Child Abuse and Neglect
1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873)
1-800-835-5510 (TTD)

NJ Foster Care
1-877-NJ FOSTER
www.njfostercare.org

NJ ADOPT
1-877-99ADOPT
www.njadopt.org

See Also Services for Children, Page 53
Special Needs Adoption, Page 55

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Telephone: 609-984-7770  FAX: 609-292-2547

OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Telephone: 609-588-3165  FAX: 609-588-7239

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

In New Jersey, any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to neglect or acts of abuse should immediately report this information to the State Central Registry (SCR). If the child is in immediate danger, call 911 as well as 1-877 NJ ABUSE. A concerned caller does not need proof to report an allegation of child abuse and can make the report anonymously.

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE THE SCREENER
SCR screeners are trained caseworkers who know how to respond to reports of child abuse/neglect. Whenever possible, a caller should provide all of the following information:

- **Who:** The child and parent/caretaker’s name, age and address and the name of the alleged perpetrator and that person’s relationship to the child.
- **What:** Type and frequency of alleged abuse/neglect, current or previous injuries to the child and what caused you to become concerned.
- **When:** When the alleged abuse/neglect occurred and when you learned of it.
- **Where:** Where the incident occurred, where the child is now and whether the alleged perpetrator has access to the child.
- **How:** How urgent the need is for intervention and whether there is a likelihood of imminent danger for the child.

Calls can be placed to the hotline anonymously.
The Department of the Public Advocate is charged with making government more accountable and responsive to the needs of New Jersey residents, especially our most vulnerable. The Public Advocate’s mission is to provide a “voice for the voiceless” on a range of critical issues through legal advocacy, policy research and reform, investigation of abuse and neglect, community partnerships, legislative and regulatory action, education and outreach.

In addition to advocating for broad public policy change, the Department of Public Advocate helps individuals with specific concerns related to the care of the institutionalized elderly, interaction with local and state governmental agencies and inmates confined to state prisons.

DIVISION OF CITIZEN RELATIONS
Telephone: (609) 826-5070
FAX: (609) 984-4770

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY
Telephone: (609) 826-5090
FAX: (609) 984-4747

The Department of Law & Public Safety houses the Division on Civil Rights, which investigates allegations of discrimination. The department also contains the Attorney General’s Office, and divisions dealing with criminal justice, consumer affairs, monitoring of professional boards, and enforcement of the Wheelchair Lemon Law.

DIVISION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
PO Box 089
PO Box 090 (Complaints)
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 292-4605
TTY: (609) 292-1785
FAX: (609) 984-3812
www.NJCivilRights.org

The Division on Civil Rights has established a Disabilities and Public Accommodations Special Investigations Unit (DPA) to work closely with advocacy groups for the disabled and pursue investigations that will have the greatest impact on addressing system-wide discrimination, particularly in places of public accommodation.

For Branch Offices, See Page 30
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN’S AFFAIRS

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, under the direction of the Adjutant General, is both the headquarters for the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard and the government agency responsible for the administration of state provided veterans’ programs and services within the state.

DIVISION OF VETERANS HEALTHCARE SERVICES
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340
Telephone: (609) 530-6967
FAX: (609) 530-6970

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The Department of the Treasury assumes responsibility for three major functions: revenue collection and generation, assets management, and statewide support services. The Department also houses the Office on Disabilities Management that is responsible for issues of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in state owned buildings and state run programs.

OFFICE OF DISABILITIES MANAGEMENT
PO Box 034
Trenton, NJ 08625-0034
Telephone: (609) 292-7299
TDD & FAX: (609) 292-6525

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 530-6956
FAX: (609) 530-7191

NJ VETERANS HOTLINES: BENEFITS HOTLINE 888-8NJ-VETS COUNSELING HOTLINE 866-VETS-NJ4

Disabled Veterans Resources on the WEB
Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org
Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org
Association for Service Disabled Veterans www.asdv.org

OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER
PO Box 002
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 292-5031
FAX: (609) 984-3888

DIVISION OF TAXATION
PO Box 281, Trenton, NJ 08625-0281
General Tax Information: (609) 826-4400 (800) 323-4400
Main Customer Service Center: (609) 292-6400
Homestead Rebate Hotlines: Homeowners- (888) 238-1233 Tenants- (888) 213-8623
Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Hotline- (800) 882-6597 TTY Service- (609) 984-7300 or (800) 286-6613

THE OFFICE OF DISABILITIES MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

The Office of Disabilities Management is responsible for the following areas:

- Barrier Free Compliance of state owned and operated facilities.
- Implementation and assistance to allow access to all programs, services and activities offered by the State of New Jersey.
- Technical assistance and advice concerning accessibility standards, adaptive devices to allow full inclusion by persons with disabilities.
- Provide funding for modifications needed to ensure accessibility to all state owned and operated facilities.
COUNTY RESOURCES

COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE DISABLED

County Offices for the Disabled function as clearinghouses for information about programs and services, advocate for people with disabilities, and provide technical assistance at a local level.

ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES, AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION
Shoreview Building
101 South Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225
Telephone: (888) 4-ANYAGE (426-9243)
FAX: (609) 645-5809

BERGEN COUNTY DIVISION ON DISABILITY SERVICES
One Bergen County Plaza, Second Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Telephone: (201) 336-6500
TTY: (201) 336-6505
FAX: (201) 336-6510

CAMDEN COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES
Heights of Collingswood
700 West Browning Rd., Suite 11
Collingswood, NJ 08107
Telephone: (856) 858-3220
FAX: (856) 858-2057

CAPE MAY COUNTY OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
4 Moore Road, DN 606
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
Telephone: (609) 465-4117
FAX: (609) 465-3899

CUMBERLAND COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
800 E. Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
Voice/TTY: (856) 453-1256
FAX: (856) 453-2212

ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
50 South Clinton Street, Suite 4300
East Orange, NJ 07018
Telephone: (973) 395-8494
FAX: (973) 395-3254

GLOUCESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND DISABILITY SERVICES
District Education Campus
1340 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080
Telephone: (856) 681-6128
FAX: (856) 681-6133

HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR, DISABILITY, AND VETERANS SERVICES
PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822
Telephone (908) 788-1361
FAX: (908) 806-4537

MERCER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
Joyce McDade Administration Building
640 South Broad Street, PO Box 8068
Trenton, NJ 08650
Telephone: (609) 989-6468
TTY: (609) 989-6865
FAX: (609) 989-6032

MIDDLESEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
Middlesex County Administration Building
75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Voice/TTY: (732) 745-4013
FAX: (732) 296-7971

MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE ON DISABILITIES
21 Main and Court Center
PO Box 1255
Freehold, NJ 07728
Telephone: (732) 431-7399
FAX: (732) 303-7649

MORRIS COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING, DISABILITY AND VETERANS SERVICES
PO Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
Voice: (973) 285-6855
FAX: (973) 285-6845

OCEAN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
1027 Hooper Ave. Building 2, 3rd Floor
PO Box 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754
Voice/TDD: (732) 506-5062
FAX: (732) 288-7791

PASSAIC COUNTY SENIOR, DISABILITY SERVICES, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512
Telephone: (973) 569-4060
FAX: (973) 256-5190
The Counties of Burlington and Hudson do not have County Offices for the Disabled. Instead, in those two counties, that function is filled by their Centers for Independent Living.

The Boards of Social Service deliver financial aid and support to individuals and families.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (609) 348-3001
BERGEN COUNTY (201) 368-4200
BURLINGTON COUNTY (609) 261-1000
CAMDEN COUNTY (856) 225-8800
CAPE MAY COUNTY (609) 886-6200
CUMBERLAND COUNTY (856) 691-4600
ESSEX COUNTY (973) 733-3000
GLOUCESTER COUNTY (856) 582-9200
HUDSON COUNTY (201) 420-3000
HUNTERDON COUNTY (908) 788-1300
MERCER COUNTY (609) 989-4320
MIDDLESEX COUNTY (732) 745-3500
MONMOUTH COUNTY (732) 431-6000
MORRIS COUNTY (973) 326-7800
OCEAN COUNTY (732) 349-1500
PASSAIC COUNTY (973) 881-0100
SALEM COUNTY (973) 299-7200
SOMERSET COUNTY (908) 526-8800
SUSSEX COUNTY (973) 383-3600
UNION COUNTY (908) 965-2700
WARREN COUNTY (908) 475-6301

Social Services at a Glance
Work First NJ • Emergency Assistance • Food Stamps
Medicaid • Kinship Care • Supports for Working Families
Home Energy Assistance • Homeless Sheltering
Child Care • Child Support

National Suicide Hotline:
1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Centers for Independent Living (many funded through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services) are community-based, consumer-driven organizations that provide peer counseling, skills training, advocacy, information and referral, and a variety of services based on individual needs.

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)
PROGRESSIVE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (PCIL)
1262 Whitehorse-Hamilton Sq. Road., Bldg. A, Suite 102
Hamilton NJ 08690
Telephone: (609) 581-4500  (877) 917-4500
TDD: (609) 581-4555
www.njsilc.org

ALLIANCE FOR DISABLED IN ACTION (ADA)
(Middlesex, Somerset, Union Counties)
629 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837
Telephone: (732) 738-4388
TDD: (732) 738-9644
www.adacil.org

CAMDEN CITY INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER
(City of Camden)
2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Suite 413
Camden, NJ 08104
Telephone: (856) 966-0800
TDD: (856) 966-0830
www.camdencityilc.org

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF SOUTH JERSEY, INC. (CIL-SJ)
(Camden and Gloucester Counties)
1150 Delsea Drive, Suite 1
Westville, NJ 08093
Telephone: (856) 853-6490
Toll free: (800) 413-3791
TDD: (856) 853-7602
www.cil-sj.org

DAWN, INC.
(Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties)
30 Broad Street, Suite 5
Denville, NJ 07834
Telephone: (973) 625-1940  (888) 383-DAWN
TDD: (973) 625-1932
www.dawncil.org

DIAL, INC.
(Essex and Passaic Counties)
2 Prospect Village Plaza, First Floor
Clifton, NJ 07013
Telephone: (973) 470-8090
TDD: (973) 470-2521
www.dial-cil.org

HEIGHTENED INDEPENDENCE & PROGRESS (HIP)
(Bergen County)
131 Main Street, Suite 120
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Telephone: (201) 996-9100
TDD: (201) 996-9424
www.hipcil.org

HEIGHTENED INDEPENDENCE & PROGRESS-HUDSON
(Hudson County)
26 Journal Square, Suite 602
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Telephone: (201) 533-4407
TDD: (201) 533-4409
www.hipcil.org

MOCEANS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
(Monmouth and Ocean County)
279 Broadway, Second Floor, Suite 201
Long Branch, NJ 07740
Telephone: (732) 571-4884
TDD: (732) 571-4878
Ocean County Branch: Telephone: (732) 505-2310
www.moceanscil.org

PROGRESSIVE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (PCIL)
(Hunterdon and Mercer Counties)
Hamilton NJ 08690
Telephone: (609) 581-4500  (877) 917-4500
TDD: (609) 581-4555
Hunterdon County Branch: Telephone: (908) 782-1055
(877) 376-9174
TDD: (908) 782-1081
www.pcil.org

RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (RIL)
(Burlington County)
351 High Street, Suite 103
Burlington, NJ 08016
Telephone: (609) 747-7745
TDD: (609) 747-1875
www.rilnj.org

TOTAL LIVING CENTER, INC. (TLC)
(Atlantic County)
707 Whitehorse Pike, The Courtyard, Suite B-8
Absecon, NJ 08201
Telephone: (609) 645-9547
TDD: (609) 645-9593
www.tlcenter.org

TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, INC.
(Cape May, Cumberland, Salem Counties)
120 North High Street, Suite 12
Millville, NJ 08332
Telephone: (856) 327-5177
TDD: (856) 327-5328
www.tricountycil.org

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AT A GLANCE
• Peer Support
• Individual and System Advocacy
• Independent Living Skills Training
• Development of Independent Living Plans
# NJ EASE

NJ EASE (New Jersey Easy Access, Single Entry) is a New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services program, in partnership with county governments, that provides a convenient way for senior citizens and their families to learn about and obtain needed services. NJ EASE provides information and access to services that address the financial, medical, and social needs of seniors.

Through NJ EASE, each county in New Jersey provides outreach, case management, transportation, senior centers, volunteer opportunities, health promotion, nutrition programs, education, health insurance counseling, adult protective services, senior employment, and information on housing and long-term care options.

## County Offices on Aging

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# ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The role of Adult Protective Services (APS) is to investigate complaints of suspected abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of vulnerable adults aged 18 or older. A complaint to APS will generate a thorough assessment, which will include a private face-to-face interview with the potentially at-risk adult, to determine if intervention is warranted. All information generated by the investigation is confidential. A report of suspected abuse may be made to the Aging and Community Services Information and Referral toll-free number or to the APS office in the county in which the individual lives.

## County Adult Protective Services

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DISABILITY SPECIFIC RESOURCES

The following agencies are grouped by their service populations and each provides a variety of support services on a statewide basis. The agencies are categorized by target disability as a matter of reference, although some may serve additional populations. Where a local website was not available, a national website has been provided.

AIDS/HIV
Hyacinth AIDS Foundation
317 George Street, Suite 203
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone: (800) 433-0254 (Toll Free)
(732) 246-0204 (outside NJ)
www.hyacinth.org

New Jersey Women and AIDS Network
103 Bayard Street, 3rd Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone: (732) 846-4462
FAX: (732) 846-2674
www.njwan.org

AIDS Coalition of Southern New Jersey
100 Essex Avenue, Suite 300
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
Telephone: (856) 933-9500
(800) 229-2437 (Toll-free)
FAX: (856) 933-9515
www.acsnj.org

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE
The Alzheimer’s Association
Greater New Jersey Chapter
400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251
Denville, NJ 07834
Telephone: (800) 883-1180 (Toll Free)
(973) 586-4300
Delaware Valley Chapter
3 Eves Drive, Suite 310
Marlton, NJ 08053
Telephone: (856) 797-1212
FAX: (856) 797-1818
www.alznj.org

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS)
Neuromuscular and ALS Center
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
UMDNJ-RWJMS
125 Paterson Street, Suite 6100
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone: (732) 235-7331
www2.umdnj.edu/nmalsweb/

ARTHRITIS/FIBROMYALGIA
Arthritis Foundation-New Jersey Chapter
555 Route 1 South, Suite 320
Iselin, NJ 08830
Telephone: (888) 467-3112 (Toll Free)
(732) 283-4300
FAX: (732) 283-4633
www.arthritis.org

AUTISM/ASPERGERS
Asperger Syndrome Education Network (ASPEN)
9 Aspen Circle
Edison, NJ 08820
Telephone: (732) 321-0880
FAX: (732) 744-1622
www.aspennj.org

Autism Family Services of New Jersey
1 AAA Drive, Suite 203
Trenton, NJ 08691
Telephone: (877) 237-4477 (Toll Free)
FAX: (609) 392-5621
www.autismfamilyservicesnj.org

Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Telephone: (732) 763-5530
FAX: (732) 432-0175
www.autisticadvocacy.org

Autism New Jersey
(formerly New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC))
1450 Parkside Avenue, Suite 22
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone: (609) 883-8100
(800) 4-AUTISM (Toll Free)
FAX: (609) 883-5509
www.autismnj.org

Parents of Autistic Children (POAC)
1999 Route 88 East
Brick, NJ 08724
Telephone: (732) 785-1099
FAX: (732) 785-1003
www.poac.net

For a list of National Resources, See Pages 32 and 33
AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS
Autoimmune Information Network, Inc.
PO Box 4121
Brick, NJ 08723
Telephone: (732) 664-9259
www.aininc.org

BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED
National Federation of the Blind-NJ
254 Spruce Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Telephone: (973) 743-0075
www.nfb.org

New Jersey Council of the Blind
520 Ewingville Road
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone: (609) 882-2446
FAX: (609) 882-5416
www.njcb.org

New Jersey Foundation for the Blind
PO Box 929, 230 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834
Telephone: (973) 627-0055
FAX: (973) 627-1622
www.njffb.org

CEREBRAL PALSY
Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD)
127 Route 206, Suite 18
Hamilton, NJ 08610
Telephone: (609) 581-8375
FAX: (609) 581-8512
www.abcdnj.org
Cerebral Palsy League
(908) 709-1800
www.thecplinc.org

LADACIN Network
(732) 493-5900
www.ladacin.org

Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey
(973) 763-9900
www.cpnj.org

Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center
(973) 772-2600
www.pcecpcc.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County
(201) 436-2200

Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County
10 Oak Drive
Edison, NJ 08837
Telephone: (732) 549-6187
FAX: (732) 549-0629
www.cpamc.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey, Inc.
245 Main Street, Suite 113
Chester, NJ 07930
Telephone: (908) 879-2243
FAX: (908) 879-8363
www.ucpncssnj.org

Githens Center (Burlington County Cerebral Palsy Association)
40 Cedar Street
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
Telephone: (609) 261-1667
FAX: (609) 261-1844
www.githenscenter.org

CANCER
American Cancer Society-NJ
3076 Princeton Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
Telephone: (800) 227-2345
(609) 895-0101
FAX: (609) 895-0944
www.cancer.org

CARDIAC/HEART DISEASE
American Heart Association
1 Union Street, Suite 301
Robbinsville, NJ 08691
Telephone: (609) 208-0020
FAX: (609) 208-2906
www.americanheart.org

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME
NJCFSA (New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association, Inc.)
PO Box 477
Florham Park, NJ 07932
Telephone: (888) 835-3677
www.njcfsa.org

CROHN’S DISEASE
Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America
New Jersey Chapter
45 Wilson Avenue
Manalapan, NJ 07726
Telephone: (732) 786-9960
FAX: (732) 786-9964
www.ccfa.org

For the Division of Developmental Disabilities, See Page 7
COGNITIVE/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
The Arc of New Jersey
985 Livingston Avenue
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Telephone: (732) 246-2525
FAX: (732) 214-1834
www.arcnj.org

To Find a Local Chapter of the ARC in New Jersey
www.arcnj.org
Click on Find a Chapter

CROSS-DISABILITY
Advancing Opportunities (formerly Cerebral Palsy of NJ)
1005 Whitehead Road Ext., Suite 1
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone: (609) 882-4182
TTY: (609) 882-0620
FAX: (609) 882-4054
www.advopps.org

Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD)
127 Route 206, Suite 18
Hamilton, NJ 08610
Telephone: (609) 581-8375
FAX: (609) 581-8512
www.abcdnj.org

Coalition for Inclusive Ministries
Elizabeth M. Boggs Center-UAP
335 George Street, Suite 3500, PO Box 2688
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2688
Telephone: (732) 235-9300
FAX: (732) 235-9330
www.rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter

Community Access Unlimited
80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Telephone: (908) 354-3040
FAX: (908) 354-2665
www.caunj.org

Community Options, Inc.
16 Farber Road, Princeton, NJ 08540
Telephone: (609) 951-9900
FAX: (609) 951-9112
www.comop.org

Easter Seal Society of New Jersey, Inc.
25 Kennedy Blvd., Suite 600
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Telephone: (732) 257-6662
FAX: (732) 257-7373
http://nj.easterseals.com

Spectrum for Living
210 Rivervale Road, Suite 3
River Vale, NJ 07675
Telephone: (201) 358-8000
TTY: (609) 882-0620
FAX: (201) 358-8089
www.spectrumforliving.org

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Telephone: (800) 654-7726
TTY: (973) 642-8100
FAX: (973) 642-8080
www.spannj.org

CYSTIC FIBROSIS
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Greater New Jersey Chapter
2 University Plaza
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Telephone: (201) 457-1800
FAX: (201) 457-1898
www.cff.org

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING
Hearing Loss Association of America
New Jersey State Association
http://hearingloss-nj.org/

Association of Late-Deafened Adults-Garden State (ALDA-GS)
www.alda-gs.org

NJ Association of the Deaf, Inc. (NJAD)
www.njadeaf.org

DIABETES
American Diabetes Association
Northern NJ Chapter
1160 Route 22 E., Suite 103
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Telephone: (732) 469-7979
TTY: (888) DIABETES
FAX: (908) 722-4887
www.diabetes.org
DID YOU KNOW?
The Division of Disability Services is the lead state agency for services to individuals with brain injury. DDS administers the TBI Fund and the TBI Medicaid Waiver. See Pages 1 and 2.
MENTAL ILLNESS
Mental Health Association in New Jersey
88 Pompton Avenue
Verona, NJ 07044
Telephone: (973) 571-4100
(800) 367-8850 (Toll-free)
FAX: (973) 857-1777
www.mhanj.org

COMHCO (Coalition of Mental Health Consumers Organizations) Self-Help Center
408 Sussex Street
Paterson, NJ 07503
Telephone & FAX: (973) 778-8810

NAMI NJ (National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey)
1562 Route 130
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Telephone: (732) 940-0991
FAX: (732) 940-0355
www.naminj.org

For the Division of Mental Health Services, See Page 8

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
Muscular Dystrophy Association
1060 N. Kings Highway
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Telephone: (856) 356-4467
FAX: (856) 356-4473
www.mda.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association
788 Shrewsbury Avenue, Bldg. 2, Suite 203
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724
Telephone: (732) 936-9940
FAX: (732) 345-8217
www.mda.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association
5940 Hamilton Blvd., Suite F
Allentown, PA 18106
Telephone: (610) 391-1977
FAX: (610) 391-0416
www.mda.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association
25 E. Spring Valley Avenue, Suite 240
Maywood, NJ 07607
Telephone (201) 843-4452
FAX: (201) 843-2324
www.mda.org

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NJ Metro Chapter
1 Kalisa Way, Suite 205
Paramus, NJ 07652
Telephone: (201) 967-5599
FAX: (201) 967-7085
www.nationalmssociety.org/njm

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NJ Metro Chapter
246 Monmouth Road
Oakhurst, NJ 07755
Telephone: (732) 660-1005
FAX: (732) 660-1338
www.nationalmssociety.org/njm

Multiple Sclerosis Society
Greater Delaware Valley Chapter
1 Reed Street, Suite 200
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Telephone: (215) 271-2400
FAX: (215) 271-6122
www.msassociation.org

PARKINSON’S DISEASE
New Jersey American Parkinson Disease Association
120 Albany Street, Suite 360
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone: (732) 745-7520
FAX: (732) 745-3114
www.njapda.org

POLIO/POST-POLIO
New Jersey Polio Network
PO Box 537
Martinsville, NJ 08836
Telephone: (201) 845-6860
FAX: (908) 236-9388
www.njpolio.org

RESPIRATORY DISEASE
American Lung Association
New Jersey Chapter
1031 Route 22, Suite 203
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Telephone: (908) 685-8040
FAX: (908) 685-8030
www.lunginfo.org
NEW JERSEY SELF-HELP GROUP CLEARINGHOUSE

Maintains information on thousands of local no-fee support groups in New Jersey, including many that address disabilities, illnesses, caregiving, and parenting

Provides information about national and online support networks

Helps those interested in starting new support groups by providing free how-to materials, phone consultation, and training

Publishes an annual directory of support groups

NEW JERSEY SELF-HELP GROUP CLEARINGHOUSE

375 East McFarlan Street, Dover, NJ 07801
Telephone: (800) 367-6274 (973) 989-1122 FAX: (973) 989-1159
www.njgroups.org

DID YOU KNOW?
The State of New Jersey has a Spinal Cord Injury Surveillance Registry.

See the Commission on Spinal Cord Research, page 10.
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Independent Living USA
www.ilusa.com

Institute for Community Inclusion
www.communityinclusion.org

Institute on Disability Culture
www.dimenet.com/disculture

International Center for Disability Resources
www.icdri.org/

International Paralympic Committee
www.paralympic.org

Job Accommodation Network
www.jan.wvu.edu

Largest Minority
www.largestminority.org

Mobility International USA
www.miusa.org

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc.
www.naela.org

National Arts and Disabilities Center
http://nadc.ucla.edu

National Center for Accessible Media
http://ncam.wgbh.org/

National Center on Accessibility
www.ncaonline.org/

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/

National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities
www.heath.gwu.edu/

National Council on Disability
www.ncd.gov

National Disability Rights Network
www.napas.org

National Institute on Health
www.nih.gov

National Rehabilitation Information Center
www.naric.com/

Parents Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
www.pacer.org

Parents with Disabilities Online
www.disabledparents.net

Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality
www.sath.org

Society for Disability Studies
www.disstudies.org

Special Child
www.specialchild.com

TASH
www.tash.org

Through the Looking Glass
www.lookingglass.org

Wired on Wheels
www.wiredonwheels.com

World Association of People with Disabilities
www.wapd.org

World Institute on Disability
www.wid.org

United Nations Commission on Human Rights
www.ohchr.org

XAble.com
www.xable.com

U.S. International Council on Disabilities
www.usicd.org

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### ADVOCACY RESOURCES

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<td>Association for the Advancement of Mental Health (AAMH)</td>
<td>819 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ 08540</td>
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<td>Association for Children of New Jersey</td>
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<td>Association for Special Children and Families</td>
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<td>New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project</td>
<td>985 Livingston Avenue North Brunswick, NJ 08902</td>
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<td>National Minorities with Disabilities Coalition</td>
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<td>The Family Resource Network</td>
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Community Health Law Project
185 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
Telephone: (973) 275-1175
FAX: (973) 275-5210
TDD: (973) 275-1721
www.chlp.org

BRANCH OFFICES
Community Health Law Project
650 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 210
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Telephone: (973) 680-5599
FAX: (973) 680-1488
TDD: (973) 680-1116

Community Health Law Project
225 East State Street, Suite 5
Trenton, NJ 08608
Telephone: (609) 392-5553
FAX: (609) 392-5369

Community Health Law Project
65 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 402, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Telephone: (908) 355-8282
FAX: (908) 355-3724
TDD: (908) 355-3369

Community Health Law Project
Station House Office Building
900 Haddon Avenue, Suite 400
Collingswood, NJ 08108
Telephone/TDD: (856) 858-9500
FAX: (856) 858-9545

Community Health Law Project
1 Main Street, Suite 413
Eatontown, NJ 07724
Telephone: (732) 380-1012
FAX: (732) 380-1015

Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ)
(formerly New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc.)
210 South Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
Telephone: (800) 922-7233
(609) 292-9742
FAX: (609) 777-0187
www.drnj.org

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Division on Civil Rights
PO Box 090
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 292-4605
TTY: (609) 292-1785
FAX: (609) 292-3812
www.NJCivilRights.org

BRANCH OFFICES
Division on Civil Rights
26 South Pennsylvania Avenue, 3rd Floor
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Telephone: (609) 441-3100
TTY: (609) 441-7648
FAX: (609) 441-3578

Division on Civil Rights
One Port Center
2 Riverside Drive, 4th Floor
Camden, NJ 08103
Telephone: (856) 614-2550
TTY: (856) 614-2574
FAX: (856) 614-2568

Division on Civil Rights
574 Newark Avenue, 3rd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Office Walk-In’s on Wednesday, 9am - 5pm

Division on Civil Rights
31 Clinton Street, 3rd Floor.
PO Box 46001
Newark, NJ 07102
Telephone: (973) 648-2700
TTY: (973) 648-4678
FAX: (973) 648-4405

Division on Civil Rights
100 Hamilton Plaza, 8th Floor
Paterson, NJ 07505
Telephone: (973) 977-4500
TTY: (973) 977-1955
FAX: (973) 977-4511

SUPPORT GROUPS
New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse
375 East McFarlan Street
Dover, NJ 07801
Telephone: (800) 367-6274
(973) 989-1122
FAX: (973) 989-1159
www.njgroups.org

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PROFESSIONAL AND PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS

New Jersey Association of Community Providers, Inc.
1005 Whitehead Road Ext., Suite 1B
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone: (609) 406-1400
FAX: (609) 406-1442
www.njacp.org

ACCESS-NJ/CNA
150 West State Street, Suite 120
Trenton, NJ 08608
Telephone: (609) 392-1255
FAX: (609) 392-3236
www.cnaservices.org

Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped (ASAH)
2125 Route 33
Lexington Square
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Telephone: (609) 890-1400
FAX: (609) 890-8860
www.asah.org

New Jersey Association for Persons in Supported Employment (NJAPSE)
The Network on Employment
Telephone: (732) 831-1114
www.njapse.org

SERVICE ANIMAL RESOURCES

Canine Companions for Independence
286 Middle Island Road, Medford, NY 11763
Telephone/TDD: (800) 572-2275
www.cci.org

Canine Partners for Life
PO Box 170, Cochranville, PA 19330
Telephone: (610) 869-4902
www.k94life.org

Service Animal Registry of America (SARA)
PO Box 607, Midlothian, TX 76065
Telephone: (206) 376-8931
http://affluent.net/sara/

Delta Society
875 124th Avenue NE, Suite 101
Bellevue, WA 98005
Telephone: (425) 679-5500
www.deltasociety.org

Seeing Eye, Inc.
PO Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963-0375
Telephone: (973) 539-4425
www.seeingeye.org

RECREATION RESOURCES

SPORTS AND TRAINING
New Jersey Special Olympics
3 Princess Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
Telephone: (609) 896-8000
FAX: (609) 896-8040
www.sonj.org

New Jersey Tournament of Champions
466 Ely Harmony Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
Telephone: (732) 462-7945
FAX: (732) 409-3612
www.njtournamentofchampions.com

New Jersey Arts Access Task Force
8 Marcella Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
Telephone: (973) 731-6582
FAX: (973) 731-5520
www.njtheatrealliance.org/accessibility.htm

VSA Arts of New Jersey
703 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone: (732) 745-3885
FAX: (732) 745-4524
www.vsanj.org
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Assistive technology is equipment or services which increase, maintain or improve the functional capability of an individual with a disability. The following programs and agencies provide both awareness of and access to assistive technology.

“BACK IN ACTION”
ASSISTIVE DEVICES RECYCLING CENTER
Telephone:  (800) DIAL-TEC (342-5832)
TTY:  (609) 633-7106
FAX:  (609) 777-0187
http://backinaction.drnj.org

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY CENTER (ATAC)
210 S. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
Telephone:  (800) DIAL-TEC (342-5832)
TTY:  (609) 633-7106
FAX:  (609) 777-0187
www.drnj.org/atacprogram.htm

REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY LENDING CENTER
Advancing Opportunities (formerly CPNJ)
1005 Whitehead Road Ext., Suite 1
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone:  (609) 882-4182
(888) 322-1918 (Toll-free)
TTY:  (609) 882-0620
FAX:  (609) 882-4054

YOUR ReSource
8 Industry Court
Ewing, NJ 08638
Telephone:  (609) 530-1513
www.yourresourcenj.org

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES ON THE WEB
Able Data www.abledata.com
AssistiveTech.net www.assistivetech.net
Northeast ADA & IT Center www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/dbtacnortheast/index.cfm
RESNA www.resna.org
Web Access Interactive www.w3.org/WAI/

NATIONAL RESOURCES
Many national organizations can offer assistance to people with disabilities and their families. Here are some telephone numbers, hotlines, and Web Sites for additional resources.

Ability OnLine Support Network
(866) 650-6207
www.ablelink.org

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
(800) 424-3688
www.aamr.org

American Cancer Society
(800) 227-2345
www.cancer.org

American Foundation for the Blind
(800) 232-5463
www.afb.org

American Stroke Association
(888) 478-7653
www.strokeassociation.org

Amputee Coalition of America
(888) 267-5669
www.amputee-coalition.org

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association
(800) 782-4747
www.alsa.org

The Arc of the United States
(800) 433-5255
www.thearc.org

Brain Injury Association of America
(800) 444-6443
www.biausa.org

Burn Survivors Online
www.burnsurvivorsonline.com

Celiac Sprue Association
(877) 272-4272
www.csaceliacs.org
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)
(800) 233-4050
www.chadd.org

Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association of America
(704) 365-2343
www.cfids.org

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
(800) 344-4823
wwwcff.org

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
(800) 348-4232
www.dredf.org

Easter Seals National Headquarters
(800) 221-6827
www.easterseals.com

Epilepsy Foundation of America
(800) 332-1000
www.epilepsyfoundation.org

Job Accommodation Network
(800) 526-7234
www.jan.wvu.edu

Learning Disabilities Association
(412) 341-1515
www.ldanatl.org

Mental Health America
(800) 969-6642
www.nmha.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association
(800) 572-1717
www.mda.org

National Accessible Apartment Clearinghouse
(800) 421-1221
www.accessibleapartments.org

National Association of the Deaf
(301) 587-1789 (TTY) (301) 587-1788 (Voice)
www.nad.org

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
(800) 562-6265
www.napvi.org

National Association of People with AIDS
(866) 846-9366
www.napwa.org

National Autism Center
(877) 313-3833
www.nationalautismcenter.org

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
(800) 622-2255
www.ncadd.org

National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities (NICHCY)
(800) 695-0285
www.nichcy.org

National Downs Syndrome Society
(800) 221-4602
www.ndss.org

National Fragile X Foundation
(800) 688-8765
www.fragilex.org

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
(888) 657-7323
www.loc.gov/nls/

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
(800) 344-4867
www.nmss.org

National Organization for Rare Disorders
(800) 999-6673
www.rarediseases.org

National Spinal Cord Injury Association
(800) 962-9629
www.spinalcord.org

Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
(866) 487-2365
www.dol.gov/odep

Paralyzed Veterans of America
(800) 555-9140
www.pva.org

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association
(877) 662-7737
www.rsds.org

Society for Disability Studies
(212) 652-2005
www.disstudies.org
**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

Library for the Blind and Handicapped  
PO Box 501  
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
Telephone: (800) 792-8322  
(609) 530-4000  
FAX: (609) 530-6384  
www.njlbh.org

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D)  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
Telephone: (800) 221-4792  
FAX: (609) 987-8116  
www.rfbd.org

New Jersey State Library  
PO Box 520, 185 West State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
Telephone: (609) 278-2640  
FAX: (609) 292-2746  
www.njstatelib.org

**RIGHTS AND LAWS**

**The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**  
http://idea.ed.gov  
Federal law mandating that all children, regardless of disability, are entitled to a free, appropriate education, without extra cost and in the least restrictive and segregated environment possible.

**The Rehabilitation Act of 1973**  
Federal law which mandates all federal government agencies, and agencies with federal government contracts, to take affirmative action to employ people with disabilities. It also protects otherwise qualified people with disabilities from being denied services or benefits from a program receiving federal money.

**The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**  
www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm  
Federal civil rights law which guarantees individuals with disabilities equal opportunity in employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, transportation, and telecommunications.

**The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000**  
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/ddact/DDACT2.html  
Federal law mandating that an individual with a developmental disability has a right to appropriate treatment for his or her disability, and that treatment should be designed to maximize the individual’s potential.

**The Fair Housing Act**  
www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/title8.htm  
Federal law which prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of houses and apartments. It is also discriminatory to refuse to allow the modification of a home to provide physical access.

**The Motorized Wheelchair Lemon Law**  
www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/brief/wheel.pdf  
The Wheelchair Lemon Law requires manufacturers to give customers warranties of at least one year that cover defects which impair the use, value or safety of the chair or scooter. After three unsuccessful attempts at repairing the same problem with the wheelchair or motorized scooter or if the wheelchair or motorized scooter is out of service for a total of twenty days, the customer may be entitled to a replacement, refund, or early lease termination, minus a reasonable allowance for use.

**The Snow Removal Act**  
www.njleg.state.nj.us/9899/Bills/pl99/182_.htm  
In a public parking area, the person who owns or controls the area shall be responsible for assuring that the restricted spaces remain free from obstruction. This includes shopping carts and other debris. Ice and snow must be removed within 24 hours after the weather condition has ceased.
Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
www.nj.gov/opra/
2001 state law which requires most branches of state, county, and municipal government to provide citizens with the opportunity to inspect, copy, or examine government records. It does allow public agencies to protect citizens’ personal information.

Older Americans Act
www.aoa.gov
Federal civil rights law passed in 1965, which has since been amended. It created the Administration on Aging and provides funding for research and training projects. It also provides nutrition programs, health promotion and disease prevention, in-home services, and protection of the rights of older persons. The amended Act created the National Family Caregiver Support Program, which helps families care for elders who have illnesses or disabilities.

Mental Health Parity Act
www.cms.hhs.gov/healthinsreformforconsume/04_the_mentalhealthparityact.asp
Federal law which prevents group health plans of employers with more than 50 workers from placing dollar limits on mental health benefits that are lower than annual or lifetime dollar limits for medical and surgical benefits offered under the plan. This law does not, however, require group health plans to include mental health coverage.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/
Federal law which establishes national standards to protect individuals’ medical records and other health information. Insurance carriers, healthcare clearinghouses, and healthcare providers are required to comply with its privacy standards. It gives consumers the right to request to inspect, copy, or amend their medical records, and to limit disclosure of information.

Danielle’s Law
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/resources/info/danielles law2.html
New Jersey state law which requires staff working at public or private facilities for persons with developmental disabilities or brain injuries to call 911 in cases of medical emergency.

Air Carriers Access Act
Federal law which requires airlines to accommodate the needs of passengers with disabilities. It prevents airlines from refusing to transport a passenger solely because of a disability; limits the circumstances under which passengers with disabilities must provide advance information about their disabilities to air carriers; states that assistive devices do not count against passenger baggage limits; and sets accessibility guidelines for airplane facilities. Airline personnel must provide routine physical assistance but are not required to provide what would customarily be regarded as personal care assistance. However, if a passenger requires an attendant, the airline must transport the attendant free of charge. The law does not require an airline to transport an individual who may endanger the health or safety of others. The Act mandates that a Complaints Resolution Officer (CRO) be immediately available to resolve disputes between airlines and passengers with disabilities.

The Work Incentives Improvement Act
www.socialsecurity.gov/work/aboutticket.html
Former U.S. President Clinton signed the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 on December 17. This law increases beneficiary choice in obtaining rehabilitation and vocational services; removes barriers that require people with disabilities to choose between health care coverage and work; and insures that more Americans with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in the workforce and lessen their dependence on public benefits.

New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD)
www.state.nj.us/lps/dcr/law.html
New Jersey state law which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, places of public accommodation, and credit and business contracts on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex, familial status, marital status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, or AIDS and HIV status. There are exceptions to these prohibitions.

Family Support Act
The Family Support Act is a 1993 state law which created family-driven Regional Family Support Planning Councils to assist families in making service decisions that best meet the needs of their members with disabilities. It establishes within the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) a system of family support which includes financial assistance, service coordination, and a variety of services and trainings.
LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Civil Rights
The Division on Civil Rights, within the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, is responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination and for seeking resolution through conciliation, hearings, or court orders. People with disabilities can file a complaint by calling the division or any of its enforcement branches.

The Division on Civil Rights
PO Box 090
Trenton, NJ 08625-0090
Telephone: (609) 292-4605
TTY: (609) 292-1785
FAX: (609) 984-3812
www.NJCivilRights.org

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DISABILITY RIGHTS INFORMATION SERVICES
The following telephone numbers and Internet sites offer access to federal agencies and other organizations which provide information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as guidance in understanding and complying with provisions of the ADA and other federal disability rights laws.

Department of Justice
ADA Information Line for documents, questions and referrals: (800) 514-0301
TDD: (800) 514-0383
www.ada.gov

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
National Headquarters
Telephone: (202) 663-4900
TTY: (202) 663-4494
To be automatically connected to the nearest EEOC field office: (800) 669-4000
TTY: (800) 669-6820
www.eeoc.gov

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer Information on Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)
Telephone: (888) 225-5322
TTY: (888) 835-5322
www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/trs.html

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
Documents and questions: (800) 872-2253
TDD: (800) 993-2822
www.access-board.gov

INFORMATION ON OTHER LAWS OF INTEREST
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990 US Department of Education
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Telephone: (202) 245-7468
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OSERS/index.html

Fair Housing Act of 1988
New Jersey/New York
HUD Fair Housing Office
Telephone: (800) 496-4294
TTY: (973) 645-3298
www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/aboutfheo/fhhubs.cfm

Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice:
Telephone: (800) 514-0301
TTY: (800) 514-0383
www.ada.gov

ADA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
DBTAC - Northeast ADA Center
Cornell University
201 Dolgen Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
Telephone: (800) 949-4232 (voice, TTY)
www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/dbtacnortheast/index.cfm

For a list of ADA cases, See Appendix 8

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AT A GLANCE

Title I Ensures that qualified job applicants and employees with disabilities are protected from discrimination on the basis of disability. Enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Title II Requires equal access for people with disabilities to state and local government programs and services. Enforced by the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Title III Mandates access to goods and services to people with disabilities in places of public accommodation. Enforced by the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Title IV Establishes the Telecommunication Relay service and requires any public service announcement that is funded wholly or in part by the federal government to be closed-captioned. Enforced by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Title V Compliance mechanisms for the administration of the provisions of the ADA
HEALTH COVERAGE RESOURCES

This section describes federal and state health care assistance programs and health care resources for eligible children and adults with disabilities.

SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES
Each of the state’s 21 counties has a Special Child Health Services (SCHS) Case Management Unit jointly funded by SCHS and the County Freeholders. SCHS Case Managers, with parental consent, work with the child’s parents and the physician to evaluate an affected child’s strengths and needs; and develops an individual service plan for the child and family. Medical, educational, developmental, social and economic needs of the child and family are targeted.

Special Child Health and Early Intervention Services
PO Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364
Telephone: (609) 777-7778
(888) 653-4463 (Toll Free)
FAX: (609) 292-3580

COUNTY CASE MANAGEMENT UNITS
Atlantic County (609) 645-7700 x4358
Bergen County (201) 634-2620
Burlington County (609) 267-1950 x42882
Camden County (856) 374-6021
Cape May County (609) 465-6841 x202
Cumberland County (856) 453-2154
Essex County (973) 395-8836
Gloucester County (856) 681-6497
Hudson County (201) 915-2514
Hunterdon County (908) 788-6399
Mercer County (609) 588-8460
Middlesex County (732) 745-3180
Monmouth County (732) 224-6950
Morris County (973) 971-4155
Ocean County (732) 341-9700 x7602
Passaic County (973) 523-6778
Salem County (856) 935-7510 x8479
 Somerset County (908) 725-2366
Sussex County (973) 948-5239 x3129
Union County (908) 889-0950 x2544
Warren County (908) 689-6000 x258

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES
The Maternal and Child Health and Regional Services Unit supports a regionalized perinatal system and provides epidemiology services based on infant mortality and morbidity surveillance units.

Funding and coordination are provided to the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalitions, the MCH Consortia, and a network of specialized perinatal services for pregnant women at risk. This network includes high-risk obstetric clinics and risk reduction centers.

DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES
NJ Family Health Line
Telephone: (800) 328-3838

NEWBORN BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING PROGRAM
Telephone: (609) 292-1582

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, immunization screening, and health care referrals to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children (from families with inadequate income and who are at risk with respect to their physical and mental health due to inadequate nutrition and/or primary health care).

FOR LOCAL WIC AGENCIES
(866) 44NJWIC

DENTAL ASSISTANCE
New Jersey Foundation of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, Donated Dental Services
PO Box 2117
Edison, NJ 08818
Essex, Union, Hudson, Bergen, Passaic, Morris, and Sussex Counties:
Telephone: (888) 995-0055
(732) 549-8506
FAX: (732) 549-8907
All other counties:
Telephone: (800) 829-4619
(732) 549-8909
FAX: (732) 549-8907
www.nfdh.org
University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), New Jersey Dental School Clinic  
110 Bergen Street, PO Box 1709  
Newark, NJ 07101  
Telephone: (973) 972-4242

Dental Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities in NJ,  
Matheny Institute for Research in Developmental Disabilities  
PO Box 339  
Peapack, NJ 07977  
Telephone: (908) 234-0011  
(888) 917-1222

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**PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE**

PAAD and Senior Gold  
The Department of Health and Senior Services offers, to qualified individuals, programs which provide financial assistance for prescription medicines and certain pharmacy items.

For information about applying for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) or Senior Gold, contact your county’s NJ EASE program (see page 21), your local pharmacy, or the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Department of Health and Senior Services Call Center  
(800) 792-9745  
(609) 588-7048

**For information about the AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP), call (877) 613-4533**

Rx4NJ (888) 793-6765  
www.rx4nj.org  
Many pharmaceutical companies have Patient Assistance Programs to assist consumers who have limited income and are without health insurance which covers the cost of medications. Rx4NJ, a Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) program, is a no-cost service which connects consumers to these discounts.

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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Statewide Clinical Consultation and Training (SCCAT)  
This program serves individuals anywhere in New Jersey with developmental disabilities in mental health or behavioral crises. Their staff work out of regional offices, providing 24 hour a day, 7 day a week mobile response to people who are in crisis wherever they are located. They work with consumers, their families, staff and mental health providers by offering:

- Direct response at the time of crisis in family homes, residential placements, day programs, and emergency rooms
- Technical support to families, sponsors, DD and mental health service providers
- Link-up with relevant resources
- Training for consumers, families, sponsors, and service providers
- Consultations at psychiatric impatient units

(888) 393-3007  
www.sccatnj.org

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**FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCs)** are community-based programs, which provide primary and preventive healthcare, regardless of a patient’s ability to pay. To find a FQHC in New Jersey, visit www.nj pca.org/FQHC.

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**CHARITY CARE** (866) 588-5696  
The New Jersey Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program (Charity Care) is free or reduced charge care, which is provided to patients who receive inpatient and outpatient services at acute care hospitals throughout New Jersey. Some services, and outpatient prescriptions, may not be eligible for reduction. Assistance is available to individuals who have no health coverage or coverage that pays only for part of the bill, who are ineligible for any private or government sponsored coverage (such as Medicaid), and who meet the program’s income and assets criteria.

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**HEALTHCARE RESOURCES ON THE WEB**

The Patient Advocate Foundation  
www.patientadvocate.org

Medicare Interactive  
www.medicareinteractive.org

Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Healthcare  
www.healthcare-ethics.org
Medicare is a health insurance program, administered by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for people 65 years of age or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease.

Medicare coverage is divided into three parts; Part A, Part B, and Part D. Part A helps to pay for care in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and hospice care. Part B helps pay for doctors, outpatient hospital care, and some other services not covered under Part A. Part D provides prescriptions coverage. Please direct specific questions to your carrier.

**MEDICARE CONTACTS**

**Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

26 Federal Plaza Room, 38th Floor
New York, NY 10278
Telephone: (212) 616-2205
FAX: (212) 264-6189
http://cms.hhs.gov

For Medicare information:

www.medicare.gov

800-MEDICARE (633-4227)

**NEW JERSEY CARRIERS AND PARTNERS**

**State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Telephone: (800) 792-8820
(609) 943-3437

FAX: (609) 943-4011

**New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization**

(908) 233-0060
www.njhospice.org

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTACTS**

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP)**

(800) 232-4636
www.cdc.gov

**Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)**

(800) 827-1000
TDD: (800) 829-4833
www.va.gov

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

(888) 275-4772
TDD: (877) 489-4772
www.hrsa.gov

**Office on Civil Rights**

(800) 368-1019
TDD: (800) 537-7697
www.hhs.gov/ocr/

**Office of the Inspector General**

(800) 869-4499 TDD: (800) 377-4950
www.justice.gov/oig

**Railroad Retirement Board**

(877) 772-5772
TDD: (312) 751-4701
www.rrb.gov

**MEDICARE COVERAGE AT A GLANCE**

**Part A:** Medically necessary care in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospice, and some home health care

**Part B:** Doctor visits, preventive care, laboratory and x-ray services, durable medical equipment, hospital outpatient services, home health care, and ambulance service

**Part D:** Coverage for some medically approved pharmaceuticals
The New Jersey Medicaid Program, administered by the DHS Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, covers certain medical and health care services for individuals who meet established eligibility standards.

**MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVERS**
Medicaid waivers include expanded Medicaid services to allow individuals who require facility-level of care to remain in the community. Individual waivers have disability-specific services included in their service packages. Please note that waivers have clinical and financial eligibility criteria, which must be met prior to enrollment.

Waivers are for individuals who already qualify for Medicaid but require supports and services beyond what standard Medicaid health insurance covers, OR for those who do not qualify for Medicaid under standard income guidelines, but who will not be able to remain in their homes without the supports and services that the waiver can provide, and who require a level of care provided by a hospital, a nursing facility, or an intermediate care facility.

**NJ FAMILY CARE**
NJ FamilyCare is a federal and state funded health insurance program created to help New Jersey’s uninsured children and certain low-income parents and guardians to have affordable health coverage. It is for families who do not have available or affordable employer insurance, and cannot afford to pay the high cost of private health insurance.

Telephone: (800) 701-0710
www.njfamilycare.org

**LogistiCare** schedules rides to medical appointments for individuals on Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare.

Reservations: (866) 527-9933
“Where’s My Ride?”: (866) 527-9934

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**MEDICAID AT A GLANCE**

**MEDICAID SERVICES MAY INCLUDE:**

- Certified Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Services
- Chiropractic Services
- Dental Services
- Early and Periodic Screen, Diagnosis, and Treatment (under age 21 only)
- Family Planning Services
- HealthStart Maternity and Pediatric Care Services
- Home Care Services
- Hospice Services
- Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services
- Laboratory and Radiological Services
- Medical Day Care Services
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Nursing Facility Services
- Optometric Services and Optical Appliances
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Physician Services
- Podiatric Services
- Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices and Hearing Aids
- Psychological and Mental Health Services
- Rehabilitative Services
- Medical Transportation Services
HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WELLNESS BASICS

- Include physical activity in your daily routine.
- Eat according to the FDA Food Pyramid at [http://mypyramid.gov/](http://mypyramid.gov/)
- Rest when needed and maintain a sleep schedule and maintain good personal hygiene.
- Make medical appointments as needed and keep accurate records for follow-up.
- Take medication as directed. Don’t deviate from regime without medical clearance.
- Do a daily ‘wellness check’ Look out for skin breakdown, sores and irritation.
- Make sure medical equipment such as wheelchairs and prosthetic devises “fit” properly.
- Avoid drug usage and limit alcohol and tobacco consumption.
- Maintain social interaction. Be part of the community.
- Keep up with “preventative” care. Examples Mammogram and pelvic exams for females and DRE and testicular exam for males.

HEALTH CARE SELF-ADVOCACY

- Keep an accurate updated list of your medications, providers, and insurance information.
- Make sure providers’ offices are accessible. When in doubt, Ask!!
- Discuss your disability as well as your health needs with practitioners.
- Never be afraid to ask questions or get clarity as needed.
- Ask someone to accompany you to appointments as needed.
- Keep a list of concerns or questions in between appointments and bring it with you to your appointments.

WELLNESS RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Center for Disease Control Women’s Health Homepage
[www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/women/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/women/default.htm)

The National Center on Physical Activity and Disability
[www.ncpad.org/](http://www.ncpad.org/)

Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD)
[www.bcm.edu/crowd/index.cfm](http://www.bcm.edu/crowd/index.cfm)

American Association on Health and Disability
[www.aahd.us/page.php](http://www.aahd.us/page.php)

National Woman’s Health Information Center Illnesses and Disabilities
[www.4woman.gov/wwd](http://www.4woman.gov/wwd)

Center for Disease Control Feature Page on Disabilities
[www.cdc.gov/Features/Disabilities](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Disabilities)
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal program established for the aged and people with disabilities. The program provides a monthly stipend. The federal government administers SSI through the Social Security Administration. People over 65 and people with disabilities, including children, may be eligible for SSI payments, and will receive NJ Medicaid automatically. Application is made through any Social Security office. Parents or guardians may apply on behalf of children under 18.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE
The Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program pays benefits to disabled workers and their families. To be eligible for SSDI, you must be disabled and must have earned a minimum number of credits from work covered under Social Security. The required number of credits varies depending on your age at the time you became disabled.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
(800) 772-1213  TDD: (800) 325-0778  www.socialsecurity.gov

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND  (800) 335-FUND
The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund provides financial assistance for families in which a child has a disability or illness for which expenses are incurred that are not fully covered by insurance, state or federal programs, or other sources. Families that have lived in New Jersey for at least three months immediately preceding the date of application may be eligible if they have incurred health care expenses that exceed 10 percent of the family’s income (plus 15 percent of any income over $100,000). The child must have been 21 years old or younger when the medical bills were incurred. Families may reapply annually.

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND COMMISSION
PO Box 728, Trenton, NJ 08625-0728
Telephone:  (609) 292-0600  (800) 335-FUND
www.njcatastrophicfund.org

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
(800) 510-3102
LIHEAP helps to pay heating and cooling bills.

NJ LIFELINE CREDIT PROGRAM
(800) 792-9745
NJ Lifeline is a yearly credit for your electric or gas bill. An individual must be 65 years old, or be a disabled adult at least 18 years old who is receiving Social Security Disability benefits. Recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not need to apply—the Lifeline benefit is included in the monthly SSI check.

NJ SHARES  (866) NJSHARES (657-4273)  www.njshares.org
NJ SHARES helps to pay electric and gas bills. This benefit can help if you experience a financial emergency and cannot pay your energy bill. To apply, contact a local NJ SHARES Intake Agency using the toll-free number above.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)
(866) 240-1347
The Universal Service Fund (USF) program helps eligible low income households pay electric and natural gas service. The goal of the USF program is to ensure that eligible New Jersey utility customers only have to pay an affordable portion of their household income for energy cost. Under USF, eligible households would pay no more than 6% of their annual income for their natural gas and electric service combined. USF recipients must reside at the address provided on their utility account, and USF benefits will only be offered to the person/head of household listed on the utility account.

Board of Public Utilities  (973) 648-2026

AUTO INSURANCE ASSISTANCE

DOLLAR-A-DAY AUTO INSURANCE
(800) 652-2471
The Dollar-A-Day policy is available to New Jersey drivers who are currently enrolled in Medicaid with hospitalization. It covers emergency treatment immediately following an accident, and treatment of serious brain and spinal cord injuries up to $250,000. It also provides a death benefit of $10,000. The cost is $365 per year.

To find food pantries throughout New Jersey, visit the Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network website: www.sefan.org
EARLY INTERVENTION RESOURCES

The New Jersey Early Intervention System receives state and federal funds through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The ultimate goal is for children to maximize their potential to lead full, productive lives with their families and within their own communities.

New Jersey’s Early Intervention System is a coordinated effort among the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council. A State Interagency Coordinating Council, appointed by the governor, advises and assists the Department of Health and Senior Services as lead agency in the development and implementation of early intervention for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities, and their families. Services are available to children, birth to three, in every county.

ELIGIBILITY
Each child’s eligibility is determined by a multidisciplinary team, which includes the child’s parents. If the child is not eligible for early intervention, recommendations may be made for referral to other appropriate resources. If the child is eligible, as determined by a medical diagnosis or developmental evaluation, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to meet the needs of the child and the family will be developed by the team.

CRITERIA
- developmental delay of 25 percent in two or more developmental areas (cognitive; physical, including gross motor, fine motor, vision and hearing; communication, social/emotional or adaptive); or
- developmental delay of 33 percent in one developmental area; or
- a medically diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

ACCESSING SERVICES
The county-based Special Child Health Services’ Case Management Units are the system points of entry into the early intervention system. With family consent, anyone may call to make a referral. A service coordinator will be assigned to work with the family. The service coordinator will arrange evaluation for eligibility at no cost to the family.

Please see Pages 37 for a list of SCHS Case Management Units.

REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES
The Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives (REICs) are independent, non-profit corporations established to provide a community-based, culturally competent and consumer-driven early intervention system. The collaboratives are responsible for conducting assessments to identify regional needs; developing plans to address the needs; understanding and supporting family preferences, needs and quality of life; and actively involving families and community in every aspect of system development.

Southern Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
Winslow Professional Building
339 South Route 73, Suite 6, Berlin, NJ 08009
Telephone: (856) 768-6747
FAX: (856) 768-7608
www.njeis.org/snreic/
(Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties)

Family Link Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
2333 Morris Avenue, Suite A-20 (2nd Floor)
Union, NJ 07083
Telephone: (908) 964-5303
FAX: (908) 964-6091
www.njeis.org/familylink/
(Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties)

Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium
2 King Arthur Court, Suite B
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Telephone: (732) 937-5437
FAX: (732) 937-5540
www.cnjmchc.org
(Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, & Somerset Counties)

Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative
65 Willowbrook Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Wayne, NJ 07470
Telephone: (973) 256-8484
FAX: (973) 256-1233
(Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties)
www.nreic.org

Early Intervention System
888-NJ-EI-INFO
(888-653-4463)
EDUCATION RESOURCES

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act guarantees children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, the right to a free, appropriate public education delivered in the least restrictive environment. The New Jersey Department of Education administers state and federally funded aid programs for more than 1.3 million public and private elementary and secondary school children, and is responsible for ensuring that local schools comply with state and federal laws and regulations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Office of Special Education Programs, under the jurisdiction of the Division of Student Services, is responsible for the provision of special education and related services.

Office of Special Education Programs
PO Box 500, 100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
Telephone: (609) 292-0147
FAX: (609) 984-8422
www.nj.gov/njded/specialed/

CHILD STUDY TEAMS

A child study team consists of a school psychologist, a learning disability teacher-consultant and a school social worker. For children age three to five, the child study team includes a speech correctionist or speech-language specialist. The child study team, with consent of the child’s parents, evaluates the child and determines his or her eligibility for special education services.

Upon completion of the evaluation and prior to placement in special education, an Individualized Education Program, with stated goals and objectives, is written with the participation of the parents. According to New Jersey Administrative Code, a full continuum of alternative placements shall be available to meet the needs of children with educational disabilities.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS

Learning Resource Centers are funded through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Funds. The centers provide research reports, curriculum guides, books, videos and audio tapes, as well as training and in-service workshops, for parents and educators of students with disabilities.

HEAD START

Project Head Start is a Federally funded pre-school program for children. Head Start provides a program of comprehensive developmental services based on the needs of the individual child, the child’s family and community. Head Start serves children with disabilities in a mainstream environment.

For Local Head Start Programs:
(609) 777-2074

NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (HESAA)

HESAA provides New Jersey students and families with the financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school.

Telephone: (800) 792-8670
www.hesaa.org

COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF CHILD STUDY

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Resources for employment and training vary, depending on the individual’s skill level and employability. Services for people with disabilities include vocational evaluation and assessment, training, counseling, education, job placement assistance, supported employment and support for entrepreneurs with disabilities.

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**
The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, provides services to individuals of employable age with disabilities through 18 district offices. Eligibility generally is based on the presence of a mental or physical disability that is an obstacle to employment, and a reasonable expectation that the division’s services will help the individual become employable.

Vocational rehabilitation counselors work with the individuals and their families to develop and carry out a plan for training and placement. If financial need is established, the division will purchase other rehabilitative services from private providers, such as further evaluation or counseling, training at a vocational center or technical school and on-the-job training.

**DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES (DVRS)**
PO Box 398
Trenton, NJ 08625-0398
Telephone: (609) 292-5987
TTY: (609) 292-2919
FAX: (609) 292-8347
www.wnjpin.state.nj.us

**DISTRICT OFFICES**

**DVRS ATLANTIC OFFICE**
2 South Main Street, Suite 2
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
Telephone: (609) 813-3933
TTY: (609) 813-3958
FAX: (609) 813-3959

**DVRS BERGEN OFFICE**
60 State Street, 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601-5471
Telephone: (201) 996-8970
TTY: (201) 487-6348
FAX: (201) 996-8880

**DVRS BURLINGTON OFFICE**
795 Woodlane Road, Suite 201
Westampton, NJ 08060
Telephone: (609) 518-3948
TTY: (609) 518-3957
FAX: (609) 518-3956

**DVRS CAMDEN OFFICE**
2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Suite 103
Camden, NJ 08104-3290
Telephone: (856) 614-2500
TTY: (856) 614-2504
FAX: (856) 614-2538

**DVRS CAPE MAY OFFICE**
3810 New Jersey Avenue
Wildwood, NJ 08260
Telephone: (609) 523-0330
VP: (609) 729-0132
FAX: (609) 523-0212

**DVRS CUMBERLAND/SALEM OFFICE**
40 East Broad Street, Suite 204
Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2881
Telephone: (856) 453-3888
VP: (856) 552-4533
FAX: (856) 453-3909

**DVRS ESSEX OFFICE**
990 Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Telephone: (973) 648-3494
TTY: (973) 648-2733
FAX: (973) 648-3902

**DVRS GLOUCESTER OFFICE**
215 Crown Point Road, Suite 200
Thorofare, NJ 08086-2153
Telephone: (856) 384-3730
TTY: (856) 384-3778
FAX: (856) 384-3777

**DVRS HUDSON OFFICE**
438 Summit Avenue, 6th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306-3187
Telephone: (201) 217-7180
TTY: (201) 217-7290
FAX: (201) 217-7287

**DVRS MERCER OFFICE**
Labor Station Plaza, PO Box 959
28 Yard Avenue,
Trenton, NJ 08625-0959
Telephone: (609) 292-2940
TTY: (609) 984-1568
FAX: (609) 984-3553
For New Jersey residents with blindness or visual impairment, the DHS Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) provides comprehensive employment services which include vocational evaluation, counseling, guidance and training, and job placement. For a list of CBVI offices, go to Page 6.

The cornerstone of New Jersey’s workforce investment system are the One-Stop Career Centers. One-Stop Career Centers throughout the state offer a wide range of tools to help people, including military veterans, those who are 55+, and individuals with disabilities, find a new job or career. All services are free of charge to help New Jersey’s workers:

- Find a job
- Strengthen job-search skills
- Get training
- Improve reading and basic skills
- Network your way to a job
- Use labor market information to make career decisions
- Start a business

To connect with your local One-Stop Career Center, call:

(877) 872-5627

For the New Jersey Association for Persons in Supported Employment (NJAPSE), See Page 31
TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT

Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability beneficiaries will receive a “Ticket” that they may be able to obtain vocational rehabilitation (VR), employment or other support services from an approved provider of their choice. The Ticket program is voluntary. The law includes several enhancements to Medicaid and Medicare. For information, call (866) 871-7867.

The law also created a new Medicaid buy-in project to provide medical assistance to workers with impairments who are able to work. The law also extends Medicare coverage for people with disabilities who return to work.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services has developed a common policy and regulations regarding self-employment as a work option for people with disabilities. Individuals with an interest in becoming self-employed should present this option to their vocational rehabilitation counselor. If a solid business plan is put together, there may be capital investment available for a variety of start-up needs.

Eligible clients of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired can obtain capital to start and manage businesses through the Commission’s Business Enterprise Program. Support primarily consists of training in business management and assistance in establishing vending locations. However, assistance for other business venture is possible. A solid business plan is required.

Self-Employment Initiative
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Telephone: (609) 292-5987
FAX: (609) 292-8347

SMALL BUSINESSES

The Disability Enterprise Program offers second-tier loans for small businesses owned by persons with a disability, businesses that are targeting employment for people with a disability and nonprofit corporations starting for-profit operations. Collateral is usually required. Assistance in preparing the application is provided.

The Disability Enterprise Program
New Jersey Community Capital
Telephone: (609) 989-7766
FAX: (609) 393-9401
www.newjerseycommunitycapital.com

PLAN TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUPPORT (PASS)

The Social Security Administration has adopted a series of work incentives with a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS), including the retention of benefits while starting a business. Individuals receiving SSI may be able to acquire additional capital for small business start-up through a PASS. A business plan is required. Contact a PASS specialist at your local social security office.

PASS Proposals Social Security Administration
Telephone: (800) 772-1213 TDD: (800) 325-0778
www.socialsecurity.gov

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance for entrepreneurs with disabilities is available in the form of financing, business plan preparation, marketing assistance, PASS assistance, or general help in locating information or resources for business start-up or expansion.

New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth, and Tourism Commission
Small Business Development Centers
Telephone: (800) 432-1565
www.njsbdc.com

Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE)
Telephone: (973) 645-3982
FAX: (973) 645-2375
www.score.org

Small Business Development Center
Rutgers Graduate School of Management
Telephone: (973) 353-1927

TICKET TO WORK

The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program is the centerpiece of legislation signed by former U.S. President Clinton on December 17, 1999 under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. It is a nationwide initiative designed to bring major positive change to the lives of individuals with disabilities.

This comprehensive national initiative is also designed to assist people with the training and support they need to go to work by increasing their choices. SSA beneficiaries with disabilities can find employment, vocational rehabilitation (VR) and other support services from public and private providers.

Telephone: (866) YOUR TIC       TTY: (866) TDD-2WORK
www.ssa.gov/work       www.yourtickettowork.com

NJ WINS (NEW JERSEY WORK INCENTIVE NETWORK SUPPORT)

New Jersey WINS is a statewide joint Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach (BPAO) project funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration. It provides New Jersey residents who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Medicaid benefits with cost-free information and technical assistance to make choices about accepting employment or increasing work hours.

Telephone: (877) 659-4672
www.njwins.org

NJ WORKABILITY

The WorkAbility program offers people with disabilities who are working, and whose income would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid, the opportunity to pay a small premium and receive full NJ Medicaid coverage. People with disabilities who are employed between the age of 16 to 64 can qualify for the program with annual gross earned income of up to approximately $55,000.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be between the ages of 16-64
- Must be working (full or part time) and have proof of employment.
- Must have been determined “disabled” by the Social Security Administration OR the Disability Review Team at the Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services

Unearned Income

✔ $903 per month (single)  ✔ $1,215 per month (couple)

Note: Social Security Disability benefit may be disregarded for unearned income

Earned Income (Individual)

✔ $54,948 per year (gross income)  ✔ $4,579 per month (gross income)

Earned Income (Couple)

✔ $73,644 per year (gross income)  ✔ $6,137 per month (gross income)

Liquid Assets:

✔ $20,000 for an individual  ✔ $30,000 for a couple (where both are eligible)

Note: Assets do not include the primary home, car (used for work or medical transportation), 401K retirement account.

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Telephone: (800) 356-1561       www.njworkability.nj.gov

Disability Rights New Jersey, See Page 4
HOUSING RESOURCES

HOUSING PROGRAMS
The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs administers the federal Section 8 voucher program and a variety of housing programs for low-income families, women, persons with disabilities and seniors. Services include rental assistance, including the federal, and emergency shelter grants and homelessness prevention. The Department also administers the Community Services Block Grant and Weatherization programs, as well as the Handicapped Person Recreational Opportunity Grants.

The Division of Housing contains elements that administer programs of rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, relocation assistance, family self-sufficiency, emergency shelter grants and homelessness prevention.

The Division assists local groups to sponsor low- and moderate-income housing, through programs that preserve, rehabilitate and expand the housing supply for low and moderate income families.

The Division also provides administrative grants to nonprofit organizations that are involved in the production of affordable housing. In addition, the Division runs a fellowship program through which graduate students in architecture and engineering work with nonprofit housing agencies.

DIVISION OF HOUSING
PO Box 051
Trenton, NJ 08625-0051
(609) 633-6303

Family Self-Sufficiency Program
(609) 633-6284

Homelessness Prevention Program
(866) 889-6270

Section 8 Housing Voucher Program
Rental Assistance Program
(609) 292-4080

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES
Asbury Park Housing Authority ..........732-774-2660
Atlantic City Housing Authority ........609-344-1107
Bayonne Housing Authority ..........201-339-8700
Belmar Housing Authority ..........732-681-1795
Bergen County Housing Authority .......201-569-7454
Berkeley Housing Authority .............732-269-2312
Beverly Housing Authority .............609-387-0250
Bloomfield Township Housing Authority ..........973-680-4188 / 4189
Boonton Housing Authority ..........973-335-0846
Brick Housing Authority ..........732-920-9400
Bridgeton Housing Authority ..........856-451-4454
Buena Housing Authority ..........856-697-4852
Burlington City Housing Authority ..........609-386-0246
Camden Housing Authority ..........856-968-2700
Cape May City Housing Authority ..........609-889-6270
City of Jersey Housing Authority ........609-344-1107
Clifton Housing Authority ..........973-470-5846
Collinswood Housing Authority ..........856-854-1077
Dover Housing Authority ..........973-361-9444
East Orange Housing Authority ..........973-678-0250
Edgewater Housing Authority ..........201-943-6000
Edison Housing Authority ..........732-549-3301
Elizabeth Housing Authority ..........908-965-2400
Englewood Housing Authority ..........201-871-3451
Florence Housing Authority ..........609-499-0575
Fort Lee Housing Authority ..........201-947-7400
Franklin Township Housing Authority ..........732-545-9430
Freehold Housing Authority ..........732-462-2421
Garfield Housing Authority ..........973-340-4170
Glassboro Housing Authority ..........856-881-5211
Gloucester County Housing Authority ..........856-845-4959
Gloucester Township Housing Authority ..........856-227-5077
Guttenberg Housing Authority ..........201-861-0900
Hackensack Housing Authority ..........201-342-4280
Haddon Housing Authority ..........856-854-3700
Hamilton Township Housing Authority ..........609-890-3675
Harrison Housing Authority ..........973-483-1488
Highland Park Housing Authority ..........732-572-4420
Highlands Housing Authority ..........732-872-2022
Hightstown Housing Authority ..........609-448-2268
Hoboken Housing Authority ..........201-798-0370
Hunterdon County Housing Authority ..........908-788-1336
Irvington Housing Authority ..........973-375-1551
New Jersey Housing Authority ...........201-547-6600
Keansburg Housing Authority .......... 732-787-6151
Lakewood Housing Authority .......... 732-364-1300
Linden Housing Authority ............ 908-298-3820
Lodi Housing Authority ............... 973-470-3650
Long Branch Housing Authority ..... 732-222-3747
Madison Housing Authority .......... 973-377-0258
Middlesex County .................... 732-745-3025
Middletown Housing Authority ...... 732-671-4477
Millville Housing Authority ........ 856-825-8860
Monmouth County Housing ............ 732-431-6028
Montclair Housing Authority ......... 973-509-4935
Morris County Housing Authority .... 973-540-0389
Morristown Housing Authority ...... 973-377-0258
Neptune Housing Authority .......... 732-774-7692
New Brunswick Housing Authority .... 732-745-0514
Newark Housing Authority .......... 973-273-6106
Newton Housing Authority .......... 973-383-5191
Ocean City Housing Authority ...... 609-399-1062
Old Bridge Housing Authority ..... 732-671-4477
Orange City Housing Authority ...... 732-675-1250
Passaic County Housing Authority .... 973-881-4369
Passaic Housing Authority ........... 973-365-6330
Paterson Housing Authority .......... 973-345-5080
Penns Grove Housing Authority .... 856-299-0101
Pennsauken Housing Authority ..... 856-663-0514
Perth Amboy Housing Authority .... 732-826-3110
Phillipsburg Division of Community Development ........ 908-454-5500 x342/343
Phillipsburg Housing Authority ..... 908-859-0122
Plainfield Housing Authority ........ 908-769-6335
Pleasantville Housing Authority ... 609-646-3023
Princeton Housing Authority ....... 609-924-3448
Rahway Housing Authority .......... 732-499-0066
Red Bank Housing Authority ......... 732-741-1808
Salem Housing Authority .......... 856-935-5022
Sayerville Housing Authority ...... 732-721-8044
Sea Isle City Housing Authority .... 609-441-3334
Secaucus Housing Authority ........ 201-867-2957
Somerville Housing Authority ..... 908-726-2300
South Amboy Housing Authority ... 732-721-1831
Summit Housing Authority .......... 908-273-6413
Trenton Housing Authority ......... 609-278-5000
Union City Housing Authority ...... 201-864-1515
Union County Housing Authority ... 732-382-8100
Union Township Housing Authority .... 973-761-0059
Vineland Housing Authority ........ 856-691-4099
Warren County Housing Authority ... 908-475-3989
Weehawken Housing Authority ...... 201-348-4188
West New York Housing Authority ...... 201-868-6100
West Orange Housing Authority .... 973-325-4107
Wildwood Housing Authority ...... 609-729-0220
Woodbridge Housing Authority ...... 732-634-2750

NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY (NJHMFA)
800-NJ-HOUSE (800) 654-6873
The main goal of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency is to encourage the production of affordable housing for all New Jersey citizens. Its Community Development Division administers several programs targeted to people with special needs. For information about low-income or special needs home ownership programs, call the NJHMFA.

The NJ Council on Affordable Housing facilitates the production of sound, affordable housing for low and moderate income households by providing the most effective process for municipalities, housing providers, and nonprofit and for profit developers to address a constitutional obligation with the framework of sound, comprehensive planning.

(609) 292-3000 www.state.nj.us/dca/coah/

The New Jersey Homeownership Preservation Effort (NJ HOPE) is a voluntary public/private alliance of government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and financial institutions committed to enhancing home ownership preservation, by raising consumer awareness of available mortgage products and funding, providing increased access to credit and loan counseling for those who need it, and providing temporary assistance to consumers who are in immediate danger of foreclosure. For more information, visit www.state.nj.us/dobi/njhope/

See Page 2

New Jersey Housing Resource Center
www.njhousing.gov

Housing Resources on the Web

HUD Disabilities Web Hub
www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm/

Center for Universal Design
www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)
PASP is a supplemental, self-directing program that provides routine, non-medical assistance to adults ages 18 – 65 with a permanent physical disability, who are employed, involved in community volunteer work or attending school. Personal assistants help with tasks such as light housekeeping, bathing, dressing, meal preparation, shopping, driving or using public transportation. The number of hours a person receives depends on individual need up to 40 hours per week. (For more on PASP, see page 2)

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP)
Division of Disability Services
Telephone: (888) 285-3036 or (609) 292-7800

COUNTY PASP COORDINATORS
Atlantic County . . . . . . . . (609) 645-7700 x4310
Bergen County . . . . . . . . (201) 336-6504
Burlington County . . . . (609) 265-5223
Camden County . . . . . . (856) 858-2970
Cape May County . . . . (609) 886-6200 x371
Cumberland County . . . (856) 453-2156
Essex County . . . . . . . . (973) 395-8494/5837
Gloucester County . . . . (856) 681-6132
Hudson County . . . . . . (201) 339-2500 x143
Hunterdon County . . . . (908) 788-1300
Mercer County . . . . . . (609) 989-6459
Middlesex County . . . . . (732) 745-2587
Monmouth County . . . . . (732) 571-6232
Morris County . . . . . . . . (973) 285-6865
Ocean County . . . . . . . . (732) 505-3779
Passaic County . . . . . . (973) 569-4077
Salem County . . . . . . . . (856) 935-7510 x8311
Somerset County . . . . (908) 704-6350
Sussex County . . . . . . . (973) 948-6000 x223
Union County . . . . . . . (908) 527-4845
Warren County . . . . . . (908) 625-1940

MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT SERVICE (PCA)
Personal Care Assistant Service (PCA) is a statewide service provided by the New Jersey Medicaid Program to people eligible for Medicaid services in the community. The purpose of personal care is to accommodate long-term chronic or maintenance health care as opposed to short-term skilled care as is provided under Medicaid’s home health program. PCA services are health-related tasks done by qualified staff in a medically eligible beneficiary’s home or workplace. They include assistance with activities of daily living and household duties essential to the individual’s health and comfort. For Information contact the Division of Disability Services (888) 285-3036 or (609) 292-4800. (See Page 1)

HOME CARE ASSOCIATIONS
Home Care Association of New Jersey
485-D Route 1 South, Suite 210, Iselin, NJ 08830
Telephone: (609) 275-6100 or (732) 877-1100
www.homecarenj.org

Home Care Council of New Jersey
(VHS of Warren County)
18 Broad Street, PO Box 306, Washington, NJ 07882
Telephone: (908) 689-4140

Home Health Services and Staffing Association of New Jersey
PO Box 64, Riverdale, NJ 07457
Telephone: (973) 303
www.njha.com

Rewarding Work
To learn about employment opportunities to provide support to individuals with disabilities of all ages:
(888) 444-1616 www.rewardingwork.org/nj

CAREGIVER RESOURCES FROM THE WEB

NJEASE for Caregivers
www.caregivernj.nj.gov

National Family Caregivers Association
www.nfcacares.org

Family Caregiver Alliance
www.caregiver.org

Coalition on Family Caregiving
www.cfcares.org

The Family Village
www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/general/care-givers.html

American Health Care Association
www.ahca.org

WellSpouse Association
www.wellspouse.org

National Alliance for Caregiving
www.caregiving.org

For Caregiver Assistance
(800) 792-8820
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
New Jersey Transit provides commuter services through more than 150 bus routes and 11 rail lines in New Jersey and into New York and Pennsylvania. Lift-equipped and kneeling buses, as well as accessible rail stations, are important elements of New Jersey Transit’s services to people with disabilities. Access Link is a service for those who are not able to use a regular fixed-route bus. New Jersey Transit also provides a reduced fare program for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

**New Jersey Transit**
One Penn Plaza East
Newark, NJ 07105
www.njtransit.com
Customer Service: (973) 275-5555
TTY: (800) 772-2287

**NJ Transit ADA Services** (973) 491-7385

**ACCESS LINK**
Access Link is NJ Transit’s paratransit service required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Access Link provides people with disabilities paratransit service comparable to the local bus service. This service is specifically for people whose disability prevents them from using existing local bus service.

Access Link: (800) 955-ADA1 (2321)
TTY: (800) 955-6765

**REDUCED FARE PROGRAM**
Special rates are available for senior citizens 62 years of age or older and people with disabilities. Personal assistants ride for free when proper identification is presented by the person with a disability. You don’t need to be a New Jersey resident to be eligible for the program. You can ride on NJ TRANSIT buses and trains at the reduced rate. Many private bus companies operating in the state also participate in the program. For more information please contact NJ Transit.

Reduced Fare Program (973) 378-6401

**OUT OF STATE ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT SERVICES**

**SEPTA-Pennsylvania**
Customer Services: (215) 580-7800
TDD: (215) 580-7853

Customized Community Transportation Paratransit Service (215) 580-7145
www.septa.com

**MTA-New York**
Access-A-Ride: (718) 393-4999
TDD: (718) 393-4257
http://mta.info/nyct/paratran/guide.htm

**COUNTY PARA-TRANSPORTATION**
Each of the 21 counties in New Jersey provides county-based paratransit service for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The following contact numbers are resources for current information on local paratransit services including hours of operation, reservation procedures, fees (if any), priorities for services, consumer representation on advisory committees, etc.

**COUNTY PARA TRANSIT CONTACTS**
Atlantic County ..................... (609) 645-5910
Bergen County ........................ (201) 368-5955
Burlington County .................... (609) 265-5109
Camden County ........................ (856) 456-3344
Cape May County ..................... (609) 889-3700
Cumberland County .................. (856) 691-7799
Essex County .......................... (973) 395-5858
Gloucester County .................... (856) 686-8350
Hudson County ....................... (201) 369-4320
Hunterdon County .................... (800) 842-0531
Mercer County ....................... (609) 530-1971
Middlesex County .................... (800) 221-3520
Monmouth County .................... (732) 431-6480
Morris County ....................... (888) 282-6277
Ocean County ....................... (877) 929-2082
Passaic County ...................... (973) 305-5756
Salem County ....................... (856) 935-7510
Somerset County .................... (908) 231-7115
Sussex County ...................... (973) 579-0480
Union County ....................... (908) 241-8300
Warren County ..................... (908) 454-4044

**AMTRAK-OFFICE OF AMTRAK ACCESS**
Telephone: (800) USA-RAIL (800-872-7245)
TDD/TTY: (800) 523-6590
www.amtrak.com

**GREYHOUND CUSTOMERS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL ASSISTANCE LINE**
Telephone: (800) 752-4841
TTY: (800) 345-3109
Greyhound ADA Compliance Office
(800) 755-2357
www.greyhound.com

**NJ FINDARIDE**
This website is designed to be an information resource about accessible transportation options available to people with disabilities and others in New Jersey. Please visit www.njfindaride.com.
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE
The Office of the Child Advocate investigates, reviews, monitors or evaluates all State agencies and service providers, and responds to allegations of child abuse and neglect, to ensure the safety of children. A 24-hour hotline is established to respond to complaints regarding the Division of Youth and Family Services.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE
PO Box 092
Trenton, NJ 08625
Helpline: (877) 543-7864
Telephone: (609) 984-1188
FAX: (609) 292-1433
www.childadvocate.state.nj.us

DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
The Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) is New Jersey’s child protection/child welfare agency. Its mission is to protect children, support families, ensure permanency for children, and prevent violence and family disruption. DYFS is responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect and if necessary arranging for the child’s protection and the family’s treatment. District offices handle referrals and investigations statewide.

DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES (DYFS)
PO Box 717
Trenton, NJ 08625-0717
Telephone: (609) 292-6920 (800) 331-3937
FAX: (609) 984-0507

OFFICE OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
THE NEW JERSEY TASK FORCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
PO Box 711
Trenton, NJ 08625-0700
Telephone: (609) 292-0888
FAX: (609) 777-0443

SAFE HAVEN
(877) 839-2339
Safe Haven operates an infant protection hotline for distressed parents who wish to surrender an unwanted infant anonymously at a police station or hospital emergency room with no fear of arrest or prosecution. The child must be less than 30 days old and must not have been abused or neglected.
www.njsafehaven.org

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

NEW JERSEY CHILD CARE HELPLINE
(800) 332-9227
Callers can obtain the telephone number of their local Child Care Resource and Referral System to get information about registered family day care providers and other child care services in their area. Caregivers can also learn how to become a registered family day care provider.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTERS
The CCR&Rs are centralized locations in each county that provide child care resources, referral, training and technical assistance. Child Care Health Consultant Coordinators provide consultation, education and training about the health and safety needs of children in child care. For additional information, contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Center (CCR&R).

Atlantic .................................(609) 646-1180
Bergen ....................................(201) 336-7150
Burlington ...............................(609) 261-9222
Camden .................................(856) 374-6376
Cape May .................................(609) 886-5164
Cumberland ............................(856) 451-6330
Essex .....................................(973) 744-4677
Gloucester ...............................(856) 582-8282
Hudson ...................................(201) 451-8888
Hunterdon ...............................(908) 782-8183
Mercer ....................................(609) 989-7770
Middlesex ...............................(732) 324-4357
Monmouth ...............................(732) 918-9901
Morris ....................................(973) 398-1730
Ocean ....................................(732) 557-9633
Passaic ..................................(973) 684-1904
Salem .....................................(856) 469-6100
Somerset ................................(908) 927-0869
Sussex ...................................(973) 383-3461
Union .....................................(973) 923-1433
Warren ..................................(908) 454-1078

New Jersey State Parent Information & Resource Center (NJPIRC) is a program of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey (PCA-NJ), a statewide, non-profit organization. In 2006, the US Department of Education awarded a five year grant that will allow PCA-NJ to provide leadership and technical assistance to non-profit organizations and local educational agencies to help those organizations put successful parental involvement programs in place. The policies and activities of NJPIRC are designed to improve student academic achievement and to help ensure that students in NJ, particularly those in low performing districts, achieve high academic performance.

For the Department of Children and Families See Page 14
DIVISION OF CHILD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
The Division of Child Behavioral Health Services is an integrated system of care within the Department of Human Services designed to help children with emotional and behavioral disturbances and their families. The Contracted Systems Administrator (CSA) creates a virtual single point of processing that registers, tracks and coordinates care for children who are screened into the system at any level. For more information contact:

PerformCare (877) 652-7624
300 Horizon Center Blvd. Suite 300
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR/KINSHIP CARE
The Kinship Navigator/Kinship Care is a program for people who have taken on the responsibility of caring for their relatives’ children. It is an information and referral program established to help relatives navigate their way through the various governmental systems to find the local supports they need, including support groups, cash assistance, medical coverage, housing assistance, child care resources, and respite services. Service is administered through the following agencies:

CarePlus, NJ – (201) 265-0826 (Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties)
The Salvation Army – (973) 623-8471 or (973) 623-8472, (Essex County)
Children’s Home Society – (609) 695-6274 (Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Union counties)
Family Service Association – (877) 569-0350 (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties)

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE  (877) NJABUSE / (800) 835-5510 (TTY)
DYFS ACTION LINE  (800) 331-DYFS
For Early Intervention Services, See Page 43

SIGNS OF CHILD ABUSE
Child abuse is harm to, or neglect of, a child by another person, whether adult or child. Child abuse happens in all cultural, ethnic, and income groups. Child abuse can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, or through neglect. Abuse may cause serious injury to the child and may even result in death.

Signs of possible abuse include:

**Physical Abuse**

- Unexplained or repeated injuries such as welts, bruises, or burns
- Injuries that are in the shape of an object (belt buckle, electric cord, etc.)
- Injuries not likely to happen given the age or ability of the child. For example, broken bones in a child too young to walk or climb
- Disagreement between the child’s and the parent’s explanation of the injury
- Unreasonable explanation of the injury
- Obvious neglect of the child (dirty, undernourished, inappropriate clothes for the weather, lack of medical or dental care)
- Fearful behavior

**Emotional and Verbal Abuse**

- Aggressive or withdrawn behavior
- Shying away from physical contact
- Afraid to go home with parents or adults

**Sexual Abuse**

- Child tells you he/she was sexually mistreated
- Child has physical signs such as:
  - difficulty in walking or sitting
  - stained or bloody underwear
  - genital or rectal pain, itching, swelling, bruises or other injuries in the genital or rectal area
  - redness, or discharge

- Child has behavioral and emotional signs such as:
  - difficulty eating or sleeping
  - soiling or wetting pants or bed after being potty trained
  - acting like a much younger child
  - excessive crying or sadness
  - withdrawing from activities and others
  - talking about or acting out sexual acts beyond normal sex play for age

Reproduced from the Center for Disease Control’s Guide to Intentional Injuries
APPENDIX 1: NEW JERSEY HANDICAPPED PARKING LAWS

State statute enables law enforcement officers to enforce restrictions in properly marked handicapped spaces on both Public and Private property.

Mandated $250 fine for the first offense of parking in a restricted space without special identification. For subsequent offenses, a fine of at least $250 and up to 90 days of community service.

No penalty shall be imposed for overtime parking on any vehicle which had either a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates, unless the vehicle has been parked in the same location for more than 24 hours. This shall apply when the placard or plated is used by either the driver or passenger in of the vehicle.

USE OF HANDICAPPED PARKING PLCARD OR PLATES
Handicapped Parking Placards or Plates may be used by:
- Drivers with disabilities who meet the criteria below
- Non-disabled drivers who are transporting persons who meet the criteria below
- Plates or placard must be accompanied by the companion MVC ID card

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARD OR PLATES
To qualify for a placard or plates, you must:
- Have lost the use of one or more limb
- Be permanently disabled and be unable to move without the use of an assistive devise
- Have your mobility limited as certified by a physician

NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
(609) 292-6500 (888) 486-3339
www.state.nj.us/mvc

Remember, even if you have a disabled parking placard or plates, parking in the access aisles is still illegal. Access aisles are the striped areas adjacent to disabled parking spaces.

The Division of Disability Services publishes a Guide to Handicapped Parking. Call (888) 285-3036 to obtain a copy.

APPENDIX 2: SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE

NEW JERSEY SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION PROGRAM
Many children are waiting for loving homes. The NJ Subsidized Adoption Program offers financial assistance to suitable prospective adoptive parents who seek to adopt certain children.

CHILDREN WAITING FOR ADOPTION:
- Are older, or of a race or ethnic group for which adoptive homes are not readily available;
- May have a significant disability;
- May need medical treatment or special services, equipment or training;
- May be part of a group of siblings who should be kept together;
- May be over five years old, living with a foster family for at least 12 months.

SUBSIDIES TO ADOPTIVE FAMILIES:
- A monthly payment which to help parents meet daily expenses for the child until the age of 18.
- Payment covering the legal fees related to the adoption.
- Medicaid coverage for the child to assist with any condition that is not covered by the family’s insurance.
- A special subsidy for a specific medical, health or equipment need.

REQUIREMENTS OF ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
- Must be at least 18 years old and 10 year older then the child to be adopted
- Must be able to raise the child in a moral environment
- Must be a New Jersey resident, or reside in a state with a cooperative agreement
- Must be in good physical health, and able to provide for the child’s day to day needs
- Must be financially able to support the needs and care of the adopted child

For Information
1-800-99 ADOPT www.NJAdopt.org
1-877-NJFOSTER www.njfostercare.org
Every person is made up of many characteristics and few want to be identified only by their ability to play tennis or by their love for fried onions or by the mole that’s on their face. Those are just parts of us.

In speaking or writing, remember that children or adults with disabilities are like everyone else except they happen to have a disability. Therefore, here are a few tips for improving your language related to disabilities:

- Emphasize abilities, not limitations.
- Do not label people as part of a disability group; don’t say “the disabled”, say “people with disabilities.”
- Don’t give excessive praise or attention to a person with a disability; don’t patronize them.
- Choice and independence are important; let the person do or speak for him/herself as much as possible; if addressing an adult, say Bill instead of Billy.
- A disability is a functional limitation that interferes with a person’s ability to walk, hear, talk, learn, etc.; use handicap to describe a situation or barrier imposed by society, the environment or oneself.

### APPENDIX 3: PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE

It is the Individual First, Then the Disability

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<td>person with Cerebral Palsy</td>
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<td>person who is deaf or hard of hearing</td>
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<td>person with mental retardation</td>
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<td>person with epilepsy or person with seizure disorder</td>
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APPENDIX 4: ADDICTION RESOURCES

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse was created to coordinate statewide services involving alcoholism and drug abuse. It also is the funding source for the Municipal Alliance Program.

Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
PO Box 345
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 777-0526
FAX: (609) 777-0535
www.state.nj.us/treasury/gcada

Alcoholics Anonymous
South Jersey Intergroup: (856) 486-4446
Cape Atlantic Intergroup: (609) 641-8855
Central Jersey Intergroup: (609) 298-7795
Intergroup of Northern NJ: (908) 687-8566
www.aa.org

NJ Addictions Hotline
(800) 238-2333
www.njdrughotline.org
For the Division of Addiction Services See Page 8

APPENDIX 5: SERVICE ANIMALS

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJLAD), a place of public accommodation cannot refuse admittance of a service animal when it is accompanying a person with a disability. The ADA/NJLAD requires that places of public accommodation (which include privately-owned businesses that serve the public) allow people with disabilities to bring service animals into any area in which customers are generally allowed.

The ADA/NJLAD does not require that an animal be certified or have special identification, but it is not inappropriate for a business to ask if an animal which does not have an identifying vest or a special harness is a service animal rather than a pet. The business may not, however, insist on proof of certification before permitting admittance of a service animal accompanying a person with the disability.

It is a violation of the ADA/NJLAD for a business to charge a cleaning or maintenance fee when a person with a disability has brought a service animal into the place of business. However, the owner of the animal has sole responsibility for its behavior and may be charged for any damages the animal causes as long as the business has a policy of charging non-disabled customers for damages that they cause. Likewise, it is not a violation of the ADA/NJLAD to exclude a service animal from a place of public accommodation if the animal behaves in a loud, threatening, or out of control manner, creating a substantial disturbance or posing a direct threat to the safety of others.
The following list is intended to provide suggestions for disaster preparedness planning that may be taken by individuals with disabilities:

Self-Networks
____ Discuss your disability and needs with relatives and friends.
____ Develop a network of people who know your needs and location, who will be able to assist you or alert emergency personnel on your behalf. Do not depend on only one person.

Medical Equipment and Supplies
____ Evaluate equipment for repairs and obtain and keep spare parts.
____ Order the full allotment of supplies that your insurance allows such as protective briefs, leg bags, suction tubing, hearing aid batteries etc. Stockpile unused items.
____ Assemble a first aid kit. It should include: sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes, assorted sizes of safety pins, cleansing agents/soaps, latex gloves (2 pairs), 4-6 sterile gauze pads, (2-inch and 4-inch), three triangular bandages, non-prescription drugs, three rolls each of 2 and 3 inch sterile roller bandages, scissors, tweezers, needle, moistened towelettes, antiseptic, thermometer, two tongue depressors, and tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant.

Medications and Medical Needs
____ Create a list of current prescriptions, names and dosages. Remember to update this list as needed.
____ Keep a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors and pharmacists.
____ Prepare a detailed description of your medical regimen and personal care needs.
____ Order a full 30-day supply of necessary medications. Check with your insurance carrier.

Telecommunications
____ Make sure your cell phone battery and any extra batteries are kept fully charged.
____ Prearrange alternative methods to reach family, friends, or personal care attendants if ordinary communications are disrupted.

Personal Assistant Care
____ Consider checking into a nursing home or hospital if a disaster is anticipated. Staff will always be available to meet personal care needs. Also, back up generators will be operating to assist people who use power wheelchairs and/or ventilators.
____ Contact your personal care attendant provider to discuss disaster preparedness, and maintain a list of phone numbers of those who can assist in obtaining personal care for you.

Food and Water
____ Two quarts of water per person are needed for drinking daily.
____ Two quarts of water per person are needed for food preparation and sanitation daily.
____ Keep a supply of canned, dehydrated, and no-cook foods.
____ Keep cases of nutrients available for tube feeding.
____ Keep foods for special dietary needs such as diabetic and high caloric diets.

Service Animals
____ The animal should always wear an identification tag with all necessary contact information.
____ Keep shots and medical records current and service animal ID numbers available.
____ Your animal will need plenty of food and water, kept in sturdy storage containers.
____ Consider large capacity self-feeders and water dispensers.
____ Keep contact information on your service animal’s veterinarian available.
____ Check with your local emergency management officials for companion animal procedures in emergency shelters.
APPENDIX 6: Disaster Preparedness (continued)

Power
____ Extended power outages may affect ventilators, heating and/or cooling units, which may be a matter of life or death for some people with disabilities.
____ Investigate emergency contingency plans in your building/community/municipality.
____ Explore care facilities, especially if you use a ventilator or have other complex medical needs.
____ Consider staying with friends or family out of your area if you anticipate possible power outages, especially if you have medical equipment that is dependent upon power.
____ Contact your local fire department and Red Cross for information and registration of people with disabilities.

Oxygen
____ Buildings where oxygen is kept must display an “Oxygen In Use” emblem.
____ Oxygen must be kept in containers specifically manufactured for that purpose.
____ Alert emergency response staff to the use of oxygen.
____ Oxygen is flammable, so avoid sparks and flame. Demand that people not smoke near an oxygen container.

Miscellaneous
____ Keep battery operated flashlights and/or lanterns with lots of extra batteries.
____ Blankets and warm clothes should be packed in an emergency.
____ Keep the gas tank in your car full.
____ Have a battery powered radio and extra batteries on hand.
____ Keep ample cash on hand. ATMs and banks may not function during power outages.
____ Have a non-electric can opener.
____ Keep a supply of assorted plastic bags.

For more information on developing an individualized disaster preparedness plan, or for current information on Homeland Security Advisory System recommendations, contact:

The American Red Cross
www.redcross.org
(866) GET-INFO (438-4636)

US Department of Homeland Security
www.ready.gov

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
www.fema.gov
(800) 621-FEMA (3362)

Disability Preparedness Resource Center
www.disabilitypreparedness.gov

New Jersey Homeland Security
www.njhomelandsecurity.gov

Residential Disability and Oxygen Emblems Program
The Division of Fire Safety distributes, free of charge, emblems which can be displayed to inform all emergency response personnel of an oxygen hazard or disabled occupant needing assistance. “Oxygen In Use” emblems are mandated by NJ state law. For additional information, contact the Division of Fire Safety. The emblem application may also be downloaded at their Website.

Division of Fire Safety
Contractor Certification and Emblems Unit
PO Box 809
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: (609) 324-3560
FAX: (609) 324-8493
www.state.nj.us/dca/dfs/disabilityemblem.pdf

It is unlawful to evict an oxygen-user from a rental property, solely of the basis of oxygen use, as long as the oxygen is stored and used appropriately. Questions can be directed to the Division of Fire Safety (609) 633-6106.
APPENDIX 7: TRAVELING WITH A DISABILITY

Air Carrier Access Rules (see page 35) lift many restrictions that formerly discriminated against passengers with disabilities, and all carriers are now required to have a Complaints Resolution Officer (CRO) immediately available to resolve disputes between carriers and passengers with disabilities. While airlines may not require passengers with disabilities to provide advance notice of their disability or intent to travel (except in some very specific circumstances), doing so may in some cases help to avoid inconvenience. The following is a list of suggestions for air travelers with disabilities:

PHYSICAL DISABILITY
• Ask the screener for assistance with your mobility aid and carry items.
• Let the screener know your level of ability and your need for physical assistance.
• Inform the screener about any special equipment or devices that you are using and where this equipment is located on your body.
• Ensure that all bags hanging from, or carried on, your wheelchair are put on the X-ray belt.
• Ask the screener to reunite you with your carry items and assistive devices after screening.
• Request assistance with removing your shoes when additional screening is necessary.

HEARING DISABILITY
• Ask the screener to write the information down or to look directly at you and repeat the information.

VISUAL DISABILITY
• Ask the screener to explain the security process to you step by step and to let you know where the metal detector is located.
• Ask the screener to let you know when you will be going through the metal detector, and when there are obstacles that you will need to avoid.
• Ask the screener to find someone to escort you through the security process.
• Ask the screener to perform a hand inspection of equipment to prevent damage, and to direct you toward your gate once the screening has been completed.

HIDDEN DISABILITY
• Advise screeners that you have a disability and may need some assistance, or need to move slower.
• Offer suggestions to screeners on the best way to approach you during a pat-down inspection.
• Notify the screener if you need to sit down before and/or during the screening process.

TRAVELING WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES/DEVICES
• Notify the screener that you are carrying medical supplies with you
• Medications must be properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer’s name or pharmaceutical label.
• Notify screeners if you are using any surgically implanted medical device (i.e. insulin pumps, prosthetics, artificial joints).
• Advise screeners if you are experiencing low blood sugar and are in need of medical assistance.
• Pacemaker users may wish to carry a Pacemaker Identification Card (ID).
• Crutches, canes and walkers will need to go through the X-ray machine. The screener will perform a hand inspection of your equipment if it cannot fit through the X-ray machine. You can ask for a private screening for the inspection of your prosthetic device or body brace.
• Notify screeners if you need assistance, such as a chair or someone to assist you during the inspection of your prosthetic devices or body braces.
• Tools and appliances used to put on or take off prosthetic devices must be screened.

TRAVELING WITH SERVICE ANIMALS
• Carry appropriate identification. Identification may include: cards or documentation, presence of a harness or markings on the tags. Service animals and their harnesses or vests are subject to inspection.
• Advise the screener how you and your animal can go through the metal detector as a team with the leash and/or harness. If necessary, remind the screener that you should not be separated from your animal.

For more information on traveling by air with a disability, contact:

Federal Aviation Administration   Transportation Security Administration   Department of Homeland Security
APPENDIX 8: FAMOUS ADA CASES

BRAGDON V. ABBOTT (1998)
The Supreme Court found that, even when HIV has not progressed to AIDS, it still constitutes a disability, as the virus significantly impairs the life activity of reproduction.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS V. YESKEY (1998)
The Court ruled that state prisons must comply with Title II of the ADA, as they are public entities.

WRIGHT V. UNIVERSAL MARITIME SERVICE CORP (1998)
The Supreme Court ruled that a general arbitration clause in a collective bargaining agreement does not require an employee to use the arbitration procedure for alleged ADA violation.

ALBERTSONS, INC. V. KIRKINGBURG (1999)
The Supreme Court held that circumstances mitigating the determination of disability include not only devices and medications, but also an individual’s ability to compensate for their impairment.

CLEVELAND V. POLICY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (1999)
The Supreme Court ruled that pursuing and/or receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits does not automatically prevent an individual from pursuing an ADA claim, nor do such SSDI benefits presume against the recipient’s ADA success.

MURPHY V. UNITED PARCEL SERVICE (1999)
The Court found that a UPS worker’s high blood pressure did not significantly limit his life activities when the worker was medicated, and that he was, therefore, not disabled.

The Supreme Court ruled that to stop or to avoid discriminatory activity, the state may place people with disabilities in community settings rather than in institutions, when the state’s treatment professionals find the placement appropriate, the affected person is not against the shift from an institutional to a community setting, and the placement can be reasonably accommodated.

SUTTON V. UNITED AIRLINES (1999)
The Supreme Court found that determination of disability must include measures that might mitigate a disability, such as, in this case, eyeglasses for those with visual impairments.

EEOC V. WAFFLE HOUSE, INC. (2002)
The court ruled that a private arbitration agreement between an individual and that individual’s employer does not prevent the EEOC from filing a court action in its own name and recovering monetary damages for the individual.

LANE V. TENNESSEE (2004)
The Court ruled that courthouses must adhere to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act - which guarantees access to public facilities and services - and that individuals may sue states for failing to provide access to courts.

SPECTOR V. NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE (2004)
The Supreme Court ruled that foreign run and owned cruise ships serving US ports must comply with the public accommodations requirements of the American with Disabilities Act.

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| **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY CENTER** | 800-DIAL-TEC |
| **DIVISION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING** | 800-792-8339 |
| **DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES** | 888-285-3036 |
| **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL** | 800-792-8858 |
| **NJ EASE** | 877-222-3737 |
| **NJ DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH HELpline AND NJ MENTAL HEALTH CAREs** | 866-202-HELP TTY: 877-294-HELP |
| **SENIOR INFORMATION LINE** | 800-792-8820 |
| **SAFE HAVEN FOR INFANTS** | 877-839-2339 |
| **DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPEALS** | 800-792-9773 |
| **DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** | 800-382-6717 |
| **FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY SERVICES** | 877-NJ-FOSTER |
| **MEDICAID FRAUD AND ABUSE HOTLINE** | 888-937-2835 |
| **NJ FAMILYCARE** | 800-701-0710 |
| **GOOD NEIGHBORS, COMMUNITY LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** | 877-DHS-LINE |
| **CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES** |  |
| Adoption (NJ-DYFS) | 800-99-ADOPT |
| Child Abuse-report (NJ-DYFS) | 877-NJABUSE |
| Division Line (NJ-DYFS) | 800-331-3937 |
| SIDS Alliance/First Candle | 800-221-7437 |
| PerformCare | 877-652-7624 |
| Domestic Violence | 800-572-7233 TTY: 888-252-7233 |
| Family Help Line | 800-THE KIDS |
| Foster Care | 877-NJ FOSTER |
| Victim of Crime Compensation Office | 800-242-0804 |
| Women’s Referral Center | 800-322-8092 |
| NJ TASK FORCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT |  |
| • Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect | 609-292-0888 |
| • Parents Anonymous | 800-THE KIDS |
| **HEALTH AND WELLNESS** |  |
| AIDS and STD Hotline | 800-624-2377 |
| NJ Addictions Hotline | 800-238-2333 |
| Cancer Information | 800-422-6237 |
| Office of Inspector General- (NJ) Complaint Hotline | 866-633-6585 |
| Health and Senior Services Complaint and Reportable Hotline | 800-792-9770 |
| Health Information (DHSS) | 800-367-6543 |
| PAAD/Lifeline Program | 800-792-9745 |
| **HOUSING** |  |
| Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency | 800-654-6873 |
| HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF (HUD) |  |
| • Support Service Center | 800-697-6967 |
| • Best Practices Task Force | 800-800-5029 |
| **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)** | 800-356-1561 |
| **MEDICARE** | 800-MEDICARE |
APPENDIX 10: TTY/TDD CONVERSATION ETIQUETTE

A TTY (teletypewriter) or TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) is a device which allows individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to communicate through the telephone system by typing messages to other individuals with TTYs, or to a relay system which provides operators who can read the typed messages to an individual who is listening through a voice telephone. When calling a TTY user, it is appropriate to allow at least 10 rings to give the deaf or hard of hearing person enough time to see the flashing light.

Below are common abbreviations which are used to speed up communication:

**GA:** When you talk with another person by TTY, you type while the other person reads. When you want the other person to respond, type GA for “Go ahead.”

**GA OR SK:** To say goodbye, type GA OR SK. This gives the other person a chance to say any last words before ending the conversation.

**SKSK:** Type SKSK to end the conversation.

**Q:** Some people prefer to type Q instead of a question mark because it saves time and is easier to type.

You can use punctuation marks such as commas and periods, although many people choose to omit them. You may also abbreviate words, such as:

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**To reach NJ Relay, dial 711**

GLOSSARY

**A**

**Accessible:** Usable to an individual with a disability

**Accommodation:** An adjustment, alteration, or addition to an environment, a situation, or a piece of equipment which enables a person with a disability to utilize it in a manner equivalent to that of a person without a disability

**Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS):** A defect of the immune system caused by the bloodborne HIV virus, causing vulnerability to various infections, malignancies, and neurological diseases

**Addiction:** Genetically and/or psychosocially impaired ability to control the use of a substance, preoccupation with the substance, distorted perceptions about the substance, and continued use of the substance despite adverse consequences

**Alzheimer’s Disease:** Brain disease of unknown cause in which nerve cells in the brain die, causing progressive, irreversible deterioration of memory and other intellectual functions, language skills, and ability to perform routine tasks

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS):** A progressive, degenerative disease of the motor neurons of the central nervous system, causing muscular weakness, atrophy, and spasticity. Ten percent of cases are genetic, the other ninety percent are of unknown origin

**Anorexia Nervosa:** Eating disorder primarily characterized by an excessive, voluntary loss of weight and refusal to maintain minimal normal body weight

**Area of Refuge:** Designated safe place for a person with a disability to await assistance during an emergency evacuation of a building or vessel

**Arthritis:** Disease of the joints and connective tissues, which can have numerous causes, creating pain, swelling, and limited range of movement

**Asperger’s Syndrome:** A pervasive developmental disorder in which the individual often has above-average intellectual ability, but may experience ongoing difficulties with social interaction, empathy, logic, and understanding non-verbal cues.
Assistive Technology: Equipment or services which increase, maintain, or improve the functional capability of an individual with a disability.

Asthma: Chronic respiratory disorder characterized by episodes of coughing, wheezing, and difficulty in breathing because of inflamed and obstructed bronchial tubes. Among the triggers are allergies, chemical irritation, and/or emotional stress.

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD): Neurological disorder characterized by distractibility, forgetfulness, inability to concentrate, poor attention span, and impulsiveness.

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Neurological disorder which has the same characteristics as Attention Deficit Disorder, but which also includes hyperactivity.

Autism: Neurological disorder of unknown origin which generally manifests before the age of 3. Social and communication skills are impaired, and symptoms such as self-injury, aggression, voluntary repetitive body movements, intense attachment to objects, and sensory processing difficulties may be present.

Autoimmune Disorder: A variety of disorders which are the result of the body producing an inappropriate immune response against its own tissues. The causes are generally unknown, but symptoms can include episodic or chronic inflammation and pain, as well as tissue and/or organ damage.

Bi-Polar Disorder: A mental disorder which is characterized by alternations between manic and depressive moods with consequent changes in thinking and behavior. Commonly called Manic-Depression.

Blind: Legal blindness is regarded as visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction, or a field of vision no greater than 20 degrees at its widest point.

Bulimia: Eating disorder characterized by episodes of binge eating, followed by compulsive purging, usually through vomiting, consumption of laxatives, and/or excessive exercise.

Celiac Sprue: A genetic disorder which is characterized by an extreme sensitivity to gluten – the protein in some grains – which can produce damage to the small intestine. This damage can impair absorption of nutrients, resulting in malnutrition. The disease can be managed by a gluten-free diet.

Cerebral Palsy: Injury to the motor areas of the brain, at or prior to birth, resulting in a non-progressive impaired ability to control movement and posture.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Illness of uncertain cause characterized by fatigue, weakness, malaise, muscle pain, and lymph node swelling.

Congenital: A condition which is present at birth, but which has a non-hereditary cause.

Cognitive Disability: Impaired ability to think, concentrate, reason, and remember.

Crohn’s Disease: Condition of unknown origins, characterized by chronic painful inflammation of the intestinal tract.

Cystic Fibrosis: A hereditary disease which effects the respiratory system, pancreas, and sweat glands. It is characterized primarily by the excessive production of thick mucus, which results in chronic respiratory infections and impaired breathing.

Deaf: Hearing impairment severe enough to prevent, with or without amplification, the processing of linguistic information. Specifically, a hearing deficiency above 25 db ISO in the 500-2000 frequency Hz range unaided in the better ear.

Developmental Disability: Permanent cognitive and/or physical impairment, which occurs before the age of 22, and which substantially limits the individual in three or more major life activities.

Diabetes: Condition characterized by abnormal blood sugar levels resulting from impaired functioning of the pancreas.

Disability: A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing, caring for oneself, breathing, learning, or working.

Down Syndrome: Congenital disorder caused by an extra 21st chromosome, which causes intellectual developmental disabilities and distinctive physical characteristics.

Dwarfism: Short stature, resulting from a genetic or medical condition. It is generally defined as an adult height of 4 feet ten inches or less. A common term for an individual with dwarfism is “little person.”

Eating Disorder: Psychological disorder characterized by a distorted body image and a dysfunctional relationship with food, often resulting from feelings of low self-worth and powerlessness. The individual may overeat, undereat, and/or purge in an effort to self-soothe and to control body shape.
Emphysema: Disease of the lungs, characterized primarily by labored and inefficient breathing, in which the air sacs (alveoli) become distended and therefore limited in their functioning.

Epilepsy: Chronic condition produced by temporary changes in the electrical functioning of the brain, characterized by recurrent brief episodes of convulsive movements, alteration in consciousness, and/or sensory phenomena.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: A preventable set of physical, craniofacial, mental, and neurobehavioral impairments associated with alcohol consumption by the mother during pregnancy.

Fibromyalgia: Disease of unknown origin characterized by the persistent presence of non-physically damaging pain that moves throughout the muscles, joints, ligaments, and tendons of the body.

Genetic Disorder: A pathological condition resulting from a defective inherited gene.

Hemiplegia: Paralysis of one side of the body.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV): Virus which can damage the immune system and lead to AIDS.

Huntington’s Disease: Genetic disease which causes a pre-programmed degeneration of brain cells. Initial symptoms, usually appearing in young to mid-adulthood, include mood swings, forgetfulness, and lack of coordination. They are followed by involuntary movements, deterioration of swallowing and speaking ability, and loss of cognitive ability.

Intellectual Disability: A developmental disability which is characterized by below-normal intellectual/cognitive functioning, causing impairment in learning, social adjustment, maturation, and acquisition of life skills. Also known as Mental Retardation.

Learning Disability: A group of disorders which includes such conditions as dyslexia, developmental aphasia, perceptual disabilities, brain injury, and minimal brain dysfunction, which may disrupt the process of listening, speaking, reading, writing, spelling, or doing mathematical calculations.

Lupus: Chronic, progressive disease of unknown cause, which is primarily characterized by scaling and ulceration of the skin. In about 10% of affected individuals, symptoms may also include inflammation of the joints and mucous membranes and disruption of kidney and nervous system function.

Medigap: Insurance which supplements Medicare benefits by paying some of the costs and covering some of the services not covered by Medicare.

Mental Retardation: Diagnostic term for an Intellectual Disability.

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity: Condition marked by a variety of symptoms, such as respiratory distress, migraines, nausea, fatigue, irritation of the mucous membranes and/or skin, cognitive difficulties, and/or disordered sleep. The onset generally occurs in response to a major or chronic chemical exposure, then broadens to include sensitivity to common chemicals and irritants found throughout the individual’s environment.

Multiple Sclerosis: Disease of the central nervous system which generally has its onset in young to mid-adulthood. Degradation of the sheaths of nerves causes relapses and remissions of weakness, pain, and/or numbness in the limbs, disrupted vision, and urinary tract dysfunction. It’s cause is unknown.

Muscular Dystrophy: Group of genetic diseases characterized by progressive weakness and degeneration of the skeletal or voluntary muscles which control movement.

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: Psychological condition, which may have a neurological basis, characterized by repetitive ideas or impulses which may be unwanted, irrational, and performed against the person’s wishes.

Paraplegia: Paralysis of the legs and the lower trunk.

Parkinson’s Disease: Chronic disease of the central nervous system characterized by tremors, muscular weakness and rigidity, and an unsteady gait. Symptoms are caused by a deficiency of the brain chemical dopamine, but the cause of the deterioration of the dopamine-producing nerve cells is unknown.

Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD): Umbrella term for five neurological disorders - Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Rett’s Syndrome, and PDD-Not Otherwise Specified, all of which impair social and communication skills.

Post-Polio Syndrome: Array of possible symptoms.
which occur in about 25% of individuals who have been infected with polio. These symptoms generally manifest 20 to 40 years after the onset of the infection and after a recovery period of at least 10 years, and may include muscle pain, weakness, tics, respiratory difficulties, disordered sleep, gastrointestinal and/or swallowing problems, neuropathy, arthritis, scoliosis, and osteopenosis

**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder:** Psychological condition which develops in response to an overwhelmingly traumatic event which is generally outside the range of usual human experience. Symptoms can include flashbacks, fear of dying, rage, and panic attacks

**Quadriplegia:** Paralysis of all four limbs and the trunk. Also called tetraplegia

**Reasonable Accommodation:** Modification or adjustment to a job application process or work environment which allows a person with a disability to enjoy the same benefits and opportunities enjoyed by similarly situated people without disabilities

**Reflexive Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD):** Chronic nerve disorder that generally has its onset in the body at the site of an injury, and which often spreads to other areas of the body. Characterized by burning pain, extreme sensitivity to touch, tissue swelling, and pathological changes in bone and skin

**Schizophrenia:** Brain disease of unknown cause which typically has its onset in adolescence or young adulthood. Characterized by thought disorders, delusions, and hallucinations. An affected individual may experience excessive or lack of emotional expression, as well as paranoia and disrupted interpersonal relationships. Symptoms can in some cases be managed by medication and supportive counseling

**Scleroderma:** Disease of unknown cause in which the dermis layer of the skin is replaced by collagen, causing toughness and discomfort. This process can also involve the heart, lungs, kidneys, and intestinal tract, interfering with the functioning of these organs

**Self-Determination:** The entitlement of individuals with disabilities to control their own lives, pursue self-defined goals, and participate fully in society

**Service Animal:** Animal trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability

**Sickle Cell Anemia:** A genetic disorder of the blood, characterized by red blood cells that assume an abnormal rigid sickle cell shape. This decreases the cells’ functionality, resulting in a variety of complications such as anemia, pain, and frequent infections

**Speech to Speech (STS):** Telephone relay service mandated by the Federal Communications Commission which provides translation for individuals with speech disabilities. A communication assistant, specially trained to understand the speech of people with a wide variety of speech disabilities, listens to the speaker who has the speech disability and restates verbatim to a third party what that person has said

**Spina Bifida:** Congenital condition caused by the failure of the spine to close properly during the first month of pregnancy. This may result in mobility impairment, bladder/bowel problems, and/or hydrocephalus

**Spinal Cord Injury:** Damage to the spinal cord, which results in temporary or permanent loss of sensation, motor control, and/or bladder and bowel control

**Stroke:** Sudden neurological impairment caused by a hemorrhage or blood clot in the brain. Temporary or permanent loss of vision, speech, mobility, and/or consciousness may result

**Tourette Syndrome:** A disorder of the nervous system which may cause “tics,” which are repetitive involuntary movements and vocalizations. Tics can vary in severity, frequency, and type, and can be intensified by physiological and emotional stressors. Some individuals with this condition may also have other symptoms, such as obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety disorder, and attention deficit disorder

**Traumatic Brain Injury:** Injury to the brain which may impair cognitive or physical functioning, disturb behavior or moods, and/or produce an altered state of consciousness

**Triplegia:** Paralysis of three limbs

**Visually Impaired:** Vision which is no better than 20/70 with correction, but not worse than 20/200 with correction. To have less visual acuity than 20/200 with correction constitutes legal blindness
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