



Urban League of Essex County



ULEC

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

Founded in 1917, our mission has been to help African Americans and disadvantaged residents achieve economic and social advancement.

We offer relevant programs and services in education, employment, housing, and economic development that empower communities and change lives.





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Respect

**Social
Change**

Service

Learning

Accountability

NJLEAD

Education

Community Employment Center

Neighborhood Revitalization

Advocacy

Leadership

Excellence

Collaboration

Innovation

Restorative Justice

Construction

Housing Assistance

Job Readiness

Transparency

Pre-Apprenticeship

21st Century Skills

Foreclosure Counseling

Early Childhood Education Center

Urban Youth Reentry Program

Urban Senior Jobs Program

Homebuyer Education

Lead Abatement

Opportunity

Financial
Literacy

Integrity

Community Building





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Housing Services

Facing housing insecurity or homelessness is a traumatic and overwhelming experience for individuals and families. The League offers counseling and emergency housing assistance for residents of Newark and Essex County, individuals and families.

Rental Assistance



UTILITY BILL

Bill # 5218475
Customer ID 6556445

Date 15.08
Terms Net 30 days

Due Date
September, 15

Charges
238.75
30.23
Total 268.98

Description
Charges this month
State Tax

Utilities Assistance

Rental Workshops



Real Estate

ULEC builds affordable homes for low- and moderate-income families in Newark's West Ward and other communities in Essex County.

Homebuyers Workshop

Our professional counselors can advise you on all aspects of buying your first home.

With convenient class and workshop schedules offered, we will cover all of the essential topics to make sure that when you're ready you're well informed.



We assist you in every stage of purchasing a home with:

- Realtors
- Appraisers
- Mortgage officers
- Home inspectors
- And More



We focus on and are committed to cultivating the cognitive and social development of children through play-based learning.

ULEC provides learning opportunities that incorporates hands-on experiences in small classroom sizes and in outdoor learning spaces, while promoting a lifelong love of learning. For children ages 18 months to 5 years of age

Early Childhood Education Center



Tech House: Newark Kids Code

A 24/7, 365 Resource to Create the Next Generation of STEAM Warriors

This educational initiative is designed to introduce technologically disadvantaged and underrepresented youth to programming, (or "coding"), and other digital and computer technologies.

Our program includes field trips and life skills education designed for middle and high school youth to help them develop critical thinking and decision-making, communication skills, self management and self-discovery. We want all youth to see the possibilities they can have by making smart choices in their lives.

Newark Kids Code participants gain a variety of STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) skills and valuable enrichments through this program including:

- Career exploration
- Goal Setting Frameworks
- Education Guidance
- The ability to explore their own feelings, goals, and decision-making processes





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MLK Garden

Open to the community to learn
about healthy living.

Located: Corner of Central Ave and
South 8th Street, Newark, NJ



Food Pantry

**To address food insecurity,
the Urban League of Essex
County provides food
assistance to residents in the
community.**



513 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107
Every Thursday
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Financial Opportunity Center

The Financial Opportunity Center partners with community members to focus on their financial bottom line with integrated delivery of employment services, financial coaching, and accessing income supports.

Services Provided:

- Income Benefits Screening
- Employment & Career Services
- Career & Employment Coaching
- Resume Reconstruction
- Vocational Skills Training
- Financial Literacy
- Financial Coaching
- Financial Literacy Workshops





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Free Tax Prep

Every year, the Urban League of Essex County offers **FREE** tax preparation services to our community through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program.

VITA is an IRS sponsored program, designed to provide **FREE** tax preparation for families making \$60,000 or less.



Lead Abatement Program



Our Lead Abatement Program is designed to protect the health and safety of Newark residents by identifying and removing lead hazards from homes.

We work with homeowners, landlords, and community partners to assess lead risks, develop abatement plans, as well as removal to reduce lead exposure.

By prioritizing lead abatement in Newark, we are investing in the long-term health and well-being of our community and creating a safer, healthier environment for all.

Workforce Development



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Technology Training

The digital divide impacting Newark and other technologically underserved communities is not only limited to newer computing devices or faster internet access. It is also about narrowing the technology skill.

The more technology skills you acquire, the more competitive you will be in a world that will only become more technical each day.



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55 & Older Workers Jobs Training Program

**The Urban Seniors Jobs
Program (USJP) is for
mature adults seeking to
return to the workforce.**

The goal of the program is to place program participants 55 and older in part-time community service training positions that enhance their skills, build their confidence, rebuild their job history, and enable them to transition into unsubsidized employment.

The National Urban League Urban Seniors Jobs Program is ninety percent (90%) funded by the U.S Department of Labor. The total value of the grant is \$15,427,242.32 of which \$13,884,517.99 is federally funded and \$1,542,724.33 (10%) is from non-federal funding.



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Reentry

A primary focus of the Urban League of Essex County's reentry efforts is to remove or reduce barriers to successful reentry, so that motivated individuals - who have served their time and paid their debt to society - are able to compete for a job, attain stable housing, support their children and their families, and contribute to their communities.



Clean Energy Program

The Urban League of Essex County received a grant from the Department of Labor, and other partners like PSE&G and Citizens Bank Foundation, to serve residents throughout New Jersey.

Our program provides eligible residents, primarily from the City of Newark, and the surrounding areas, with workforce readiness, financial literacy, wrap-around support services, and job coaching and placement services to successfully matriculate from training to jobs with PSE&G's contracted suppliers and employers.



**PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN
CAREER EDUCATION (PACE)
&
WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (WIC)**

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TOOLS AND MACHINERY TRAINING

Instructor-led training with the necessary tools and machinery to provide a general introduction and experience



CERTIFICATION TRAINING

All candidates receive the following certifications, OSHA 30, Fall Prevention, Supported Scaffold, Confined Space Entry, and Drug and Alcohol Awareness that leads to receiving an SST card



JOB READINESS

Our team helps prepare the participants for interviews, resumes, workplace conduct and more. We ensure participants have the basic academic, critical thinking and personal skills necessary to maintain employment. All programs also include Financial Literacy



COLLEGE READINESS

All applicants receive access to Accuplacer Boost UP program credentials. This program curriculum is instructor-led to assist participants through reading and math necessary for success in the industry



COMPUTER BASICS

We provide 3 days of maneuvering through basic computer functions

Supportive Services

- Transportation Assistance
- Childcare and Dependent Assistance
- Housing Application Fees
- Education Testing Fees
- Legal Aid Services
- HealthCare Fees
- Uniform/Work Attire Costs
- Educational Supplies
- Employment & Training-Related Fees

Success Story:

Thomas Zongo

In 2023, Mr. Zongo overcame homelessness and unemployment in Trenton by joining our pre-apprenticeship program. Despite commuting from Maryland and sleeping in his car, his dedication and hard work earned him a spot in PSEG's Clean Energy Partners program. Before completing the program, he secured a full-time HVAC technician role at Volpe Service Company, where he continues to thrive and advance his career.



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