



COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

US Probation
District of New Jersey
2018

Resources by Topic

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- TASK

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ARM IN ARM

- Non-profit
- Mercer County Residents

Hunger Prevention Program

- Client choice food pantries (2)
- Deliver to housebound
- Help underage population as well
- Fresh and canned/boxed foods
 - Fresh from Hanover Garden (community garden)
Downtown Trenton
- Personal care products
- *Get food here so that they can use grocery money for other household expenses that month*
- Nutrition educators
- Healthy cooking demonstrations
- Budget-focused cook books
- Health screenings
 - Capital Health System's Community Health Program
 - First Presbyterian Church of Trenton

Housing Assistance

- Security deposit assistance
- Back rent
- Foreclosure support
- Utilities assistance
 - Need: a current shutoff notice
 - Total due balance less than \$1,500
 - Annual income no greater than three times the federal poverty level for your household size

- For financial assistance, need to prove sustainability after help

Job Support

- Train in food pantry
 - Retail and customer service skills
 - Some office assistance
- Computer literacy (online learning, apps, correspondence)
- Certificate courses in safe food handling (ServSafe) and retail/customer service (International Grocer's Association / Coca-Cola Institute)
- Interview skills & success discussions with local businesses i.e. Starbucks
 - They partner with other companies from time to time, but Starbucks is their strongest / most consistent partner
 - Starbucks
 - Offer entry level and management jobs
 - Offer benefits and online college tuition to employees
 - Opening a “community” location
 - Only hiring Trenton community members
 - Focus on training them, giving them basic job skills, and preparing them for professional settings in order to move on to better jobs
 - Bristol-Myers Squibb
 - Interview Preparation
 - Wendy's
- Workshops with other agencies
 - Dress For Success / Suits For Success

- Job search techniques and support
 - Mentor those looking for jobs
 - Speak to groups about job preparedness
- Family Guidance Center
 - Financial literacy and credit counseling
- Individualized guidance in job applications, interview skills, work habits

License to Succeed Program

- License restoration assistance
- Assists in paying off fines / fees in order to renew license
 - Need proof of some sort of income or proof of active job search to qualify
- Main goal is license restoration but can provide some assistance for obtaining license for the first time
 - Assistance with payments to motor vehicle
 - Need proof of some sort of income or proof of active job search to qualify
 - Administer practice written tests
 - Can assist in finding a driving school to use their car for the practical exam at a discounted cost
 - Currently trying to build partnerships with schools
- Note: For an adult to obtain his/her license for the first time they need to:
 - Pass the written exam
 - Drive for 3 months with a provisional license, following the specified provisional rules
- **Contact: drive@arminarm.org**

Food Pantry Hours:

- **123 East Hanover Street / 48 Hudson Street**
 - **Monday-Thursday 9:30am-12pm**

- 61 Nassau Street, Princeton
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30pm-4pm
 - Tuesday 1:30pm-7pm

Homelessness Prevention Hours:

- 123 East Hanover Street
 - Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm
 - Wednesday 1pm-3pm
- 61 Nassau Street, Princeton
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - Tuesday 4pm-5:30pm

Locations:

- 123 East Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
- 48 Hudson Street, Trenton, NJ 08609
- 61 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542
- Bus Lines:
 - 48 Hudson Street: 601, 606, 609/619, 624
 - 123 E. Hanover Street: 409, 600, 601, 603/613, 606, 607, 608, 609/619, 624
 - 61 Nassau Street: 605, 606

**Contact: (609) 396-9355, Fax 609-483-4444,
info@arminarm.org**

**OUR CONTACT: Margaret Cowell, Director of Operations
margaretc@arminarm.org (609) 396-9355 x 20 (123 E.
Hanover Street)**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Mental Health Services

Addiction Focused Treatment

- Partial Care – “Partners in Recovery”
 - Integrate primary healthcare services & employment services
 - **10 Southard Street, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (800) 360-7711**
- Behavioral Health Home
 - On-site primary care services for individuals enrolled in Partners in Recovery
 - **10 Southard Street, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (800) 360-7711**
- Addiction Recovery Outpatient Program
 - Individual, group, family counseling for alcohol/substance use problems
 - **39 N Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (800) 360-7711**
- Family Care Program
 - Addictions intervention services for parents whose children are under child protection supervision due to abuse or neglect
 - **55 N Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (800) 360-7711**
- Intensive Addiction Recovery Program
 - Outpatient treatment program
 - On-site child care available
 - Transportation available when necessary
 - **10 Southard Street, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (800) 360-7711**

Counseling Services

- Outpatient Services for mental illness, including substance abuse issues
 - **39 N Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609**
- Counseling Services for Spanish-Speaking Clients
 - **39 N Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609**
- Early Intervention Support Services (EISS)
 - For adults experiencing emotional distress, but not in need of hospitalization
 - Screening / Counseling services
 - No appointment/referral needed
 - **1225-1255 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Building B, Suites 504-505, Hamilton, NJ 08619**
 - **Contact: (609) 256-4200**
- Residential Services for Individuals Living with Mental Illness

Children and Families

- Adoption / Foster Care Services
- Domestic Violence Services (**all in Burlington & Ocean Counties**)
 - Provided thru Providence House
 - Counseling
 - Emergency Safe House
 - 24-Hour Hotline
 - **Burlington County: (877) 871-7551 or (609) 871-7551**
 - **Ocean County: (800) 246-8910 or (732) 244-8259**
 - Legal Advocacy
 - Children's Programs
 - Specialized Programs

- i.e. job training, parenting classes, community awareness presentations, Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) and Domestic Violence Liaison Program
 - **Locations:**
 - **Burlington County: 595 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060**
 - **Contact: (856) 824-0599**
 - **Ocean County: 88 Schoolhouse Road, Suite1, Whiting, NJ 08759**
 - **Contact: (732) 350-2120**
- **Strengthening Families**
 - **Natural Parent Support**
 - Intensive clinical case management services to those identified by Department of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) as candidates for reunification
 - **Location: 55 N. Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609**
 - **Contact: (609) 278-1213**
 - **Parenting, Anger-Management and Healthy Marriage Classes**
 - Classes and support groups facilitated by El Centro (family-focused community building program, focuses on needs of Latino community) staff
 - **Location: 327 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-2056**
 - **Parenting Education Workshops**

- Workshops offered thru Family and Community Services program in Burlington County
 - Also available: counseling/support by licensed, credentialed clinicians to children and adults experiencing depression, conflicts and marital difficulties
 - **Location: 114 Delaware Avenue, Burlington, NJ 08016**
 - **Contact: (609) 267-9339**
- Immigration Services

Housing and Food

Basic Needs

- Community Food Pantry
 - Pre-packed food bags – 3 meals per day for 3 days for each household member
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**
- SNAP Assistance (formerly known as Food Stamps)
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 599-1246 x2506**
- Clothing and Household Goods
 - Free Clothing Closet and Household Goods Store for gently-used clothing/household items
 - For residents in need
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**
- Holiday / Seasonal Assistance

- Assistance during Easter, Back-to-School, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
- **Contact: (609) 394-8847**
- Free Tax Prep
 - February-April by appointment only
 - **Burlington: 801 Burlington Avenue, Delanco, NJ 08075**
 - **Contact: (856) 764-6940**
 - **Ocean: 200 Monmouth Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701**
 - **Contact: (732) 363-5322**
- Project Hope
 - Helps individuals living in poverty, are homeless, or facing threat of homelessness to develop skills/resources needed to achieve well-being and self-sufficient living
 - Workforce Readiness
 - Health and Wellness Education and Services
 - Essential Life Skills and Community Living
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**
- Supported Work
 - Provides basic job seeking skills training to individuals receiving General Assistance benefits (Emergency Assistance / Unemployment benefits)
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**

Housing

- Housing Services
 - Homelessness Prevention Program – immediate and long-term strategies
 - Some housing units
 - Help individuals/families stay housed through rent/utilities assistance
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**
- Rapid Re-Housing
 - Help homeless locate affordable permanent housing
 - 3-6 months of financial assistance
 - Intensive case managements, financial assistance, housing location, community support/resources
 - **Location: 132 N Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608**
 - **Contact: (609) 394-8847**

Services for Parishes

- By referral from a parish
- Parish referral form completed by parish personnel faxed to Community Services
- **(732) 363-0748 x3223**

Location: 383 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08607-1423

Contact:

- **Central Administrative Services: (609) 394-5181**
- **Access, Help and Information Center: 1-800-360-7711**
- **info@cctrenton.org**
- **Richard Ferreira, Program Director (609) 394-8847 x2524 rferreira@cctrenton.org**

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- Women only
- Attire for careers (job readiness)
- Networking
- **Partnered w/ ARM IN ARM**

Locations / Contact:

- **Boutique: 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4 Suite 209, Lawrenceville NJ 08648**
 - Call (609) 896-4112 for an appointment between 10am and 2pm
 - info@dfsmercercer.org
- **OUR POINT OF CONTACT: Carole Bursac, Operations Manager volunteer@dfsmercercer.org**
- **5001 Baum Boulevard Suite 550, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (5 hours, 51 min) (412) 201-4204**

FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER

- Licensed by NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and the NJ Departments of Banking and Insurance
- Certified by US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Approved by Social Security Administration
- Accredited by Council on Accreditation (COA)

Counseling

- Outpatient Mental Health Care
 - Individual & family therapy
 - Psychiatric evaluation
 - Medication monitoring
 - Treatment of serious/persistent problems

- Treatment co-occurring
- Medicare programming
- Substance Use Treatment
 - Evaluation
 - Individual, group, and family therapy
 - Case management/referral
 - Testing
 - DUI groups
 - Intensive outpatient care (adolescents)
 - Family recovery program
 - Prenatal screening
- Prenatal Screening
 - Drug/alcohol screening for pregnant women
 - Postpartum depression screening
 - Domestic violence issues
 - Parent education
- Children's Day Treatment Program
 - Ages 6-15
 - Mental health treatment
 - After school care
 - Full day during the summer
 - Group / family therapy
 - Behavior modification
 - Psychological evaluation and medication monitoring
 - Transportation provided from school district

Financial Services

- Debt Management Services
 - Student loan counseling
 - Pre/Post bankruptcy counseling
 - Personal finance review

- Credit report preview
- Debt management / Credit counseling
- Online Resources:
 - Budget Calculator
 - “My Money Check Up” NFCC
- House-Related Services
 - Budget Calculator
 - Loan Modifier Checklist

Education

- Children’s Day School
 - For children with emotional/behavioral special needs
 - K-8
 - School district pays
 - Transportation provided
 - After-school programming available

**Contact: (administrative office) 1931 Nottingham Way,
Hamilton, NJ 08619 (609) 583-0668**

- **Behavioral Healthcare Services**
 - **2210 Hamilton Avenue Hamilton, NJ 08619 (609) 587-6641**
- **Children’s Day School / Children’s Day Treatment**
 - **1925 Pennington Road Trenton, NJ 08618 (609) 882-2288**
- **Consumer Credit Counseling**
 - **1931 Nottingham Way Hamilton, NJ 08619 (609) 586-2574**
- **Medicare Counseling / Prenatal Screening**
 - **946 Edgewood Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618 (609) 393-1626**

GED CLASSES/TESTING

Mercer County College

- FREE – Only cost is HSE Exam (\$92) out of pocket (no assistance)
- ABE/HSE Classes for prep in:
 - Language Arts, Writing
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Language Arts, Reading
 - Mathematics
- Offered in English/Spanish
- Available to anyone 16+ not currently enrolled in high school
- Trenton locations, near public transportation
- Registration for classes is on specific days, in person at the college

Contact: ABE/HSE Office (609) 570-3185 ged@mccc.edu

**OUR CONTACT: Peg (Margaret) Gould, Assistant Director,
Community Education and Training
bullockn@mcc.edu (609) 570-3133**

**Location: MCCC James Kerney Campus, N. Broad &
Academy Streets Trenton, NJ 08608**

Trenton Youth Corps

- FREE
- 16-25 year olds
- Complete high school education & get community service experience
- Trenton Campus – Mon-Fri 8:30-3:30
- “Through a combination of classes for the GED test and community service, Youth Corps members acquire the

knowledge and skills necessary to find gainful employment, job training, or enroll in post-secondary education. Personal and career counseling guide the students in solving problems that may have hindered success in the past.”

- Community service project-oriented work sites i.e.:
 - Urban renewal
 - Renovation & construction
 - Landscaping
 - Park beautification
 - Child & senior care
 - Hospital service
 - Clerical & administrative support for project organizations
- Birth certificate, SS card, complete application & interview

Contact: Darius Dove, Associate Director of Education
doved@mccc.edu (609) 570-3153 Trenton 08628

Ged123.org

- Online prep school
- Single courses available
- Transfer credits accepted
- “as low as \$49/month”

HELPING ARMS

- Case management
- Employment / education opportunities
- Housing services
- Computer-supported education
- Drug treatment

- Mental health referrals and monitoring

Partners within the community

- NJ State Parole Board
- NJ DOC
- Mercer County Correctional Center
- Opportunities for All
- Community Justice Services
- Greater Trenton Behavioral Health Care
- Community Education Centers
- The NJ Association on Corrections
- The Nehemiah Group
- Volunteers of America Delaware Valley
 - Re-Entry Services
 - Evidence based treatment interventions to reduce recidivism
- Mercer County Probation
- Mercer County One-Stop
- Mercer County Resource Guide
- Mercer County Board of Social Services
- Client Choice Food Store
- Farmer's Market
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- TASK
- Rescue Mission

Location: 50 Escher Street Trenton, NJ 08609

Contact: (609) 396-7500 info@helpingarms.net

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

“The mission...is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.”

Entrepreneurship and Business Development

- Invests in minority-owned small/mid-sized businesses
- Provides technical training & corporate relationships
 - Economic opportunities for long-term growth
- Develops programs to increase success/profitability
- Success of these small businesses ensures employment opportunities to local residents
- Entrepreneurship Center Program
 - Management, counseling, training services

Workforce Development

- Career counseling, job placement, retention and advancement
- Work with affiliates to understand local/state/federal legislation/regulations/public policies
- Assists individuals/families to become economically self-sufficient
- Mature Worker Program (MWP)
 - Funded by Dept. of Labor (DOL)
 - For low-income and employed people 55 and older
 - Goal: increase # of mature workers in private sector
 - Fosters opportunities in community service agencies
 - Provides job training, placement and employment retention services
- Urban Youth Empowerment Program (UYEP)
 - 18-24 years
 - Prepares for entry into work world

- Provides case management, community service with faith-based orgs., mentorship, internships, occupational skills training, personal development, and unsubsidized and/or postsecondary employment
- Urban Tech Jobs Program (UTJP)
 - Technology sector
 - Collaborates w/ Urban League, higher ed. Institutions, training centers, local/national employers
 - Offers comprehensive/customizable trainings
 - Creates competitive candidates for H-1B occupations
 - **Closest Location: Urban League of Philadelphia**

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

- Funded by Goldman Sachs & The Goldman Sachs Foundation
- Small business growth/development support
- Three main components
 - Practical Business Management Education
 - \$200 million to program partners (i.e. local community colleges, business schools)
 - Scholarships, faculty training, technical assistance
 - Practical education focuses on immediately applicable skills (i.e. accounting, marketing, human resources management)
 - Access to Capital
 - \$300 million through lending & philanthropic support to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)

- Increases amount of growth capital available to small businesses in underserved communities
 - Expands capacity of CDFIs to deliver financial/technical assistance to small businesses
 - Business Support Services
 - Provides networking opportunities & expert advice
 - Partnerships w/ national/local businesses/orgs./professional services firms/Goldman Sachs
- Selection Criteria
 - Business owners/co-owners w/ limited resources & business poised for growth
 - Demonstrate commitment to growing business / creating jobs w/in their community
 - Business in operation for at least 2 years
 - Business revenues between \$150,000 and \$4 million in most recent fiscal year
 - At least 4 employees (including owner) and no more than 100
 - Application online:
<http://www.iamempowered.com/programs/goldman-sachs-10000-small-businesses>

NUL Jobs Network

- Urban League website on which those seeking employment can sign up for an account to explore local jobs and attend events such as webinars and seminars about internship and employment tips

Health and Quality of Life

- Create greater access to healthcare
- Advocate for elimination of health disparities
- The Walgreens Way to Well Health Tour
 - National Tour
 - Provides free health resources to urban/minority community residents (higher rates of preventable disease)
 - FREE – insurance not billed
 - Highlights Urban League’s “I Am Empowered” initiative
 - Provides free tests, assessments, education, counseling services
- Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative
 - Union County location
 - Prevention campaign designed by CDC
 - Awareness/education
 - Testing, prevention, treatment
 - Symposia/workshops
- Consumers Union/Best Buy Drug Project
 - Information about cost, effectiveness, advantages of using generic medications
 - Consumer Union, Best Buy Drugs supports NUL by sponsoring 25 affiliates, providing webinars, professional development & technical assistance/trainings
- Pfizer Helpful Answer Project
 - Affiliates received training & participated in online seminars focusing on helping clients access low-cost prescription drugs
 - Made/marketed by Pfizer Corporation
- Community Health Workers

- Act as coaches/guides for those needing assistance understanding navigating health care system
- Trained community health workers
- Provide referrals, counseling, health management, helping clients find medical homes

Housing and Community Development

- Provides asset-building tools through homeownership & financial education programs that teach wealth management
- Partners with US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Neighbor Works America, and other institutions
 - Provide financial management, home ownership & retention strategies
- Comprehensive Housing Counseling
 - Wide spectrum of counseling services for homebuyers, homeowners, low-to moderate-income renters, homeless
 - FREE private consultation w/ housing counselor
 - FREE assessment & determination of individual need
 - FREE information/advice about programs available to help acquire/maintain affordable housing
 - Group workshops
 - Address:
 - How to prepare for and buy a home
 - Late mortgage payments and foreclosure prevention
 - Money and credit management
 - Home maintenance
 - Tenant and landlord rights

- Homelessness
 - Referrals to community resources
- **Closest locations: Elizabeth, Jersey City, Morristown, Newark, Philadelphia**
- Financial Literacy
 - Emphasis on basic banking, money management, saving and investing, and the role and use of credit
- Foreclosure Prevention
 - Forestalls mortgage default, delinquency and foreclosure
 - Educates client's decision-making in regard to home purchase, maintenance, mortgage re-finance and loan modification
- Homeownership Preparation
 - Assists w/ identifying appropriate lenders, down payment, and soft second mortgage program (as applicable)
- Financial Counseling
 - **Closest Locations: Urban League of Essex County (Newark) and Urban League of Philadelphia**

Education and Youth Development (EYD)

- Supports academic achievement, civic involvement, physical/emotional development of children/youth

Locations/Contacts:

- **Urban League of Morris County: 300 Madison Avenue, Suite A, Morristown, NJ 07960 (973) 539-2121**
 - **Affiliate CEO: Mable Davis – Interim Executive Director mdavis@ulmcnj.org**
- **Urban League of Union County: 288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 (908) 351-7200**

- **Affiliate CEO: Donna Lowe Alexander – Interim President dalexander@uloucnj.org**
- **Urban League of Essex County: 508 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107 (973) 624-9535**
 - **Affiliate CEO: Vivian Cox-Fraser vfraser@ulec.org**
- **Urban League of Bergen County: 12 Tenafly Road, Englewood, NJ 07631 (201) 568-4988**
 - **Affiliate CEO: Jeffery Richardson – Interim President jrichardson@ulbcnj.org**
- **Urban League of Hudson County: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305 (201) 451-8888**
 - **Affiliate CEO: Muhammad Umar – Interim President mumar@ulohc.org**
- **Urban League of Philadelphia: 121 South Broad Street, 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 985-3220**
Affiliate CEO: Andrea Custis acustis@urbanleaguephila.org
 - (908) 558-8000 x3283
 - (908) 757-9090 x7311

NJ CAREER CONNECTIONS

Basic Education and Literacy Classes

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Communication
- HSE test prep
- ESL
 - Fill out job application
 - Find job

- HSE
- Computer skills
- How to become a citizen
- US history & government
- Computers
- Citizenship
- Job readiness
- Occupational training
- Employment
- **Contact Adult Education and Literacy Services (609) – 292-9722**

Ex-Offender Services (specialized services)

- Partner with construction, school construction projects, union-sponsored job training, automobile industry (mechanic assistants, etc.)
- Driver license restoration
- Referrals to community mental health programs
- Job search prep classes (in halfway houses)
- Community release programs (under Parole supervision)
- Federal Bonding Program
 - Fidelity bond – type of insurance that protects employers from employee dishonesty resulting in loss of money or property
 - Higher chances of getting employed w/ a fidelity bond
 - Inquire at your Center or with
 - **Contact: James Rimalover, NJ State Bonding Coordinator**
 - (609) 292-5763
 - FederalBonding@dol.nj.gov**
- Opportunity to Compete Act (2015)

- Can't ask about criminal history in the initial application process (written or oral)
- Initial application process is over after 1st interview – inquiries can be made
- Employer can't state that they won't consider anyone with a record
- Preempts local ordinances
- Employers with 15+ employees who violate the act will be fined
- Exceptions to the act:
 - If the job is in law enforcement, corrections, the judiciary, homeland security, or emergency management
 - If the job requires by law, rule or regulation a criminal background check
 - Where a criminal conviction may preclude a person from holding the job as required by law, rule or regulation
 - If the law restricts an employer's ability to conduct specific business practices based on the criminal records of employees
 - If the position is designated or designed to encourage employment of arrest and/or convicted persons
- Nothing in the law prohibits an employer from ultimately rejecting an applicant because of their criminal history unless their record has been expunged or erased by pardon
- Violation of the act alone doesn't serve as a basis for a private lawsuit
- Press release:

- http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lwdhome/pres/s/2015/20150227_OpportunitytoCompete.html
 - Read the law:
 - http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A2000/1999_R1.PDF
 - Form to file a complaint:
 - http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/forms_pdfs/lse/mw-31a.pdf
- This location specializes in job searches for ex-offenders
- **Contact: Lois Sulton El (609) 292-2096**

One Stop Career Center (Mercer – Trenton)

- Career resource room
- Phones
- Fax machines
- Copy machine
- Personal computers
- Internet access
- Rooms for employers to interview job seekers

Job search assistance

- reemployment orientation
- resume assistance
- interviewing skills
- Jersey Job Club
 - Path to employment
 - Resume writing workshop
 - Interviewing skills workshop
 - Mastering the art of networking workshop
 - LinkedIn
 - The right career for you workshop

- Skills-based volunteering workshop
 - Guest speakers
- Full use of services for up to 6 months
 - After 6, referral to more intensive resources
- **Contact: Luis M. Rivera (609) 292-0682**
- In demand occupations list
 - Home - Prepare – Update your Skills – Demand Occupations List

Training/Career Assistance

- Career assistance/counseling
- Tuition waver
- Job/Career training
- On the job training
 - Contact your Center for eligibility
- Job market information
- GED/ESL
- Forklift certification
- Filing for unemployment benefits

Workforce Learning Link

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Communication
- Financial Literacy
- Job search
- Employability
- Life Skills
- **Contact: Pat Shump, Counselor (609) 292-0602**
 - 26 Yard Avenue, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08609

Contact: Manager, Veronica Jones (609) 292-0620

Contact: Virgen Velez, Director (609) 989-6824

vvelez@mercercounty.org

THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION ON CORRECTION

- Employment
- Vocational training
- Money management
- Substance abuse counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Domestic violence and sexual assault services
- Constructive use of leisure time
- Short term counseling
- Housing advocacy
- Employment readiness
- Patterson: assistance for women reuniting with their children after incarceration
- Resource Centers
 - Trenton
 - New Brunswick
 - Paterson (women)
 - Newark (AIDs/HIV)
- Provides a mailing address, phone usage, messaging service, information and referrals to community resources
- Geared toward county / state offenders (housing and referrals are prior to release)

Contact:

- **Executive Director, Angel M. Perez**
aparez@njaconline.org
- **Director of Fiscal Operations, Diane Hobbs**
dhobbs@njaconline.org

- **Director of Quality Assurance, Helena Tome**
htome@njaonline.org
- **Director of Programs and Services, Sheila Trapp**
strapp@njaonline.org

Location: 986 S Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08611 (609)396-8900

THE NEW JERSEY COALITION TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (NJCEDV)

Confidential and anonymous statewide hotline: (800) 572-7233

Shelter and Housing

- Please see listed below, the numbers for Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing in Mercer County (via Womanspace)

Restraining Orders (two-part process)

- How to Get a Restraining Order
 - Obtain a Temporary Restraining Order
 - Good for maximum of 10 days, unless the court extends the time
 - To be made final, a hearing must be held before a Superior Court judge within the ten-day period
 - Judge decides if there is sufficient evidence to make the temporary restraining order final or permanent
 - Final restraining orders last until the court, upon application of one of the parties, vacates the order – must be done in court
- To file during the week

- Go to the Family Part of the Superior Court in your county and tell the person at the information desk that you want to file a complaint to get a restraining order
- To file on the weekends, nights, and holidays
 - Call the police – A municipal court judge is assigned to issue Temporary Restraining Orders on an emergency basis when the Superior Court is closed
- If a restraining order is denied
 - You may refile your complaint in the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part
- Be sure to carry the restraining order with you at all times
- For further legal information or questions
 - **Contact: Staff Attorney at the NJCEDV at (609) 584-8107**
 - Phone consultations with victims on family law, Final Restraining Orders, and other domestic violence related legal matters
 - All calls kept confidential and with strict attorney client privilege

Divorce and Child Custody

- For help filing for divorce, custody, visitation, child support matters, and domestic violence related medical expenses:
 - <http://www.njcedv.org/help/divorce-child-custody/>
- For further legal information or questions

- **Contact: Staff Attorney at the NJCEDV at (609) 584-8107**

Financial Help

- Work First NJ & Family Violence Option (FVO) Program
 - FVO assists victims of domestic violence through the NJ Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - May be able to obtain waiver from certain requirements of the Work First NJ program, including:
 - Time limit on benefits
 - Work requirements
 - Limitation on an increase in cash assistance benefits as result of the birth of a child
 - Child support cooperation requirements
 - For further FVO information
 - <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/workfirstnj/victims/>
 - **Contact the Mercer County Welfare Agency**
 - **Mercer County Board of Social Services, 200 Woolverton Street, Trenton, NJ 08611 (609) 989-0405**
 - **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm**
 - **Tuesday: 8:30am – 8:30pm**
- Crime Victim Compensation Program
 - Compensation benefits may be awarded up to a maximum of \$25,000 per claim
 - Reimburse victims for costs resulting from the crime, including:
 - Medical expenses

- Loss of support from the offender
- Limited transportation costs
- Counseling for victim and immediate family members
- Relocation expenses
- For application materials:
 - <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/workfirstnj/victims/>

Safety Planning

- Everyone’s safety plan for an abusive relationship should be unique to them, but consider the following:
- This is an ongoing process, requiring periodical review/modification
- Safety plans should consider both your immediate and long term safety needs
- For questions to consider and a checklist of important items to take with you:
 - <http://www.njcedv.org/safety-plan-checklist/>
- If you remain in your house, change your locks and keep your restraining order with you

Children’s Services in New Jersey

- Children’s Counseling Services (individual and group)
 - Creative arts therapy counseling
 - Teen counseling
 - Designed to promote children’s well-being and help them recover from the effects of domestic violence
- Peace, A Learned Solution (PALS) Program

- Six-month intensive therapy program using creative arts to assist child witnesses in the healing process
- Art, Play, Music, Drama, Dance
- Costumes, face painting, masks, Puppet Theater, play
- Custodial parent works with a PALS therapist and case manager to address:
 - Parent’s own victimization
 - Parenting concerns
 - Concrete family needs

Closest Location: Woman Aware, Middlesex County (732) 249-7277

For more information: <http://www.njcedv.org/>

Womanspace – Mercer County

Contact:

- **Womanspace, Inc. 1530 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (609) 394-9000**
www.womanspace.org
- **24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-572-SAFE (7233)**
- **Emergency Shelter (Transitional Housing Available) – call the 24-hour hotline**
- **Transitional Housing (609) 394-9000**
- **Non-residential services**
 - Legal advocacy services
 - Financial and housing advocacy
 - Group and individual counseling services
 - **(609) 394-2532**
- **Sexual Assault Support Services**

- **24-Hour Hotline: (609) 394-9000**
- **Batterers Services (609) 394-3010**

Emergency Services

- Designated to assist victims of domestic violence & sexual assault immediately following initial crisis
- **24-Hour Hotline in Mercer County (609) 394-9000**

Counseling and Support Services

- Both group counseling and individual long-term counseling by professionals
- Available to all regardless of ability to pay
- Spanish speaking counselors available

Residential and Housing Services

- Designed to rebuilt independence and self-sufficiency of victims
- Services available for women with developmental disabilities as well

Education and Training

- Both staff members and volunteers are available for providing information, education, training and technical assistance to anyone affected by or concerned about domestic violence and abuse

Children's Services

- Provide safe place for children
- Use art, music, and professional counselors to help children through the trauma they may have experienced in a home-setting where domestic violence took place

For more information: <https://womanspace.org>

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Services Offered

- Abortion services
 - Medication or in-clinic abortion with sedation options
 - Pre-/Post-abortion patient education
 - Post-abortion follow-up exams
 - Referrals for other abortions services if needed
 - Contact for pricing information
 - Uninsured, may be eligible to receive financial assistance
 - **Contact: (609) 599-4881**
- Birth control
 - Implant, patch, pill, shot, sponge, vaginal ring, diaphragm, condom, female condom, fertility awareness method, IUD, spermicide
 - May first require an exam
 - Pills Now Pay Later
 - Visit once and walk out with up to year's supply of birth control using a low, monthly payment plan
 - Contact for pricing information
- HIV testing

- Testing
 - Rapid testing with blood sample from finger stick – results in 10-40 minutes
 - Results in person
- Test education
- HIV referrals
- Counselling services
- Confidential
- Contact for pricing information
- Morning-After Pill (Emergency Contraception)
 - Emergency contraception
 - Pregnancy testing
 - Rape crisis counseling referrals
 - Available during business hours on walk-in basis
 - Contact for pricing information
- Pregnancy Testing & Services
 - Pregnancy testing
 - Abortion services
 - Abortion referrals
 - Adoption referrals
 - Fertility awareness education
 - Pregnancy planning services
 - Prenatal care referrals
 - Postpartum exams
 - Trained staff to discuss options if you're pregnant
 - Trained staff to talk about miscarriage
 - Contact for pricing information
- STD Testing, Treatment & Vaccines
 - Testing, diagnosis, treatment for variety of STDs
 - STD prevention including condoms, female condoms, dental dams, HPV vaccine

- STD/Safer sex education
- Contact for pricing information
- Women's Health Care
 - Checkups for reproductive/sexual health problem
 - Breast exams
 - Cervical cancer screening
 - Colposcopy
 - Cryotherapy
 - Fibroids evaluation
 - Hormone replacement therapy
 - LEEP (treatment of abnormal pap)
 - Mammogram referrals
 - Menopause and midlife – testing and treatment
 - Pap test
 - Routine physicals for women
 - Urinary tract infections – testing and treatment
 - Vaginal infections – testing and treatment
 - Help with irregular periods, no periods, painful periods, painful sex, bleeding between periods, menstrual problems, lost tampon
 - Contact for pricing information

Plans and Accepted Insurance

- Most birth control and annual well-woman exams will be covered for free
- Covered Insurance Plans:
 - AmeriHealth
 - Cigna
 - Emblem Health
 - Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield
 - Oxford (except for Oxford Garden State and Oxford Encompass)

- QualCare (only non-inner circle plans which don't have employer listed on top of insurance card)
- United Health Care
- If no insurance, affordable coverage options may be available
 - May qualify for state-funded program or lower fee scale
 - Fees for services are based on household income

Location: Trenton Health Center of Trenton, NJ: 437 East State Street, Trenton NJ 08608

Contact: (609) 599-4881

Appointments can be scheduled on the phone or online
<https://ppnjshed.azurewebsites.net/start.aspx>

ROAD TO SUCCESS (MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

- Assistance with car repairs (road ready)
- Assistance in obtaining driver's license
- Provide transit passes, bus or rail
- Assistance in restoration of suspended/revoked license
- Assistance obtaining auto insurance
- Provide emergency transportation services on temporary basis for purpose of getting to work
- Free
- Eligibility – call
- Application completed with staff member

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 8:30pm

Location: 200 Woolverton Street Trenton, NJ 08611

Contact: Consumer Information – (609) 989-4320

Contact: Alternate Phone – (800) 564-1595 (toll free)

TASK (TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN)

Tutoring Adults

- One-on-one tutoring in basic literacy, math, HSE test prep, computer skills
 - Students meet with program coordinator to set individual goals and a timeline to reach them
 - Books, notebooks, pens, reading glasses provided if needed
 - **Monday-Friday 9-11 am**
 - **Monday-Friday 2-4 pm**
 - **Contact: Kelly Hansen, Adult Education Coordinator**
 - (609) 695-5456 x107
- kellyh@trentonsoupkitchen.org**

Computer Center

- Structured classes in Microsoft Office basic and advanced
- One-on-one tutoring
- Computer center available during meal times for internet access and resume prep
- **Contact: Diane Subber (609) 695-5456 x106**
dians@trentonsoupkitchen.org

Medical Services

- Who?
 - Area health care providers
 - Nurses from Trenton Health Team
 - Others
- BP screening
- HIV testing / counseling
- **Available during meal times**

General Services

- Phone, mail, fax, and message services
- Hygiene bags for patrons in need

- Arts and Ideas
 - Materials for arts and crafts activities available
- Photo Opportunities
 - Get your picture taken by “the picture lady”
- Kids’ Time
 - Child care during meal times
 - Toys, games, arts & crafts, activities

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

- Free income tax preparation (IRS certified)
- Available if you:
 - Make \$54,000 or less
 - Have disabilities
 - Are a limited English speaker
- Links about how/when/where to file
- Spanish and English speaking
- Appointment required
- 40 min drive / 1 hr train from Trenton

**Location: United Way of Central Jersey, 32 Ford Avenue,
Milltown, NJ 08850**

Contact: (732) 379-3730

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Forum of jobs currently hiring that are known to be felon friendly

CDL SHOOLS

- All State Career School – Lester, PA
- Smith and Soloman

- Linden
- Bordentown
- Bellmawr
- Lakewood

How to get a CDL license:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must have a basic driver license
- Must have 20/40 vision with or without glasses
- Be able to recognize green/amber/red
- Be physically fit
 - Must submit a valid medical exam every 2 years
- Test receipt is \$125
- Background check
- Process:
 - Take written test
 - Get the CLP (learner's permit)
 - Practice
 - Take road test – get license upon passing

4 year license (set to expire with basic DL)

DRIVING SCHOOLS

- Read Ready Driving School
 - 1046 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638
 - (609) 278-4400
 - (609) 695-6100
 - mkaczorowski@ymail.com
- Alert Driving School
 - \$280 for 6 hour package
 - Does not cover road test cost

- Usually \$400+
- 416 Centre Street, Trenton, NJ 08611
- (609) 392-8104
- info@alertydrivingschool.net
- Mid-Atlantic Driving School
 - 17 Andrea Lane, Trenton, NJ 08619
 - (609) 584-2277
- Agape Driving School
 - 1213 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08629
 - (609) 588-5956

LEGAL RESOURCES

Legal Services of New Jersey

<https://www.lsnj.org/LegalServicesOffices.aspx>

NJSBA Pro Bono Information

<https://tcms.njsba.com/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabID=1777>

Opportunity to Compete Act

http://www.nileg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A200/1999_R1.PDF

Affordable Health Care Act

<https://www.healthcare.gov/where-can-i-read-the-affordable-care-act/>