

The Union County Board of County Commissioners and The Department of Human Services/Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection



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Union County Special Needs Registry

The Union County Special Needs Registry is designed to help emergency responders locate and safely evacuate people who could find it difficult to help themselves in the event of a major disaster. Anyone with a physical or mental health disability severe enough to require care and assistance to meet their basic needs should apply for this program. Applications can be obtained online at www.registerready.nj.gov

Beltone Hearing & Audiology*

Beltone Hearing & Audiology Centers provide hearing assessment and evaluation; hearing instrument demonstration and hearing instrument purchase, fitting, and delivery in the comfort of your own home. Beltone serves communities in Union, Essex, and suburban Morris counties. Beltone has a conveniently located office in Union County in Roselle Park (908) 245-6699.

Visiting Dental Home Services*

For a variety of reasons, such as poor health or transportation difficulties, not everyone can visit the dentist. Dental Home Services has state of the art equipment that brings the dentist to you in your own home in any setting including wheelchairs and hospital beds. If you would like more information on Dental Home Services, or if you would like to schedule an appointment, call (1-800) 842-4663.

Visiting Physician*

Visiting Physician provides comprehensive care with the expertise to handle everything from routine checkups to serious illnesses. Visiting Physician makes house calls to private residences, senior housing buildings, and assisted living facilities, and are able to perform complete physical exams; conduct lab tests including blood work and urinalysis; perform EKG's and X-rays; care for wounds; and prescribe and monitor medications. For more information, call Visiting Physician at (732) 571-1000.

Visiting Podiatrists*

Innovative Foot & Ankle asks, 'Are Your Feet Happy?'

Many seniors can be affected by foot ailments and many chronic conditions make it necessary to prudently care for feet. Podiatry is a focused specialty with a broad spectrum of care. For more information, please call (908) 276-6624. Ask for Christina. Accepts Medicare/Medicaid.

www.innovativefootandankle.com

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Home Foot Care Services specializes in providing medical treatments of foot and ankle care to elderly, disabled, impaired, and homebound patients in the comfort of their own home. In addition to English, staff speaks Russian, Arabic, Spanish, Romanian, Bulgarian, and Mandarin. Call (1-877) 417-3668
www.homefootcareservices.com

**Not an emergency service*

Grocery Shopping Program

Catholic Charities and SAGE Eldercare offer food shopping service for homebound older adult residents of Union County who are unable to shop for themselves and have no primary caregiver who can shop for them on a consistent basis. There is a small fee for this service. For more information, call Catholic Charities at (908) 497-3950 or visit www.ccanng.com/food

SAGE Eldercare covers Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, and Summit; call (908) 273-5554 for more information or visit www.sageeldercare.org

State of New Jersey Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly

The Ombudsman's Office acts as an advocate for residents of nursing homes and helps to protect their rights. The Ombudsman and staff can answer questions, provide information, and handle complaints about residents' rights and other areas of concern by families or the residents themselves. The Ombudsman's Office can conduct public or a private hearing, subpoena documents or personal testimony, and has full, unrestricted access to elderly residents of long-term care facilities and their records. For more information regarding a facility license or annual survey information call (1-800) 792-9770 or visit www.nj.gov/ooie

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a nutrition assistance program to help low-income individuals and families buy the groceries they need for good health.

Eligibility depends on several factors like income, resources, and household size.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$2,248
2	\$3,041
3	\$3,833
4	\$4,625
5	\$5,418

The Division of Social Services urges everyone to apply for the SNAP program; eligibility varies.

The increase in the amount of money and resources has made more seniors eligible for the SNAP program. For more information, call the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, at (908) 965-2700 in Elizabeth and (908) 791-7000 in Plainfield. You can also go online to <https://www.mynjhelps.gov/home> to screen for services, apply online, complete an unfinished application or check the status of your application.

Assurance Wireless Lifeline Cell Phone Program

Assurance Wireless is a federal Lifeline Assistance program that provides eligible low-income customers free monthly data, unlimited texting, and free monthly minutes, and a free phone.

Enrollment is available to individuals that qualify based on federal or state specific eligibility criteria such as enrollment in public assistance programs Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and proof of program participation or proof of income is required.

The Lifeline Assistance program is available for one wireless or wireline account per household.

For more information, call (1-800) 392-3850 or visit www.assurancewireless.com

Verizon Lifeline Program

Lifeline is a government assistance program supported by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Verizon offers the following Lifeline-supported services as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier:

Voice Lifeline Flat Rate - \$1.95 per month

Voice Lifeline Message Rate - \$0.40 per month

Voice Lifeline Low Use Message Rate – no rate

Broadband (internet) - \$9.25 monthly discount

To qualify for Lifeline service applicants can show proof of participation in certain government programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, Section 8 Public Housing, TANF, and the National School Lunch Program.

Call NJ SHARES client services at (1-800) 837-4966 or visit www.verizon.com/lifeline

NJ CHOICES- New Jersey Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund

The New Jersey Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund allows individuals to prearrange and prefund funeral expenses, ensuring that person's funeral will reflect their wishes, that there is sufficient money readily available to pay for the funeral, and that family is not burdened with having to make important decisions or face financial concerns at a very stressful time.

The New Jersey Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund places your money in an FDIC insured account. The money stays in your name and is completely refundable; is managed in cooperation with one of New Jersey's largest banking institutions; account balances can be checked online at www.njsfda.org; returns the highest interest available; accepts flexible payments with a minimum initial payment of \$500.00; has no age limit; and provides a yearly tax statement and summary of principal and interest earned.

SSI/Medicaid and Prepaying a Funeral

Federal and State laws permit an individual to pay in full for future funeral arrangements by depositing funds into a properly established irrevocable account. Such burial funds are considered excludable resources when SSI, Medicaid or General Assistance eligibility is determined.

More information on the New Jersey Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund can be obtained at www.njsfda.org or through the funeral director of your choice.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

New Jersey American Water Customer Assistance Program

New Jersey American Water assists low-income customers who qualify through its H2O Help to Others Program and Low-Income Payment Program (LIPP).

The H2O Help to Others Program provides aid to those who need it most. Customers who qualify may receive a grant of up to \$500 to help pay their water bill.

The **Low-Income Payment Program (LIPP)** takes the H2O program one step further by providing aid to New Jersey American Water's most economically challenged customers. This aid can be equivalent to as much as 20% of a customer's monthly bill, depending on eligibility.

For more information, call (1-877) 652-9426 or visit: www.amwater.com

PSE&G

PSE&G Equal Payment Plan (EPP) calculates your equal payment amount by dividing your previous year's energy usage into 12 equal monthly payments. Your account will be reviewed every six months and if your energy use changes your payment amount will be revised up or down. Call (1-888) 275-7734 for more information.

Third Party Notification Program will let you know when your older, ill or disabled family member's bill is late.

Life-Sustaining Equipment Program allows people who use life-sustaining medical equipment to receive priority power restoration if the power ever goes out.

For more information, call (1-800) 436-7734 or visit: www.nj.pseg.com

JCP&L

Equal Payment Plan (EPP) offers the convenience of making consistent monthly payments and avoiding the normal seasonal highs and lows in the electric bill. Customers are billed one-twelfth of their annual estimated usage. The account is reviewed after eight months to determine if the payment should be changed to better reflect the actual usage.

Extended Due Date for customers who are at least 60 years old and receive a Social Security or pension check, or the customer receives disability assistance. This program will extend the payment due date until after the check arrives.

Extended Payment Plan is for customers who find it difficult to pay their electric bill on time; an extended payment plan will maintain service while making payments more suited to the financial situation.

Critical Customer Care Program identifies customers who use certain electrically operated life-sustaining medical equipment in their home. The program helps customers, for whom a service interruption could be immediately life threatening, prepare for planned and/or unplanned power outages.

For more information, (1-800) 662-3115; TTY/TTD (1-800) 221-0479 or visit: www.firstenergycorp.com

New Jersey Comfort Partners

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and gas and electric companies have joined together under New Jersey's Clean Energy Program to save customers money by making homes/apartments more energy efficient. To participate in this program the applicant must be receiving LIHEAP, Lifeline, PAAD, Section 8 housing, SSI, TANF, and USF.

For more information, call (1-888) 773-8326 or visit the website at www.njcleanenergy.com/CP

Elizabethtown Gas

Elizabethtown Gas **Fresh Start Program** gives first-time USF customers automatic enrollment if their past due amount is greater than \$60.00. Under this program, you are required to pay your current bill on time every month for 12 months and your past due balance will be erased.

All local utility companies urge customers to inform their local rescue squads, police and fire departments of special needs in case of an emergency. Even though customers with life-sustaining equipment who have registered to receive priority attention during outages, customers should also have emergency back-up equipment on hand since immediate restoration cannot be guaranteed.

www.elizabethtowngas.com/residential

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)** is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. To be eligible for LIHEAP benefits, the applicant's household must be responsible for home heating or cooling, either directly or indirectly or included in the rent. People who live in senior/public housing are not eligible unless they pay for their own heating/cooling costs. The amount of LIHEAP heating benefits is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region. **(See income guidelines on page 12)**

Cooling Assistance Program will assist eligible applicants who, due to a medical reason, require air conditioning during the summer months. A physician certification is required.

The **Universal Service Fund (USF)** is a program created by the State of New Jersey to help make gas and electric bills more affordable for low-income households. The applying household must pay more than 3% of its annual income on gas and 3% of its annual income on electric. If a household has electric heat, it must spend more than 6% of its annual income on electricity. **(See income guidelines on page 12)**

The **Weatherization Assistance Program** helps reduce energy bills and keep your home warm by providing you with a home energy audit to see how much money you can save on energy bills by weatherizing, and installing energy efficient measures which may include sealing, insulation, heating system repair and/or replacement of refrigerators and heating systems if necessary.

For information on the above listed programs, call Proceed Inc. at (908) 351-7727 ext. 292, visit www.proceedinc.com or call the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870 or (1-888) 280-8226.

Affordable Housing Alliance PAGE Program

The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) Program were established by the Board to provide relief on natural gas and electric bills for low to moderate income New Jersey households who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. Eligible applicants cannot be receiving or be eligible for a Universal Service Fund (USF) benefit or a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefit. The PAGE program is administered by the Affordable Housing Alliance. For a list of eligibility requirements for this program or to apply online, go to www.njpoweron.com. If you have any questions, please call (732) 982-8710.

Medicaid: Managed Long-Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) Program

Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) refers to the delivery of long-term services and supports through NJ FamilyCare's managed care program. MLTSS is designed to expand home and community-based services, promote community inclusion, and ensure quality and efficiency.

MLTSS uses NJ FamilyCare managed care organizations, also known as an HMO or MCO, to coordinate all services. MLTSS will provide comprehensive services and supports, whether at home, in an assisted living facility, in community residential services, or in a nursing home.

Age and/or Disability Guidelines:

- Applicant must be 65 years or older.
- If under age 65, applicant must be determined blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State of New Jersey.
- US Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.
- Applicants must meet the clinical criteria for a nursing facility level of care which includes requiring assistance with three of the following: bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, mobility, and eating.

Income & Asset Guidelines:

\$2,742 monthly (single/married) *

\$2,000 countable assets **

**Income* is based on gross monthly amounts (ex: Social Security benefits, pension, etc.)

***Assets* are not only limited to houses and automobiles. It includes bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies.

Married couples will be evaluated for income & asset eligibility.

Services Provided:

Home Health Aide	Adult Day Care
Care Management	Respite
Home-Delivered Meal Service	Community Residential Services
Mental Health & Addiction Services	Home & Vehicle Modifications
Nursing Home Care	Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)
Assisted Living Care	Hearing Aid; Dental care; Optometry services
Personal Preference Program (PPP)	

How to Access Services:

Call the Union County Division of Social Services – Elizabeth (908) 965-2700/ (908) 965-3745
Plainfield (908) 791-7000/ (908) 791-7093
(Ask for the Adult Medicaid Department)

Apply online at <https://njfc.force.com/abd/abdstart>

Call the Union County Division on Aging for the clinical screening at (908) 527-4870 or Toll Free at (1-888) 280-8226.

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC)

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) is a state-funded program that provides a broad array of in-home services to enable an individual, at risk of placement in a nursing facility and who meets the income/resource requirements, to remain in his or her community home. By providing a uniquely designed package of supports for the individual, JACC is intended to supplement and strengthen the capacity of caregivers, as well as to delay/prevent placement in a nursing facility. JACC is not a Medicaid waiver program.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicant must be 60 years or older.
- US Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.
- Resides in a home which he/she owns, rents or the home of a relative.
- Is financially ineligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waiver services.
- Has no alternate means available to secure needed services or supports.
- Has been determined to be clinically eligible for nursing facility level of care, which includes requiring assistance with three of the following: bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, mobility, and eating.
- Applicant cannot be participating in other services that provide this care, such as Statewide Respite Care Services or NJ Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program.

Income & Asset Guidelines:

- Monthly Income- *Single* \$4,581/ *Married* \$6,217 *
- Countable assets- *Single* \$40,000/ *Married* \$60,000 **

**Income* is based on gross monthly amounts (ex: Social Security benefits, pension, etc.)

***Assets* include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies.

Services Provided: *

Case Management
Home Health Aide
Homemaker Services
Respite Care
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)
Home-Delivered Meal Service
Social Adult Day Care
Adult Day Health Services
Special Medical Equipment & Supplies
Chore Services
Participant Employed Provider (PEP)

*JACC participants may contribute to the cost of their services. The co-pay amount is based on countable income applied to a sliding scale.

How to Access Services:

Call the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870 or Toll-Free at (1-888) 280-8226.

Statewide Respite Care Program

The Statewide Respite Care Program is designed to aid families by giving caregivers a break from the daily responsibility of caring for an elderly or disabled relative or friend. Respite services may be used so that caregivers can shop, get medical care, attend to personal matters, rest, vacation or cope with an emergency. Respite may be used occasionally or at regularly scheduled times.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicant must be 18 years old and older.
- US Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen.
- Resides in a home which he/she owns, rents or the home of a relative.
- Has a chronic physical disability which requires supervision or assistance with basic daily needs.
- Has an unpaid/uncompensated caregiver such as a spouse, partner, child, other family member, neighbor, or friend, who provides the necessary daily care, and who without that caregiver, may be at risk of institutionalization.
- Applicant cannot be participating in other services that provide this care, such as Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC), NJ Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program, Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) or another NJ FamilyCare Program.

Income & Asset Guidelines:

- Monthly Income- *Single \$2,829/ Married \$5,658 **
- Countable assets- *Single \$40,000/ Married \$60,000 ***

**Income is based on gross monthly amounts (ex: Social Security benefits, pension, etc.)*

***Assets include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies.*

Services Provided: *

Home Health Aide
Homemaker Services
Medical Adult Day Care
Social Adult Day Care
In-Patient Respite Care

**There is a co-pay amount in some cases based on a sliding fee scale from 0% to 25% of the care recipient's monthly income.*

How to Access Services:

Call the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527- 4870 or Toll Free at (1-888) 280-8226.

Congregate Nutrition Program

The Union County Congregate Nutrition Program is a senior lunch program made possible by a grant from the United States Government under the Older Americans Act. The central objective of the lunch program is to maximize independence and dignity of seniors.

The program has four goals:

- Health maintenance through improved nutrition.
- Fostering social interaction.
- Providing access to other supportive services.
- Satisfying emotional needs, especially for those who eat alone.

Eligibility Guidelines:

Any person who is 60 years of age or older or anyone married to a person 60 years of age or older is cordially invited to participate in the program. A reservation should be made two days in advance. There are 21 nutrition sites located throughout Union County that also include two kosher sites.

Income Guidelines:

There are no income guidelines to participate; however, each participant will have the opportunity to make a confidential suggested voluntary donation of \$1.75 per meal. No one is ever denied a meal based on their inability to pay. Donations are used to offset the cost of the meals and to expand the program.

Union County Meals on Wheels Home Delivery

The home-delivered meals program is not administered directly through the Division on Aging. It is administered by Meals on Wheels, a private non-profit agency. Meals on Wheels serves home-delivered meals to County residents who, because of illness or physical disability, are unable to provide their own meals. The program aids individuals in maintaining a degree of independence by keeping them from hospitalization.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Participants must be 60 years of age or older.
- Elderly individuals or couples who are unable to prepare a nutritious meal.
- Homebound, handicapped individuals.
- Individuals recovering from recent hospitalization or illness.
- A home assessment is necessary to determine eligibility.
- There are no income or asset guidelines.

How to Access Services:

Call Meals on Wheels at (908) 486-5100

Union County Paratransit System

The Union County Paratransit System is a curb-to-curb transportation service specializing in transportation for seniors (age 60+), people with disabilities (18 years and older) and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County.

The Paratransit System operates Monday through Friday between 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM and has limited availability on Saturday. The service does not operate on Sunday.

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM by calling the scheduling office at (908) 241-8300. First time callers should call between the hours of 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. While transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, priority is given to riders receiving dialysis and chemotherapy. *Five to seven days in advance notice for a scheduled trip is recommended. Please do not call any earlier than three weeks prior to your desired trip.*

When making a reservation you will be asked to provide day, date, and time of your appointment; address, city, state, and telephone number of your destination; doctor's name, clinic name, company name, and telephone number; and your approximate time of return. There is a fee of \$3.00 per one-way trip, for a total of \$6.00 for round-trip transportation.

Paratransit will provide non-emergency transportation for the purposes of:

Medical appointments	Nutrition
Mental Health	Shopping
Employment	Recreation
Education	Bus & Rail Services

Out of County medical trips are provided Monday and Wednesday only.

Veterans' Transportation:

Tuesday & Thursday:	Lyons Hospital
Monday & Wednesday:	East Orange VA Hospital
Daily:	Veterans' Clinic at Trinitas Regional Medical Center

How to Access Services:

- To schedule an appointment, call (908) 241-8300
- Clients who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or speech impaired may contact the NJ Relay at (1-800) 852-7897 to assist with your call.

2024 Program Guidelines

PROGRAM	MAXIMUM INCOME	PHONE #	REQUIREMENT
(SSI) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME		SSA Toll-Free: 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Eligible single individual	\$974.25 monthly	SSA Union office: 1-877-803-6306	
Eligible married couple	\$1,440.35 monthly		
Allowable Asset Limit- single individual	\$2,000		
Allowable Asset Limit- married couple	\$3,000		
\$1,500 is allowed for burial expenses. Contact SSI for more categories. <u>Note:</u> SSI recipients may also be eligible for food stamps.			
QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB)		NJ Division of Aging Services:	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Pays deductible, co-insurance & pays Medicare Part B premium \$164.90		1-800-792-9745	
Single Individual with up to \$9,090 in Assets	\$1,215 monthly	DSS Elizabeth Office: * 908-965-2700	
Married Couple with up to \$13,630 in Assets	\$1,644 monthly	DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	
SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB)		NJ Division of Aging Services:	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Pays Medicare Part B premium \$164.90			
Single Individual with up to \$9,090 in Assets	\$1,458 monthly	1-800-792-9745	
Married Couple with up to \$13,630 in Assets	\$1,972 monthly		
NEW JERSEY CARE (Medicaid Program)			65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Provides Medicaid Health Insurance and State Plan Services.		DSS Elizabeth Office: * 908-965-2700	
Single Individual with up to \$4,000 in Assets	\$1,215 monthly	DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	
Married Couple with up to \$6,000 in Assets	\$1,644 monthly		
JERSEY ASSISTANCE for COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)			60 yrs/ Disabled
Provides a variety of in-home services and supports.		Union County Division on Aging:	
Single Individual with up to \$40,000 in Assets	\$4,581 monthly	908-527-4870	
Married Couple with up to \$60,000 in Assets	\$6,217 monthly	Toll-Free: 1-888-280-8226	
Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services & Supports (MLTSS)			65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
MLTSS refers to the delivery of long-term services and supports through NJ FamilyCare's managed care program.	\$2,742 monthly (single/married)	DSS Elizabeth Office: * 908-965-2700	
Allowable Assets: Single \$2,000 Married couples must apply for benefit screening		DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	

Union County Division of Social Services (DSS) – Ask for the Adult Medicaid Department:

* Elizabeth Office: Berkeley Heights, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, Union, Vauxhall, Winfield

** Plainfield Office: Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Westfield

PROGRAM	MAXIMUM INCOME	PHONE #	REQUIREMENT
STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM Provides relief for caregiver; offers services such as home health aide, day care, and in-patient respite care.			18 or older/Disabled
Single	\$2,829 monthly	Union County Division on Aging:	
Married	\$5,658 monthly	908-527-4870	
Combined liquid assets may not exceed \$40,000 (single) or \$60,000 (married) to qualify.		Toll-Free: 1-888-280-8226	
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (PAAD), LIFELINE & (HAAAD) HEARING AID ASSISTANCE <i>NJ Save application: https://nj-dhsas.my.site.com/njsave/quickstart</i>		Union County Division on Aging:	
PAAD participant pays \$5/generic or \$7/brand name for prescriptions		908-527-4870	65 yrs/Disabled
LIFELINE (LL) offers an annual \$225 utility benefit.			
Single – Maximum income of \$52,142 annually			
Married – Maximum income of \$59,209 annually		NJ Division of Aging Services:	
SENIOR GOLD – A prescription discount program		1-800-792-9745	65 yrs/Disabled
Single- Income between \$52,142 and \$62,142 annually			
Married - Income between \$59,209 and \$69,209 annually			
LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) (Assistance for homeowners and renters with heating/cooling bills) <u>Members of Household</u> <u>Monthly Income</u> 1 \$3,676 2 \$4,807 3 \$5,938 4 \$7,069 <i>Online application: www.energyassistance.nj.gov</i>		PROCEED, Inc. 1-908-351-7727 Ext. 292 Union County Division on Aging: 908-527-4870 NJ Department of Community Affairs: 1-800-510-3102	
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) (Assistance for homeowners and renters with gas/electric bills) <u>Members of Household</u> <u>Monthly Income</u> 1 \$3,676 2 \$4,807 3 \$5,938 4 \$7,069 <i>Online application: www.energyassistance.nj.gov</i>		PROCEED, Inc. 1-908-351-7727 Ext. 292 Union County Division on Aging: 908-527-4870 NJ Department of Community Affairs: 1-800-510-3102	
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) <i>Online application: https://www.mynjhelps.gov/home</i>	<u>Household Size</u> 1 - \$2,248 mo. 2 - \$3,041 mo. 3 - \$3,833 mo. 4 - \$4,625 mo.	DSS Elizabeth Office: * (908) 965-2700 DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	

Union County Division of Social Services (DSS) – Ask for the SNAP Department:

- * Elizabeth Office: Berkeley Heights, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, Union, Vauxhall, Winfield
- ** Plainfield Office: Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Westfield

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR SENIORS IN UNION COUNTY, NJ

INDIVIDUAL HOUSING UNITS: Must be 62 years old to apply

<u>CRANFORD:</u>	Gill Apartments - 40 Meeker Avenue, Cranford, 07016 Lincoln Apartments - 800 E. Lincoln Avenue, Cranford, 07016	908-272-9180 908-931-0194
<u>GARWOOD:</u>	The Village @ Garwood - 320 Second Avenue, Garwood, 07203	www.villageatgarwood.com
<u>ELIZABETH:</u>	Alexian Manor – 122 7th Street, Elizabeth 07201 Elizabeth Towers - 315 W. Grand Street, Elizabeth 07202 Heritage Village - 225 Second Street, Elizabeth 07206 Immaculate Conception - 59-63 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth 07208 Winfield Scott Tower - 323 N. Broad St., Elizabeth 07208	908-352-0080 908-355-4500 908- 965-1160 908-289-1911 973-540-0230 Ext.17
<u>LINDEN:</u>	Morningstar Court – 701 Cranford Avenue, Linden 07036	908-486-8200
<u>NEW PROVIDENCE:</u>	101 Academy Street, New Providence 07974	908-464-6131
<u>PLAINFIELD:</u>	Cedarbrook Park Apartments - 1272 Park Avenue, Plainfield 07060 Covenant Manor - 623 E. Front Street, Plainfield 07060 Plainfield Tower West - 601 W. 7th Street, Plainfield 07060	908-756-5656 908-791-9430 908-668-1963
<u>RAHWAY:</u>	Golden Age Towers - 200-220 E. Milton Avenue, Rahway 07065 Myers Senior Housing - 1447 Esterbrook Avenue, Rahway 07065	732-499-7950 732-540-8748
<u>ROSELLE:</u>	Pinewood Hall - 250 West Second Avenue, Roselle 07203 Roselle Senior Housing - 500 Grand Street, Roselle, 07203	908-241-5414 908-289-9007
<u>SCOTCH PLAINS:</u>	Senior Citizen Housing - 2002 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076	908-654-1313
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>	Springfield Senior Housing - 350 Independence Way, Springfield 07081	973-467-1480
<u>SUMMIT:</u>	Summit Senior Housing – 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit 07901	908-273-6413
<u>UNION:</u>	Erhardt Gardens - 100 Francis Court, Union 07083 Schaefer Gardens - 35 W. Sumner Avenue, Union 07083 Nora Gardens - 1775 Burnet Avenue, Union 07083	908-688-0565 908-964-9343 908-686-9100
<u>WESTFIELD:</u>	First Westfield Housing – 1133 Boynton Avenue, Westfield 07090 Second Westfield Housing - 1129 Boynton Avenue, Westfield 07090	908-233-5898 908-518-9586

55+ HOUSING FACILITIES IN UNION COUNTY

Woodcrest @ Clark – 1245 Westfield Avenue, Clark 07066	www.gardencommunities.com	732-340-0069
Woodcrest @ Clark – 1500 Westfield Avenue, Clark 07066	www.piazza-and-associates.com	609-786-1100
Woodcrest @ Berkeley Heights – 100 Locust Avenue, Berkeley Heights 07922		908-498-7239
Rosegate – 555 E. Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway 07065	www.cis-hvrosegate.com	732-396-4540
Park Terrace – 805 School Street, Rahway 07065	www.bestrentnj.com	732-680-1160

Other sources/assistance:

NJ Housing Resource and Mortgage Center

e-mail: Piazza & Associates, Inc.

www.lowincomehousing.us
www.njhousing.gov / www.nj.gov/njhrc
www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com
union@HousingQuest.com 609-786-1100

HOUSING AUTHORITIES: Seniors and People with disabilities

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ELIZABETH

908-965-2400

688 Maple Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07202

(5 units) Farley Towers - 33 Cherry Street*
O'Donnell Dempsey - 632 Salem Avenue
Ford Leonard Towers - 69 Division Street
Kennedy Arms Apartments - 76 Westfield Avenue
J.Christian Bollwage/E'Port Commons - 205 1st Street

908-355-4155

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF LINDEN

1601 Dill Ave., Linden 07036

(3 units) Ann Ferguson Towers - 1601 Dill Avenue
Murawski Towers - 1551 Dill Avenue
John T. Gregorio Towers - 1425 Dill Avenue

908-298-3820

908-298-3822

908-298-3821

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

908-769-6335

510 East Front St. Plainfield, NJ 07060

(2 units) Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street
Joanne Hollis Gardens, 305 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF RAHWAY

732-388-3546

165 East Grand Ave., Rahway 07065

(3 units) Kennedy Apartments - 250 Grand Avenue, West*
Walter Schaffhauser Towers - 165 East Grand Avenue
Clifford Case Memorial - 337 West Milton Avenue

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES:

Atria @ Cranford - 10 Jackson Drive, Cranford 07016 (2 yrs. private pay)	908-709-4300
Brighton Gardens of Mountainside - 1350 Route 22 W., Mountainside (2 yrs. private Pay)	908-654-4460
Amber Court of Elizabeth - 1155 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth 07201 (accepts Medicaid)	908-352-9200
Chelsea @ Fanwood - 295 South Avenue, Fanwood 07023 (3 yrs. private pay)	908-654-5200
Center for Hope/Assisted Living Hospice - 111 De Hart Place, Elizabeth 07202	908-353-6060
*Spring Meadows - 41 Springfield Avenue, Summit 07901	908-522-8852
*Sunrise of Westfield - 240 Springfield Avenue, Westfield 07090	908-317-3030
Delaire Gardens – 400 W. Stimpson Avenue, Linden 07036 (accepts Medicaid)	908-862-3399

***Does not accept Medicaid**

HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

908-355-5910

IF HOMELESS – Call the HOMELESS PREVENTION PLANNER

908-527-4839

EMERGENCY HOUSING SERVICES:

For homeless individuals/families or victims of domestic violence

YWCA of Eastern Union County – Women

908-355-4357

Division of Social Services – Elizabeth

908-965-2700

Plainfield

908-791-7000

Union County Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen Resource List

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CRANFORD	
Cranford Family Care Association 61 Myrtle Street, (908) 276-3530	PANTRY: Monday to Friday 9:00am-4:00pm Must be Cranford resident - Application & interview required.
ELIZABETH	
Christ Fellowship Church 1121 Elizabeth Avenue, (908) 289-6322	PANTRY: Friday from 10:00am-12:30pm-Application required.
First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth 402 Union Avenue, (908) 352-0519	PANTRY: 2nd & 4th Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm
Jefferson Park Ministries 70 W. Grand St., (908) 469-9508	PANTRY: 2nd & 3rd Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm
Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (Kosher) 655 Westfield Avenue, (908) 352-8375	PANTRY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm
Mount Teman A.M.E. Church 160 Madison Avenue, (908) 351-2625	PANTRY: 4th Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm KITCHEN: 4th Saturday 11:00am-2:00pm
Saint John's Episcopal Church 61 Broad Street, (908) 352-2220	KITCHEN: Sunday 12:15pm
Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church 38 West End Place, (908) 289-7070	Meal: 2nd & 4th Saturday 11:00am -2:00pm
Saint Joseph's Social Service Center 118 Division Street, (908) 352-2989	Sandwich/bread – Monday to Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm KITCHEN: Saturday 11:30am-1:00pm PANTRY: operating differently every month. Please call to register.
The Salvation Army 1005 East Jersey Street, (908) 352-7057	PANTRY: For new clients: 3rd and 4th week of the month – Call for appointment. First two weeks appointment only from 9:00am-11:30am
FANWOOD	
Fanwood Presbyterian Church Mission Committee (P. O. Box 69) 74 Martine Avenue, (908) 889-8891	PANTRY: 3rd Saturday 9:30am-11:00am Need agency referral
First Baptist Church 166 Hillside Avenue, (973) 926-1244	PANTRY: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturday 9:30am-11:00am – Come at 8:00am to sign in
KENILWORTH	
Saint Theresa Church 541 Washington Street, (908) 272-4444	Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm
LINDEN	
L.I.N.C.S. Food Pantry 14 W. Munsell Avenue, (908) 925-2523	PANTRY: Linden residents only Call for appointment
Linden Presbyterian Church 1506 Orchard Terrace, (908) 486-3073	PANTRY: 4th Friday 8:30am-11:00am by appointment
Sisters & Brothers Outreach 1318 East St. Georges Avenue, (908) 994-9797	PANTRY: Thursday 4:00pm Bring bag
NEW PROVIDENCE	
Our Lady of Peace Church 111 South Street, (908) 464-7600	PANTRY: Tuesday 10am-12:00pm Proof of address required 1st Saturday of the month/call 9:00am to 11:00am
PLAINFIELD	
Angels for Action 209 West 2nd Street, (908) 753-5656	KITCHEN: Tuesday 1:00pm-3:00pm Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Bianca F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Food Pantry, Inc. 145 Park Avenue, (908) 756-4739	Food Bag of non-perishables 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10:00am-12:00pm
Church of the Living God 434 East 4th Street, (908) 433-9728	PANTRY: 3rd Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm
Community Church of God 417 West 6th Street, (908) 754-8288	PANTRY: 3rd Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm 2nd & 4th Thursday 12:00pm-2:00pm Emergencies: Please call

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue, (908) 756-2468	KITCHEN: Tuesday Lunch 11:00am-2:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Breakfast 10:00am-10:30am
El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front Street, (908) 753-8730	PANTRY: Tuesdays 10:00am-11:00am Bring your own bag
Grace Episcopal Church (Grace's Kitchen) 600 Cleveland Avenue, (908) 756-1520	KITCHEN: last 5 weekdays of the month 11:30am-1:00pm (NOT Sunday)
Greater Refuge Church of Christ 600 Grant Avenue, (908) 561-8255	PANTRY: Tuesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm
Mt. Olive Baptist Church 216 Liberty Street, (908) 754-3539	KITCHEN: 3rd Saturday 12:00pm-2:00pm
Muslim Community Soup Kitchen 325 Grant Avenue, (908) 561-6797	KITCHEN: Saturdays 1:00pm-2:00pm
New Covenant Church of God 225 East 7th Street, (908) 226-0223	KITCHEN: 1st and 3rd Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm
Saint Mary's Church 516 West 6th Street, (908) 756-0085	KITCHEN: Sundays 3:00pm-4:00pm
The Salvation Army - Plainfield 615 Watchung Avenue (908) 756-2595x108/756-3199x105	PANTRY: Tuesday-Thursday 9:30am-1:00pm
Shiloh Baptist Church (The Lord's Kitchen) 515 West 4th Street, (908) 754-3353	PANTRY: 3rd and 4th Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm KITCHEN: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00pm-6:00pm
Starfish Food Pantry of Plainfield-Covenant United Methodist 631 East Front Street, (908) 755-8888	PANTRY: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-11:00am Plainfield area only
RAHWAY	
First Presbyterian Church (Food for Friends) 1731 Church Street, (732) 382-0803	KITCHEN: Every Saturday
Second Presbyterian Church (Food for Friends) 1221 New Brunswick Avenue, (732) 381-7201	PANTRY: Monday, Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
ROSELLE	
Heard A.M.E. Church 310 East 8th Avenue, (908) 241-5588	PANTRY: Closed/Anticipate Re-opening in December
Helping Hands - Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter 157 East 4th Avenue, (908) 241-1250	PANTRY: 1st Saturday of the month (Roselle resident only)
New Destiny Community Development 129 Chestnut Street, (908) 884-4928	PANTRY: Friday 5:00pm until food runs out. Food given out on emergency basis. Please call.
ROSELLE PARK	
Casano Community Center 314 Chestnut Street, (908) 245-0666	PANTRY: Wednesday 10:00am-8:00pm Roselle Park residents only
Church of the Assumption - Parish Hall 113 Chiego Place, (908) 245-1107	PANTRY: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 9:00am-10:00am
SCOTCH PLAINS	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1571 South Martine Avenue, (908) 889-2100	PANTRY: 2nd Sunday 10am-12pm Wednesday 10am-12pm
SUMMIT	
The Grace Refrigerator 561 Springfield Avenue, (917) 517-3203	PANTRY: Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm
Saint Theresa's Church (Loaves and Fishes) 306 Morris Avenue, (908) 277-3700	PANTRY: Wednesday 8:00am-10:00am Call first. Open to all.
SHIP (Summit Helping Its People) 31 Woodland Avenue, (908) 829-0515	KITCHEN: Monday to Friday 6:00am-7:30am Saturday and Sunday dinner 3:45pm 120 Morris Avenue
UNION	
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, (908) 688-3164	PANTRY: 3rd Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm (except November, 12:00pm-2:00pm) Union residents only
Township of Union Food Pantry Municipal Building 1776 Morris Avenue, (908) 851-8501	Monday to Friday 9:30am-4:30pm Union residents only with proof of residency and income.

Ukrainian Evangelical Assemblies of God 2208 Stanley Terrace, (908) 686-8171	PANTRY: 2nd Wednesday 5:00pm-6:45pm. Open to all
WESTFIELD	
Westfield Food Pantry at Holy Trinity Church 315 First Street, (908) 232-8137	PANTRY: Monday to Friday 9:30am-11:30am (Social Services clients only) Social Services must have all referrals in by 9:30am; clients have until 11:00am to pick up food packages.

Additional Resources: www.cfbnj.org/findfood or Text "FindFood" for English or "Comida" for Spanish to (908) 224-7776 to find helpful food information in just seconds.

NJ Partners with Community Organizations to Provide Free Hearing Aids to Low-Income Seniors

Free, refurbished hearing aids are now available to eligible residents through a unique collaboration among the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH), Montclair State University, and Hearing Charities of America. The Hearing Aid Project serves low-income seniors, statewide.

The project involves the collection of used hearing aids, reconditioning the devices, and dispensing them to eligible New Jersey Residents. All hearing aid fittings are conducted by licensed audiologists who have agreed to participate in the program.

The devices are free to qualified participants but recipients will incur minimal out-of-pocket expenses for ear molds, batteries, and a flat fee for repairs after the one-year warranty expires.

DDHH is a division within the New Jersey Department of Human Services. The Division provides education, advocacy, and direct services to eliminate barriers and to promote increased accessibility to programs, services, and information routinely available to the state residents.

Sertoma Inc/Hearing Charities of America is a not for profit service organization with clubs throughout the United States with a primary focus on assisting the more than 50 million people with hearing health issues and educating the public.

Montclair State University Center for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology provides clinical training for audiology and speech-language pathology students and services the hearing health needs of individuals at Montclair State University and the surroundings communities.

Program Eligibility:

- Age 65+ or have a hearing loss and are disabled receiving Social Security Disability Income SSDI
- New Jersey resident
- Income for 2024 is no greater than \$52,142, if single or no greater than \$59,209, if married

Application forms may be downloaded at: <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/hearingaid/project/>. Additional information is available by contacting DDHH office at (609) 588-2648 or (1-800) 792-8339 or by email DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov

To donate a used hearing aid to the project, please send in a padded envelope, box, or unlabeled prescription container to:

NJ Hearing Aid Project
Department of Communications Sciences & Disorders
Montclair State University
1515 Broad Street, Bldg. B
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program

Applicants **MUST** be 62 years or older to qualify for the program.

Send a copy of proof of age such as a driver's license, state issued non-driver ID, passport or birth certificate.

Application:

https://transitprd-content.s3.amazonaws.com/public/2019-10/sf_tr fo reduced seniors RFP application.pdf

OR

Call Union County Division on Aging for an application

(908) 527-4870

Toll-Free (1-888) 280-8226

Send completed application to:

NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program

One Penn Plaza East

5th floor

Newark, NJ 07105

(973) 491-7112

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Rides are arranged on demand; no advance reservations are required. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable membership fee per year and a \$2.50 administrative fee per ride.

The ride coordinator will offer the best price available for your acceptance; they will order the ride and provide the rider with the driver's name, license plate, and type of car, confirm pick up, monitor the ride, and assist the rider if needed.

DISCOUNTS: Subject to availability of funds, some riders may be eligible for discounts.

For more information go to: <https://ezride.org/transportation/senior-transportation/>

To schedule a ride, call (201) 939-4242 ext. 4