

# **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 here: [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov).

## **Beltone Hearing & Audiology**

Beltone Hearing & Audiology Centers provide hearing assessment & evaluation; hearing instrument demonstration & hearing instrument purchase, fitting, & 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 Roselle Park (908) 245-6699. **Not an emergency service.**

## **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 your own home** in any setting including wheelchairs and hospital beds. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (1-800) 842-4663. **Not an emergency service.**

## **Visiting Physician**

Visiting Physician provides expert comprehensive care for everything from routine checkups to serious illnesses by making **house calls** to private residences, senior housing, & assisted living facilities. They may perform complete physical exams; conduct lab tests including blood work & urinalysis, perform EKGs & X-rays, care for wounds, & prescribe & monitor medications. For more information, call Visiting Physician at (732) 571-1000. **Accepts Medicare & private pay. Not an emergency service.**

## **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. **Accepts Medicare/Medicaid. Not an emergency service.** [www.innovativefootandankle.com](http://www.innovativefootandankle.com)

**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](http://www.homefootcareservices.com). **Accepts Medicare/Medicaid. Not an emergency service.**



### **Grocery Shopping Program**

Food shopping services assist homebound seniors of Union County who are unable to shop for themselves & have no caregiver to shop for them consistently.

**Catholic Charities** serves Eastern Union County: (908) 497-3950 or [www.ccannj.org/adult-services/](http://www.ccannj.org/adult-services/).

**SAGE Eldercare** serves Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, Springfield, and Summit.

Call SAGE at (908) 273-5554 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org/senior-shopping-service/](http://www.sageeldercare.org/senior-shopping-service/).

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

The Ombudsman's Office acts as advocate for residents of nursing homes & helps protect their rights. The Ombudsman & staff answer questions, provide information, & handle complaints about residents' rights & 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, & has full, unrestricted access to elderly residents of long-term care facilities & their records. For questions, concerns, or information regarding a facility license or annual survey information call (800) 792-9770 or visit [www.nj.gov/ooie](http://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.

<b><u>Household Size</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Income</u></b>
1	\$2,322
2	\$3,152
3	\$3,981
4	\$4,810
5	\$5,640

**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 UC Division of Social Services, at (908) 965-2700 in Elizabeth & (908) 791-7000 in Plainfield. You can also screen for services, apply online, complete an unfinished application or check the status of your application here: <https://www.njhelps.gov/>

### **Assurance Wireless & Safelink Lifeline Cell Phone Program**

Assurance Wireless & Safelink are federal Lifeline Assistance programs that provide eligible low-income customers free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes, & a free phone **or** a discounted landline. Eligibility is based on federal or state specific criteria such as enrollment in Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Proof of participation or income is required. **Only one** wireless or home wireline Lifeline Assistance account is available **per household**.

For Assurance: (800) 392-3850 or visit [www.assurancewireless.com](http://www.assurancewireless.com).

For Safelink: (800) 723-3546 or visit <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/en/#!/newHome>.

**Safe Connections Act (SCA)** The SCA helps survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and related crimes get discounted phone, internet, or bundled services. Learn more about how to qualify as a survivor <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/en/#!/sca>.

### **Verizon Lifeline Program**

Lifeline is a government assistance program supported by the NJ 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](http://www.verizon.com/lifeline)

### **NJ CHOICES- New Jersey Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund**

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

The NJ Prepaid Funeral Trust Fund places your money in an FDIC insured account. The money stays in your name & 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](http://www.njsfda.org); returns the highest interest available; accepts flexible payments with a minimum initial payment of \$500.00; has no age limit; & provides a yearly tax statement & 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](http://www.njsfda.org) or **through the funeral director of your choice.**

## **UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

### **New Jersey American Water Customer Assistance Program**

NJ American Water assists low-income customers who qualify through its H2O Help to Others Program & Low-Income Payment Program (LIPP). Call (877) 652-9426 or visit: [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

**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 NJ American Water's most economically challenged customers. This may equal up to 20% of a customer's monthly bill, depending on eligibility.

## **New Jersey Comfort Partners**

The NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) & gas and electric companies joined together under NJ's Clean Energy Program to make homes/apartments more energy efficient. To participate, the applicant must be receiving LIHEAP, Lifeline, PAAD, Section 8 housing, SSI, TANF, or USF. For more information, call **(1-888) 773-8326** or visit the website at [www.njcleanenergy.com/CP](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/CP)

## **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. Call **(1-800) 436-7734** or visit: [www.nj.pseg.com](http://www.nj.pseg.com).

**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.

## **JCP&L**

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

**Extended Due Date** for customers over 60 years old who receive a Social Security, a pension check, or 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.

Call **(800) 662-3115**; TTY/TTD (1-800) 221-0479 or visit: [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)

## **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](http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/residential)

### **Affordable Housing Alliance PAGE Program**

The Payment Assistance for Gas & Electric (PAGE) Program were established by the Board to provide relief on natural gas and electric bills for **low to moderate income** NJ households experiencing **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.nipoweron.com](http://www.nipoweron.com). Call (732) 982-8710 with any questions.

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

The **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance** (LIHEAP) is designed to help low-income families & individuals meet home heating & 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 included in the rent. People living in senior/public housing are not eligible unless they pay for their own heating/cooling costs. LIHEAP heating benefits are determined by income, household size, fuel type, & heating region (**see income guidelines on page 12**).

**Cooling Assistance Program** assists 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) makes gas and electric bills more affordable for low-income households. A 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** reduces energy bills by providing a home energy audit to identify cost-saving & energy efficient measures. **These may include sealing, insulation (replacing windows), heating system repair &/or replacement of refrigerators & heating systems, if necessary.**

**To request these programs, call PROCEED, Inc: (908) 351-7727 ext 292, visit [www.proceedinc.com](http://www.proceedinc.com) or call the UC Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870 or (888) 280-8226.**

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

Managed Long-Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) refers to delivery of long-term services & supports through NJ FamilyCare's managed care program. MLTSS is designed to expand home & community-based services, promote community inclusion, & ensure quality & efficiency. MLTSS uses NJ FamilyCare managed care organizations, also known as an HMO or MCO, to coordinate all services. MLTSS will provide comprehensive services & 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:**

\$2,901 *gross* monthly (single/married) \*

\$2,000 countable assets \*\*

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

\*\**Assets* are not limited to houses and automobiles. They include checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies. Call **908.527.4870** to ask an Information & Assistance Specialist about Medicaid's 5-year financial look-back.

For married couples, Medicaid only considers the **applicant's** income. However, the assets of a married couple are evaluated jointly.

### **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

(Ask for the Adult Medicaid Department)

Plainfield (908) 791-7000/ (908) 791-7093

Apply online at [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org)

Call the UC Division on Aging for clinical screening at **(908) 527-4870** or Toll Free (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 support.
- 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 Gross Income- *Single \$4,760/ Married \$6,433 \**
- Countable assets- *Single \$40,000/ Married \$60,000 \*\**

*\*Income* is based on **gross monthly amounts** (ex: Social Security benefits before Medicare deductions, pension, incoming rent from tenants, etc.)

*\*\*Assets* include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies. A house is **not** considered an asset for this program.

### **Services Provided: \***

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

**\*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 Gross Income- *Single* \$2,901/ *Married* \$5,802 \*
- Countable assets- *Single* \$40,000/ *Married* \$60,000 \*\*

\**Income* is based on **gross monthly amounts** (ex: Social Security benefits before Medicare deductions, pension, incoming rent from tenants, etc.)

\*\**Assets* include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, IRAs, investment accounts, annuities, trust funds, cash surrender value of life insurance policies. A house is **not** considered an asset for this program.

**Services Provided:**\* In-Patient Respite Care, Home Health Aide, Homemaker Services, Medical Adult Day Care, Social Adult Day 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 M-F between 7:30 AM -5:30 PM, with limited availability on Saturday. The service **does not operate on Sunday**.

**First time callers should call (908) 241-8300 to register between 1 PM – 4 PM.** While transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, to provide **curb-to-curb transportation anywhere within Union County for any reason, not just medical**. Priority is given to riders receiving dialysis or chemotherapy. Reservations can be made M – F between 8 AM – 4 PM, and **5-7 days advance notice is recommended for a scheduled trip, but not more than three weeks prior to it.**

When making a reservation you'll be asked to provide day, date, & time of your appointment; address, city, state, & phone number of your destination; doctor's name, clinic name, company name, & telephone number; & your approximate time of return. **There's a \$3.00 fee per one-way trip (\$6.00 round-trip).** **Out of County** medical trips are provided Monday & Wednesday only.

### **Paratransit provides non-emergency transportation to meet your needs:**

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

### **Veterans' Transportation:**

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

### **How to Access Services:**

- For initial registration or to schedule an appointment, call **(908) 241-8300**.
- Clients who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or speech-impaired may contact NJ Relay at (800) 852-7897 to assist with TTY.

## **NJT Access Link**

If you or a loved one is unable to use an accessible NJ Transit (NJT) local bus or light rail system due to a disability, call **(973) 491-4224** and **select option #1** for the Certification/Eligibility team. This team will explain the criteria and help you schedule a phone interview for services.

**To apply:** **1.** Request a Transportation Assessment. **2.** Provide medical verification of disability.

### **Already an Access Link customer?**

- Sign up for **My Transit Alerts** at <https://www.njtransit.com/mytransit>.
- **Subscribe to NJT ALICE Alerts** by texting your Access Link Customer ID and PIN to **41411**.
- Use **Where's My Ride** after successfully subscribing to NJT ALICE Alerts, text NJT ETA to **41411**.
- Email [adaservices@njtransit.com](mailto:adaservices@njtransit.com) or call **973.491.4224** and select **option #5 for Customer Service**.

**You will automatically be issued a NJ Transit Reduced Fare card if eligible for Access Link service.**

# 2025 Program Guidelines

PROGRAM	MAXIMUM INCOME	PHONE #	REQUIREMENT
<b>(SSI) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME</b>		SSA Toll-Free: 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Eligible single individual	\$998.25 monthly	SSA Union office: 1-877-803-6306	
Eligible married couple	\$1,475.35 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. <b>Note:</b> SSI recipients may also be eligible for the SNAP program.			
<b>QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB)</b>		NJ Division of Aging Services:	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Pays deductible, co-insurance & pays Medicare Part B premium \$185		1-800-792-9745	
Single Individual with up to \$9,660 in Assets	\$1,305 monthly	DSS Elizabeth Office: * 908-965-2700	
Married Couple with up to \$14,470 in Assets	\$1,763 monthly	DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	
<b>SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB)</b>		NJ Division of Aging Services:	65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
Pays Medicare Part B premium \$185			
Single Individual with up to \$9,660 in Assets	\$1,565 monthly	1-800-792-9745	
Married Couple with up to \$14,470 in Assets	\$2,115 monthly		
<b>NEW JERSEY CARE (Medicaid Program)</b>			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	\$1,305 monthly	DSS Plainfield Office: ** 908-791-7000	
Married Couple with up to \$6,000 in Assets	\$1,763 monthly		
<b>JERSEY ASSISTANCE for COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)</b>			60 yrs/ Disabled
Provides a variety of in-home services and supports.		UC Division on Aging:	
Single Individual with up to \$40,000 in Assets	\$4,760 monthly	908-527-4870	
Married Couple with up to \$60,000 in Assets	\$6,433 monthly	Toll-Free: 1-888-280-8226	
<b>Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services &amp; Supports (MLTSS)</b>			65 yrs/Disabled/Blind
MLTSS refers to the delivery of long-term services & supports through NJ FamilyCare's managed care program.	\$2,901 monthly (single/married)	DSS Elizabeth Office: * 908-965-2700	
Allowable Assets: \$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
<b>STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM</b>			18 or older/Disabled
Provides relief for caregiver; offers services such as home health aide, day care, and in-patient respite care.		Union County Division on Aging:	
Single	\$2,901 monthly	908-527-4870	
Married	\$5,802 monthly	Toll-Free: 1-888-280-8226	
Combined liquid assets may not exceed \$40,000 (single) or \$60,000 (married) to qualify.			
<b>PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (PAAD), LIFELINE &amp; (HAAAD) HEARING AID ASSISTANCE</b>		Union County Division on Aging:	
NJ Save application: <a href="https://nj-dhsas.my.site.com/njsave/quickstart">https://nj-dhsas.my.site.com/njsave/quickstart</a>		908-527-4870	65 yrs/Disabled
PAAD participant pays \$5/generic or \$7/brand name for prescriptions			
LIFELINE (LL) offers an annual \$225 utility benefit.			
Single – Maximum income of \$53,446 annually			
Married – Maximum income of \$60,690 annually		NJ Division of Aging Services:	
<b>SENIOR GOLD</b> – A prescription discount program		1-800-792-9745	65 yrs/Disabled
Single- Income between \$53,446 and \$63,446 annually			
Married - Income between \$60,690 and \$70,690 annually			
<b>LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)</b>		PROCEED, Inc. 1-908-351-7727 Ext. 292	
(Assistance for homeowners and renters with heating/cooling bills)		Union County Division on Aging: 908-527-4870	
Members of Household      Monthly Income		NJ Department of Community Affairs: 1-800-510-3102	
1      \$4,167			
2      \$5,449			
3      \$6,732			
4      \$8,014			
Online application: <a href="http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov">www.energyassistance.nj.gov</a>			
<b>UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)</b>		PROCEED, Inc. 1-908-351-7727 Ext. 292	
(Assistance for homeowners and renters with gas/electric bills)		Union County Division on Aging: 908-527-4870	
Members of Household      Monthly Income		NJ Department of Community Affairs: 1-800-510-3102	
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3      \$6,732			
4      \$8,014			
Online application: <a href="http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov">www.energyassistance.nj.gov</a>			
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>	Household Size		
Online application: <a href="https://www.mynjhelps.gov/home">https://www.mynjhelps.gov/home</a>	1- \$2,322 mo.	DSS Elizabeth Office: *	
	2- \$3,152 mo.	(908) 965-2700	
	3- \$3,981 mo.	DSS Plainfield Office: **	
	4- \$4,810 mo.	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**

<b><u>CRANFORD:</u></b>	Gill Apartments - 40 Meeker Ave, Cranford, 07016	908-272-9180
	Lincoln Apartments - 800 E. Lincoln Ave, Cranford, 07016	908-931-0194
<b><u>GARWOOD:</u></b>	The Village @ Garwood - 320 2nd Ave, Garwood, 07203	www.villageatgarwood.com
<b><u>ELIZABETH:</u></b>	Alexian Manor – 122 7th St, Elizabeth 07201	908-352-0080
	Elizabeth Towers - 315 W. Grand St, Elizabeth 07202	908-355-4500
	Heritage Village - 225 Second St, Elizabeth 07206	908- 965-1160
	Immaculate Conception - 59-63 Westfield Ave, Elizabeth 07208	908-289-1911
	Winfield Scott Tower - 323 N. Broad St, Elizabeth 07208	973-540-0230 Ext 17
<b><u>LINDEN:</u></b>	Morningstar Court – 701 Cranford Ave, Linden 07036	908-486-8200
<b><u>NEW PROVIDENCE:</u></b>	101 Academy St, New Providence 07974	908-464-6131
<b><u>PLAINFIELD:</u></b>	Cedarbrook Park Apartments - 1272 Park Ave, Plainfield 07060	908-756-5656
	Covenant Manor - 623 E. Front St, Plainfield 07060	908-791-9430
	Plainfield Tower West - 601 W. 7th St, Plainfield 07060	908-668-1963
<b><u>RAHWAY:</u></b>	Golden Age Towers - 200-220 E. Milton Ave, Rahway 07065	732-499-7950
	Myers Senior Housing - 1447 Esterbrook Ave, Rahway 07065	732-540-8748
<b><u>ROSELLE:</u></b>	Pinewood Hall - 250 West Second Ave, Roselle 07203	908-241-5414
	Roselle Senior Housing - 500 Grand St, Roselle, 07203	908-289-9007
<b><u>SCOTCH PLAINS:</u></b>	Senior Citizen Housing - 2002 Lake Ave, Scotch Plains 07076	908-654-1313
<b><u>SPRINGFIELD:</u></b>	Springfield Senior Housing - 350 Independence Way, Springfield 07081	973-467-1480
<b><u>SUMMIT:</u></b>	Summit Senior Housing – 512 Springfield Ave, Summit 07901	908-273-6413
<b><u>UNION:</u></b>	Erhardt Gardens - 100 Francis Ct, Union 07083	908-688-0565
	Schaefer Gardens - 35 W. Sumner Ave, Union 07083	908-964-9343
	Nora Gardens - 1775 Burnet Ave, Union 07083	908-686-9100
<b><u>WESTFIELD:</u></b>	First Westfield Housing – 1133 Boynton Avenue, Westfield 07090	908-233-5898
	Second Westfield Housing - 1129 Boynton Avenue, Westfield 07090	908-518-9586

## **55+ HOUSING FACILITIES IN UNION COUNTY**

Woodcrest @ Clark – 1245 Westfield Ave, Clark 07066	<a href="http://www.gardencommunities.com">www.gardencommunities.com</a>	732-340-0069
Woodcrest @ Clark – 1500 Westfield Ave, Clark 07066	<a href="http://www.piazza-and-associates.com">www.piazza-and-associates.com</a>	609-786-1100
Woodcrest @ Berkeley Heights – 100 Locust Ave, Berkeley Heights 07922		908-498-7239
Rosegate – 555 E. Hazelwood Ave, Rahway 07065	<a href="http://www.cis-hvrosegate.com">www.cis-hvrosegate.com</a>	732-396-4540
Park Terrace – 805 School St, Rahway 07065	<a href="http://www.bestrentnj.com">www.bestrentnj.com</a>	732-680-1160

### **Other sources/assistance:**

NJ Housing Resource and Mortgage Center	<a href="http://www.njhousing.gov">www.njhousing.gov</a> / <a href="http://www.nj.gov/njhrc">www.nj.gov/njhrc</a>	
e-mail: Piazza & Associates, Inc.	<a href="http://www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com">www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com</a>	
	<a href="mailto:union@HousingQuest.com">union@HousingQuest.com</a>	609-786-1100

## **HOUSING AUTHORITIES: Seniors & People with Disabilities**

<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ELIZABETH</u></b>	688 Maple Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07202	908-965-2400
(5 units)	<b>Farley Towers *</b> - 33 Cherry St O'Donnell Dempsey - 632 Salem Ave Ford Leonard Towers - 69 Division St Kennedy Arms Apartments - 76 Westfield Ave J. Christian Bollwage/ E'Port Commons - 205 1 <sup>st</sup> St	908-355-4155
<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF LINDEN</u></b>	1601 Dill Ave, Linden 07036	
(3 units)	Ann Ferguson Towers - 1601 Dill Ave Murawski Towers - 1551 Dill Ave John T. Gregorio Towers - 1425 Dill Ave	908-298-3820 908-298-3822 908-298-3821
<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD</u></b>	510 East Front St, Plainfield, NJ 07060	908-769-6335
(2 units)	Richmond Towers, 510 East Front St Joanne Hollis Gardens, 305 Plainfield Ave	
<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF RAHWAY</u></b>	165 East Grand Ave, Rahway 07065	732-388-3546
(3 units)	<b>Kennedy Apartments *</b> - 250 Grand Ave, West Walter Schaffhauser Towers - 165 East Grand Ave Clifford Case Memorial - 337 West Milton Ave	

**\*Does not accept Medicaid**

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## **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
<b>Amber Court of Elizabeth</b> - 1155 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth 07201 ( <b>accepts Medicaid</b> )	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
<i>Spring Meadows *</i> - 41 Springfield Avenue, Summit 07901	908-522-8852
<i>Sunrise of Westfield *</i> - 240 Springfield Avenue, Westfield 07090	908-317-3030
<b>Delaire Gardens</b> – 400 W. Stimpson Avenue, Linden 07036 ( <b>accepts Medicaid</b> )	908-862-3399

*\* Does not accept Medicaid*

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<b>HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM</b>	908-355-5910
<b>IF HOMELESS – Call the HOMELESS PREVENTION PLANNER</b>	908-527-4839

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## **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

Find Food Resources Via Smartphone: [www.cfbnj.org/findfood](http://www.cfbnj.org/findfood) or Text "FindFood" for English or "Comida" for Spanish to (908) 224-7776 to find local food information by zip code in seconds.

CRANFORD	
Cranford Family Care Association 61 Myrtle St (908) 276-3530	Cranford residents <b>only</b> . Call for appointment. PANTRY: <b>Mon.- Fri.</b> 9AM - 2PM
ELIZABETH	
Christ Fellowship Church 1121 Elizabeth Ave (908) 289-6322	PANTRY: <b>Fri.</b> 10AM - 12:30PM <b>ID required.</b>
Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey 655 Westfield Ave (908) 352-8375	<b>Kosher</b> PANTRY: Tue. & Wed. 10:30AM – 12:30PM & 1:30PM – 3:30PM; Fri. 10:30AM – 12:30PM <b>Need photo ID &amp; proof of current address.</b>
Mt. Teman AME Church 160 Madison Ave (908) 351-2625	PANTRY: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.</b> of every month 10:30AM - 1PM KITCHEN: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sat.</b> of every month 11AM - 2PM <b>Open to all</b>
New Beginnings Kingdom 7 Bridge St (908) 533-4777	PANTRY: <b>Fri.</b> 7AM – 12PM
San Jose Episcopal Mission 38 West End Pl (908) 289-7070	PANTRY: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sat.</b> of every month 11AM – 1:30PM
St. John's Episcopal Church 61 Broad St (908) 352-2220	KITCHEN: 1 Sunday per month 12PM
St. Joseph Social Service Center 118 Division St (908) 354-5456	SANDWICHES: <b>Mon.- Fri.</b> 9:15AM-3:30PM <b>Open to all</b> KITCHEN: <b>Sat.</b> 11:30AM - 1PM <b>Open to all</b> PANTRY: <b>Must call to register.</b>
The Salvation Army 1005 East Jersey St (908) 352-7057	<b>By appointment only. First 2 weeks of each month.</b> <b>Mon.-Fri.</b> 9AM – 11:45AM <b>ID required w/current address. Bring your own bag.</b>
FANWOOD	
Fanwood Presbyterian Church Mission Committee (PO Box 69); 74 Martine Ave (908) 889-8891	PANTRY: <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.</b> of every month 9:30AM - 11AM
First Baptist Church 166 Hillside Ave (973) 926-1244	PANTRY: <b>every Sat.</b> 9AM – 11:30AM
KENILWORTH	
The Church of Saint Theresa 541 Washington Ave (908) 272-4444	PANTRY: <b>Tues.</b> 10AM – 11AM, <b>Wed.</b> 6PM – 7PM, & <b>Thurs.</b> 10AM - 11AM
LINDEN	
L.I.N.C.S. Food Pantry 14 W. Munsell Ave (908) 925-2523	Linden residents <b>only</b> . Call for appointment. PANTRY: <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue.</b> 9AM – 12PM
Linden Presbyterian Church 1506 Orchard Terr (908) 486-3073	PANTRY: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Fri.</b> 8:30AM – 11AM <b>by appointment</b>
Sisters & Brothers Outreach 1318 E St Georges Ave (908) 994-9797	PANTRY: <b>Thurs.</b> 4PM. <b>Bring your own bag.</b>
NEW PROVIDENCE	
Our Lady of Peace Church 111 South St (908) 464-7600	PANTRY: <b>Tue</b> 10AM - 12PM. <b>Proof of address required.</b> <b>1st Sat.</b> of the month. Call 9AM - 11AM.
PLAINFIELD	
Angels for Action, 209 West 2nd St (908) 753-5656	KITCHEN: <b>Tue.</b> 1PM - 3PM & <b>Thurs.</b> 5PM – 7PM
Bianca F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Food Pantry, Inc 145 Park Ave (908) 756-4739	Food Bag of <b>non-perishables.</b> <b>2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th Tue.</b> of the month 10AM – 12PM
Church of the Living God, 434 E 4th St (908) 433-9728	PANTRY: <b>3rd Sat.</b> 10AM – 1PM.
Community Church of God 417 West 6th St (908) 754-8288	PANTRY: <b>3rd Sat.</b> 9AM – 2PM, <b>2nd &amp; 4th Thurs.</b> 12PM – 2PM. Emergencies: <b>Call first.</b>
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Ave (908) 756-2468	KITCHEN: Tues <b>Lunch</b> 11 AM -2:30 PM Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri <b>Breakfast</b> 10AM - 10:30AM



El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front St, Plainfield, <b>(908) 753-8730</b>	PANTRY: <b>Tues</b> 10AM-11AM. <b>Bring your own bag.</b>
Grace Episcopal Church (Grace's Kitchen) 600 Cleveland Ave, <b>(908) 756-1520</b>	KITCHEN: <b>last 5 weekdays</b> of the month. 11:30AM - 1PM ( <b>NOT Sunday</b> )
Greater Refuge Church of Christ 600 Grant Ave, <b>(908) 561-8255</b>	PANTRY: <b>Tue.</b> 2PM-4PM
Mt. Olive Baptist Church 216 Liberty St, <b>(908) 447-3033</b>	KITCHEN: <b>3rd Sat.</b> 12PM - 2PM
Muslim Community Soup Kitchen 325 Grant Ave, Primary: <b>(908) 447-3033</b>	KITCHEN: <b>Sat.</b> 1PM - 2PM. Secondary phone: <b>(908) 754-3539</b>
New Covenant Church of God 225 East 7th St <b>(908) 226-0223</b>	KITCHEN: <b>1st and 3rd Sat.</b> 9AM - 1PM
Saint Mary's Church 516 W 6th St <b>(908) 756-0085</b>	KITCHEN: <b>Sun.</b> 3PM - 4PM
The Salvation Army, 615 Watchung Ave <b>(908) 756-2595 x 108/ 756-3199 x 105</b>	PANTRY: <b>Tue.-Thurs.</b> 9:30AM - 1PM
Shiloh Baptist Church (The Lord's Kitchen) 515 West 4th St, Plainfield <b>(908) 754-3353</b>	PANTRY: <b>3rd and 4th Sat.</b> 9AM - 12PM KITCHEN: <b>Wed. &amp; Thurs.</b> 4PM - 6PM
Starfish Food Pantry of Plainfield-Covenant United Methodist 504 Madison Ave, <b>(908) 755-8888</b>	<b>Plainfield area only.</b> 9AM - 11 AM. PANTRY: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs</b> of each month.
Plainfield Action Services <b>(908) 753-3519</b> 7th Baptist Church, 510 Watchung Ave, Plainfield. <b>Bring original docs:</b> proof of Plainfield address, last 4 wks income, photo ID or passport, award letters.	<b>Call Mon or Wed</b> between <b>10AM-4 PM</b> for Food Pantry Services. On <b>Tues and Thurs</b> , pick-ups are <b>by</b> <b>appointment only</b> . Emergency food packages provided to Plainfield residents.
<b>RAHWAY</b>	
First Presbyterian Church (Food for Friends) 1731 Church Street, <b>(732) 382-0803</b>	KITCHEN: Every Sat. <b>Call first.</b>
Rahway Community Action Organization 796 East Hazelwood Ave <b>(732) 382-9311</b>	PANTRY: <b>Wed. 10AM</b> until food runs out. <b>ID required. 1 per household. Bring your own bag.</b>
Second Presbyterian Church (Food for Friends) 1221 New Brunswick Ave, <b>(732) 381-7201</b>	PANTRY: <b>Mon</b> 9AM - 1:30PM; <b>Fri</b> 9AM - 1:30PM. <b>Call first.</b>
<b>ROSELLE</b>	
Helping Hands - Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter 157 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave, <b>(908) 241-1250</b>	<b>Roselle residents only.</b> PANTRY: <b>Monthly. Call first. Volunteer-based.</b>
New Destiny Community Development 129 First Ave, <b>(908) 884-4928</b>	<b>Open to ALL. Bring gov ID.</b> Emergencies: <b>Call first.</b> PANTRY: <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Fri</b> of each mo. <b>5PM</b> until food runs out.
<b>ROSELLE PARK</b>	
Casano Community Center 314 Chestnut St, <b>(908) 245-0666</b>	<b>Roselle Park residents only.</b> Non-perishable food. Bring photo ID; complete application. PANTRY: <b>Wed</b> 10AM - 8PM.
Church of the Assumption - Parish Hall 113 Coolidge Pl, <b>(908) 245-1107</b>	<b>Residents of Roselle, Roselle Park, &amp; Elizabeth only.</b> PANTRY: 2nd and 4th Tue. of the month 9 - 10AM
<b>SCOTCH PLAINS</b>	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church <a href="http://www.ihmparish.net">www.ihmparish.net</a> 1571 South Martine Ave, <b>(908) 889-2100</b>	Bring state ID or utility bill to prove Scotch Plains address. PANTRY: <b>2nd Sun</b> , 10 - 11:30 AM, <b>Wed</b> 10 - 11:30 AM
<b>SUMMIT</b>	
GRACE - <a href="https://www.gracegivingreceiving.org/">https://www.gracegivingreceiving.org/</a> 100 Morris Ave, <b>(917) 517-3203</b> , Amanda Block, Dir.	Bring proof of Summit address. Fresh & shelf-stable food. PANTRY: Each Thurs, 11AM - 12:30 PM; 4PM - 6:30PM
Saint Theresa of Avila's Church (Loaves & Fishes) 306 Morris Ave, <b>(908) 277-3700</b>	<b>Open to all.</b> Sign-in. ID <b>not</b> required. PANTRY: Wed 8 - 9 AM. <b>Call first.</b> Non-perishable foods.
SHIP (Summit Helping Its People) <a href="http://www.shipofsummit.org">www.shipofsummit.org</a> 31 Woodland Ave <b>(908) 829-0515</b>	Prepared Meals to Go: <b>Mon - Fri, 6 - 7:15AM.</b> Prepared Meals to Go: <b>Sat - Sun, 10:30 AM - 12 PM.</b> Indoor Dining: <b>Wed &amp; Fri.</b> Call Terrence 908-723-5790.
<b>UNION</b>	
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church 888 Stuyvesant Ave, <b>(908) 688-3164. IDs not required.</b>	<b>Union Township only.</b> Non-perishable food & bread. PANTRY: <b>3rd Sat.</b> 10AM - 12PM <b>(Nov ONLY: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 12 - 2PM)</b>

Living Word Church 2208 Stanley Terr <b>(908) 686-8171</b>	PANTRY: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tue.</b> of every month 2PM – 6PM <b>ID Required.</b>
Townley Presbyterian Church Blessing Room 829 Salem Rd. <b>(908) 686-1028</b> <a href="mailto:townleychurch@yahoo.com">townleychurch@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Clothing &amp; Small Household Goods:</b> Sat, <b>9–11 AM.</b> Park in rear lot off Huguenot St & enter through rear
Township of Union Food Pantry Municipal Bldg 1776 Morris Ave, <b>(908) 851-8501</b>	<b>Union residents <i>only</i> with proof of address &amp; income.</b> Mon – Fri, 9:30AM - 4:30PM
<b>WESTFIELD</b>	
The Westfield NJ Food Pantry 425 N Ave E <b>(908) 232-2311</b>	PANTRY: Mon- Fri 9:30 – 11AM. <b>Need agency referral.</b> <b>Call to schedule appointment.</b>

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

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

Used hearing aids are reconditioned & dispensed to eligible NJ Residents. All fittings are conducted by participating licensed audiologists. The devices are free, but incur minimal out-of-pocket expenses for ear molds, batteries, & a flat fee for repairs after the one-year warranty expires.

DDHH is a division within the NJ Dept of Human Services. The Division provides education, advocacy, & direct services to eliminate barriers & promote accessibility to programs, services, and information routinely available to NJ residents. Sertoma Inc/Hearing Charities of America is a not-for-profit service organization with clubs across the US assisting more than 50 million people with hearing health issues & educating the public. MSU Center for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology provides clinical training for audiology & speech-language pathology students & serves hearing health needs of individuals at MSU & 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 2025 is no greater than **\$53,446 (single)** or no greater than **\$60,690 (married)**.

Download **application** forms at:

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/hearingaid/project/> .

**DDHH (609) 588-2648, (609) 503-4862 (videophone)** or [DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov](mailto: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**

**Montclair State University**  
**1515 Broad Street, Bldg B**  
**Bloomfield, NJ 07003**

## NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program

**Seniors over 62 years receive 50% off** the cost of a regular one-way fare on **NJ Transit** trains, buses, and light rail vehicles. Any seniors **with Medicare** may simply **show the Medicare card** to obtain the reduced fare. **Those who do not have Medicare**, may present ***any ID or document printed with date of birth & issued by a government, social service, or mass transportation agency*** to obtain the reduced fare. For information call: **(973) 491-7112**.

**If you are disabled and under age 62** you may obtain a NJ Transit reduced fare card using the Application for People with Disabilities. **This application requires a physician's certification of disability.** \*

**If you'd like to obtain a NJ Transit reduced fare card**, provide a copy of proof of age such as: driver's license, state-issued non-driver ID, passport or birth certificate and apply online at: [https://transitprd-content.s3.amazonaws.com/public/2019-10/sf tr fo reduced seniors RFP application.pdf](https://transitprd-content.s3.amazonaws.com/public/2019-10/sf_tr fo reduced seniors RFP application.pdf)

**Or you may request an application** from UC Division on Aging at **(908) 527-4870** or Toll-Free (888) 280-8226. **Send completed application to:**

NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program, One Penn Plaza East- 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Newark, NJ 07105

**\* If approved for Access Link service (see p 10), you will automatically be issued a NJ Transit Reduced Fare card.**

## Go Go Grandparent

Go Go Grandparent is **not** affiliated with Union County or the State of NJ. It is a private company offering vetted drivers, monitored trips, special services, & annual **membership plans** to suit various budgets (the cost of their popular Value Plan comes to roughly \$21.00/month.)

To learn about options, Call **(855) 464-6872, ext. 44020**  
or visit <https://www.goograndparent.com/membership-plans>.

## EZ Ryde4Life

EZ Ride offers transportation for **adults 18 years or older** *in partnership* with Transportation Network Companies like Lyft and Uber. 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 in addition to the cost of travel.** 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**.