



UNION COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING
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908.527.4870 toll free 888.280.8226 www.ucnj.org/aging

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.

Call the Union County Office of Health Management at 908.518.5620 for more information on this program, or to request an application. 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 two locations in Union County: Roselle Park 908.245.6699 and Cranford 908.245.6161

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 Physicians *

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 1.888.771.3338 or 732.571.1000

Resident Eye Care Associates *

Resident Eye Care Associates are Board Certified in treatment and management of ocular disease by the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists. Resident Eye Care Associates are experts in bringing top-quality care directly to nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and patients' homes. There is no need for patients to move off premises or for the home bound to struggle to make an appointment. For more information on the services offered by Resident Eye Care Associates call 201.797.2747.

***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. Ask for Christina. Accepts Medicare/Medicaid

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 Chinese.

Call 1-877-417-3668

www.homefootcareservices.com

Grocery Shopping Programs

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), formerly known as Food Stamps, 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>Number in Household</u> | <u>Monthly Income</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$1,968 |
| 2 | \$2,658 |
| 3 | \$3,349 |
| 4 | \$4,040 |

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 www.oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us to screen for services, apply online for services, complete an unfinished application, or check the status of your application.

Assurance Wireless...Brought to You by Virgin Mobile

Assurance Wireless provides qualified participants with a free cell phone, 350 free voice minutes, FREE unlimited text minutes, and 500 MB Data each month; no annual contract; nationwide Sprint Network coverage; voicemail account, call waiting, and caller ID; the ability to keep your current home or cell phone number when you switch; and 911 access.

To qualify for this worry-free way to stay connected, an individual must be participating in one of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8; Veteran Pension and Survivor Benefits. Or, you may also qualify based on household income.

If you qualify and are approved for the program, you'll get 350 free voice minutes added automatically each month. You do nothing. You can also add money if you decide to choose and pay for any services not included, like additional minutes or international calls. For more information call 1.800.392.3850 or visit www.assurancewireless.com

Verizon Communications Lifeline Program

Through Communications Lifeline, existing Verizon residential customers may be eligible to receive discounted local telephone service.

Communications Lifeline offers eligible consumers a service package that includes Flat Rate Service; Moderate Rate Service, and Low Use Message Rate Service.

A person is eligible for Verizon Communications Lifeline if they participate in one of the following programs: 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 1.888.337.3339 or visit www.verizon.com

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 excludible 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 \$500.00 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 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 are 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 at 908.351.7727 or visit www.proceeinc.com or the 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.nipoweron.com

If you have questions, please call (732) 982-8710.

Medicaid Managed Long Term Services & Supports Program (MLTSS)

Managed Long Term Services and Support (MLTSS) refers to the delivery of long-term services and supports through New Jersey Medicaid's NJ FamilyCare 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 Requirements

The applicant must be 65 years or older. If the applicant is under age 65 they must be determined to be blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State of New Jersey.

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 Guidelines and Resources

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| \$2,382.00 single | \$2,000.00 assets |
| \$4,764.00 married | Married couples will apply for income/asset eligibility. |
| | Income is based on gross amount |

Services Provided May Include

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| Personal Care Assistance | Respite |
| Care Management | Home & Vehicle Modifications |
| Home Delivered Meals | Personal Emergency Response Systems |
| Mental Health & Addiction Services | Assisted Living |
| Nursing Home Care | Community Residential Services |
| Adult Day Health Care | Hearing Aid; dental care; optometry services |

How to Access Services

Call Social Services – Elizabeth 908-965-3745
Plainfield 908-791-7093
Ask for Adult Medicaid

Call the Union County Division on Aging for the clinical screening at 908.527.4870 or toll free at 1.888.280.8226 or apply online at: www.state.nj.us/humanservices

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) provides a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of placement in a nursing facility to remain in his/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. JACC is supported totally with state funds. There is a \$600.00 per month limit on services.

Eligibility Requirements

Must be 60 years or older

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

Is a US citizen or qualified alien

Income Guidelines and Resources

Monthly income:

SINGLE \$3,918.00 MARRIED \$5,299.00

Has countable resources at or below \$40,000 single, \$60,000 married

Services Provided

Case management

Respite care

Homemaker services

Environmental accessibility modifications

Personal emergency response systems

Home delivered meal service

Social adult day care

Special medical equipment & supplies

Chore services

How to Access Services

Call the Union County Division on Aging @ 908-527-4870

TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-888-280-8226

STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

The Statewide Respite Care Program is designed to provide assistance to 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 Requirements

Reside in New Jersey

Be age 18 or over

Have a chronic physical disability which requires supervision or assistance with basic daily needs.

Have 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.

In addition, the applicant cannot be participating in other services that provide this care, such as Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC), Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program; Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS); or other NJ Family Care Program.

Income Guidelines and Resources

\$2,382.00 monthly single

\$4,764.00 monthly married

Have liquid assets of less than \$40,000.00 for a single person and \$60,000.00 for a married couple.
(assets that can be converted to cash within 20 working days)

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

Services Provided

Homemaker/Home Health Aide

Social or Medical day care

In-patient Respite

How to Access Services

Call the Division on Aging @ 908-527-4870

TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-888-280-8226

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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 Requirements

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 24 nutrition sites located throughout Union County that also include two kosher sites.

Income Guidelines and Resources

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 Requirements

Elderly individuals or couples who are unable to prepare a nutritious meal
Homebound handicapped individuals
Individuals recovering from recent hospitalization or illness
Participants must be 60 years of age or older
A home assessment is necessary to determine eligibility

Income Guidelines and Resources

None

Call: 908.486.5100

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Union County Paratransit System

The Union County Paratransit System is a curb-to-curb transport service specializing in transportation of senior citizens aged 60+, persons with disabilities and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County.

The Paratransit System operates Monday—Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
The service does not operate on Sunday.

Reservations can be made Monday—Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling the scheduling office at 908.241.8300. While transportation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, priority is given to riders receiving dialysis and chemotherapy. Paratransit requires a minimum of seven to ten days advance notice for a scheduled 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 each way for a total of \$6.00 for round trip transportation.

Paratransit will provide non-emergency transportation for:

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| Medical appointments | Nutrition |
| Mental Health | Shopping |
| Employment | Recreation |
| Education | Bus & rail services |

Out of County transportation is provided to the following destinations only:

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| Monday and Wednesday | JFK Hospital—Edison Kessler Institute—West Orange St. Barnabas Hospital—Livingston Beth Israel Medical Center—Newark |
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Veterans Transportation

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| Tuesday and Thursday | Lyons |
| Wednesday | VA Hospital |
| Daily | Trinitas Regional Medical Center |

To schedule an appointment call:

908.241.8300

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2021 Program Guidelines

| | MAXIMUM INCOME * | PHONE # | REQUIREMENT * |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (SSI) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME | | 1-800-772-1213 TTY: 1-800-325-0778 | 65 / Disabled / Blind |
| Eligible individual | \$ 814.25 mo. | | |
| Eligible married couple | \$1,200.36 mo. | | |
| Allowable Resource Limits single individual | \$2,000.00 | | |
| Allowable Resource Limits married couple | \$3,000.00 | | |
| \$1,500 is allowed for burial expenses. Contact SSI for more categories. Note: SSI recipients may also be eligible for food stamps. | | | |
| (QMB) QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY and NEW JERSEY CARE | | | 65 / Disabled / Blind |
| Medicaid pays deductible, Co-insurance & Medicare Part B of \$148.50 | | 1-908-965-3745 1-908-791-7000 | Elizabeth Office Plainfield Office |
| Single | \$1,060/ mo. | | |
| Married | \$1,430 / mo. | | |
| Allowable Assets: Single \$7,730; Married \$11,600 | | | |
| (SLMB) SPECIFIED LOW INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY Pays \$148.50 Medicare Part B Premium | | | 65 / Disabled / Blind |
| Single individual with less than \$7,760 in Resources | \$15,312. | | 1-800-792-9745 |
| Married Couple with less than \$11,800 in Resources | \$20,688. | | |
| NEW JERSEY CARE | | | |
| Provides Medicaid Health Insurance, State Plan Services. The Program is self-directed. | | 1-908-965-2700 | Elizabeth Office |
| Single individual with less than \$4,000 in Resources | \$1,064 / mo. | 1-908-791-7000 | Plainfield Office |
| Married couple with less than \$6,000 in Resources | \$1,437 / mo. | | |
| (JACC) JERSEY ASSISTANCE for COMMUNITY CAREGIVING - A program of cost sharing. | | 1-908-527-4637 | 60 |
| Provides a variety of in-home services and supports | | | |
| Single | \$3,918/ mo. | | |
| Married | \$5,299/ mo. | | |
| Allowable Assets: Single \$40,000; Married \$60,000 | | | |
| (MLTSS) Medicaid Managed Long Term Services & Supports | | | 65 / Disabled |
| MLTSS refers to the delivery of long-term services and supports through NJ Medicaid's managed care program (When calling Social Services, ask for Adult Medicaid). | \$2,382 mo. Single \$4,764 mo. Married | 1-908-965-3745 1-908-791-7093 | Elizabeth Office Plainfield Office |
| Allowable Assets: Single \$2,000 | | | |
| Married couples must apply for benefit screening | | | |

* 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

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| PROGRAM | MAXIMUM INCOME * | PHONE # | REQUIREMENT * |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM | | 1-908-527-4873 | 18 / Disabled |
| Provides relief for the caregiver; offers services such as a home health aide, day care, meals. | | | |
| Single | \$2,382/ mo. | | |
| Married | \$4,764/ mo. | | |
| ** Combined liquid assets may not exceed \$40,000 (single) or \$60,000 (married) to qualify | | | |
| (PAAD) PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED, LIFELINE & (HAAAD) HEARING AID ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Online applications: www.state.nj.us/health/seniorbenefits | | | |
| PAAD participant pays \$5/generic or \$7/brand name for prescriptions | | 1-800-792-9745 | 65 / Disabled |
| LIFELINE (LL) pays \$225 toward utilities | | | |
| Single – Maximum income of \$28,388 per year | \$2,365.00 / mo. | | |
| Married – Maximum income of \$34,817 per year | \$2,901.00 / mo. | | |
| SENIOR GOLD – A prescription discount program | | 1-800-792-9745 | 65 / Disabled |
| Single - Income between \$28,769 and \$38,769 per year | . | | |
| Married - Income between \$35,270 and \$45,270 per year | . | | |
| (LIHEAP) LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | | | |
| (Help for homeowners and renters with heating /cooling bills) | | 1-908-351-7727 Ext 292 1-866-240-1347 | |
| <u>Members of Household</u> <u>Maximum Income / Mo.</u> | | | |
| 1 | \$2,127. | | |
| 2 | \$2,873. | | |
| 3 | \$3,620. | | |
| 4 | \$4,367. | | |
| Add approx. \$135 for each additional household member. | | | |
| Online applications: www.energyassistance.nj.gov | | | |
| Help for homeowners and renters with heating /cooling bills | | | |
| (Apply for this program from November 1st through April 30th) | | | |
| (USF) UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND | | | |
| (Help for homeowners and renters with heating /cooling bills) | | 1-908-351-7727 Ext. 292 1-866-240-1347 | 60 / Disabled |
| <u>Members of Household</u> <u>Maximum Income / Mo.</u> | | | |
| 1 | \$1,967. | | |
| 2 | \$2,658. | | |
| 3 | \$3,349. | | |
| 4 | \$4,039. | | |
| Add approx. \$135 for each additional household member. | | | |
| Online applications: www.energyassistance.nj.gov | | | |
| (SNAP) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | | | |
| Each additional family member add \$666 per month | Household Size | 1-908- 965- 2700 1-908 -791 -7000 | Elizabeth Office Plainfield Office |
| Online: www.oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us | 1 - \$1,968 mo. 2 - \$2,658 mo. 3 - \$3,349 mo. 4 - \$4,040 mo. | | |

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HOUSING OPTIONS FOR SENIORS IN UNION COUNTY, NJ

INDIVIDUAL HOUSING UNITS: Must be 62 years old to apply

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| <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

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| 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 |
| 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:

Low Income Housing:

www.lowincomehousing.us

NJ Housing Resource and Mortgage Center

www.njhousing.gov / www.nj.gov/njhc

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

510 East Front St. Plainfield, NJ 07060

(1 unit) Richmond Towers, 510 East Front Street

908-769-6335

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF RAHWAY

165 East Grand Ave., Rahway 07065

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

732-388-3546

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

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Food Pantry List

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| Cranford | Catholic Charities 505 South Avenue, East 908 497 3900 | Pantry – only 2 appointments daily call at 8:30 am |
| | Cranford Family Care Association 61 Myrtle Street 908 276 3530 | Pantry – Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Must be Cranford resident Application & interview required |
| Elizabeth | Elizabethport Presbyterian Center 154 First Street 908 6592182 | Pantry – Last week of the month. Call first. Union County residents only |
| | First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth 402 Union Avenue 908 352 0519 | Pantry – 2 nd , 3 rd Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 4 th Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Kitchen – Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| | First Presbyterian Church @ Caldwell Place 42 Broad Street 908 353 1518 | Call for information |
| | Jefferson Park Ministries 65 Madison Avenue 908 469 1519 | Pantry – 2 nd & 4 th Thursday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| | Jewish Family Services (kosher) 655 Westfield Avenue 908 352 8375 | Pantry – Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Fri 9:00 am – 3:30 pm |
| | Liberty Baptist Church 514-517 Court Street 908 354 3362 | Kitchen – Mon 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Across the street at 510 Court Street |
| | Mount Teman AME Church 160 Madison Avenue 908 351 2625 | Pantry – 4 th Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 noon Kitchen – 4 th Saturday 11:00 – 12:00 noon |
| | Mount Zion Pentecostal 1016 Lafayette Street 908 351 2170 | Breakfast – Sunday 8:00 am – 8:30 am SHARP |
| | New Bethel Baptist Church 856 E. Jersey Street 908 527 9115 | Kitchen – 2 nd & 4 th Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon |
| | New Hope Memorial Baptist 91 Division Street 908 352 5750 | Kitchen – Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon |
| | St. John’s Episcopal Church 61 Broad Street 908 352 1218 | Kitchen – Sunday 1:15 pm |
| | St. Joseph’s Social Service Center 118 Division Street 908 352 2989 | Bread/Sandwich – M – Fr 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Kitchen – Saturday 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Pantry – 3 rd & 4 th Tue 9:00 am – 11:30 am |
| | St. Mary of the Assumption 155 Washington Avenue 908 352 5154 (enter behind church on Race St) | Kitchen – 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Wednesday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Pantry – Last Tuesday of each month 9:00 am – 11:00 am |
| Second Presbyterian Church 1161 E. Jersey Street 908 352 1659 | Emergency Food Bag Tues & Thurs 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | |

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| Elizabeth (cont) | Salvation Army – Elizabeth 1005 E. Jersey Street 908 352 7057 | Call for appointment |
| | Street Light Mission 1181 E. Broad Street 908 820 8324 | Limited Pantry – Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Call first; Union County residents only |
| | Union Baptist Church 1088 E. Grand Street 908 527 8064 | Soup Kitchen – 3 rd Saturday of the month 11:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| Fanwood | Fanwood Presbyterian Church Mission Committee 74 Martine Avenue PO Box 69 908 889 8891 | Pantry – 3 rd Saturday 9:30 am – 11:00 am Need agency referral |
| Hillside | Christ the King 411 Rutgers Avenue 908 686 0722 | Emergency food bag – Hillside Residents Only Call first with referral from Town Hall or agency |
| | First Baptist Church 166 Hillside Avenue 973 926 1244 | Pantry - 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th Saturday 9:30 am – 11:00 am Come at 8:00 am to sign in |
| Kenilworth | Saint Theresa’s Church 541 Washington Street 907 272 4444 | Call church to make arrangements for pick up |
| Linden | Linden Interfaith Network for Community Services (LINCS) 14 W. Munsell Avenue 908 925 2523 | Call for Appointment Linden Residents Only |
| | Linden Presbyterian Church 1506 Orchard Terrace 908 486 3073 | Pantry – 4 th Friday 9:00 am – 11:00 am by appointment |
| | Saint John the Apostle Pantry 1805 Penbrook Terrace 908 388 1216 | Call for dates |
| New Providence | Our Lady of Peace Church 111 South Street 908 464 7600 | Pantry – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Proof of address required |
| Plainfield | Bethel Presbyterian Church 300 East 5 th Street 908 757 5390 | Soup Kitchen – call for schedule |
| | Grace Episcopal Church (Grace’s Kitchen) 600 Cleveland Avenue 908 756 1520 | Soup Kitchen – last 5 weekdays of the month 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (excluding Sunday) |
| | Saint Mary’s Church 516 West 6 th Street 908 756 0085 | Soup Kitchen – Sundays 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| | Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue 908 756 2468 | Lunch Bag – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10:00 am Soup Kitchen – Tues 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm |

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| | Shiloh Baptist Church 515 West 4 th Street 908 754 3353 | Pantry – 3 rd and 4 th Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 p 4 th Wednesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Soup Kitchen – Wed & Thurs 4:00 pm – 7:00 p |
| | First Unitarian Society of Plainfield 724 Park Avenue 908 756 0750 | Pantry – last Saturday of each month Bagged lunch Sunday after pantry Holiday Meals–Easter/Thanksgiving/Christmas |
| | First Park Baptist Church 716 West 7 th Street 908 756 5322 | Dinner – last Saturday of each month 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| | Salvation Army – Plainfield 615 Watchung Avenue 908 756 2595 | Pantry – Mon –Thurs 9:30 am – 11:30 am Soup Kitchen – Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 12:00 noon – 1:00 Site closed the last five days of the month |
| | Starfish Food Pantry at Covenant Methodist Church 631 E. Front Street 908 755 8888 | Pantry – Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 am – 11:00 am Plainfield Area Only |
| | United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield 525 E. Front Street 908 756 2666 | Call for information |
| Rahway | Food for Friends – Rahway 1221 New Brunswick Avenue 732 381 7201 | Pantry – every last Mon & Tues of the month Free clothing available to patrons on distribution dates Mobile Pantry – available to Veterans and families of Veterans Diabetic Program – Every 3 rd Monday of the month |
| | First Presbyterian Church – Food for Friends 1731 Church Street | Soup Kitchen - every Saturday of the month |
| Roselle | Helping Hands – Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter 157 East 4 th Avenue 908 241 1250 | Pantry – 2 nd and 4 th Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Call to register |
| | Heard AME Church 310 Eighth Avenue 908 241 5588 | Pantry – every Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm |
| Roselle Park | Casano Community Center 314 Chestnut Street 908 245 0666 | Pantry – Wednesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Roselle Park Residents Only |
| | Church of the Assumption – Parish Hall 113 Chiego Place 908 245 1107 | Pantry – 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of the month 10:00 am – 11:00 am |
| Scotch Plains | Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1571 Martine Avenue 908 889 2100 | Pantry – Wednesday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 2 nd Sunday of the month-10:00am-12:00pm Proof of NJ State residence required |
| Summit | Saint Theresa’s Church – Loaves & Fishes 306 Morris Avenue 908 277 3700 | Pantry – Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am Summit Residents Only – Call first |
| Union | Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church 888 Stuyvesant Avenue 908 688 3164 | Pantry – 3 rd Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (except November 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Union Residents Only |

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| | <p>Saint Michael's Church Parish Center 1211 Orange Avenue 908 688 1232</p> <p>Township of Union Municipal Building Food Pantry 1776 Morris Avenue 908 851 8501 Union</p> | <p>Call for information</p> <p>Open during business hours Union Residents Only Proof of Residency & Income Required</p> |
| Westfield | <p>Westfield Food Pantry @ Holy Trinity Church 336 First Street 908 232 2311</p> | <p>Pantry – Mon – Fri 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Must have a referral from the social service agency who called for applicant</p> |

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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.

To be eligible for the Hearing Aid Project, individuals must be at least 65 years of age, New Jersey residents, and have an income not exceeding 250% of the federal poverty level; \$28,388 if single; \$34,817 if married.

Additional information is available by contacting DDHH at 800.792.8339 or 609.588.2648.

Application forms may be downloaded at: <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/index/html> or by calling the DDHH office at 609.588.2648 or 800.792.8339.

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 of older to qualify for the program

Send a copy of proof of age document such as a driver's license; state issued non-driver ID; Passport; or birth certificate

Send completed application to:
NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program
One Penn Plaza East
5th floor
Newark, NJ 07105

ezride....Ryde4Life Program

EZ Ride offers transportation for adults 50 years or older in partnership with Transportation Network Companies like Lyft and Uber.

Rides are available from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday; rides are arranged on demand, no advance reservations are required. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable membership fee and a \$1.00 administrative fee per ride.

The ride coordinator will offer the best price available on Lyft and Uber 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. All riders enrolled in PAAD are eligible for a maximum of eight (8) subsidized rides per month. There are no limits for dialysis trips.

For more information go to: www.ezride.org

To schedule a ride, call 866 208 1307....extension 4

