

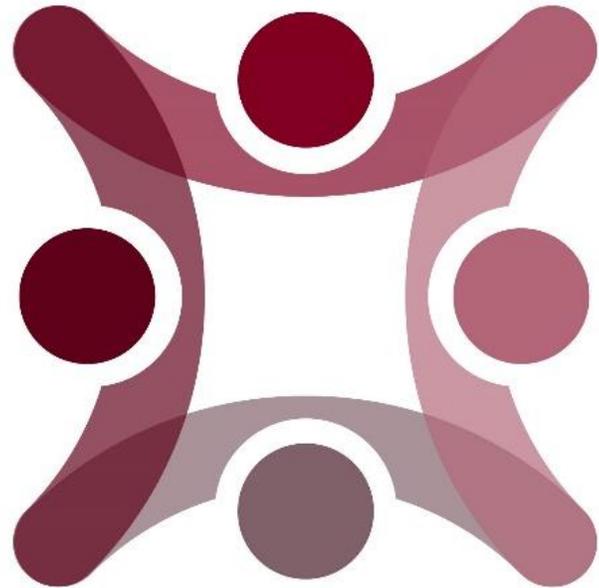


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Information & Referral Services Personal Assistance Services Program Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
Disability Health & Wellness Initiatives Inclusive Healthy Community Grants NJ ABLE NJ WorkAbility
Home Delivered Meals (COVID-19)



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Mission Statement

Within the Department of Human Services, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) serves as the single point of entry for people seeking disability-related information in New Jersey. As the lead agency charged with representing individuals with disabilities, we focus on enhancing health, education, employment, recreation and social engagement.

We aim to build meaningful relationships with other state and local organizations, take a seat at every table, ensure representation in policy and decision-making as we strive for greater access, equity and inclusion for our constituents.

Information and Referral Services 1-888-285-3036



Information and Referral Services (I & R)

- Assistance navigating community supports
- Publication of NJ Resources, a comprehensive resource directory
- Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) enrollment for individuals 20 and younger
- NJ ABLE: Achieving a Better Life Experience
- NJ WorkAbility



Information and Referral Services (I & R)



Nationally certified Information Specialists --
Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS)

Available by phone to:

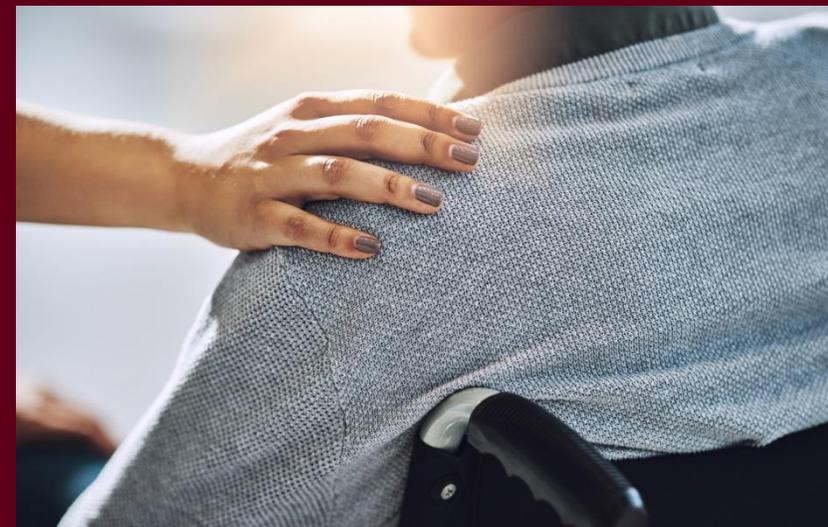
- Address disability-related issues and concerns
- Provide information
- Assist with problem solving
- Screen/refer to services & supports

Customized database logs calls for future reference and follow-up

Exhibit and present at community events

1-888-285-3036

The first place to call for disability-related information



Annual Directory



New Jersey Resources

- Available in print (English, Spanish) and electronically (English, Spanish, Audio)
 - Updated annually in May
 - Electronic version continually updated

New Jersey Guide to Accessible Parking

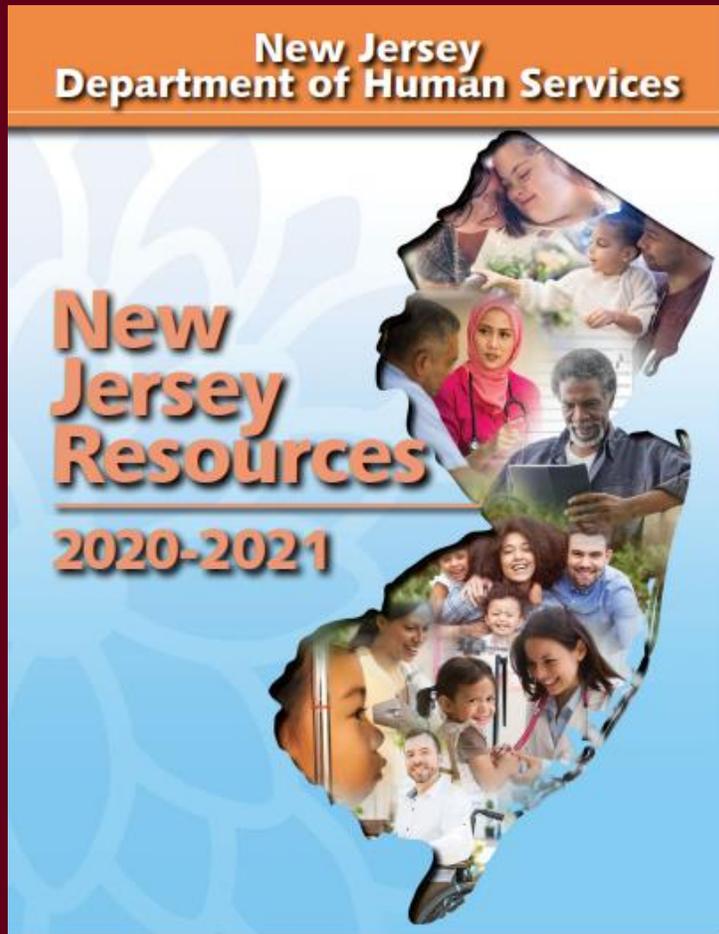
- Available in print and electronically (English, Spanish)

To request printed copies:

dds.publications@dhs.nj.gov

To access electronically:

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/index.html



Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)

What is MLTSS?



Delivery of long-term services and supports through NJ FamilyCare's (NJ Medicaid) managed care program

Designed to expand home and community-based services, promote community inclusion, and ensure quality and efficiency

Application is a two-step process:

- Complete screening to initiate clinical assessment
- Apply for NJ FamilyCare ABD programs to initiate the financial eligibility determination

<https://njfc.force.com/abd/abdstart>

I&R specialists initiate the clinical assessment process for children, ages 20 and under.



MLTSS Eligibility--age 20 and under

Requires both clinical and financial eligibility

- **Clinical:** nursing level of care as determined by a nursing assessment
 - Children: exhibit functional limitations requiring complex skilled nursing intervention over and above routine parenting
- **Financial:** Parental income and resources are not counted when determining financial eligibility for children

Enrolled in Medicaid?

- Contact the assigned MCO to initiate an assessment for eligibility

NJ WorkAbility



Creates Medicaid eligibility for employed individuals with permanent disabilities who are over income limits of other Medicaid programs

Can it work for you?



I & R Specialists screen applicants for potential eligibility

Eligibility:

- Between the ages of 16-64
- Working full or part-time with proof of employment
- Determined “disabled” by SSA or the Disability Review Team at Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services
- Meet unearned and earned income threshold
- Meet asset threshold

Individual:

- unearned income < \$1,074/month
- gross earned income < \$65,196/year (\$5,433/month)
- Assets < \$20,000

Couple: (where both “disabled” & meet eligibility requirements)

- unearned income < \$1,452/month
- gross earned income < \$87,900/year (\$7,325/month)
- Assets < \$30,000

Application: <https://njfc.force.com/abd/abdstart>

What is an Able Account?

NJ ABLE

Tax advantaged saving account allowing qualified individual's with disabilities to save for disability-related expenses

Individual's will not lose eligibility for certain assistance programs such as Supplemental Security (SSI) and Medicaid

Allowable expenses include:

- Education
- Housing
- Transportation
- Personal support services

Investment options or a checking account option

Open an account online:

<https://savewithable.com/nj/home.html>



NJ ABLE Eligibility

Onset of disability before age 26 and currently receiving SSI or SSDI

OR

Meet Social Security's definition and criteria regarding significant functional limitations and obtain a letter of disability certification from a licensed physician

Medically determinable physical or mental impairment or combination of impairments that causes marked and severe functional limitations, and that can be expected to cause death or that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

<https://savewithable.com/nj/home.html>

Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)



Self-directed, personal care assistance program

Provides up to 40 hrs./wk. of routine, non-medical personal care assistance for individuals with permanent physical disabilities aged 18-70 years old who are able to self-direct



Supports individuals with physical disabilities so they can work, attend school and participate fully in community life.

Services include but are not limited to:

- Bathing/ dressing
- Eating/ preparing meals
- Grooming
- Shopping
- Light housekeeping
- Driving/ using public transportation

PASP participants:

- Receive monthly budget to purchase services
- Create their own individualized plan
- Choose who will provide services
- Tailor services to meet their own needs and schedule

PASP Eligibility

- ✓ NJ resident, between the ages of 18-70, living in the community
- ✓ Have a permanent physical disability and require assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs)
- ✓ Capable of directing and supervising services
- ✓ Employed, preparing for employment, in school, or actively volunteering in community for more than 20 hours per month
- ✓ Ineligible for Medicaid

PASP Application

County offices are the primary contact

- Designated county coordinator
- Screen for eligibility
- Process applications
- Support consumers once enrolled

Home assessment is completed to determine the number of hours a participant will receive, which converts to a monthly budget

- Managed by a fiscal intermediary organization
- County Coordinator assists in developing a cash management plan (CMP)



NEW JERSEY
TRAUMATIC BRAIN
INJURY (TBI) FUND

Support and services for New Jersey residents
who have a traumatic brain injury



TBI Fund Eligibility

Medically Documented TBI

Acquired brain injuries, such as a congenital or degenerative disorder, birth trauma, or injury caused by other circumstances (ex.: stroke, aneurysm, etc.) are NOT ELIGIBLE

New Jersey Residency

Liquid Assets < \$100,000

Excludes primary housing, primary car, IRA or 401k



Eligible Supports and Services

- ✓ Case Management & Service Coordination
- ✓ Therapies (PT, OT, Speech)
- ✓ Neurological Care
- ✓ Personal Care/ Companion Care
- ✓ Durable Medical Equipment
- ✓ Assistive Technology
- ✓ Home/Vehicle modifications
- ✓ *Emergency Services

Applications available on our webpage



Disability Health and Wellness (DH&W)
Promoting healthy living and prevention of
secondary chronic health conditions

Preventing Violence and Abuse Against Women with Disabilities



Aim: to increase statewide capacity for supporting domestic and sexual violence survivors with disabilities.

Phase 1:
Needs
Assessment

Phase 2:
Stakeholder
Interviews

Phase 3:
Service
Provider
Trainings

New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN) Community Grants Program



Awarded \$60,000 to 3 community-based organizations:

- Atlantic County Intergenerational Services
- Family Resource Network
- Raritan Valley YMCA

Specific Aim:

Implement healthy eating and active living strategies to advance inclusive environmental, policy and system changes to enhance access for people with disabilities.



Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant Program



- ✓ Advance policy, systems & environmental (PSE) change locally
- ✓ Prioritize underserved communities
- ✓ January 2021 – June 2022
- ✓ Capacity Building Grants (\$100,000 / Implementation Grants \$250,000)

Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant Program

- **Awarded \$3 million to 18 NJ organizations statewide**

Initiatives aim to:

- Expand access to primary care and women's healthcare
- Improve oral health across the lifespan
- Enhance general access and/or mobility
- Provide safety education to improve injury prevention efforts
- Create inclusive gardening, equitable access to healthy food and opportunities for physical activity and recreation
- And more!



Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant Program



Meet the grantees:

- Sustainable Jersey - The College of New Jersey
- Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- Township of Evesham
- Children's Specialized Hospital
- NJ Association of Community Providers
- County of Hudson
- Rowan University Foundation
- American Academy of Pediatrics - NJ Chapter
- Rutgers University, Newark - Abbott Leadership Institute
- Supportive Housing Association of NJ
- The Jewish Community Center of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties
- Ocean County Board of Health
- City Green
- Family Resource Network
- Allies in Caring
- Woods Services
- Trenton Health Team
- Township of Hanover



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