



New Jersey Referral Resources



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LICENSED NEW JERSEY DOMESTIC ADOPTION AGENCIES

A Loving Choice Adoption Associates

P.O. Box 7612, 25 Monroe Avenue
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
(732) 224-0924; Fax: (732) 842-1740

Adoptions From the Heart

451 Woodland Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
(856) 665-5655; Fax: (856) 665-5855
www.adoptionsfromtheheart.org

Bethany Christian Services

12-19 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
(201) 703-4371; Fax: (201) 703-4376
www.bethany.org

Better Living Services

560 Springfield Avenue, Suite C, P.O. Box 2969
Westfield, NJ 07090-2969
(908) 654-0277; Fax: (908) 654-0414
betterlivingservices@comcast.net

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Metuchen

319 Maple Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862
(732) 324-8200; Fax: (732) 324-2211
www.ccdom.org

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Trenton

115 West Pearl Street
Burlington, New Jersey 08016
(609) 386-6221; Fax: (609) 386-6993
www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org

Catholic Family and Community Services

476 17th Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07501
(973) 523-9595; Fax: (973) 523-0930
www.cscfadoptions.org

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Camden

810 Montrose Street, Vineland, NJ 08360
(856) 691-1841; Fax: (856) 692-6575
www.catholiccharitiescamden.org

Children's Aid and Family Services, Inc.

148 Prospect Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
(201) 445-7015; Fax (201) 652-4034
www.cafsnj.org

ADOPTION AGENCIES, continued

Children's Home Society of New Jersey

635 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08611-1831
(609) 695-6274; Fax: (609) 394-5769
www.chsofnj.org

Downey Side Inc.

420 Richmond Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 295-5600; Fax: (732) 295-5675
www.downeyside.org

Family and Children's Services

40 North Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208
(908) 352-7474; Fax: (908) 965-3227

Family Options

45 Riverside Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 936-0770; Fax: (732) 936-0094

Golden Cradle

1050 North Kings Highway, Suite 201
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
(856) 667-2229; Fax: (856) 667-2229
www.goldencradle.org

Harvest of Hope, Family Services Network

630 Franklin Boulevard, Suite 1220, Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 247-1270; (888) 325-4673; Fax: (732) 247-1710
www.harvestofhopefamily.com

Homestudies and Adoption Placement Services (HAPS), Inc.

668 American Legion Drive, Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-5554; Fax: (201) 836-0204
www.haps.org

Jewish Family Services of Central New Jersey

655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208
(908) 352-8375; Fax: (908) 352-8858
www.njfccentralnj.com

Jewish Family Services of Metro West

256 Columbia Turnpike, Suite 105
Florham Park, NJ 07932-0825
(973) 765-9050; Fax: (973) 765-0195
www.jfs-metronj.org

Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County

32 Ford Avenue, 2nd floor, Milltown, NJ 08850
(732) 777-1940; Fax (732) 777-1889

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ADOPTION AGENCIES, continued

Jewish Family Services of Monmouth County

705 Summerfield Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
(732) 774-6886; Fax: (732) 774-8809
www.jfcsmonmouth.org

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey

6 Terri Lane, Suite 300, Burlington, NJ 08016-4905
(609) 386-7171; Fax: (609) 386-7191
www.lsmnjadoption.org

Open Arms Adoption Network

PA Office: 10125 Verree Rd, Suite 300 Philadelphia, PA 19116
NJ Office: 1301 Springdale Rd., Suite 150, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Phone: 1-888-OPENARMS (1-888-673-6276); Fax: 267-256-2230
www.OpenArmsAdoption.net
email: info@OpenArmsAdoption.net
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Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children

57 Union Place, Summit, NJ 07901
(908) 522-0043; Fax: (908) 598-1506
www.spence-chapin.org

United Family and Children's Society

305 W. Seventh Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 755-4848; Fax: (908) 755-3655
www.unitedfamily.org

With Hope and Love Adoption Agency, Inc.

53 Margaret Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 568-1875; Fax: (732) 568-1875
www.withhopeandlove.com

Youth Consultation Services

Infant Foster Care & Adoption Program
60 Evergreen Place, 10th Floor, East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 395-0801; Fax: (973) 395-9902
www.ycs.org

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Atlantic County Dept. of Family & Community Development

1333 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-348-3001

Bergen County Board of Social Services

216 Rte 17 North
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
201-368-4200

Burlington Co. Board of Social Services

Human Services Facility
795 Woodlane Road
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
609-261-1000

Camden County Board of Social Services

Aletha Wright Admin. Bldg
600 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102
856-225-8800

Cape May Co. Board of Social Services

Social Services Bldg.
4005 Rte 9 South
Rio Grande, NJ 08242
609-886-6200

Cumberland Co. Board of Social Services

275 North Delsea Dr.
Vineland, NJ 08360
856-691-4600

Essex County Dept. of Citizen Services

Division of Welfare
18 Rector St., 9th Fl.
Newark, NJ 07102
873-733-3000

Gloucester Co. Board of Social Services

400 Hollydell Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
856-582-9200

Hudson Co. Division of Social Services

JFK Office Bldg
100 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-420-3000

Hunterdon Co. Div. of Social Services

Community Services Center
6 Gauntt Place, P.O. Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900
908-788-1253

Mercer Co. Board of Social Services

200 Woolverton Street, P. O. Box 1450
Trenton, NJ 08650-2099
609-394-6638

Middlesex Co. Board of Social Services

181 How Lane, P.O. Box 509
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
800-SOCIAL2

Monmouth Co. Div. Of Social Services

P.O. Box 3000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-6000

Morris Co. Board of Social Services

340 W. Hanover, P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
973-326-7800

Ocean Co. Board of Social Services

1027 Hooper Avenue, P.O. box 547
Toms River, NJ 08754-0547
732-349-1500

Passaic Co. Board of Social Services

80 Hamilton Street
Paterson, NJ 07505-2060
973-881-0100

Salem Co. Board of Social Services

147 S. Virginia Avenue
Penns Grove, NJ 08069-1797
856-299-7200

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES, continued

Somerset County Board of Social Services

73 E. High Street, P.O. Box 936
Somerville, NJ 08876-0936
908-526-8800

Sussex County Division Of Social Services

83 Spring St., PO Box 218
Newton, NJ 07860-0218
973-383-3600

Union County Division Of Social Services

342 Westminster Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208-3290
908-965-2700

Warren County Div. – T.A.S.S.

Court House Annex
501 Second Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823
908-475-6301

NEW JERSEY HOSPITALS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

AtlantiCare Reg. Medical Center- Mainland

Jimmie Leads Road
Pomona, NJ 08240
(609) 652-1000

Shore Memorial Hospital

1 East New York Avenue
Somers Point, NJ 08244
(609) 653-3500

AtlantiCare Reg. Medical Center- City Campus

1925 Pacific Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 345-4000

BERGEN COUNTY

Englewood Hospital and Medical Center

350 Engle Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 894-3000

Hackensack University Medical Center

30 Prospect Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 996-2000

Holy Name Hospital

718 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 833-3000

The Valley Hospital

223 N. Van Dien Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450-2736
(201) 447-8000

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Virtua Memorial Hospital

175 Madison Avenue
Mt. Holly, NJ 08053
(609) 267-0700

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CAMDEN COUNTY

The Cooper Health System

One Cooper Plaza
Camden, NJ 08103
(856) 342-2000

Virtua Voorhees Hospital

100 Bowman Dr.
Voorhees, NJ 08043
(856)247-3000

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center

1600 Haddon Avenue
Camden, NJ 08101
(856) 757-3500

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Cape Regional Medical Center

2 Stone Harbor Boulevard
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 463-2000

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

SJH Regional Medical Center

1505 West Sherman Ave
Vineland, NJ 08360
(856) 641-8000

ESSEX COUNTY

Clara Maas Medical Center

One Clara Maas Drive

The Mountainside Hospital

1 Bay Highland Avenues

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Belleville, NJ 07109
(973) 450-2000

Montclair, NJ 07042
(973) 429-6000

(Essex County Continued....)

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
201 Lyons Avenue at Osborne Terrace
Newark, NJ 07112
(973) 926-7000

Saint Barnabas Medical Center
94 Old Short Hills Road
Livingston, NJ 07039
(973) 322-5000

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Kennedy Memorial Hospital
435 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road
Turnersville, NJ 08012
(856) 582-2500

Underwood Memorial Hospital
509 North Broad Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096-7358
(856) 845-0100

HUDSON COUNTY

Christ Hospital
176 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 795-8200

Jersey City Medical Center
355 Grand Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302
(201) 915-2000

Hoboken University Medical Center
308 Willow Avenue
Hoboken, NJ 07030
(201) 418-1000

**Meadowlands Hospital
Medical Center**
55 Meadowlands Parkway
Secaucus, NJ 07096-1580
(201) 392-3100

Palisades Medical Center
7600 River Road
North Bergen, NJ 07047
(201) 854-5000

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Hunterdon Medical Center
2100 Wescott Drive
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908) 788-6100

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MERCER COUNTY

Capital Health System- Mercer

446 Bellevue Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08607
(609) 394-4000

University Medical Center at Princeton

253 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, NJ 08540-3213
(609) 497-4000

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

One Hamilton Health Place
Hamilton, NJ 08690
(609) 586-7900

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

JFK Medical Center

65 James Street
Edison, NJ 08818
(732) 321-7000

Raritan Bay Medical Center

530 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 442-3700

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

One Robert Wood Johnson Place
P.O. Box 2601
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-2601
(732) 828-3000

Saint Peter's Hospital

254 Easton Avenue
P.O. Box 591
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0591
(732) 745-8600

MONMOUTH COUNTY

CentraState Healthcare System

901 West Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 431-2000

Jersey Shore University Medical Ctr.

1945 Route 33
Neptune, NJ 07754
(732) 775-5500

Riverview Medical Center

One Riverview Plaza
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 741-2700

Monmouth Medical Center

300 Second Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740
(732) 222-5200

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MORRIS COUNTY

Chilton Memorial Hospital

97 West Parkway
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444
(973) 831-5000

Morristown Memorial Hospital

100 Madison Avenue
PO Box 1956
Morristown, NJ 07962-1956
(973) 971-5000

Saint Clare's Hospital

25 Pocono Road
Denville, NJ 07834
(973) 625-6000

OCEAN COUNTY

Community Medical Center

99 Highway 37 West
Toms River, NJ 08755
(732) 349-8000
Continued Ocean County Hospitals

Kimball Medical Center

600 River Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701-4281
(732) 363-1900

Ocean Medical Center

425 Jack Martin Boulevard
Brick, NJ 08723
(732) 840-2200

Southern Ocean County Hospital

1140 Route 72 West
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
(609) 978-8900

PASSAIC COUNTY

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center

703 Main Street
Paterson, NJ 07503
(973) 754-2000

St. Mary's Hospital Passaic

350 Boulevard
Passaic, NJ 07055
(973) 470-3000

SALEM COUNTY

The Memorial Hospital of Salem County

310 Woodstown Road
Salem, NJ 08079-2080
(856) 935-1000

South Jersey Hospital - Elmer

501 West Front Street
Elmer, NJ 08318
(856)363-1000

SOMERSET COUNTY

Somerset Medical Center

110 Rehill Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876
(908) 685-2200

SUSSEX COUNTY

Newton Memorial Hospital

175 High Street
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 383-2121

UNION COUNTY

Trinitas Hospital

225 Williamson Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202
(908) 994-5000

WARREN COUNTY

Hackettstown Community Hospital

651 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840-1792
(908) 852-5100

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD (each chapter has clinics throughout their service area.
Find clinic details in the Family Planning Clinics section.)

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern NJ

196 Speedwell Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
(973) 539-9580; fax (973) 539-3828
www.ppnj.org

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan NJ

Chubb Center | Newark
151 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 622-3900; fax (973) 596-2851
www.plannedparenthood.org/ppmnj/

Planned Parenthood of Central NJ

69 East Newman Springs Road, PO Box 95
Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702
(732) 842-9300; fax (732) 842-93387
www.ppcnj.org

Planned Parenthood Assn. of the Mercer Area

437 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 599-4881; fax (609) 989-4846
www.ppmrcer.org

Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey

317 Broadway
Camden, NJ 08103
(856) 365-3519; fax (856) 365-9215
www.ppsnj.org

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NEW JERSEY FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey

Women's Health Services
1401 Atlantic Ave., HealthPlex
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 527-6000

Atlantic City Health Department

Reliance Medical Center
1325 Baltic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
(609) 441-0723

Atlantic County Health Department

201 S. Shore Road
Stillwater Building
Northfield, NJ 08225
(609) 645-7700

AtlantiCare Reg. Medical Center

Women's Health Services
9 South Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
(888) 569-1000

AtlantiCare Reg. Medical Center

Women's Health Services
Jim Leeds Road
Pomona, NJ 08240
(888) 569-1000

AtlantiCare Pavilion at the Park

2500 English Creek Avenue
Building 200, Suite 211
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
(609) 677-6000

BERGEN COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey
46 North Van Brunt Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 894-0966

Englewood Hospital Outpatient Clinic
350 Engle Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 894-3254

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey
575 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 489-1140

Hackensack University Medical
Outpatient Clinic
60 Second Street
Hillcrest Building
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 996-2121

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey
Route 130 Park Plaza Mall
Suite A-10
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010
(609) 871-4220

Burlington County Health Dept.
Family Planning Clinic
Deborah Hospital
Outpatient Clinic Area A
Trenton Road
Browns Mills, NJ 08015
(609) 267-1950

Virtua Community Nursing Services
Burlington City Clinic
309 W. Broad Street
Burlington, NJ 08016
(609) 267-1950

Burlington County Health Dept.
Family Planning Clinic
15 Pioneer Boulevard
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 267-1950

Burlington County Health Dept.
Raphael Meadow Health Center
15 Pioneer Boulevard
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 265-5548

CAMDEN COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Southern NJ

35 Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
(856) 365-3519

Planned Parenthood of Southern NJ

317 Broadway
Camden, NJ 08103
(856) 365-3519

Virtua Health-West Jersey Hospital

Kyle Will Family Health Center
Mt. Ephraim & Atlantic Avenue
Camden, NJ 08104
(856) 246-3542

East Camden Health Center

First Floor
2631 Federal Street
Camden, NJ 08005
(856) 756-2266

Planned Parenthood of Southern NJ

Chapel Avenue & Marlboro Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
(856) 365-3519

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Cape May County Health Department

6 Moore Road
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609) 465-1208

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Cumberland County Clinic

Medical Arts Building
309 Buck Street
Millville, NJ 08332
(856) 327-7602

FamCare

30 Magnolia Avenue
Bridgeton, NJ 083302
(856) 451-3339

FamCare

1200 North High Street
Millville, NJ 08332
(888) 794-1235

Newcomb Medical Center

Medical Outpatient Building
1038 East Chestnut Ave, Suite 250
Vineland, NJ 08360
(856) 507-2759

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FamCare

80 So. Main Road
Vineland, NJ 08360
(888) 794-1235

ESSEX COUNTY

East Orange Health Department

143 New Street – Basement
East Orange, NJ 07017
(973) 266-5434 and 5344

**Planned Parenthood of
Metropolitan New Jersey**

606 Central Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 674-4343

**Planned Parenthood of
Metropolitan New Jersey**

29 North Fullerton Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042
(973) 746-7116

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Family Health Center
166 Lyons Avenue
Newark, NJ 07112
(973) 926-4176

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

151 Washington Avenue
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 622-3900

UMDNJ – University Hospital

Women's Health Center
90 Bergen Street
(973) 972-4300

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

FamCare

711 North Main Street
Glassboro, NJ 08028
(888) 794-1235

HUDSON COUNTY

Women's Health and Family Planning Center

564 Broadway
Bayonne, NJ 07002
(201) 823-1250

Hoboken Family Planning, Inc

124 Grand Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030
(201) 963-0300

Preventive Medicine Clinic

115 Christopher Columbus Drive
Suite 303
Jersey City, NJ 07302
(201) 547-5535

Horizon Health Center

714 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 451-6300

North Hudson Community

324 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07307
(201) 386-8619

North Hudson Community Action

1116-43rd Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047
(201) 864-4053

North Hudson Community Action

714-31st Street
Union City, NJ 07087
(201) 863-0584

Hoboken Family Planning, Inc.

5305 Hudson Avenue
West New York, NJ 07093
(201) 866-8071

Community Action Health Center

5301 Broadway
West New York, NJ 07093
(201) 866-9320

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey

349 Route 31 South, Suite 503
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908) 782-7727

Phillips Barber Family Health Center

72 Alexander Avenue
Lambertville, NJ 08530
(609) 397-3535

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Delaware Valley Family Health Center
200 Frenchtown Road
Milford, NJ 08848
(908) 995-2251

MERCER COUNTY

Planned Parenthood Association of Mercer
Golden Crest Corporate Center
2279 Route 33, Suite 510
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
(609) 689-4964

Hamilton Township Div. of Health
2100 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, NJ 08609
(609) 890-6093

Planned Parenthood
The College of New Jersey
Eickoff Hall, Room 107
P.O. Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 7718
(609) 771-2483

University Medical Center
253 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, NJ 08690
(609-497-4000

Planned Parenthood Association of Mercer
437 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 599-4881

Robert Wood Johnson
Emergency Room
1818 Whitehorse-Hamilton Sq. Road
Trenton, NJ 08690
(609) 584-6665

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Dr. William Toth Memorial Health Center
80 Idlewild Road
Edison, NJ 08817
(732) 248-7277 or (732) 248-7285

Planned Parenthood of Central NJ
10 B Industrial Drive
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 246-2411

Middlesex County Social Hygiene Clinic
51 Bayard Street, Lower Level
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 745-3157

Planned Parenthood of Central NJ
215 Market Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 442-4499

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Riverview Hospital – Emergency Room

1 Riverview Plaza
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 530-2204

Planned Parenthood of Central NJ

12 Snow Hill Plaza
Spotswood, NJ 08884
(732) 723-9192

Woodbridge Division of Health – Nursing Division

2 George Frederick Plaza
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
(732) 855-0600, Ext 5011 & 5012

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey

1 Bethany Road, Building 6, Suite 91
Hazlet, NJ 07730
(732) 888-4900

Centrastate Family Medical Center

1001 West Main Street, Suite B
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 294-2540

Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey

800 West Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 431-1717

Monmouth Regional Screening Ctr.

71 Davis Avenue
Neptune, NJ 07753
(732) 774-0151

Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey

69 East Newman Springs Road
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
(732) 842-9300

MORRIS COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey

30 N. Morris Street
Dover, NJ 07801
(973) 361-6006

Morristown Memorial Hospital

100 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07962
(973) 971-7165

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey

196 Speedwell Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
(973) 539-1364

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OCEAN COUNTY

Family Planning Center of Ocean County

290 River Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(732) 364-9696

Family Planning Cntr. Ocean County

1173 Beacon Ave, Suite B
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
(609) 597-6094

Ocean County Health Department

175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754
(732) 341-9700 or
(800) 342-9738 Ext. 7502

PASSAIC COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

171-175 Market Street
Paterson, NJ 07505
(973) 345-3883

Paterson Board of Health

176 Broadway (Corner of Memorial Dr)
Paterson, NJ 07502
(973) 321-1277 x 2719

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey

750 Hamburg Turnpike
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442
(973) 839-2363

SALEM COUNTY

FamCare

370 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070
(888) 794-1235

Memorial Hospital of Salem County

310 Salem Woodstown Road
Salem, NJ 08079
(856) 935-1000 x 4312

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SOMERSET COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey
203 South Main Street
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 231-9230

Somerset Family Practice
110 Rehill Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08835
(908) 685-2900

Women's Health & Counseling Center
71 Fourth Street
Somerville, NJ 08876
(908) 526-2335

SUSSEX COUNTY

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey
8 Moran Street
Newton, NJ 08860
(973) 383-5218

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Making Referrals for Pregnancy Counseling Services

Pregnancy counseling standards require that agencies present all options to women including:

- parenting their child
- temporary foster care
- plan for adoption
- plan for relative Adoption
- transfer custody and/or arrange guardianship
- terminate pregnancy

Certain agencies are prohibited from providing information on “terminating a pregnancy” due to religious beliefs and sponsorship and/or agency policies.

Pregnancy counseling agencies in Wisconsin report that less than one in five persons receiving pregnancy counseling decide to release their child for adoption. Pregnancy counseling services are generally funded by the government and/or community charities and agencies generally do not charge fees for this service.

Regardless of what option is chosen, pregnancy counseling agencies provide and/or coordinate a comprehensive range of health, social work and social support services to expectant mothers, their partners and/or families, based on their client’s wishes and needs. These services may include help with finding housing, employment, transportation, parent education, day care, family counseling and financial support.

Indications for Referral for Pregnancy Counseling Services:

- The patient/client is unsure about her plan for her unborn child and wants to explore options more thoroughly.
- The patient/client needs social services, education and/or concrete help to support her decision to parent her child.
- The patient/client, her partner and/or family need and/or want more counseling related to the plan for the child.

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Making Referrals for Adoption: Role of Adoption Agencies

All adoption agencies must be licensed by the State of New Jersey. Not all agencies offer “direct consent” adoptions, but most do. Adoption agencies complete the same tasks as those listed for adoption attorneys when they facilitate “direct consent” adoptions. In this type of adoption, the birth parent must select the adoptive parents. In direct consent adoptions, the adoption agency:

- interviews the birth parent and collects information required by law.
- provides the birth parent with information on approved adoptive parents.
- facilitates meetings between the birth parent(s) and the potential adoptive parent(s).
- assists with the selection of the adoptive parent(s) if requested.
- secures release or termination of parental rights for both the mother and father.
- completes the requisite legal papers for the adoption.
- files the adoption petition with the court.
- secures the adoption order.
- transfers the child and the required medical information on the child and his/her birth family to the adoptive parents.

The licensed adoption agency can also facilitate an “agency” adoption. This is a process whereby the birth parent(s) release the child’s custody to the agency by a legal procedure in court. The court terminates parental rights and orders the agency to assume the child’s custody until an adoption is completed. The birth parents are not required to personally select the adoptive parent(s) in this latter type of agency adoption, whereas, they must personally select the adoptive parent(s) in the direct consent adoption.

Indications for Referrals for Agency Adoptions

- The patient/client is seriously considering placing her child for adoption.
- The patient/client prefers to work with an agency of her choice and/or religious background to place her child for adoption.
- The patient/client may or may not want to select the adoptive parents.
- The patient/client may want to have contact with her child after the adoption. (This cannot be guaranteed because such agreements are not legally binding, but agencies are more likely to play a role as intermediary in such circumstances.)
- The unborn or newborn child is expected to have disabilities and the parent(s) has decided to place the child for adoption.
- The patient/client is indicating an interest in receiving grief counseling and/or post adoption services after the adoption.

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Making Referrals for Adoption Services: Role of Attorneys

Attorneys facilitate direct consent adoptions. In this situation, a birth parent(s) contacts an attorney, advises him/her that he/she wish to place an expected child for adoption, and would like to be involved in selecting the adoptive parent(s). The attorney:

- interviews the birth parent and collects information required by law.
- provides the birth parent with information on approved adoptive parents.
- facilitates meetings between the birth parent(s) and the potential adoptive parent(s).
- assists with the selection of the adoptive parent(s) if requested.
- secures release or termination of parental rights for both the mother and father.
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Indications for Referrals to an Adoption Attorney

- The patient/client has made a decision to place her child for adoption.
- The patient/client prefers to work with an adoption attorney and select the family who will adopt their child.
- Relatives wish to have an attorney involved in arranging their direct consent adoption.
- The patient/client is not expecting to have contact with the adoptive parents and/or their child after the adoption is completed. (Although this may be discussed with the attorney and parents, the attorney has no legal obligation to act as intermediary in this regard.)

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Making Referrals for Relative Adoptions and Role of Courts

The Family Division, Juvenile Section of the Circuit Court in the county where the child is to be adopted or where the adoptive parents reside must be involved in all adoptions to provide legal safeguards. In most instances, an attorney and/or agency will bring the adoption to the attention of the court.

In a **relative adoption**, however, the families involved may go directly to the Court for all necessary assistance.

In all adoptions the court:

- reviews and accepts all legal documents, family study, and other information required by law.
- ensures that both the birth parents' rights have been released or terminated properly.
- grants the adoption order.

Indications for a referral for a Court Adoption:

- The patient/client and relatives wish to go directly to a court to arrange a direct consent relative adoption.
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- The patient/client wants to arrange an adoption or guardianship with a relative and does not want to involve an attorney or cannot afford attorney involvement.

Note: Guardianship is another alternative for transferring custody to a relative.

Patients/clients need to directly contact the Probate Court for a guardianship action.

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Supportive Resources for Pregnant Women

Most pregnant women, irrespective of economic circumstances, require additional supports during pregnancy. Pregnant women with economic challenges have additional support needs.

The State of New Jersey recognizes that the health and welfare of the mother before, during, and after the pregnancy impacts the well being of the child. New Jersey offers a range of government services, provided by state or local governmental agencies and by contractual private, non-profit organizations. In addition, many local organizations provide financial and other supportive services. Below is a summary of the major state funded services available in all counties.

Work First New Jersey (WFNJ)

The state's welfare reform program, Work First NJ, emphasizes work as the first step toward building a new life and a brighter future. Our goal is to help people get off welfare, secure employment and become self-sufficient, through job training, education and work activities.

WFNJ provides temporary cash assistance and many other support services to families through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. A detailed description of the TANF program is available in the [final State Plan for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\), FFY 2006-FFY 2008](#).

New Jersey is one of only a few states that also provides cash benefits and support services to individuals and couples with no dependent children, through our General Assistance (GA) program. Eligibility:

To determine whether you are eligible for Work First New Jersey benefits, contact your [county welfare agency](#).

Family Cap

Under WFNJ, you are not entitled to an increase in your cash assistance benefits if you give birth to another child 10 months after applying for and receiving cash benefits. However, the child may be eligible for other benefits, such as Medicaid, food stamps, and child care.

Teen Parents

If you are a teen parent (under age 18), you must now live at home with your parents, or with another responsible adult relative. If this living arrangement is not appropriate, your caseworker will help you find another acceptable arrangement.

If you are under age 20 and have not finished high school, you must attend high school or a GED (General Equivalency Diploma) program. If you are 18 or 19, you may meet this

requirement by participating in another education or training program approved by your caseworker.

Services under WFNJ are limited to five years. After that, clients may be eligible for the Supportive Assistance to Individuals and Families (SAIF) program.

Under the supervision of the NJ Division of Family Development (DFD), the 21 county welfare agencies administer the TANF program. These agencies also administer the GA program in most cases, although about one-third of New Jersey's 566 municipalities maintain their own welfare offices to serve those clients. For more information, contact your county welfare agency or local welfare agency.

Supplemental Security Income: The state also provides financial assistance and services to people who cannot work, due to a disability or other reason. People who are disabled may qualify for the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

The Federal Social Security Administration administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, under which persons age 65 years and older, or those who are blind or disabled (including children), receive maintenance payments from that agency and supportive services (including emergency assistance and payment for burial) through the county welfare agencies. For eligible individuals, a state supplement is provided in order to increase the net countable income up to the state standard for the respective living arrangement. In addition, there can be instances of persons residing in title XIX (Nursing Home) facilities who receive a \$40 personal need allowance.

Legal Services/SSI Initiative

Work First NJ (WFNJ) recipients who may be eligible for federal SSI benefits can now get free legal help. The Division of Family Development has established an agreement with Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) to assist these recipients in either filing for SSI benefits or appealing a denial of benefits.

The project primarily targets WFNJ recipients who currently receive a medical deferral from work requirements for at least 12 months, or those who are participating in the Emergency Assistance Pilot for the Long-Term Chronically Impaired.

Emergency Assistance

WFNJ clients may receive Emergency Assistance (EA) in certain situations.

These benefits include, but are not limited to: essential food, clothing, shelter and household furnishings; temporary rental assistance or back rent or mortgage payments; utility payments (such as heat, water, electric); transportation to search for housing; and moving expenses.

Eligible persons include those who are homeless or at immediate risk of becoming homeless, and those who have experienced a substantial loss of housing, food, clothing or household furnishings due to fire, flood or similar disaster.

Emergency Assistance is limited to 12 months. However, extensions may be granted under certain hardship conditions, with specific limitations.

Victims of Family/Domestic Violence

WFNJ recognizes that family/domestic violence victims may have special needs. If you are a victim of family/domestic violence, rape or incest, some WFNJ requirements may not apply to you. They include:

- time limits on benefits
- work requirements
- the limitation on an increase in cash assistance benefits as a result of the birth of a child (if the child was conceived as a result of family/domestic violence, rape or incest)

Child support cooperation requirements may not apply when the welfare agency determines there is a good reason for not cooperating.

Family/domestic violence victims will also be referred to available support services, as appropriate. For more information, call the Family/Domestic Violence Hotline toll-free: **800-572-7233**

Medical Services

NEW JERSEY MEDICAID PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

1. New Jersey Medicaid for pregnant women

Pregnant women who meet the general requirements and financial eligibility criteria for New Jersey Medicaid are covered. If the woman is eligible at any time during her pregnancy, she will remain eligible until 60 days beyond the end of her pregnancy. A pregnant woman who meets all the other criteria for New Jersey Medicaid except that she is an alien because she entered this country before August 22, 1996 is entitled to receive the care and services necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition. This includes labor and delivery. She is not eligible for any other New Jersey Medicaid benefits.

For additional information, call 1-800-356-1561.

2. New Jersey Medicaid Program for Pregnant Women and their infant children

This program provides New Jersey Medicaid for pregnant women who meet the general requirements but whose family income is up to 185 percent of the federal

poverty level, or \$32,653 for a family of four. This coverage extends to women during the pregnancy and for 60 days following delivery or the date on which pregnancy ends. A child born to an eligible woman may be eligible for New Jersey Medicaid for up to one year regardless of changes in the family's income. Income eligibility guidelines for Pregnant Women and Children under the age of 1

For additional information, call 1-800-356-1561

3. Medically Needy Section of New Jersey Medicaid for Pregnant Women

Pregnant women who meet all the criteria for New Jersey Medicaid except that their income or resources are too high may qualify for the program through a spend down provision that allows documented medical expense to be used to reduce monthly income to meet eligibility limits. Pregnant women eligible for this program are entitled to most Medicaid services except inpatient hospital care and prescribed drugs. This includes long term care services.

For additional information, call 1-800-356-1561.

NEW JERSEY FAMILY CARE

NJ FamilyCare is a federal and state funded health insurance program created to help New Jersey's uninsured children and certain low-income parents and guardians to have affordable health coverage. It is not a welfare program. NJ FamilyCare is for families who do not have available or affordable employer insurance, and cannot afford to pay the high cost of private health insurance.

Support Services

Prenatal Care is the comprehensive package of medical services every pregnant woman should receive. This section also contains information about:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Emergency Contraception
- Premature Labor
- Breastfeeding
- Post-partum Depression

New Jersey also has programs to help with Perinatal Addictions to tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

For other education, counseling and support programs for pregnant women, refer to the Maternal and Child Health Consortium or Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies coalition in your local area .

Community programs that promote healthier pregnancies in New Jersey include:

- [Black Infants Better Survival](#)
- [Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies](#)
- [New Jersey HealthStart](#)
- [Federal Healthy Start Initiative](#)

**Support Services Family Health Line
1-800-328-3838**

This free hotline operates 24/7 and is available anywhere in New Jersey. Trained telephone counselors provide information and referrals for health screening and treatment. Some of the topics for which this service offers help:

- Addiction during pregnancy
- Cancer education and early detection
- Cardiovascular disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Family planning and reproductive health
- Health education
- Immunization
- New Jersey's system of Primary Health Care Centers
- Nutrition
- Pediatric primary care
- Postpartum Depression
- WIC sites

The Center for Family Services, Inc., in Williamstown operates the hotline with funding from the Department of Health and Senior Services. Hotline telephone counselors have access to an interpreter service that enables them to respond to callers in 140 languages. Counselors can respond to health-related questions on Division of Family Health Services programs.

Birth to age five is a critical period in a child's life. It is a time of rapid growth and development, socially and emotionally as well as physically. Establishing good health and safety practices early can help prevent injury and give children a good foundation for a healthy life.

Young children need:

- The healthy benefits of breastfeeding and a safe sleep environment
- Immunizations against disease
- Nutritious food and good eating habits
- Protection from household and neighborhood hazards
- Early screening for lead poisoning

- Safe child care while away from their parents

The New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a food and nutrition education program.

New Jersey WIC serves New Jersey's youngest residents and their families at risk for poor nutrition and medically related health problems.

New Jersey WIC Services are available to low and no income families as well as families experiencing unemployment, military deployment and other interim family financial hardships.

HOW TO APPLY and RECEIVE WIC BENEFITS and SERVICES

If you are:

- Pregnant (up to six weeks after delivery)
- Postpartum (up to six months after delivery)
- Breastfeeding (up to one year if you continue breastfeeding)
- An infant
- A child under five years old

And: Have a nutrition or medically related health risk,

And:

- Live in New Jersey (proof of residency required)
- Meet income guidelines (proof of income required)

You may apply for WIC by contacting your local WIC agency and scheduling an appointment.

As long as **you** or **your children** are **eligible to apply** for WIC benefits
you will be **eligible to continue to receive** WIC benefits.

References:

**NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, website: www.state.nj.us
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