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Dear Friends in Education:

Attached you will find the newly revised edition of Jersey City Public Schools **Resource Directory for Outside Services for Students and Families** created by the Department of Programs and Services. This document contains valuable information and resources to assist professional staff including administrators, service brokers, social workers, guidance counselors, student assistance counselors and nurses to address the increasing health and social needs of our students and their families. As we all know, it is difficult to learn when the body and mind are stressed or when you don't know where you will rest your head at night or when you will eat your next meal. We recognize the poverty in our city and the plight of the working poor. Statistics suggest that the poorest in this country are children. Each of us performs best when our thoughts, feelings and emotions are in balance. It is hoped that by using the resources in this directory that our families will achieve balance so that our children may participate fully in their education and take advantage of this right. It is with sincere appreciation that I recognize the staff of the Division of Programs and Services for compiling and refining this wonderful resource on behalf of our children and their families.

With gratitude,

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CHAPTER 1**MEDICAL ISSUES****I. ADULT AND CHILD MEDICAL FACILITIES****A. Metropolitan Family Health Network**

Phone: 201-478-5859

Location: 857 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Adult Internal Medicine. No Charity Care accepted, payments arranged on a sliding scale basis or personal insurance.

B. Metropolitan Family Health Network

Phone: 201-478-5859

Location: 935 Garfield Ave. Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Pediatric, Adult Internal Medicine, Dental, Podiatry, Ob/Gyn
No charity care, personal insurance, or sliding scale fee.

C. Horizon Health Center

Phone: 201- 710-2200

Location: 115 Christopher Columbus Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Adult Aftercare for patients discharged from the Jersey City Medical Center only. Facility also offers OB/GYN services for Hudson County residences.

D. North Hudson Community Action- Pediatric Clinic/ Sliding Scale for Uninsured

Phone: 201-459-8888 (for appointment)

Location: 324 Palisade Avenue, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Pediatric health services are offered here by appointment; sick children may be seen on a walk-in basis. Patients have to be in clinic by 8:30 am. Those without insurance are charged based on their income. Hours are Mon. - Sat. 8:30-4:00 and Thurs. 10:30-6:00.

E. Parkside Medical Center

Phone: 201-434-1111

Contact: Sandy Mercado, office manager

Location: 127 Lafayette Street, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Child and adult health services offered at this location include primary care, obstetrics, gynecology, and immunizations. Fees are paid either by insurance coverage or sliding scale.

II. ASTHMA**A. University Institute - Pulmonologist**

Phone: 201- 653-5213

Location: 35 Journal Square Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Pulmonologist, Dr. Montalvo, specializes in treating asthma. Office hours are Mon. & Thurs. 9-2:30 and Wed.1-4:00. Medicaid and most insurance are accepted except Blue Cross & Blue Shield NJ Direct. A referral from the child's pediatrician is required if family has an HMO.

B. American Lung Association**Phone:** 1-800-LUNG-USA**Website:** www.alanewjersey.org**Contact:** Jackie ext. 309**Services:** Services include “Camp Super Kids”, a one- week overnight camp for kids with asthma ages 8 to 12. At this time there is no funding for groups. A one day training program for school nurses, “Open Airways for Schools”, is also available. Many other programs are available and you may call for information.**III. CANCER****A. Cancer Care Of New Jersey****Phone:** 201-444-6630 or 1-800-813-HOPE**Website:** www.cancercare.org**Email:** njinfo@cancercare.org**Director of Social Services:** Kathy Nugent, extension 113.**Location:** 141 Dayton Street, Suite 204, Ridgewood, NJ 07450**Services:** This organization services all of New Jersey including Hudson County. Services to cancer patients as well as their families include: telephone support and counseling; literature about cancer; support groups and counseling at various locations; limited financial assistance for pain medication, transportation to treatment, childcare and homecare for eligible individuals and families. Upon request, social workers may provide outreach to address groups including children about cancer. Ask for Kathy Nugent for more information or additional information can be found on the website. All services are free.**B. Hoboken Family Planning’s NJ CEED Program****Phone:** 201-963-0300**Location:** 124 Grand Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030**Services:** Women in need of a mammogram and Pap smear who have not had one in the last year and does not have medical insurance can call and make an appointment to be seen at the clinic. Serving women between the ages of 40 and 64 and reside in either Hudson or Union County.**IV. IMMUNIZATIONS****A. Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services- Immunization Clinic****Phone:** 201-547-4577 or 5258**Location:** 360 Martin Luther King Drive, 1st Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07304**Services:** Free immunizations for Uninsured and Underinsured children. Hours of operation for school age children 5 years through 18 years of age on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Walk-in clinic is Mondays and Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No appointment needed. For Preschool children, 2 months old to 5 years old, you must call for registration and an appointment. These children will be seen by appointment only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m..**Well-Baby Clinic** - The Well-Baby Clinic is for uninsured or underinsured children from birth to age 5. Well-baby visits with the doctor are available.

B. Children's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

Phone: 201-547- 4567 or 201-522-4395

Contact: Zulma Lamela

Director: Nilda Marion

Location: 360 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: The Lead/Porsche Program provides case management services for lead-burdened and other health issues to children less than six years of age.

Case Management To Lead Burdened - This program provides lead screening and testing. Case management provided for those children ages 6 and younger with lead levels over 15. Jersey City residents are serviced.

V. EATING DISORDERS/OBESITY**Overeaters Anonymous – (NJIOA)**

Phone: 973-746-8787

Website: www.njioa.org

Services: Call or visit the website for the nearest location and meeting dates.

VI. DENTAL CLINICS**A. Horizon Health Center - Dental Clinic**

Phone: 201-451-6300, ext. 2316

Location: 714 Bergen Avenue, 3rd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Pediatric and adult dental services are available, with usually a wait of 3-4 weeks. Cleanings, filling cavities, root canals, crowns partials and extractions all done. However, no orthodontist is available. They accept Medicaid, most HMO's and private insurance. Those without insurance and ineligible for Family Care may be seen for a sliding scale fee.

B. Horizon Satellite Office - Dental Services

Phone: 201- 499-1975

Location: 412 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306 (near State Building)

Services: Among other medical services for adults and children offered at this location, a Dentist is available five days a week. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This office has staff speaking Arabic and Pilipino among others. Medicaid, private insurance or sliding scale is accepted. Walk-ins are welcome.

C. Dental Lifeline Network

Phone: 732-613-9206

Contact: Ronnie Calem, Supervisor

Website: www.nsdh.org

Services: The Bridges program is free, which involves a dental screening only with follow-up services. There is also a van program (Medicaid is needed) that brings comprehensive dental services to groups of children and others with developmental disabilities. Call for information to arrange a contract. The Donated Dental service involves 700 NJ dentists who will provide service to the elderly or disabled children that are uninsured.

D. North Hudson Community Action

Phone: 201-459-8888 (for appointment)

Location: 324 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Accepting any HMO's and Medicaid, please contact to verify if your insurance is accepted.

VII. EYE CLINICS**A. Liberty Eye Care - Ophthalmology Dept (Eye Clinic)**

Phone: 201-499-1969

Location: 412 Summit Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Examinations and prescriptions for glasses provided for children and adults. Eyeglasses are not provided here. Accepted insurances include Medicaid, private insurance and Medical Center's Charity Care accepted. Insurances not accepted are Health net or Amerigroup. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm, appointment is needed.

B. New Eyes for the Needy

Phone: 973-376-4903

Contact: Susan Dyckman, Executive Director

Location: 549 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078

Website: www.neweyesfortheneedy.org

Services: Vouchers to pay for eyeglasses, for children or adults, available when the following information is mailed to the address above. Student requesting assistance must be registered with the school lunch program, plus the following information must be faxed on a school letterhead in order to be considered for assistance: Students full Name, date of birth, and a copy of the eyeglasses prescription issued no more than one year ago. Application can be downloaded from website or call and request one. If approved, the Vouchers will be returned to school nurse or counselor requesting services. Application of income must be accompanied for all adults seeking services.

VIII. ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER (A.D.D./A.D.H.D.)**A. Jersey City Medical Center- Dept of Behavioral Health**

Phone: 201-915-2272

Contact: Maggie Ortiz or Jeanette Bovell

Location: 395 Grand Street, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Individual, family, group therapy, parent education and psychiatric (medication) consultation all available through this department for children ages 5-17 with ADD. Inform intake worker if a pediatrician or other medical doctor has already made the diagnosis of ADD or ADHD.

B. C.H.A.D.D. of Hudson County - (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)

Phone: 1-800-233-4050

Website for CHADD National: www.chadd.org

Services: Free literature on A.D.D. for parents and educators are available. Call or visit the website for the nearest location of a support group.

IX. JERSEY CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Phone: 201-547-5583

Contact: Linda Ivory-Green, Health Educator/AIDS Coordinator

Services: Information and referral source on needed health-related services in Jersey City. Agency can arrange for free speakers on HIV prevention and other health issues for any grade level in the school setting. They can also provide literature on all health issues including H.I.V.

X. MEDICINE / MEDICAL EXPENSES / DEVICES NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

A. The Medicine Program

Phone: (573)996-7300 or (888)812-5152, Toll Free

Website: www.themedicineprogram.info

Location: P.O. Box 515, Doniphan, MO 63935-0515

Services: Call for an application. With a processing fee of \$5.00 per medication requested, this program sends paperwork to pharmaceutical companies, if approved they then send a three-month supply of the medication(s) to eligible clients. To qualify you must be considered low income or having no prescription coverage (private or government).

B. Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund –NJ Department of Human Services

Phone: 1-800-335-FUND (3863) or (609) 292-0600

Location: P.O. Box 728 Trenton, NJ

Services: Program will cover medical bills for children 21 and under whose bills have exceeded 10% of the family's income. Applicants must be permanent residents of NJ who can document their income and their work history. Social security number is required. Call for an application. Applicant must live in New Jersey for 3 months prior to applying.

XI. HEART ISSUES

Hope with Heart

Phone: 973-728-3854

Location: P.O. Box 618, Hewitt, NJ 07421

Website: www.hopewithheart.com

Services: A free summer camp for children ages 7-15 with moderate to severe heart disease, located in Warwick, N.Y. A cardiac care trained nurse is on-site with a pediatric cardiologist on call.

XII. NEW JERSEY POISON INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SYSTEM

Phone: 1-800-222-1222

Website: www.njpies.org

Services: The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES, New Jersey Poison Control Center) is a non-profit organization that coordinates the treatment and distribution of information concerning poisons, drugs and targeted health issues through telephone management, consultation, education and research. NJPIES provides statewide 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency services for poison exposures, general poison information and

drug information. Specialists in Poison Information, who are physicians, registered nurses or pharmacists, handle all calls.

CHAPTER 2**HIV/AIDS SERVICES****I. AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP)** **1-800-624-2377****Phone:** 609-588-7038-Trenton**Contact:** Cheryl Mills**Fax:** 609-633-2494**Website:** www.state.njus/health/aids/index.shtml

Services: ADDP is a State-administered program, authorized under Ryan White Title II of the CARE ACT that provides FDA-approved medications to low-income individuals with HIV disease, who have limited or no coverage from private insurance or from Medicaid. Hours are Monday-Friday- 9am to 5pm.

**II. HIV COUNSELING & TESTING SITE/JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER
REGIONAL PEDIATRIC HIV TREATMENT CENTER****Phone:** 201-915-2545 or 201-915-2295**Fax:** 201-915-2213**Location:** 953 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Comprehensive family centered health care to HIV positive children, adolescents, and their families, including primary health care, case management, psycho-social counseling, health education, support groups, and referrals to other programs as necessary. Parents and children are seen at the same time. Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling is offered. Appointments are requested for testing Mondays - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 11a.m. to 7 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome daily but appointment is preferred. Results are given verbally on the day of testing within 15 minutes. Also provides free testing for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia.

Eligibility: Child/Adolescent must be HIV positive.

***Please note that this program also offers in-home services, transportation, have Bilingual (Spanish staff), wheelchair accessible, interpreter available if needed.**

III. HYACINTH AIDS FOUNDATION**Phone:** 201-432-1134**Hotline:** 1-800-433-0254**Website:** www.hyacinth.org**Contacts:** Estrella for Consumer Advocacy;

Rubin Montanez for Legal Advocate to individuals living with HIV/AIDS)

Bruce Cooper for Wellness Program, Wellness Navigator, and Treatment Education/Adherence

Eddie Srierson Team Leader for Project POW

Location: 880 Bergen Avenue, Room 802, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Free, countywide services available for people with HIV/AIDS. These include legal services, referrals for housing and emergency assistance, wellness group, social support and referrals to medical care. Legal services are available for legal issues related to HIV/AIDS only. Examples of legal services provided are Wills, Power of Attorney, Social Security Appeals, etc. A prevention education services through "Project POW" (Prevention Outreach Works) are also

available only to those clients who are positive for HIV/AIDS. Information on financial assistance for certain drugs to treat HIV/AIDS can also be obtained.

Hours are 9am to 5pm. **Eligibility:** Hudson County HIV infected/affected residents. Weekend and evening hours are available by appt. Access to statewide programs can be arranged through regional offices or by contacting the hotline.

IV. RYAN WHITE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES/CHRIST HOSPITAL DEPT. OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Phone: 201-418-7010 Fax-201-418-7040

Contact: Harlene Golden, AIDS Service Director

Location: 179 Palisades Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: The Ryan White Program offers mental health services for infected families and individuals, substance abuse counseling, bereavement counseling and custody planning. Social workers provide counseling in the home and in some cases in school buildings for children infected by HIV whose home may be an inappropriate setting for counseling sessions.

Eligibility: Hudson County resident and proof of HIV positive status.

V. CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE - JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER - ADULT AND CHILDREN'S HIV/AIDS CLINIC (I.D. UNIT/INFECTIOUS DISEASES) CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE (ADULT CLINIC):

Phone: 201-915-2294 or 201-915-2295

Contact: Case Manager

Location: 961 Garfield Avenue, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: This is an outpatient clinic. Outreach, early intervention counseling, medical treatment and case management is provided to HIV/AIDS infected individuals and their families.

CHILDREN'S CLINIC

Phone: 201-915-2294

Contact: Matthew Zysman

Location: 961 Garfield Avenue. Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: An outpatient clinic with same services as those listed above at the adult clinic; however, the focus is for children, as well as, mother-child services where both mothers and children are HIV positive.

VI. HUDSON HOSPICE

Phone: 201-433-6225

Contact: Sharon Kudlacik

Location: 93 Clerk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Free weekly group therapy for bereavement is provided for children ages 5 to 17 at St. Joseph's Church, 317 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ. There is a simultaneously run parent group for surviving parents and guardians. Group is for general bereavement related to any recent death (AIDS, cancer, homicide, etc.). Groups meet on Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks. Call Sharon to schedule an intake. Van transportation may be available for some families. Intake appointments are usually scheduled around 4:30 or 5:00 but occasionally after 6:00. Groups usually begin in the months of September to June.

SAD, MAD, GLAD PROGRAM – A special interactive session to help children age 5 to 8 years cope with the loss of a loved one (All losses). This program is available to your school free of charge.

FEATHER THE CLOWN - A new program offered to students in pre-K, Kindergarten, first and second grade who may have experienced a loss. Feather the clown will come into the classroom and provide support and education. Teachers and/or school personnel can call to request a presentation. The presentation is free of charge.

VII. PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM THROUGH JERSEY CITY EPISCOPAL CDC

Phone: 201-521-9634 office, 201-936-3750 cell

Contact: Paul Bellan-Boyer, Residential Coordinator, 201-521-9634

Director: Susan Milan

Location: 118 Summit Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Low cost rental buildings where rental cost is based on family income for single adults as well as families, 30% of income goes toward rent. Criteria for the program is that the HIV positive client (or family), at the time of application, is homeless. If substance abuse has been an issue for the client, a period of 6 months of sobriety is necessary. Support services are provided to families or adults.

A. Shelter Plus Care Program – Funded principally by HUD through NJ State Department of Community Affairs. Targeted but not limited to applicants who are HIV+ and/or diagnosed with a mental illness. Provides a housing voucher (like Section 8), where client pays a portion of their rent. Homeless individuals and families are eligible. Regular case management services are provided to help the client stay healthy and housed and link client to needed services. Family must have an income and agree to the case management services. Client must be currently homeless according to HUD criteria (staying on street, in shelter, or in transitional housing program). A physician's certification of disability is needed but family must be capable of independent living (with case management).

B. Corpus Christi Ministries Housing – Funded by HOPWA, administration by Jersey City and the Hudson County Ryan White Planning Council. Individuals have a private room in a house shared with four other individuals. Families have an apartment in a building occupied by other CCMH families. Participation in case management to aid adherence and health, and help client identify and achieve goals.

C. Hudson CASA - Provides case management, including benefits counseling and referrals to other services. The program also provides in-house employment specialists and housing specialists to aid clients in seeking employment and/or housing.

D. Housing for HIV Positive Adults without Children - Housing and supportive services for HIV positive adults without children.

E. Housing for Families with an HIV Positive Parent or Child - Housing assistance for families with an HIV positive parent or child. Appropriate for families who need the added support of on-call services or social services, in addition to the low rent.

***Please note that the Referral Criteria for the above programs:** The client must be HIV+ homeless, and drug and alcohol free for at least 30 days. In some cases client must also be certified as disabled. Clients must be willing to follow program rules, including regular participation in Ryan White case management. Family eligibility requires one HIV+ family member, and family size must be suitable for available housing.

VIII. JERSEY CITY AIDS TASK FORCE / JERSEY CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Phone: 201-547-5583-office, 201-547-5768-fax
Contact: Linda Ivory-Green, Health Educator/AIDS Coordinator
Location: 1 Journal Square Plaza, 2nd fl., Jersey City, NJ
Services:

- A. Information and referral source on needed health-related services in Jersey City.
- B. Free speakers on HIV prevention and other health issues for any grade level.
- C. Literature on all health issues including H.I.V.

IX. LET'S CELEBRATE, INC. / HOUSING PLUS PROGRAM

Phone: 201-433-5438
Contact: Phelma ext. 12 or Sandra ext. 14
Services: Provides 21 weeks of rental assistance for clients who are HIV positive only.

X. CORNERSTONE PROGRAM/THE HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Phone: 201-795-5615-office 201-795-1091-fax
Contact: Rosa Rooney, Director
Location: 574 Newark Avenue, Room 304 Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Rental assistance to the HIV positive adult (single adult or head of a family) in paying part of their rent. Referrals to this program come only from case managers at Hyacinth, Center for Comprehensive Care, Christ Hospital or Faith Services (or other continuum of care providers for HIV positive clients). Referral is only accepted if the HIV positive patient is actively involved with their case management services. School personnel cannot refer to this program directly but can encourage clients to work with their case manager at their respective continuum of care site to see if they meet the guidelines for this program.

Also provide tenant/landlord education and advocacy along with a wide array of additional support services. Hours are 8:30am to 4:30am Monday-Friday

Eligibility: Clients must be referred by case management from other agencies.

XI. VISITING HOMEMAKERS OF HUDSON COUNTY/RYAN WHITE

Phone: 201-656-6001, ext. 325
Contact: Arlene Munn
Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Offers case management and social services. Provided AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP) case management previously administered by Medicaid office. Short-term homemaker and case management services provided to persons with AIDS and HIV in need of personal care and light housekeeping. Services are available only to people without Medicaid or without other insurance that covers homemaker services.

Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS in Hudson County with a need for care at home.

HIV Home Care Program

Phone: 201-656-6001, ext. 325

Contact: Arlene Munn

Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Utilizes Ryan White Title 2 funds to reimburse for comprehensive in-home services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

XII. HUDSON COUNTY WELFARE/AIDS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM (ACCAP)

Phone: 201-420-3000 ext.2439 or 2431 201-395-5687

Contact: Jacqueline Scalone

Email: amarchit@oel.state.nj.usa

Location: 257 Cornelius Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Special waiver to enroll children and adults with AIDS into the Medicaid Program who would otherwise not qualify because of income.

Eligibility: Gross monthly income cannot exceed \$2022. Resources cannot exceed \$2000, T cells must be 200 or less or opportunistic infections must be present and individual must be a SSI or SSF recipient. All applications have to be done face to face. It will speed up the process of the application to have copies of social security card, all income (Social Security, Disability, etc.) bank accounts (going back to all bank accounts from Feb 2006 to present), life insurance policies, property and number, name of private health insurance available.

XIII. PUERTO RICAN FAMILY INSTITUTE - *NEED TO CALL FOR BRIDGES

Phone: 201-610-1446 extension 13 or 201-610-9429

Contact: Debra Santiago

Location: 35 Journal Square, Suite 528, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Title I Mental Health Services are provided to people (adults and children) infected with HIV/AIDS residing in Hudson County; various modalities including individual, partner, family, and group therapy are available. Spanish-speaking Support Group and psychiatric screening/psychotropic medication monitoring are also provided. Also offers MICA and substance abuse services. Must be a Hudson County resident with proof of both HIV positive status and mental health problems.

XIV. NJ AIDS/STD HOTLINE - 1-800-624-2377

All calls are strictly confidential. They provide general information, referrals, HIV/STD Testing and Counseling Sites and HIV/STD Treatment Information

XV. HOBOKEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER - FAITH SERVICES

Phone: 201-792-6161. 201-418-3151-fax Bilingual program fax-201-792-8595
Contact: Case Worker
Location: 307 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, NJ 07030
Services: Free case management services provided to Hudson County residents with HIV/AIDS. Services include medical referrals, prescription assistance and other social services. Also provides Bilingual Medical case management program. Individual must be a Hudson County Resident with a documented medical diagnosis of HIV or AIDS. Program also offers a Medication Expansion Program (MEP) which offers drug reimbursement for HIV related medications, vitamins and other prescription drugs; arranged through program's affiliated pharmacies. Clients must have voucher from Part A or C medical case manager.

XVI. VISITING HOMEMAKERS - ACCAP PROGRAM (Hudson and Bergen County)

Phone: 201-656-6001 extension 325-office 201-656-9511-fax
Contact: Arlene Munn, Darlene Smith, RN or John Buck
Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Case management services available to clients with AIDS once Hudson County Welfare or State Medicaid has approved them for Medicaid. Case Managers arrange for home care services, physical therapy, transportation, nursing, and many other services.
Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS in Hudson County with a need for care at home

XVII. HORIZON HEALTH CENTER – PREVENTION SERVICES

Phone: 201-683-2428 ext. 2203 or 201-451-6300 ext 1213 (case mgr).
Contact: Dorothy Shaw or Mr. Edgar Aguilar website: www.horizonhealthcenter.org
Location: 706-714 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Horizon Health Center offers HIV and STD referrals. Hours for testing vary please call ahead for an appointment, HIV testing is free. Ms. Jasmine or Leticia does the testing. Appointments are needed. Their phone number is 201-683-2401 located on the 3rd fl. Results are given the day of testing. Referrals made to support group for HIV positive adults. Mr. Edgar Aguilar is the case manager for Project Women which offers case mgt/coordination social services, medical care and resources to women affected with HIV. His phone number is 201-683-2428 ext. 2203. Dorothy Shaw is the case manager for the patients with Sickle Cell Anemia and works closely with Beth Israel Hospital (Newark, NJ) and conducts hospital visits including infants. In addition she works with patients infected with STDs/STIs. The agency also provides services for dental, adult medicine and other preventive services. Gynecological services are offered at their 412 Summit Avenue location in Jersey City, NJ.

XVIII. HUDSON PRIDE CONNECTIONS

Phone: (201) 963-4779-office 201-963-1765-fax
Contact: Jonathan Lucas, Executive Director ext. 111 email-info@hudsonpride.org
Location: 32 Jones Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Hudson Pride Connections is the only community-based organization in the Hudson County region that provides targeted social services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) residents of the North Eastern NJ area with unique and dynamic services to bridge the gap for the underserved lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities and all people living with HIV.

HPC was founded in 1993 to provide supportive social services, prevention, outreach, advocacy and development trainings for other services providers, to educate, empower, and unite all of our communities.

XIX. STD/HIV CLINIC PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Phone: 201-547-5535-office 201-547-5534-fax

Contact: Dorothy Wojcik

Location: 115 Christopher Columbus Drive, Suite 303, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Free testing and treatment for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia for females, Syphilis, Pre test and post test counseling for HIV positive are referred to outside treatment.

Eligibility: Men and Women beginning at age 12 without parental consent. Jersey City ID required. *Please note you must call to make an appt.

XX. NJ WOMEN AND AIDS NETWORK

Phone: 609-695-1200-office 609-695-1201-fax

Contact: Howard

Location: 4 North Broad St., 4th fl., Trenton, NJ 08608

Services: Outreach, in-home and in-office services available this includes supportive services delivered by peers, such as HIV education, practical assistance with medication adherence, information and referral, and linkage to Title I HIV medical care, and case management, Educational prevention interventions. Hours are from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Eligibility: Women or Men who are living with HIV/AIDS in NJ, or for teens and/or adults who are at-risk but not identified as HIV positive.

***please note that NJWAN is a Statewide non-profit AIDS services organization which provides many other services. The Statewide Office can be reached at 732-846-4462, and is located at 103 BAYARD St., 3rd fl., New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

XXI. BEACON SOCIETY

Phone: 201-659-8119

Contact: Frank Merle

Location: 606 Garden St., Hoboken, NJ 07030

Services: Support group for infected and affected individuals with HIV.

XXII. AIDS Resource Foundation for Children/St. Clares's Children Home

Phone: 201-453-5040-office 201-435-6555-fax

Contact: Faye Zealand, Co-founder of Agency

Location: 15 Clifton Place, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Child Care for HIV infected and medically fragile children to age of 12.

Hours are from Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm

Eligibility: Children up to the age of 12 who are medically fragile children including HIV+

***Please note that this program offers School/Tutorial/Teen Support, Caregivers Support Group. Children and their families who are living with a parent or caregiver HIV+ would be eligible for Newark summer camp.**

XXIII. PACO**Phone:** 201-963-8282-office 201-798-6684-fax**Contact:** Eliu Rivera**Email:** pacoweatherization@yahoo.com**Location:** 392 Manila Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Case management assistance provided by case mgt. aides, under the Grassroots Initiative Program (GRIP). Services include escort, meal delivery and food pantry, Spanish translation, advocacy, and hospital/home visits for people living with HIV/AIDS in Hudson County. Workers are out-posted at Title I Case Management agencies in Jersey City and Hoboken. Hours are from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Transportation can be provided.

Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS in Hudson County

XXIV ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**Phone:** 201-3038160-office 201-839-5869-fax**Contact:** Rob DeAnthony**Email:** ouryouth2006@yahoo.com**Location:** 155 North St., Jersey City, NJ 07307

Services: Designed to help young people of ALL sexual preferences. Youth Services include weekly support groups, free HIV/STD Testing, College Assistance Services, Job Placement Services and Concert for Change Program- for high school, colleges and youth organizations. A mini concert that educates the youth on a variety of issues that they face on a daily basis, including HIV/AIDS, love, acceptance, homophobia, etc.

CHAPTER 3**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES****I. ADDICTIONS HOTLINE OF NJ - 1-800-225-0196**

Program provides referrals for prevention, detoxification and treatment.

II. AL-ANON/AL-ATEEN MEETING INFORMATION LINE-

Phone: 1-800-344-2666

Website: www.al-anon.org (Information on Al-Anon offered here; not meeting info)

Services: Provides support and information to family members of those with alcohol or drug problems, provides information on local meetings and provides help with establishing a local group if needed. Currently there are two registered Al-Anon meetings in Jersey City. When there are no local Ala-teen meetings, teenagers are welcome to attend an Al-Anon meeting. The meeting site information is available by calling the 1-800 number. Note: The hotline will offer the phone number of a local contact person from the group, if the caller requests it.

III. CHRIST HOSPITAL - SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR ADULTS

Phone: (201) 795-8375 Ext. 5454 179 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City.

Contact: Sheila Plague (Intake Coordinator) Jersey City Office.

Location: 179 Palisade Avenue, Counseling and Resource Center, Jersey City

Services: Adult services are open to all Hudson County residents.

A. Assessment, Screening and Referral

Services are available to Hudson County residents 18 years old and up. Contact Yesenia Taveras, Intake Coordinator.

B. Intensive Outpatient Treatment

Group counseling 3 times a week for a total of 9 hours per week with individual treatment as needed. Families of the client receive addiction education services on Monday nights.

C. Project Second Chance

An intensive outpatient substance abuse program for women which meets three-day a week. Two sources of referral are: Referrals by DYFS caseworkers of DYFS involved women who have lost or are at risk of losing custody of their children due to substance abuse and referrals by Work First NJ caseworkers from Welfare. (Participation in this program counts as a Work First NJ activity). Women with children who are in need of a substance abuse program may self-refer. Transportation is available for Jersey City residents. Childcare is also offered. Contact Claire Florentino at 201-795-8375 extension 5290 for more information.

D. Adult Intervention Program

Intervention for adults who have a substance use or abuse problem but who are struggling with the issue of whether they are addicts. These are people who are ambivalent about their use. Often the clients are seen for 4-8 sessions. The therapy is brief and very educational. If necessary, they are

referred to the Intensive Outpatient Program. Contact Yesenia (201) 795-5805 for additional information or to refer.

E. Adult Outpatient Drug Free Program (OPDF)

Outpatient drug free program level one.

F. After Care

After-care is a follow up program for adults that complete intensive outpatient treatment.

G. Outpatient Mental Health Program

Individual treatment provided for adults. Assessment, Family, and group counseling, psychiatric evaluations and medication monitoring are also available. Contact Yesenia to schedule an appointment at (201) 795-8375 extension 5454 for appointment

IV. CHRIST HOSPITAL Adolescent Treatment/ Substance Abuse Services.

Phone: 201-795-8375 Ext. 5454

Location: 179 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Medicaid or Charity Care Accepted.

A. Intake Department - A parent or guardian may request an appointment if they would like to have a minor child receive urine screening as well as a face-to-face evaluation related to suspected substance use or abuse. Parents, guardians will be encouraged to contact the Christ Hospital number above. The child must be accompanied by an adult for first session only.

B. Christ Hospital Adolescent Treatment (C.H.A.T.)

There are two treatment programs for adolescents ages 13-17. They are Early Intervention, which meets three times a week on Monday's Wednesday's and Thursday's from 4-5 pm for educational sessions. Court, school, parent or community referrals accepted. Weekly drug screening will take place.

C. Youth Comprehensive Treatment

Adolescents ages 14 to 17 years old who are involved with the court system and are in need of mental health and/or substance abuse treatment.

**V. HOBOKEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
GIANT STEPS PROGRAM**

Phone: 201-792-8290

Contact: Michael Paoletto, LCADC, Director

Location: 61 Monroe St., Hoboken, NJ 07030

Services:

A. Intake Department:

Services are available to Hudson County residents in need of substance abuse treatment. The contact persons to arrange for an initial screening appointment are: Jackie or Jennifer.

B. Assessment, Screening and Placement:

A Bio-psycho-social Assessment is conducted to help determine clinical needs. These procedures integrate information gathering from the client, family and referral source and are sufficiently comprehensive to determine the most appropriate clinical placement.

C. Treatment Services:

Our Level I Treatment Program combines assessment, educational and therapeutic care elements and is designed to prevent the need for more intensive substance abuse treatment.

D. Early Intervention Program:

The Early Intervention Program is designed to educate the adolescent, who is in the beginning stages of substance abuse about the effects and consequences of continued substance use. This program is approximately 8 to 10 weeks in length and meets twice a week from 4pm – 5:30pm and includes urinalysis testing one time weekly.

E. Adolescent Level I Program:

Our Level I Program combines assessment, educational and therapeutic care elements and is designed to prevent the need for more intensive substance abuse treatment. This program is approximately 8-10 weeks in length and meets three times weekly from 4pm – 5:30pm and includes random urinalysis testing minimum one time weekly.

F. Day Treatment /Partial Hospitalization:

This is the most intensive program offered at this facility and students will be required to go on home instruction during this time. This program meets Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 2:00pm, is approximately 8 to 12 weeks in length, and includes random urinalysis testing a minimum of twice weekly. This program is designed to offer comprehensive treatment to clients being diagnosed as substance dependent.

G. Aftercare:

This program is offered to adolescents who have completed an intensive form of substance abuse treatment and are in need of a continuum of care. This program meets twice weekly from 4:00pm – 5:00pm, is approximately 8 to 12 weeks in length and includes random urinalysis testing a minimum of once weekly.

H. School Presentations:

Classroom presentations, parent presentations or small groups for identified students, may be available based on counselor availability. Contact Michael Paoletto or Suzanne Conte at (201) 792-8290.

****Urine Analysis testing is part of the program.**

VI. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER /ADULT ADDICTIONS OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Phone: 201-915-2292 Access Center
201-915-2469 for information, or to speak with a client's clinician
Supervisor: Lisa Catlin

Location: 395 Grand Street, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Clients are first given an appointment for evaluation at the Access Center. From there, decision is made on the most appropriate treatment program. Available services include:

- 1) **Intensive Outpatient Program** - Includes group treatment three times per week as well as some individual treatment.
- 2) **The Mutual Assistance Program** - This program is for substance abusers who are on parole. Paperwork is needed at the time of intake showing that the client is on parole. Contact person is Bienvenido Montas.
- 3) **MICA Program** - Program for the Mentally Ill, Chemically Addicted adult. Contact person is Omar Salas.
- 4) **Referrals to Inpatient Programs or 12 Step Programs**

Spanish-speaking clinicians are available. Clients must have insurance or be eligible for charity care. Refer all adult substance abuse cases to the Access Center.

IX. HORIZON HEALTH CENTER - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

Phone: 201-451-6300

Location: 714 Bergen Avenue, 3rd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. COPE Program - Teenagers between the ages of 14 and 17 receive training and are paid to educate others in the community on substance abuse. There is an application procedure. Contact Betty Rentas for more information.

B. Prevention Services – Referrals provided to various agencies to assist in the individual's recovery process. Contact Diane Santiago at extension 1155 or Dorothy Shore at extension 1179.

X. PARTNERS IN PREVENTION (*Previously NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG DEPENDENCE OF HUDSON COUNTY, INC.)

Phone: 201-653-6776 (24 hours)

Contact: Maria Rivera

Location: 309-311 Newark Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Referral/ Resource Library - Information is available by phone or in person for referrals to local twelve step group meetings (i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous) and treatment facility information. A video library is also available for loan. Ask for the information specialist, Ernesto Adams.

B. Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Prevention Education - Arrangements can be made for community based education and prevention programs to housing sites, schools, daycare settings and other sites. Prevention programs for schools include the BABES Program,

which educates grades pre-K through 6. Other programs include a new violence prevention program. Some programs involve fees; and some do not. Contact Stephanie Cumings for details.

C. Rebel Youth Group - A tobacco awareness group, consisting of high school students ages 14 through 17, which educates younger children and others about tobacco. Contact Joseph Evensen for more information. (Youth who may want to join may also inquire with Joseph about what schools have active groups). **Rebel 2** is offered to grades 7 and 8.

D. Special events such as activities for Violence Prevention Week, the Great American Smoke Out and Red Ribbon Week can be arranged based on funding availability-

Ask for Joseph Evensen.

XI. KALEIDOSCOPE HEALTH CARE, INC.

Phone: 201-451-5425

Contact: Justin Neis, Intake

Director: Yvonne C. Blake

Location: 75 Harrison Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services:

A. Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling for Adults- Services include individual and group substance abuse counseling, urine screenings, referrals to detoxification and rehabilitation programs and an on-site methadone clinic. MICA program also offered. Psychiatrist services are available. Pharmacology therapy offered for nicotine, alcohol, heroin, and cocaine abuse. Acceptable forms of payment are insurance or self-pay.

B. Outpatient Mental Health Services - Outpatient mental health services for adults with dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental illness provided by the psychiatrist. Referrals made to inpatient units if needed. Contact Kaurther Riggins.

C. Laboratory Services – Complete laboratory services include drug and alcohol testing; pregnancy tests; paternity tests and other lab work that may be needed.

XII. CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESES OF NEWARK / MT. CARMEL GUILD – BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Phone: 201-395-5432

Contact: Brenda Morales, Access Department

Location: 249 Virginia Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: An adult day treatment program for M.I.C.A. (Mentally Ill Chemically Addicted) clients and referrals to detoxification as needed. The Individual must have an existing dual diagnosis at the time of enrollment. Services are covered by insurance or indigent care for those who are without income.

XIII. SPECTRUM HEALTH CARE

Phone: 201-451-2544

Location: 74-80 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services:

A. Outpatient Methadone Maintenance Program - Program includes medication, group and individual counseling.

B. 30-Day Detoxification Outpatient Program - Van service can be provided either through Medicaid or by client paying a daily fee. **This program accepts insurance only or full fee for services. Limited indigent care is available.**

C. Intensive Outpatient Program – Referral from DYFS for parents with substance abuse issues.

XIV. HOGAR CREA

Phone: 973-483-2400 to refer

Contact: Juan Berrios

Locations: Program locations in Jersey City, Newark and Perth Amboy. The Jersey City program's location is 79 Cornelison Avenue.

Services: A long-term inpatient substance abuse program for adults males. The N. J. inpatient programs are located in Newark, Perth Amboy and Jersey City. There are also programs for adult women, but they are located out of state (Delaware, Pennsylvania and Connecticut). The program duration is about two and half years. All initial evaluations are held in Newark.

XV. STRAIGHT AND NARROW

Phone: 973-345-6000, extension 6230

Contact: Danielle Giberson

Location: Two facilities, located in Paterson and Secaucus

Services: A long-term residential substance abuse program lasting 18 months, unless referred by D.Y.F.S. or prison, when the stay is shorter. Women may bring their children if they are under 4 years old, for a six- month program as long as they are referred by D.Y.F.S. Uninsured and insured individuals can both be served.

B. Adolescent In-Patient

Services males 12-17 years of age, length of stay varies. Referrals can come from community, family, or courts. Contact Pam Zebede for more information, 973-345-6500.

XVI. TURNING POINT, INC.

Phone: 973-239-4600

Website: www.turningpointnj.org

Contact: Admissions Department

Location: 595 County Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

Service: Short term residential program for men. Stay is approximately 45 days and they must be over 18 years of age. The facility also offers a detoxification program for men and

women in need of this service. Individuals must be over 18 years of age. Short term residential program for women is located at 130 Powerville Road, Booton, NJ 07005. Please call 973-239-4600 extension 141 for more information.

XVII. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS OF NJ

Phone: (877) 994-2465 for referrals

Website: ga4nj.com

Contact: A hotline worker

Services:

- 1) Phone advice, education and referrals to local Gamblers Anonymous Meetings and other treatment facilities for adults as well as adolescents.
- 2) There are presentations available on the topic of gambling for schools and other organizations.

XVIII. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Phone: 1-888-554-2627

Website: www.nacoa.org

Location: 10920 Connecticut Ave., Suite 100, Kensington, MD 20895

Services: This is the national reservoir and distributor of information and materials for groups and individuals who are working with children of alcoholics. Their materials include:

- 1) A brochure geared for middle school and high school age students called **“It’s not your fault”**, a brochure for adults that work with children called **“You can help”** and two posters, both of which pertain to the experiences of children of alcoholics.
- 2) If school counselors or other staff member wants to set up a group for children of alcoholics, grades K through 12, they can order a **“Children’s Program Kit”** online: (go to the website – <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/promos/coa>)

XIX. SUBSTANCE ABUSE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (FORMALLY KNOWN AS: NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL INFORMATION)

Phone: 1-800-729-6686

Website: www.health.org or www.ncadi.samhsa.gov

Location: Rockville, MD

Contact: Information specialist

Services:

- 1) Referrals to local providers of inpatient or outpatient services.
- 2) Posters, pamphlets, brochures, videotapes and other items that relate to substance abuse prevention and treatment are available through this service. Most items are free of charge.

CHAPTER 4

SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT TO DISABLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS**I. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER - SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES - EARLY INTERVENTION AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Phone: 201- 915-2514 (Fax) 201-433-2426

Location: 953 Garfield Avenue Jersey City, N.J. 07304

Contact: Say you want to make a referral

Services: Serving all of Hudson County, Early Intervention (for ages birth to 3) and case management services are available for disabled children (ages newborn through 22) with medical diagnoses including chronic illnesses such as AIDS or severe asthma, cognitive impairment, learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, developmental delays, autism, and other disabilities. Child does not necessarily have to be classified in a special education program in order to receive services. Under Early Intervention children age birth through 3 are evaluated in their own environment (home, daycare centers) by a team of professionals. Under the case management component, case managers work with families until all eligible services are accessed. Examples of assistance offered include referrals to pediatricians, referrals for assistance for high medical bills, referrals to SSI or DDD and referrals to programs and private foundations that may help pay for hearing aids or other devices. Anyone may call to register the child.

II. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER-CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CCSN)

Phone: 201-915-2059

Contact: Ask for whichever social worker is handling intake

Director: Norma Altreche

Location: 953 Garfield Avenue Jersey City, N.J. 07304

Services: This center provides multi-disciplinary team evaluations (a developmental pediatrician and social worker see the child, and on an “as needed” basis. Referrals for evaluations by a psychologist, speech, occupational, physical, audiological and other specialists/*note-learning evaluations are not available) are done at various agencies. Referrals and on-going case management for children birth through age 21 with special needs including learning problems, developmental delays, medical problems such as Autism, Down Syndrome and other conditions. Services are covered by insurance or charity care. **There is approximately a 4 to 6 week wait for the first appointment with the social worker, unless there is a cancellation. The next appointment, which lasts about ninety minutes, is with the developmental pediatrician.** First appointments are confirmed with parent five days in advance, and again **one day before** the intake appointment.

III. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED PROGRAM

Phone: 201-309-2951 Mildred Rivera-Castro /Amanda Sica-Irizarry / Peter Lamonza
201-547-2259 David Cortez-Out of School Child Study Team

Child Study Team Pre-School Handicapped Facilitator: Mildred Rivera-Castro

Supervisor: Dr. Kathleen Dugan

Location of Team: McNair Academic High School, 123 Coles Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: All children between the ages of 2 ½ through 5 years of age who are suspected of having a developmental delay may be referred. A request for a preschool evaluation must be submitted in writing to the supervisor Dr. Dugan, Special Education Supervisor, at 346 Claremont Avenue, 5th Floor. Evaluation of a child can begin at age 2½; full day programs are available at age 3. The programs are located in neighborhood day care centers, the district's self-contained classes, early childhood general education classes and if needed, private school facilities designed to meet the needs of specific developmental disabilities. Outside evaluations may be accepted if appropriate. An "Identification Fair" for parents who suspect a developmental delay or problem is held every spring. If a parent has any questions or concerns they may contact Mrs. Rivera-Castro at 201-309-2951.

IV. HUDSON MILESTONES CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Phone: (201) 434-7783

Website: www.hudsonmilestones.org

Program Location: 375 Monmouth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 (201)-792-1161

Office Location: 365-381 Clendenny Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Daycare and early intervention services for disabled children ages birth through 3 are available at the Monmouth Street location in Jersey City. (There are also sites in Union City and Bayonne). Parent must first contact Special Child Health Services (See Item I of this chapter) to have evaluations arranged in order to determine eligibility. Once determined as a special needs child, the case is referred by Special Child Health Services for early intervention services. Services may include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, developmental intervention and referrals to other programs. Daycare program is funded by D.Y.F.S. and D.D.D. To receive the daycare service the child must be involved with D.Y.F.S. or D.D.D. or have a sibling with a special need which therefore places him or her "at-risk".

V. HUDSON MILESTONES/ AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Phone; (201) 434-7783

Contact: Samantha Bouza

Program Location: 333 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ

Office Location: 365-381 Clendenny Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: The after school program for disabled children ages 5 through 12, is located in Bayonne. Transportation is provided. DYFS income guidelines apply. Jersey City Residents must call for intake.

VI. JERSEY CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Phone: 201-547-5003 or 4582

Contact: Eileen

Location: 1 Chapel Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Various after school and summer programs are available. Call for information.

VII. INSTITUTE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL CENTER

Phone: 201-996-5555, then hit 0 or 201-996-5695 (Intake Department)

Contact: Intake/ you may get the answering machine

Location: 30 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, NJ

Services: Full evaluations for children with suspected developmental, learning and behavioral disorders. The battery of tests is often used by school districts for the purpose of special education classification. Insurance is needed and should be checked before a case is referred. Straight Medicaid is accepted for several of the tests. However, the family's HMO will need to approve speech, learning and the developmental pediatric evaluations if the insurance is NJ Family Care or private insurance. For information on charity care, call 201-996-5261.

VIII. LOVING CARE AGENCY, INC.

Phone: 201-985-8335 (Jersey City office)

Contact: Intake Coordinator, Elaine Hernandez and Veniss Pegan

Fax: 201-985-3795 (You may fax a referral to this number)

Location: 26 Journal Square, Suite 705, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Main Office: 201-363-9400 (Fort Lee office)

Services: Home health aides provided through Medicaid or private insurance for families with disabled children of any age. Acceptance for service and the number of hours provided weekly depends on the child's medical diagnosis. Child may be referred by a doctor or Child Study Team social worker. *Please note: Children with Medicaid only may be referred directly to the Jersey City office by phone or fax; children with private insurance should be referred to the Peds Division East Rutherford office (201) 939-4300.

IX. VISITING HOMEMAKERS OF HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-656-6001

Website: www.vhshc.org

Contact: Central Intake

Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Short-term free homemaker services for parents of handicapped children during times of crisis maybe available under the "Families in Crisis" program. Personal Care ("P.C.A.") services may be available based on child's medical diagnosis, child's age and if insurance approves payment for such services to a child. Ask for Central Intake.

X. HOMEMAKER SERVICES THROUGH D.Y.F.S.

Please note that families with disabled children who have an open D.Y.F.S. case may access services through their caseworkers if approved by the Supervisor of the case. Contact child's caseworker directly.

XI. STATEWIDE PARENT ADVOCACY NETWORK- (S.P.A.N.)

Phone: (973) 642-8100 (Newark) or 1-800-654-7726

Website: www.spannj.org

Services: Information, referrals and training provided to parents with special needs children. Various workshops are held in each county focusing on issues affecting parents and the process involved with accessing educational services within the special and general education systems.

XII. UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY-AFTERSCHOOL AND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-436-2200

Website: www.geocities.com-ucpofhudsoncounty

Contact: Norma Garcia

Location: 721 Broadway, Bayonne NJ 07002

Administrative Office: 8814 Kennedy Blvd. North Bergen, N.J. 07047

After school Program: 1005 Washington St. Hoboken, N.J. 07030

Services: Recreation for all individuals with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, mental retardation and emotional disturbance. **Child must be registered with Division of Developmental Disabilities.** Transportation provided under "Family Support," a D.D.D. service. (See D.D.D. later in this chapter under Child and Adult Services). Weekday program hours are from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in both Hoboken and North Bergen. Saturday program meets from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Transportation provided in Hoboken Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Transportation provided for the North Bergen site phone is 201-662-8120.

B. PEDIATRIC CENTER

Child up to 6 years of age needing medical assistance and/or Medical Day Care

XIII. FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

Phone: 1-800-372-6510 / (732) 528-8080

Website: www.fncnj.com

Contact: Jacqueline Moskowitz

Location: 2516 HWY 35, Manisquan, N.J. 08736

Services: This is a statewide information and referral service that provides information on specific services for children with special needs or disabilities. Examples of programs this office can refer parents to include summer camps for children with special needs (autism; hearing impaired, ADHD and many others). The office also prints an "Options Manual" for parents, which gives listings of services throughout the state.

XIV. WISE HEARING of HOBOKEN

Phone: (201) 792-5100

Contact: Sara Herniquez

Location: 334 Washington St. Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Services: This program offers audio logical services for adults ONLY. Services include hearing testing, hearing aids, hearing evaluations and repair of hearing aids. They also provide an array of products available to their clientele, such as musician plugs, swim plugs and assistive listening devices. There are 3 easy accessible offices located in Hoboken, Bayonne, and Newark. Office

hours are Monday and Wednesday 9am – 8pm, Tues 9am – 7pm, Thursday and Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturdays 10am – 4pm.

ADULT SERVICES

I. DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (D.V.R.)

Phone: 201-217-7180
Website: www.nj.gov/labor
Contact: Intake
Location: 438 Summit Avenue, 6th floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: A full vocational assessment of adults with disabilities age 18 and older in need of training, job placement or other services. Adults who were previously classified in special education are eligible for services. Call for an application. An intake is only scheduled after the application is returned to the office. There is a 3 to 4 week wait for an intake. Clients will have to return to the office to meet with D.V.R.'s doctor, who helps determine the level of services needed to assist the client in becoming employed.

II. HUDSON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES (FORMERLY THE OCCUPATIONAL CENTER OF HUDSON COUNTY)

Phone: 201-432-5959
Contact: Christine Remler, for A (below); Jonathan Rogers for B (below)
Location: 780 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services:

A. Vocational Evaluations and Job Training for Disabled Adults

Client must be registered with D.V.R. to receive services. If they are not registered, the Occupational Center can make that referral. Contact Christine Remler at extension 100.

B. Job Coach Services/ Supportive Employment Services

Assistance to disabled adults who are having difficulty finding a job includes coaching, job placement, on-the-job training and shadowing. Client must be registered with D.V.R. Contact Jonathan Rogers at extension 103.

III. ACCESS LINK – NJ Transit

Phone: 1-800-955-2321
Website: njtransit.com (then link onto “Access Link”)
Services: Bus service for disabled persons who, because of their disability, cannot ride on an NJ Transit bus without assistance. An information packet is mailed to the client; the client then calls back to schedule an appointment to be assessed for program eligibility.

IV. CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES-PROGRAMS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

Phone: 201-798-9900
Contact: Zoey Canaova
Location: 249 Virginia Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304
Services:

A. MICA Program

The MICA Program is a day treatment program for mentally ill, chemically addicted adults located on Magnolia Avenue.

B. Day Treatment Program

Life skills program for the mentally ill is available. Program involves psycho-educational groups, socialization groups, individual therapy and psychiatric services. Criteria include severe and persistent mental illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or psychosis. Location of program is Virginia Avenue.

C. Outpatient Program – Program provides treatment for children, adolescents and adults who exhibit mental illness or acute emotional distress.

D. Supported Employment Program

The Supported Employment Program explores vocational options including internships for those ready for work. Clients are brought on interviews. The program site is now located in North Bergen, but outreach to Jersey City clients will be made. Call Dante at 201-271-9532 for more information.

E. Intensive Family Support Program

The Family Resource Center at 3040 Kennedy Blvd. provides outreach, advocacy and assistance in helping connect a mentally ill adult family member to medical or psychiatric services. Support to family members includes counseling, respite services and evening support groups. Contact Iskra Gomez at 201-798-9900.

V. MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-653-4700
Location: 880 Bergen Ave. 6th Fl Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Support and advocacy to adults with mental illness.

VI. HUDSON COUNTY-SELF HELP CENTER

Phone: 201-420-8013
Website: www.cspnj.org
Contact: Shalet Richardson
Location: 880 Bergen Avenue, 6th Floor, Suite 605, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: The center offers socialization, advocacy, meals, trips and other services for adult mentally ill clients. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VII. DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (D.D.D.)

Phone: 973-977-4004 or 4122 (direct)
Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd
Contact: Intake, Francesca Thomas (Hudson County)
Location: 100 Hamilton Plaza, 7th Floor, Suite 700, Paterson, NJ 07505

Services: This office offers a variety of programs and services to eligible individuals who have varying levels of ability. Eligibility includes being a resident of NJ and having a severe, chronic disability attributable to a mental or physical impairment (or a combination) that is apparent before age 22. Developmental disability diagnoses include: autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spina bifida and other neurological impairments. Services available through D.D.D. fall under one of the following seven areas:

Family Support – is a system of services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Services available from DDD regional offices and/or contracted providers, including in-home and out-of-house respite, cash stipends, assistive devices and recreation.

Training, vocational and employment Programs:

Adult Training Services- provides opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to explore personal interests, develop skills, participate in using community resources and make a contribution to their communities.

Extended Employment at Sheltered Workshops.- operated by private agencies, are vocational programs that provide contract work such as packaging and assembling in using community resources and make a contribution to their communities.

Residential Programs (The Residential Program usually houses adults, but at times is available for children with extreme, hard to manage behaviors.) There is a long waitlist for both age groups.

Case Management Services are provided once the case is approved and assigned to a worker.

Professional Services (“Integrated therapeutic network”- assists adult clients who are out of public school and still in need of therapeutic services, such as physical therapy).

Guardianship Services (can begin to be processed at age 17 but these cases cannot go before a judge until child is 18) A guardianship may be considered for an individual that is legally authorized to act on behalf of a minor or an incapacitated adult to assure that the persons health, safety, and welfare needs are met and that his or her rights are protected.

Services Contracted With D.D.D. (Medical, Behaviorist, Dental, Psychiatric and others)

All age clients are covered by D.D.D. services. Client must provide D.D.D. with proof of the disability. There is a substantial wait before eligibility determination is complete. At times, additional testing must be done, which makes the process longer. D.D.D. appreciates whenever testing of children can be done through Hackensack University Medical Center, as their testing tends to be very thorough *Please note: permanent residents and those with green cards can be referred to D.D.D. but not illegal residents of the U .S.

VIII. HUDSON MILESTONES (Previously ARC of Hudson County)**Phone:** 201-434-7783**Contact:** See below**Website:** www.hudsonmilestones.org**Location:** 365-381 Clendenny Avenue, Jersey City, NJ**Services:****A. Programs for Disabled Children:**

Programs include in the home respite care, early intervention programs, cash stipend for families and child development centers. Some programs (in home respite and the cash stipend program) require D.D.D. registration and some do not. Contact person is Linda Flint.

B. Programs for Disabled Adults:

Programs available include case management, referrals to adult training centers and group homes, supervised apartments, and transportation to adult training centers. Contact Harris Rimshnick for day program information and Susan Luckman for residential programs. There is also an adult program on Saturdays, open to adults who attend one of their adult training centers and are registered with D.D.D. (For the Saturday program only, contact Linda Flint). **D.D.D. registration and D.D.D. referral to a specific program is required for adults.**

IX. ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES**(Formerly CEREBRAL PALSY OF NEW JERSEY)****Phone:** 1-888-322-1918 or 609-392-4004**Website:** www.cpofnj.org**Location:** 1005 Whitehead Road, Ewing NJ 08608**Contact:** Susan Dobifch, Information and Referral Specialist**Services:**

- 1) Provides respite services, consumer advocacy services for children and adults with disabilities, Family Support Programs. Clients must be registered with D.D.D. to receive those services.
- 2) Referral to local and statewide resources available for parents (and adult individuals with disabilities) in need of such referrals. Ask for Eric

X. H.I.P. (Heightened Independence and Progress)**Phone:** 201-533-4407**Website:** www.hipcil.org**Contact:** Kathy Wood**Location:** 35 Journal Square Jersey City, New Jersey 07306**A. Disabled adults and teenagers**

Services include information and referral, advocacy, peer support and independent living skills training for adults.

B. Parents of disabled children

Information and education on issues related to the disabled child, teenager or young adult is provided.

C. Disability Awareness Program

Program focuses on disability awareness education for school age children. A panel of disabled adults offers workshops on various disabilities and devices used to help them. Fee negotiable. Contact Kathy Wood.

D. Transition and advocacy program for children with disabilities

Contact Kathy Wood about this new program. The focus will be on development of self-advocacy skills and awareness of programs available to teenagers once they exit the special education system.

E. Hudson HIP Happenings

This is a recreational program for adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities that meets once a month. Contact Kathy Wood.

F. SAIL- Special Assistance For Independent Living

The program is for low-income families and individuals whose insurance will not cover the device or who lack insurance. Examples of assistive devices: air conditioner for chronic respiratory problems, eyeglasses and any other device that would enhance the individual's quality of life. There is an application process and a prescription from a healthcare professional is needed. Citizenship is not required for the application. An estimate from a vendor is also helpful although HIP can assist with getting a vendor estimate. Contact Noris Nunez.

G. Multimedia Transcription Services (Hackensack Office)

Braille, large print and audiotape transcription for people with print disabilities. This includes people with learning disabilities as well as visual impairment. (Example: a learning disabled teen who wants the driver's manual on audiotape). Contact is Cathy Zimmerman at 201-996-9100

XI. URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUNTY- S.S.I. OUTREACH PROGRAM

Phone: 201-451-8888, ext. 167

Contact: Vernon O'Lorghlin

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Assistance provided to those disabled people (or parents of disabled children) eligible for SSI who have not yet applied **or** who had applied before and were denied assistance and need assistance appealing the denial.

XII. CENTER FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

Phone: 718-791-7912

Contact: Dr. Stuart Cantor

Location: 350 Madison Avenue, Creskil, NJ 07626

Services: Clinical services include psychological evaluations, consultation for children and adults with A.D.D, and a parent support group. Client insurance or a sliding scale fee based

upon income. Workshops on A.D.D. can be presented to educators in the schools for a (negotiable) fee.

XIII. CONCORDIA LEARNING CENTER at ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Phone: 201-876-5432
Website: www.sjsnj.org
Contact: Maria Malapoe – EIP and Itinerant District Services
 Monique Herrera- Special Education School
 Maureen Weining – Adult Program Director- RAP- Realizing Adult Potential
 Migdala Violi- Jersey City Contracted Preschool Program
Location: 761 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307
Services: **Early Intervention Program (EIP)** for blind visually impaired children birth to age 3
Special Education School for blind/ visually impaired and multiply disabled students ages 3-21 with residential component.
Itinerant District Services for blind visually impaired children (birth to age 3)
Adult Day Life Skills Training Program- RAP for multiply disables adults
Jersey City Contracted Preschool Program for 3 year old residents of Jersey

MARGARET ANNA CUSACK CARE CENTER

Phone: 201-653-8300
Location: 537 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, N.J. 07306
Services: Long term skilled nursing facility for either blind or sighted adults. Men and Women are welcome, form of payment include Medicaid, Medicare, or self-pay.

XV. DENTAL LIFE LINE NETWORK **(FORMALLY NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HUDSON AND ESSEX COUNTIES OFFICE)**

Phone: 732-613-9206 (office) or 973-379-1120 (Eric Martinez, van coordinator)
Website: www.nfdh.org
Contact: Ronnie Calem, Supervisor, at 732-613-9206
Services:

There are three programs that may be helpful to school districts. They are:

1. **The BRIDGE Program**- provides hygienists to perform free dental screening on developmentally disabled children or adults, and then connect them to local providers. Cases are followed until the client receives the needed treatment. This program operates at various schools in Hudson County and throughout the state. **School nurses or others in the building may reach out to schedule the program.** (Some schools that previously participated were dropped from the program because parent consent forms were not completed).
2. **Mobile Van Program**-The dentists in this program do cleanings, fillings, extractions etc. whatever has to be done. Medicaid or private insurance. Children can be seen as a group when individual schools contract for this service. Developmentally disabled classes and

some self-contained B.D. classes may utilize the service. Contact Ronnie at number listed above or Erik at 973-379-7120.

3. **Donated Dental Services** 700 dentists throughout NJ have volunteered to treat disabled individuals (including disabled children who are uninsured) and the elderly. Call 732-549-8909 for additional information.

XVI. NEW JERSEY COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Phone: 973-648-2111

Contact: Solange Curry

Location: 153 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101

Services: Educational, social, vocational rehabilitation and other services provided. This office handles cases from Hudson County and services children and adults.

A. Children's Services:

- 1) Educational consultants available to school personnel to help visually impaired children. Services include adaptive materials and Braille.
- 2) Some financial assistance for low-income children needing major eye surgery

B. Adult Services:

Services include vocational rehabilitation services, teaching skills in the home and some financial assistance for eye surgeries.

XVII. C.O.S.A.C- The New Jersey Center for Outreach & Services for the Autism Community, Inc.

Phone: 609-883-8100 or 1-800-4-AUTISM

Email: njautism@aol.com

Website: www.njcosac.org

Location: 1450 Park side Avenue, Suite 22, Ewing, NJ 08638

Services: C.O.S.A.C. provides information for the autism community (clients, parents, professionals) regarding autism and services for autistic children and adults. Membership costs \$40.00 per year. Services include: school consultations on-site (provided at the request of a school professional), advocacy to parents provided by phone, and free I.E.P. reviews for members. This organization also provides referrals to local support groups and literature about autism. Call for information on support groups and additional available services. Hours of operation are 8:00 to 5 pm, Mondays through Friday.

XVIII. MEDICAID TRANSPORT SERVICES

Phone: 1-800-315-5278

Services: For those with Medicaid, children or adults, who are in need of transportation to a medical appointment, the above number can be contacted for information on the companies that provide the service if client is ambulatory. If client is not ambulatory and needs transportation, they should call Medicaid, which will arrange for the transportation. For questions related to Medicaid transportation for Hudson County please call Sharif at (201) 946-1600 or (201) 288-4040, you may also call the State Medicaid Office at 973-648-3700.

**XIX. NEW JERSEY WINS- WORK INCENTIVE NETWORK SUPPORT
(THROUGH CEREBRAL PALSY OF NEW JERSEY)****Phone:** 1-877-659-4672**Website:** www.njwins.org**Location:** calls go to Trenton or Little Falls, NJ**Services:** For individuals receiving SSI or SSDI between the ages of 14 and 65, free confidential benefits consultations are available to help those receiving benefits decide whether or not to take a job or increase work hours if they are concerned about losing their benefits or health insurance. This office also provides presentations to community groups about issues related to SSI/SSDI benefits and working.**XX. MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION****Phone:** (908) 964-5055**Contact:** CEO - Mr. Thomas Weatherall**Website:** www.wishnj.org**Location:** 1034 Salem Road. Union, New Jersey 07083**Services:** Dedicated to the happiness of children who must bear the burden of illness just when they begin to dream. This organization services children from 2 ½ to 18 years of age with life threatening medical conditions.**XXII. WISE HEARING of HOBOKEN****Phone:** (201) 792-5100**Contact:** Sara Herniquez**Location:** 334 Washington St. Hoboken, New Jersey 07030**Services:** This program offers audio logical services for adults ONLY. Services Include hearing testing, hearing aids, hearing evaluations and repair of hearing aids. They also provide an array of products available to their clientele, such as musician plugs, swim plugs and assistive listening devices. There are 3 easy accessible offices located in Hoboken, Bayonne, and Newark. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday 9am – 8pm, Tues 9am – 7pm, Thursday and Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturdays 10am – 4pm.**XIII. HUDSON COUNTY ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES****Phone:** 201-295-5160**Contact:** A case worker**Location:** 6018A Hudson, West New York, NJ 07093**Services:** Protection Services for Adults

EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS
(e.g. leg braces, hearing aids, etc.)

I. HIP - Heightened Independence and Progress /the SAIL Program

Phone: 201-533-4407

Contact: Kathleen Wood

Location: 35 Journal Square, Suite 703, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Help in paying for some assistive devices, for children or adults with disabilities. The program is for low-income individuals whose health insurance does not cover the device, or who lack insurance. Citizenship or green card is not required to apply. Applicants must provide a prescription from a healthcare provider indicating what device is needed as well as a diagnosis. For example the patient is chronic asthmatic and needs an air conditioner. Also provides information and referral as well as advocacy to individuals, system advocacy, and peer support. They also provide Individual living skills. Contact Kathleen Wood for additional information.

II. Rainbow Foundation - Medical Necessities

Phone: 732-671-4343

Website: www.rainbowfoundation.org

Contact: Terry Pacifico

Location: P.O. Box 545, New Monmouth, NJ 07748

Services: Assistance for payment of equipment for children with chronic illnesses is available. Examples of equipment include leg braces, hearing aids, and air conditioners for asthmatics. A check is sent directly to the vendor providing the equipment. **Families must be referred by social workers** from each county **or** school social workers. **This service is only available for Monmouth and Ocean County residents.**

III. Special Child, Health and Early Intervention Services - Department of Health and Senior Services

Phone: 1-609-777-7778

Website: www.state.nj.us/health (From there, navigate to early intervention)

Contact: A case manager, or Pauline Lisciotto

Location: P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Services: Special child and early intervention services for children from birth through age 3 years old and covers several areas including therapy services for infants with developmental problems (birth -3 years old), payment of medications and equipment for some children and teens that are income-eligible and have no health insurance. Equipment may include hearing aids, orthotics, prosthetics, leg braces, and drugs for uninsured children with asthma or cystic fibrosis. The clients need only be New Jersey residents; there are no stringent immigration guidelines.

IV. Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - New Jersey Department of Human Services

Phone: 1-800-792-8339

Location: P.O. Box 074, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364

Services: An information and referral line provides information on deafness including how deaf children, adults, veterans, etc. may access hearing aids as well as Coordinates sign language interpreter's services.

CHAPTER 5**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Suicide Prevention – Lifeline_ 1-800-LIFENET (543-3638)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255
National Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 1-800-784-2433

I. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER / LIBERTY HEALTH
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Most insurance accepted including Medicaid. Call Ms. Barbara Thomas at 201-521-5931 for verification. Charity Care is available for those who can show proof of income and residency in Hudson County. Insurance must be verified or parent must apply for charity care before the scheduled intake appointment.

A. Department of Outpatient Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

Phone: 201-915-2272

Contact: Maggie Ortiz or Jeannette/ Access Center

Director: Marli Vogel-Gelfand

Location: 395 Grand Street, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Individual, family and group psychotherapy services for children and adolescents with mental/behavioral health issues, ages 4 through 18. There are Psychiatrists on staff for evaluation and medication management. Parent or guardian should call the intake line to set up an initial evaluation with a Master's level clinician, which in most cases will become the therapist for the family. An evaluation with a psychiatrist will be scheduled next, regardless of medication needs or lack thereof. In addition they provide specialized groups based on the need ie: bereavement, social skills, self esteem and anger management.

B. Pediatric Psychological Services

Phone: 201-915-2848

Contact: Nouri Ghahary

Location: 395 Grand Street, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Psychological Testing – This service provides comprehensive evaluations by professional staff to children ages 4-17.

C. Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Programs

Phone: 201-915-2285

Contact: Diane Jordan, Coordinator

Location: 395 Grand Street, 1st floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

1. Child Therapeutic After School Program- A daily three-hour therapeutic program servicing children ages 5 to 11 who are currently in school and are experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties that are interfering with their day to day functioning. Multiple curriculum specific group therapies are offered to meet clients' individualized needs, including self-esteem groups and impulse control groups.

Assistance with transportation within Jersey City for those families that qualify. Program meets from 3:30-6:45 p.m.

2. Therapeutic Nursery Program- This is a six hour therapeutic program servicing children ages 3-5 that are not in kindergarten and who are experiencing emotional and behavioral concerns that require a higher level of care than one outpatient visit per week. All children receive a comprehensive Psychiatric evaluation upon entering the program. Transportation available within Jersey City for those families that qualify. The child receives group, individual and family therapy with a Masters level clinician and developmental and social skills groups throughout the day. The Program also has a Family Specialist that can make home visits to help the family reach goals and stabilization within the home and school.
3. Adolescent Afterschool Program - This daily three hour therapeutic program is offered to teenagers 11 to 17 who are experiencing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and impulse control/behavioral problems. Group therapy focuses on anger management, social skills building and handling stress, as well as individual and family therapy, as needed. Psychiatric evaluation is mandatory. Classified or non-classified students accepted. Program is best for teens without seriously aggressive behaviors that are in need of a higher level of mental health treatment than one hour of therapy a week. Program meets from 3:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. Medicaid or charity care accepted. Transportation available within Jersey City for families that qualify.
4. New Start Day Program - This is a three-hour therapeutic program (12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.) for clients ages 10-17 who are not able to be maintained in a school setting due to mental health issues such as Major Depression, Anxiety, Psychosis, Post-traumatic stress, etc. that interfere with day to day functioning. Clients attend curriculum specific groups based on their psychiatric needs such as peer conflict groups, controlling anxiety/relaxation groups etc. Psychiatric services and transportation within Jersey City also provided. Note: This program is for students who are not attending school. **It may be an appropriate program for some home instruction students who are experiencing mental health issues. A goal of the program is to help these students return to school.**

II. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER-ADULT PSYCHIATRY SERVICES

A. Department of Adult Outpatient Psychiatry Services:

Phone: 201-915-2272

Contact: Maggie or Jeannette, Access workers

Location: 395 Grand Street, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Therapy for adults age eighteen and over needing individual, short or long-term treatment, psychiatric evaluation or medication. Approximately 2-3 months wait for a therapist. Charity care can be processed at this location. Call to see if in qualified catchment area.

B. Psychiatric Involuntary Adult Inpatient Unit

Phone: 201-915-2356

Location: Jersey City Medical Center, 355 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Short-term hospitalization is open to Hudson County adults.

C. Psychiatric Voluntary Adult Inpatient Unit

Phone: 201-915-2350

Location: Jersey City Medical Center, 355 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Open to Hudson County adults. Short-term stay averages about ten days at this unit.

D. Adult Partial Hospital Program and Day Treatment Program

Phone: 201-915-2247

Location: 395 Grand Street, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ

Services:

1. Adult Partial Hospital Program - For adults with chronic psychiatric problems who need a daily therapeutic program. Psychiatric evaluation and case management are provided.

2. Short Term Day Treatment Program - This is a six-week program for adults who need follow-up after an acute psychiatric crisis. After this program they enter into either weekly therapy or another program based on need.

III. JERSEY CITY MEDICAL CENTER- PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND OUTREACH and HUDSON COUNTY TRAUMATIC LOSS COALITION FOR YOUTH.

Phone: 201-915-2210 (Mobile crisis outreach)

Toll Free Number: 1-866-367-6023

Contact: A screener

Director: Silvana Gomez

Location: Jersey City Medical Center Emergency Room,
355 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

1) A 24-hour Mobile Response Service available to Hudson County children or adults in need of emergency psychiatric evaluation. There are two mobile units covering all of Hudson County.

2) Consultations and Staff Training- Phone consultation with the child specialist, Silvana Gomez, the director, regarding specific situations in your building. Ms. Gomez can also offer training for appropriate school staff on use of the Mobile Crisis services at your school.

3) Troubleshooting provided to address any major problems in accessing a psychiatric evaluation for a student, contact Silvana Gomez or Denis Murphy, the child specialist, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

IV. CHRIST HOSPITAL'S OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**A. Department of Behavioral Health/Counseling and Resource Center**

Phone: 201-795-8375 7:30-9:00

Outpatient Manager (Mental Health Services): Mark Drowe

Psychiatric Emergency Services Supervisor: Jim Green (201) 795-8373

Director of Substance Abuse Services: Stephanie Simon

Location: 179 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306 (across the street from the hospital)

Services: Child, adolescent, marital, family and adult therapy services are outpatient mental health services available. They can only accept individuals for therapy from their catchment area (Heights area, Journal Square area and parts of downtown), however some individuals with private insurance will be considered for services. Medicaid, some private insurance and charity care (processed at the Counseling and Resource Center for those eligible) will cover the expense. They no longer can accept clients from outside the catchment area for outpatient mental health services; however, some clients may qualify for topic specific programs that are grant-funded.

Outpatient services include psychotherapy for children, adolescents, adults, families, psychiatric consultation and medication. For children and adolescents referred to therapy, a strong family component will be part of the treatment plan. The intake coordinator will return your call for more information on the referral, so you can give background information. If 2 to 3 days pass without a call back, you or the parent should call again. If the parent's call is not returned, contact Stephanie Fisher, manager for Outpatient Mental Health.

*If client has private insurance, call **insurance provider first** to see if Christ Hospital is an eligible provider. Let them know that Christ Hospital has both **licensed social workers and counselors**. The Access Coordinator will expect the client to have done this already.

*Charity care is available for those who live **within the catchment area only**. All registration for charity care is done on-site at the Counseling and Resource Center. Inquire about what to bring.

*Some walk-in appointments/and quick intakes may be available for adults but a child or adolescent needs to have a parent with them in order for services to be rendered.

B. Christ Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services - 201-795-8374 (24 hour number)

Psychiatric Emergency Services: 201-795-8374

Supervisor: Jim Green

Location: Emergency Room Department of the hospital, across from Security

Services: 24 hour, 7 day a week on-site assessment, crisis intervention and inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.

C. Women and Children Services:

These programs are open to Hudson County residents regardless of address and will accept clients free of charge if income-eligible or for a nominal fee if family is not income eligible. (Project Second Chance, however, is covered by Medicaid or Charity Care only).

The supervisor of all Women and Children's programs is Stephanie Simon, ext. 8083

2. Women's Project

Phone: 201-795-8416

Contact: Michele Bernstein

Location: Counseling & Resource Center

Services:

- a) Groups & Workshops- Topics include assertiveness training, self esteem, stress management, domestic violence education and supporting children of divorce.
- b) Life Skills Mentor Program - One on one help for women who want to focus on specific life skills such as making a budget, writing a resume, finding out about GED programs and other life skills.

3. Hudson County Rape Crisis Center

Phone: 201-795-8741

Hotline: 201-795-5757 (24 hours/ 7days)

Coordinator: Sailome Walo

Location: Counseling & Resource Center

Services:

- a) Short-Term Counseling and Referrals for Long-Term Therapy Crisis intervention and short-term counseling for victims of sexual abuse and rape is offered by Ms. Walo for adults and teenagers. Victims under age 13 may be referred to Elise Breen, at extension 5228. Clients with long-term therapy needs are referred out to another clinician at Christ Hospital, Bayonne Hospital or the Jersey City Medical Center.
- b) A 24-Hour Hotline for victims of sexual assault and rape has been established. The hotline number is 201-795-5757.
- c) Professional and Community Presentations on Sexual Assault including school presentations to middle and high school students regarding prevention of date rape and sexual harassment. Contact Ms. Walo.
- d) Medical, Police and Court Accompaniment by Trained Advocates for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault – Contact Ms. Walo.

4. Hope Program

Phone: 201 795-8375 extension 5454

Services: Free counseling services for children who have been sexually traumatized.

V. CATHOLIC CHARTIES ARCHDIOCESES OF NEWARK

A. Adult/Family Counseling: General

Phone: 201-395-5400

Contact: Access Department

Location: 249 Virginia Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Counseling; psychiatric evaluations for ongoing clients, and medication monitoring are services available. You must live in Catchment Area 43 (i.e. southern part of Jersey City) for outpatient behavioral health services. Call for verification for all types of insurances.

B. Programs for Mentally Ill Adults

Partial Care Programs for mentally ill adults include:

- 1- Day Treatment Program for Mentally Ill Chemically Addicted (MICA's) clients is offered at 285 Magnolia Avenue.

2- **Daily Socialization and Life Skills Program** at 249 Virginia Avenue for mentally ill adults. Medicaid usually covers the above programs for the mentally ill, with a co-payment.

Once considered an ongoing client, case management and assistance with applying for SSI and other services are offered for those without insurance or financial resources via the entitlement department.

C. CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK – SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

1. The Family Resource Center- Counseling for D.Y.F.S.-Involved Families

Phone: 201-798-9904

Contact: Gilma Garcia, Program Manager

Location: 249 Virginia, Jersey City, NJ (near St. John's Church)

Services: **Counseling for D.Y.F.S. - involved families.** Cases must be **open** Jersey City or Bayonne D.Y.F.S. cases, and D.Y.F.S. **must make the referred.** Case management, individual and family therapy, home visits and after school recreation are available.

Referrals must come from the Resource Development Specialist located in each local DYFS office.

2. The Family Resource Center – Pre - Adoption Counseling Program

Phone: 201-798-9904

Contact: Gilma Garcia, Program Manager

Location: 249 Virginia, JC, NJ

Services: The Family Resource Center offers pre-adoption counseling for families who are adopting from the DYFS system and referrals must come from the Resource Development Specialist from each local office.

3. The Family Resource Center – Post - Adoption Counseling Program/ Kinship Legal Guardianship (KLG) Counseling

Phone: 201-798-9904

Contact: Gilma Garcia, Program Manager

Location: 249 Virginia Ave. Jersey City, NJ

Services: The Family Resource Center provides families with clinical and supportive services, case management, group therapy, and respite services to families who have adopted children with special needs from the DYFS system.

4. Children's Mobile Response & Stabilization Services/Family Crisis Intervention Unit (CMRSS)

Phone: 1-877-652-7624/973-896-9826

Director: Patricia Valdiva, LCSW

Location: 249 Virginia Ave., Jersey City, NJ

Services: CMRSS of Hudson County provides families with counseling, guidance, and referral services to address juvenile family crises and to help in stabilizing and preserving the family unit. The program addresses juvenile behavioral problems, such as truancy, chronic

runaways, family disputes, and curfew violations. Depending on the assessment, which may include and in-home evaluation, the conflict resolution may require formal court presentation. CMRSS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help children and youth who are experiencing emotional or behavioral crises. The services are designed to defuse an immediate crisis, keep children and their family safe, and maintain the children in their own homes or current living situation (such as a foster home, treatment home or group home) in the community. Service effectiveness and comprehensiveness are sharpened through diligent networking and cross-referencing between various social services fields. Eligible age-group categories include children and youth ages 5-18 and young adults ages 18-21 that have been recipients of services through the DYFS, Division of Mental Health Services or the Juvenile Justice system. CMRSS responds to police when requested.

5. Intensive Family Support Services for Families with Mental Illness

Phone: 201-798-9925

Contact: Iskra Gomez

Location: 249 Virginia Ave, Jersey City, NJ

Services: Free support, advocacy and intensive family consultation services for Hudson County residents who are caregivers of an adult with mental illness. Services include outreach, home visits, referrals, accompaniment of either the mentally ill adult or the family member to medical appointments, and respite services families. Program offers evening support groups on every other Thursday of the month.

6. Pride Mentor Program

Phone: 201-798-9920

Contact: Stacyann Dawkins, Program Coordinator

Manager: Suzy Jarkezian, Program Manager 201-798-9921

Location: 249 Virginia Ave, Jersey City, NJ

Services: Matches young people with professionally trained mentors. Youth are given the opportunity to learn how to develop independent living skills within a warm, nurturing relationship.

7. Westside Children Counseling

Phone: 201-798-9956

Referral Hotline: 201-798-2165 Sussie

Contact: Leslie Moore, Program Manager

Location: 249 Virginia Ave., Jersey City, NJ

VI. HOBOKEN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - (ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS)

Phone: 201-792-8200

Location: 506 3rd Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Services:

A. **Special Programs:** - Free to any eligible Hudson County family.

1. **"PROJECT SAFE"- Program for Incestuous Families (D.Y.F.S. referred only)**

Therapy is available for children and teenage victims of sexual abuse. The client's

D.F.Y.S. worker must make this referral. Home visits are provided if a need is established. Contact Giuliana Capone for details at 201-792-8199.

2. Clubhouse - DYFS referral needed, Program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for children ages 6 through 11 who need to deal with behavioral and/or emotional problems.

3. Project RAPP A therapeutic after school program for children ages 12-17, to deal with behavioral and/or emotional problems. No transportation provided. Anyone can make a referral.

VII. WOMEN RISING, INC.-YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Phone: 201-333-5700

Contact: Blanca Santana, ext. 516

Location: 270 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. F.S.S. Program (Family Support Services)

Provides free family support services of short-term counseling for short-term issues **on-site** at **Women Rising**. Examples of counseling issues include domestic violence, client not sure about leaving an abusive spouse, incorrigible children, parent-child problems and truancy. D.Y.F.S. or non-D.Y.F.S. referrals accepted. The service is free. Contact Blanca Santana at 201-333-5700, ext. 516.

B. F.A.P. Program - (Family Advocacy Program)

This program offers comprehensive **in-home counseling services** for dysfunctional families and therapeutic recreation for the children. Appropriate referrals are minor children (ages 7-17) at high risk of being placed outside the home due to problems such as parental illness, child abuse or neglect, or substance abuse. Some cases are referred by D.Y.F.S.; others are non-D.Y.F.S. cases referred by the community or self-referred. School professionals may also refer cases open with D.Y.F.S.; the program will then make the subsequent contacts with the D.Y.F.S. caseworker. Contact Blanca Santana at 201 333-5700, ext. 516 to refer.

VIII. HUDSON HOSPICE, INC.

Phone: 201-433-6225

Contact: Sharon Kudlacik

Office Address: 93 Clerk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Location of Bereavement Group: St. Joseph's Church, 317 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ at the corner of Avenue E and 25th Street.

Services: Free bereavement group therapy for children ages 5-17 who are grieving a loss for any reason. A group for the adult survivors (parents/guardians) runs concurrent with children's' group. Group meets Wednesday evenings, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and runs for ten weeks. **Transportation is provided for clients in need.** Intakes are scheduled either at 4:30 or after 6:00 p.m. Intakes must be scheduled before children can begin group.

XI. PUERTO RICAN FAMILY INSTITUTE, INC.**Phone:** 201-610-1446**Contact:** Debra Santiago**Location:** 35 Journal Square, Suite 528, Jersey City, NJ 07306**Services:**

A. Counseling -Spanish and English speaking mental health services offered to children, teens and adults. Individual therapy, family therapy, psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring is available. *The Institute will service **uninsured** and **undocumented** immigrant clients for a nominal fee. There are evening and Saturday hours.

B. BRIDGES Program HIV / AIDS Mental Health Services

Free individual counseling and psychiatric services provided to Hudson County HIV positive adults with Medicaid. Some family support is also offered but primary client is the infected person. Services also include support groups offered every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Any person infected with the virus can attend. Home visits are available when needed. Contact Maribel Burgos for more information.

XII. BAYONNE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**Phone:** 201-339-9200**Contact:** Intake**Location:** 601 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002**Services:** Outpatient mental services for children, adults and families.**XIII. MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HUDSON COUNTY****Phone:** 201-653-4700**Contact:** Janeen Morrison**Location:** 3000 Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City**Services:** The "Community Advocates Program" offers a mentor to mentally ill adults in need of support or advocacy.**XIV. MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN NEW JERSEY****Phone:** 973-571-4100**Website:** www.mhanj.org**Location:** 88 Pompton Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044**Services:** Strives to advocate for children and adults to achieve mental health through education, training and services. This office offers seminars often, most recently on finding clinical services for disaster mental health treatment. School personnel may want to be on this mailing list**XV. PERFORM CARE****Phone:** 1-877-652-7624 (24 hour hotline)**Website:** www.njkidsoc.org**State Contact (to make a referral):** A care manager**Location:** Trenton, NJ**Services:**

- A. Parents of children ages birth -18 who have emotional or behavioral problems and need some level of mental health services for the child and/or family may call the state hotline, 24 hours/day, and receive some level of service, as deemed appropriate by the care manager. Possible services offered may include: a referral to the local Emergency Room; a mobile response team coming to the home to assess child's needs and to recommend services; a licensed clinician coming to the home to decide if in-the-home mental health services may be necessary; or monthly telephone support to a family. If a school professional needs more clarification on this program, call and ask for Colleen Feeney, Care Coordinator. However, parents must self-refer to be assisted.
- B. Children between the ages of five and twenty-one who are at risk of residential placement may be referred to Hudson Partnership CMO for case management and advocacy services via the state hotline when they are involved with two or more systems, such as Juvenile Justice, DYFS or mental health. Children accepted to the CMO for case management would receive home and community-based services designed to meet the child/family's needs. Parents/guardians must agree to participate in this program. Each county can work with a maximum of 180 children at a time.
- C. The Secaucus number, 201-537-1460, may be called if local organizations or school staff need information/training on the above services; ask for Jean Cenicola.

XVI. National Mental Health Information Center

Phone: 1-800-789-2647

Talk line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Website: www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov

Services: Free publications on mental health topics including trauma and disasters. Referrals to local mental health centers, as well as, to others services related to the 9/11 attacks.

XVII. THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS/ NATIONAL HOTLINE

Phone: 1-877-969-0010

Website: www.compassionatefriends.org

Services: Provides support to families who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling. Referrals are made to local chapter meetings. Call the national hotline for that information.

XVIII. JEWISH FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Phone: 201-604-9991

Contact: Lisa Traiger

Location: 921 Bergen Avenue, Suite 627, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Counseling services for anyone living in Hudson County on a variety of issues. If psychiatric services are needed, a referral is made off-site. Insurance is accepted for payment. **No Medicaid accepted.** There is a very short wait for services. Flexible evening hours are available.

XIX. VISITING HOMEMAKERS OF HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-656-6001

Website: www.vhshc.org

Contact: Central Intake

Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Families in Crisis Program

The program is designed to keep families intact during times of crisis including assistance to parents with mentally or physically disabled children. Examples of family crisis include parental stress, new parent, teen parent, multiple births, a death in the family or a hospitalized spouse. A case worker and homemaker make regular visits to assist in establishing a household routine, such as assisting children with homework, etc. Based on the case worker's assessment, the homemaker may be provided up to twenty hours a week so that young children will be adequately cared for and so that over-burdened parents can receive support and guidance during periods of stress. It is a short-term program with low income. The program may be helpful to a family who is not yet appropriate to refer to DYFS, but in need of some assistance so as to prevent referral. This program does **not** involve babysitting. Some adult **must be present** while services are being provided. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

B. CASE Program

This program provides counseling and parenting skills in the home for open DYFS cases. These cases must be referred by DYFS. More hours of service are provided to these families, including overnights. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

C. Respite and Personal Care Services

This program provides homemakers services, respite care, and personal care assistants (P.C.A.) to the elderly or disabled adults. There are income guidelines for the respite program, which is available to caretakers of anyone 18 or older (handicapped or disabled). The P.C.A. program is for Medicaid clients who are disabled adults, and some disabled children. The respite program is income and need based, but it is not a Medicaid program. Contact Cecilia Demko at ext. 114.

D. Ryan White Program

Home health aide services and case management and advocacy for people with HIV/AIDS are available. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

E. Emergency Chore Service

Assist with heavy house cleaning to return the home environment to a safe, healthy condition. This service is provided once a year to low income families and it is a one day service. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

Note: Some Visiting Homemakers services are free and others are for fee or through insurance. Inquire with program director or intake.

CHAPTER 6**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES**

1. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE (STATE OF NJ):** 1-800-572-SAFE
HUDSON COUNTY HOTLINE: 201-333-5700 ext. 511
NJ COALITION FOR BATTERED WOMEN'S WEBSITE: www.njcbw.org

11. **SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU)**

Phone: 201-915-1234

Location: 555 Duncan Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Contact: Detective

Services: You may call this number to report suspected child abuse, sexual abuse or if you have questions related to procedures.

111. **HUDSON COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

Phone: 201-795-8741/795-8375

Hotline: 201-795-5757 (24 hours/ 7days)

Coordinator: Sailome Walo-Roberts

Location: 179 Palisade Ave. Jersey City, NJ

Services:

a) **Short-Term Counseling and Referrals for Long-Term Therapy** Crisis intervention and short-term counseling for victims of sexual abuse and rape is offered by Ms. Walo-Roberts for adults and teenagers. Victims under age 13 may be referred to Elise Breen, at extension 5228. Clients with long-term therapy needs are referred out to another clinician at Christ Hospital, Bayonne Hospital or the Jersey City Medical Center.

b) **A 24-Hour Hotline** for victims of sexual assault and rape has been established. The hotline number is 201-795-5757.

c) **Professional and Community Presentations on Sexual Assault** including school presentations to middle and high school students regarding prevention of date rape and sexual harassment. Contact Ms. Walo-Roberts.

d) **Medical, Police and Court Accompaniment by Trained Advocates for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault** – Contact Ms. Walo-Roberts

4. **Hope Program**

Phone: 201- 795-8375 ext. 5454

Services: Free counseling services for children who have been sexually traumatized.

V1. **HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCACY**

Phone: 201-795-6508

Location: 595 Newark Ave. Jersey City, NJ

Contact: Aileen Hayes-Victim Advocate

V. WOMEN RISING, INC. - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-333-5700 (24 hours)

Website: www.womenrising.org

Contact: Extension 511 for a hotline worker

Supervisor Marcella Williamson, ext. 521

Director: Joaneileen Coughlin ext. 553

Location: 270 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

A. The Battered Women's Shelter

The shelter houses battered women and their children. Call ext. 511 for a hotline worker.

B. English-speaking Support Group

Monday evening support group meets 6:00 p.m. for women in an abusive relationship that need assistance/support, in the process of leaving an abusive partner or who have left an abusive relationship and need continued support. Included is information sharing on the legal system and the process of obtaining a restraining order. For more information contact Joaneileen Coughlin ext. 553 or ask for ext. 511. Child care is available.

C. Domestic Violence Counseling

For non-urgent counseling services related to domestic violence issues call intake to request an appointment. Ask for Blanca Santana at extension 516. While there is a short wait for an appointment, Blanca will do a phone screening with a client to assess for safety issues, and will direct the client to one of their support groups or to other appropriate programs assistance if needed.

*Please note- couples counseling (battered women with the batterer) is not offered

D. Domestic Violence Speaker "Healthy Relationships" Workshops

A domestic violence speaker can come to schools (grades 6-12, and special education classes), parents' groups, agencies, housing facilities or other sites to speak about the subject in general and about the services offered by Women Rising. Training sessions for staff also available, contact Charmaine Chaddam at ext. 521. *Note: October is domestic violence awareness month.

E. Domestic Violence Court Liaison

A liaison from Women Rising, Llinet Garcia, is available at Family Court on the 2nd Floor in Room 218 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Blanca can assist client with filing a restraining order and, when appropriate, can be present in court to offer support to the victim. Referrals provided to Legal Services, Welfare and to shelters as needed. Call 201- 222-7702.

Note: All Women Rising services are provided free of charge.

V. RESTRAINING ORDER-HUDSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Phone: 201-795-5670 (direct line) or 201-217-5384 (receptionist)

Contact: Priscilla Render/George Stanowski

Location: Family Court- Room 220B, Domestic Violence Unit - 595 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: To file for a restraining order, the client must go to room 220B at Family Court, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and before 3:30 p.m. **If it is after 3:30 P.M. or on a weekend, the client should go to the local police station, where a judge should be contacted via telephone.**

VI. CHRIST HOSPITAL'S WOMEN'S PROJECT

Phone: 201-795-8375

Contact: Michele Bernstein, extension 8416

Location: Counseling and Resource Center, 179 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Workshops, groups and classes for women dealing with women's issues. Groups cover a wide variety of self-help topics. Various programs may include Anger Management, self-esteem, Domestic Violence educational and support groups, etc. Individual counseling is open to any Hudson County woman age 18 and older that meets low-income guidelines. Most group counseling programs are free. There is also an outreach program dealing with groups and organizations. The Women's Project also offers a one-on-one life skills mentor program to assist women with job hunting, resume writing, etc. Call for a list of programs.

VII. NORTHEAST NJ LEGAL SERVICES

Phone: 201-792-6363

Contact: Mary O'Brien – Family Law ext. 3226

Location: 574 Summit Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Consultation with a family attorney for income eligible individuals regarding matters such as court appearances at the Family Court, child custody and visitation matters, child support questions, divorces, etc. as it relates to domestic violence. Representation is only offered to the non-abuser, individual is not eligible for services if considered the aggressor. It is important that the victim who may seek services is certain that her/his partner is not already receiving legal services at this location; otherwise there is a conflict of interest ***Note:**

Domestic violence or related situations are the only cases under which undocumented, married immigrants can be assisted at Legal Services.

VIII. LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Phone: 1-888-576-5529

Website: www.LSNJ.org

Services: Legal Services of NJ has a toll-free legal hotline for low-income or no income victims of domestic violence as well as various other concerns. Attorneys are available for legal information but advice is not given on legal matters. They also have a variety of publications and a client Web site. A domestic violence handbook, **Domestic Violence: A Guide to the Legal Rights of Domestic Violence Victims in New Jersey** is also available through this office. The guide will also be available at the above website.

IX. SETON HALL LAW CLINIC- IMMIGRANT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

Phone: 973-642-8700

Location: 833 McCarter Highway, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: There is a law that affects the legal standing of some immigrants who are victims of domestic violence under VAWA (Violence Against Women Act). This applies to women (non-citizens) who are or were victims of domestic violence and are married to or divorced from either an American citizen or a permanent resident. A special visa may be issued if her case meets the guidelines under this act. Seton Hall's Law Clinic is able to represent a limited number of individuals who may qualify for representation.

X. NJ COALITION FOR BATTERED WOMEN

Phone: 609-584-8107

Website: www.njcbw.org

Contact: 2620 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road, Trenton, NJ 08690-9750

Services: This coalition provides free statistics, resources and information/brochures on domestic violence. Training and technical assistance is also offered to community, law enforcement, and civic, church and professional groups.

XI. THE INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY SERVICES

Phone: 732-873-1663

Director: Dr. Rhea Almeida

Location: 3 Clyde Road, Suite 101, Bldg. 3, Somerset, NJ 08873

Services: Clinical services are offered to men, women and families affected by domestic violence. This agency also provides education, consultation services and professional training related to domestic violence, violence prevention, multiracial and multicultural issues, sexual abuse, step parenting and other related areas. Substance abuse evaluations and counseling are also available.

XII. NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORP.

Phone: 201-866-9320, extension 225

Contact: Tina Morales

Location: 5301 Broadway, 2nd floor, West New York, NJ 07093

Services: Spanish-speaking domestic violence support group on Monday 6:00-7:00pm. Childcare is available on site. Please call for additional information.

CHAPTER 7**PARENTING PROGRAMS****I. PREVENT CHILD ABUSE NEW JERSEY**

Phone: (732) 246 8060 (State Headquarters) Fax: (732) 246-1776
(973) 643-3710 (Newark Office)

Hotline: 1-800-CHILDREN

Website: www.preventchildabuseNJ.org

Services: PCA-NJ leads statewide efforts to eliminate child abuse in NJ
Helps establish local partnerships, offers literature and brochures and conducts workshops for professionals about working with families in New Jersey.

II. CHILD HELP U.S.A. NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

Phone: 1-800-422-4453

Contact: Helpline counselor

Services: Anonymous, 24 hour phone consultation, advice and local referrals for children who are in abusive situation or parents concerned about their own abusive relationships.

III. CHRIST HOSPITAL'S HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR PARENTS THROUGH EDUCATION (H.O.P.E.)

Phone: 201-795-8375

Location: Counseling and Resource Center, 179 Palisade Ave, Jersey City

Services: Provides assessments, counseling, parent training and referral services for families affected by or at risk of child abuse.

IV. HUDSON COUNTY CENTER FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Phone: 201-798-5588

Website: hccapc.com

Contact: Kim Rhock

Location: 585 Newark Ave, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ

Services:

A. E.P.I.C. Parenting Workshops

Free parenting workshops, for three age groups (0-3, 4-12, or teens) are conducted at schools, housing projects and at the Bergen Avenue office. Topics of presentations can be tailored to meet parents' needs.

B. Successful Teen Parenting Program

This parenting program for teen mothers is held at various high schools. If a school does not have the program, call about establishing one.

V. URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUNTY- PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS**A. Adopt-A-Parent Program**

Phone: 201-451-8888, extension 135

Contact: Maria Rosado (Ext. 147)

Supervisor: Nydia Ortiz (Ext. 148)

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Program provides a support mechanism for parents in crisis. Experienced senior volunteers are placed in the homes of referred families to assist and aid with child rearing. The program offers: family counseling, individual counseling, companionship, and hands on training.

B. Professional Trainings For Parents

Phone: 201-451-8888, extension 194

Contact: Lois Carter

Services: Parent trainings may be requested by schools for parent groups.

VI. PARENTS ANONYMOUS FAMILY HELP LINE

Phone: 1-800-THE-KIDS (843-5437)

Contact: Parents Anonymous Volunteer

Services: Telephone hotline offered 24-hours a day, 7 days a week for counseling and advice by phone to stressed out parents. Referrals to community resources are also provided.

VII. PARENTS ANONYMOUS OF NJ- TRAININGS

Phone: 973-414-6650 (East Orange office)

Website: www.pa-of-nj.org

Contact: Suzanne Reitmeier (North Jersey)

Location: 127 Route 206, Suite 10, Hamilton, NJ 08610

Services: Suzanne can provide training to individuals who want to start a local Parents Anonymous group. Schools or agencies may contact her. Most trainings are held in East Orange, but if a group can get together five or more individuals (parents or professionals) who want to be trained to lead Parents Anonymous Groups, then Suzanne can come to Jersey City.

24 Hour Stress Line - (1-800-The kids) 24 hour listening line. Information and referrals provided.

VIII. FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER (HORIZON HEALTH CENTER)

Phone: 201-451-4767

Contact: Maxine Lisboa

Location: 725 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Parenting workshops, counseling and information and referral to community agencies. There are parent-child community activities and trips. Support group for single parents and teen parents, educational resources and they currently have funding for concert services such as food and clothing.

IX. VISITING HOMEMAKERS OF HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-656-6001

Website: www.vhshc.org

Contact: Central Intake

Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

- 1) **Families in Crisis Program** - Short-term in-home support for stressed parents which may last up to three months, for non-DYFS involved families. Refer to Central Intake or call Karen Marc at extension 335 for details. Hours of operations are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 2) **CASE Program**- In-home parenting skills training for DYFS involved families that are referred by their DYFS caseworkers. Contact Eva Myrick for details at extension 301.

X. GIRLS AND BOYS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE

Phone: 1-800-448-3000

Website: www.girlsandboystown.org

Services:

A. Short-term crisis counseling for children/teens and their parents. Conflict in the home, teen suicide, peer pressure and drugs are typical issues that are handled.

B. Literature/brochures as well as referrals to local programs.

C. Information provided to parents on request regarding the Girls and Boys Town, Nebraska residential program. This program, for children ages 10-17, lasts a minimum of one year.

Note: Refers to agencies within every state, Out of home placements within each state.

CHAPTER 8**PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT OR PARENTING TEENS**

Important information for pregnant teens/teen mothers - *A teen under age 18 who has a baby can **only** receive cash assistance (T.A.N.F.) if she complies with the following:

A. Living with a blood relative or legal guardian whose income is low enough that the household will qualify for T.A.N.F. or whose guardian is on T.A.N.F and is participating in a Work First NJ activity and

B. Attending school or an approved Work First NJ program full-time, and

C. Providing information to the Child Support Unit about the baby's father.

***If the teen parent is not eligible for T.A.N.F. for any reason, the teen parent and her guardian should still apply for Medicaid for the baby and teen at County Welfare. If the guardian's total monthly income is too high for the teen and baby to qualify for Medicaid, the guardian may apply for NJ Family Care (1-800-701-0710) instead. There is also "presumptive eligibility" for Medicaid available at Horizon and other local women's clinics for pregnant women (see 1-C below)**

MEDICAL**I. HORIZON HEALTH CENTER-PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE**

Phone: 201-451-6300 - Main number
201-209-2319 - To schedule all appointments
201-710-2221 - Summit Avenue location

Locations: 714 Bergen Avenue, 1st Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: 115 Christopher Columbus Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07302

1) Bergen Avenue location

- A. Family Planning Clinic - Walk-in pregnancy tests, ext.2317
- B. Prenatal clinic - Pregnant women may make an appointment, ext. 2317
- C. Well-baby clinic and pediatrics - extension 2480
- D. W.I.C. registration for prenatal clients on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Clients must arrive before 10:30, extension 2429.
- E. Horizon staff processes "Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility" for pregnant women, Ext. 2404.
- F. On-site registration for NJ Family Care.

*No family planning on Christopher Columbus Drive but they OBG clinic.

II. HUDSON PERINATAL CONSORTIUM

Phone: 201-876-8900
Contact: Depends on program needed (see below)
Supervisor: Mary Ann Moore
Location: 242 10th Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Services:

A. Access to Care Program

Outreach services to women and children in need of health services with a focus on pregnant women. Services include referrals and accompaniment to medical services, prenatal care, immunizations and social services, including WIC. Follow-up is provided on prenatal, family planning and pediatric appointments. Contact Jeanne McMahon or Jennifer Singer for assistance. Program also provides home safety assessments. Program also provides one-to-one or mother's group on Baby's Basics.

B. NJ Family Care Enrollment

NJ Family Care enrollment can be provided on-site at 242 10th Street, at various health centers/hospitals or in the client's home. Ask for Lori Clarke. After hours call ext. 240 and leave message with question and phone number, someone will return call in morning.

C. Breast Feeding Support

Information and support on breastfeeding provided at the WIC office or in the home, as needed. Ask for Maryann Moore ex. 227.

D. Breast Cancer Services

Free services for indigent women with breast cancer include free wigs, bras with prosthesis, assistance with medication for the uninsured. Those with no legal status in the U.S. can be assisted. Ask for Stephanie Singer for assistance.

E. I.M.R. - Infant Mortality Project

Formerly Black Infant Mortality Project - Outreach workers are stationed on-site at Horizon Health Center and Metropolitan Family Health Center to identify and work with African-American women experiencing a great deal of stress during their pregnancies. People can call even if they are not linked to either of those centers. Support and assistance offered would include referrals to social services, encouragement to stop smoking. Program now includes any parent that has experienced stillbirth mortality. Ask for Lori Clarke.

F. Community Health Presentations- Presentations on topics related to women's or children's health is available to students, parents, staff, and organizations. Contact Julie Fitzgerald.

G. Nurse Family Partnership Program

Provide outreach services to pregnant or parenting teenagers. Contact Sara Yermae ex. 242 for more information.

III. NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION HEALTH CENTER

Phone: 201-210-0200
Location: 324 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Pregnancy tests are offered here 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Also provide free childbirth classes.

IV. JERSEY CITY WIC PROGRAM

Phone: 201-547-4587 or 6582
Location: 384 MLK Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
Services: The WIC Program offers infant formula for babies up to age 1. Supplemental food (i.e. milk, juice, cereal, eggs) provided to “nutritional risk” groups, pregnant women and children under five. Other services include nutritional education, referral to health clinics and physicians and referral to social services. Walk-ins accepted between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, but appointments may be made and are preferred. Client must bring proof of income for entire household, proof of address, HBID card (formally known as your Medicaid card), and immunization records. Eligibility for program is income-based. W.I.C. registration is also available at Metropolitan Family Health Network at 935 Garfield Avenue Monday mornings only.

V. CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PROGRAM

Phone: 201-309-4873
Location: 360 MLK Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
Contact: Nilda Guizas
Services: Free nursing and case management services in the home for eligible children who are considered “at risk” due to lead poisoning. Contact Nilda Guizas for more information.

VI. CHRIST HOSPITAL PERINATAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Phone: 201-795-8375
Location: 179 Palisades Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Assessment and counseling for women and their partners who are at risk for or are suffering from postpartum depression. Support provided for women who are pregnant have recently given birth or have suffered a miscarriage, stillborn, or infant death.

EDUCATIONAL**I. HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY-ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS****A. KAS - PREP Program**

Phone: 201-662-6767
Contact: Dr. Tom Killeen, Assistant Principal
Location: 2080 5th Street, North Bergen, NJ
Services: A program for general education students grades 8 and above. The program meets from 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. and is a regular high school diploma program. Transportation

and daycare are provided. Guidance counselor of sending school must complete the application to the program.

B. Career Academy

Phone: 201-662-6800

Contact: Lori Mercer

Location: 525 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: This program is for students ages 16-21 in need of an alternative education program. There is no need to be out of school a certain period of time. This application is separate from the County Prep application. Admission occurs twice a year in the fall and spring semester. A proficiency-based program, it is appropriate for students who have already mastered the eight grade. Some teen parents may be appropriate for referral if they meet eligibility guidelines; both on-site daycare and transportation is available. Some special education students are admitted, on a case-by-case basis, and with an I.E.P. Ask for Yvette Thomas if you need an application.

C. Adult High School-Evening Diploma Program

Phone: 201-854-4352 (for information/brochure)

Contact: After 5:00 p.m. call 201 413-5960

Location: 525 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: This program is open to anyone age 16 and over who has dropped out and lives in Hudson County. There is no entrance requirement. If a student was classified, he/she will be exempt from passing the H.S.P.A. if the I.E.P. indicated exemption and was written within the past three years otherwise, the H.S.P.A. is required for passage or exposure. Technical courses are available. Classes meet 4 days a week, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. September and January semesters are available. Call 201-662-6764 to request a brochure.

II. KENMARE HIGH SCHOOL / THE YORK STREET PROJECT

Phone: 201 451-1177

Contact: Marlene O'Connor

Location: 81-89 York Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: A high school for female dropouts ages 17 to 35 including teen mothers. A small number of pregnant students may be accepted from the Jersey City Public Schools each trimester with admission determined on a case-by-case basis. In these cases the student does not need to be out of school one year. All other students must be out of school for one year and pass an entrance test. A minimum of a 6th grade reading and math level is required for all admissions. Entry enrollment months include September, December and March. Daycare may be available for children ages five months through Kindergarten.

HOUSING

I. COVENANT HOUSE

A. RAFAEL'S LIFEHOUSE

Phone: 908-354-4750 or 973-621-8705 (24 hours)

Hotline for Youth (anywhere in the U.S.): 1-800-999-9999

Contact: Deborrah Lawton or Ruthie White

Location: 330 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: A twelve-bed residential facility for pregnant or parenting teens ages 18 through 21 who are homeless. Babies have to be under six-months at the time of intake. This is a program of Covenant House NJ. Case management, counseling, legal assistance and other support are provided. (See Chapter 4 for additional information)

II. GOOD COUNSEL INC.

Phone: 201-795-0637

Website: www.goodcounselhomes.org

Contacts: General Information-Silvana
Referrals –Sister Anna Maria - 1-800-723-8331

Services: There are five shelters operated through Good Counsel in New York City and New York State. The shelters are for single pregnant women age 18 and over who are homeless. Women with babies up to six weeks of age are also accepted to the program if they are homeless. The average stay is about six months. Case management and counseling are among services provided. The most recently opened shelter houses pregnant women with mental illness or substance abuse problems in Harrison, New York contact Jennifer Bates. In emergency situations, an adolescent under age 18 may be placed temporarily and then referred elsewhere. For all referrals, call the 1-800-723-8331.

III. SEVERAL SOURCES MATERNITY HOMES

Phone: 201-825-7277 or 1-800-662-2678

Website: www.lifecall.org

Contact: Hotline

Location: Ramsey, NJ

Services: Provides housing for pregnant teens and young women who have run away or have been told to leave their home. Two of the shelters are located near Ramsey, NJ, one in Mendham NJ, and one in Washington Township. Most clients are accepted within the first five months of pregnancy. Minors or women over 18 years old are also accepted. The clients attend local high schools, G.E.D. programs, receive tutoring in the shelter or are locally employed. They also receive counseling and case management. They can stay up until the baby's first birthday. For females under 18, parent or guardian must give permission for her to stay if the client plans to enroll in a local high school. However, based on family circumstances some minors are accepted without parent permission.

IV. DYFS-HOMES FOR PREGNANT TEENS UNDER AGE 18

Placements by DYFS are available for teen mothers under age eighteen in need of housing with her baby. There are currently seven placements, all still located in municipalities outside of Hudson County. However, there is no guarantee that the teen mom and baby will not be separated in the event that there are no available placements. The case should be referred to DYFS if the teen and baby are homeless and/or at risk for abuse or neglect where they are currently living.

COUNSELING AND CONCRETE SOCIAL SERVICES**I. URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUTY TEEN PARENTING PROGRAM**

Phone: 201-451-8888

Website: www.ulohc.org

Contact: Maria Rosado

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: For males and females ages 13 to 23, assistance is given related to teen pregnancy or teen parenting situations, issues faced by dropouts, homelessness and other social problems. Those at risk of teen pregnancy may also be referred. DYFS referred; school referred, or walk-ins accepted. Services include social service referrals, individual and group counseling, referrals to educational programs and advocacy. See Chapter 10 for more information.

II. FACES - PARENTING SKILLS GROUP

Phone: 201-451-4767

Contact: Wilma Torres

Location: 725 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

1. Parenting Skills Classes: Classes offered from 12 noon until 1 pm on Tuesdays.
2. Teen Parenting Classes: Classes offered from 4pm – 6pm on Thursdays. Bonding activities with the child is highlighted.

III. HUDSON COUNTY CENTER FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION -SUCCESSFUL TEEN PARENT GROUPS

Phone: 201-798-5588

Contact: Kim Rhock

Website: www.hccapc.org

Location: 586 Newark Ave., Suite 302, Jersey City

Services: Weekly parenting support groups for teen mothers and fathers provided. Organization also provides workshops for children around personnel safety issues. A \$25.00 fee per session will be charged.

III. SAFE HAVEN FOR INFANTS/ DEPT.OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Phone: 1-877-839-2339 - 24 hour hotline or 609-292-0888 for information during work hours

Services: The New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act allows a parent or his/her designee to surrender a new born, age 30 days or less, to any hospital emergency room or police station. No questions asked. As long as there are no signs of abuse the person can surrender a baby to a staff member by indicating that it is a SAFE HAVEN BABY, without fear of arrest or prosecution. A self addressed medical questionnaire is available and will be given to the individual at the time of the surrender. Any information regarding the family medical history provided will be helpful and can be done anonymously. The infant will be examined and given medical treatment as needed. Once the baby is surrendered under the Safe Haven Law, the state takes immediate custody and is placed in a pre-adoptive home. If the parent and/or family member has not come forward to claim the infant within 21 days of the surrender, DYFS will proceed with the permanent adoption of the baby. Please note if there are signs of abuse or neglect, then the Safe Haven Law does not apply and the case will be referred to DYFS.

IV. YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER- LEGAL ADVICE FOR TEEN PARENTS

Phone: (973) 621-8705

Contact: Amina Massinberg ex. 3436

Location: 330 Washington Street, Newark, NJ

Services: Legal advice is available to teenage parents through the age of 21 who have questions about custody and visitation rights. Though many teenagers who receive legal services here are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, it is not necessary that the client be homeless in order to receive legal advice. Program is a component of Covenant House.

CHAPTER 9

CHILDCARE

Overview: There are several categories that a client would fall into which determine which agency the referral is processed through and/or the funding source for a childcare slot. The categories are:

1. **Families Receiving Public Assistance (T.A.N.F.) & attending school or training approved by Work First NJ** (*Urban League staff at 257 Cornelison Ave.*)
2. **Families recently terminated from T.A.N.F. and now working** (*referred by caseworker at 257 Cornelison Ave. for assistance at Urban League on MLK Drive*)
3. **Working families in need of childcare referral and partial reimbursement** (if income eligible) (*Urban League of Hudson County on MLK Drive*)
4. **Those with temporary custody of a child via the Family Court** (*handled by the Urban League of Hudson County's "Kinship Program"*)

I. FAMILIES RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (T.A.N.F.)

If the parent or guardian is receiving T.A.N.F. (cash assistance) from Hudson County Welfare and participating in an approved activity, then the childcare is obtained through **Work First NJ**. Client must speak to their individual care manager at 257 Cornelison Ave.

Services: The Work First NJ care manager walks the client through the process of assigning a full-time activity. Once the activity has been chosen and approved, child-care is arranged.

Urban League Childcare Counselors are present at the 257 Cornelison Ave. office of Welfare to assist parents in choosing the most appropriate childcare program. Childcare reimbursement is only provided for those engaged in their activity for 35 or more hours per week. If the mother/guardian is attending their activity for a total of 35 hours per week, bus passes maybe offered. Once a client is working full-time and terminates the cash case at Welfare, childcare reimbursement can be approved and continue for up to two years. However, a co-payment will be needed to continue childcare services based on the family income and size. **It is very important that clients who choose to close out their cash cases because of work income ask their Income Maintenance worker at 257 Cornelison Ave. to send them to the Urban League for continued childcare financial assistance.**

II. WORKING FAMILIES: FULL-TIME or PART-TIME

Program provides child care services for income eligible working parents **not** receiving T.A.N.F.; working grandparent/ guardian not on T.A.N.F.; or teen parent under 18 living at home with a working parent(s) not on T.A.N.F.

THE URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUNTY-UNIFIED CHILDCARE DEPARTMENT

Phone: 201-451-8888

Contact: Child Care Counselor for whichever program is needed

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Website: www.ulohc.org

Services:

A. Child Care Resources and Referrals Services

Our Computerized database of licensed and registered childcare centers allows us to offer childcare referrals based on parents specific needs. The mission of the Child Care Resource and Referral Division of The Urban League of Hudson County is to enrich the lives of children. Quality childcare practices are promoted and encouraged through childcare provider training, parent education, and community outreach activities. The CCR& C division believes in serving as advocates and providing a voice for the children of Hudson County New Jersey. The Urban League of Hudson County is contracted by the Hudson County Department of Human Services to administer the Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies. The CCR&R coordinates childcare and childcare worker certification for Hudson County. Urban League of Hudson County is the only childcare agency that offers Jersey City constituents daycare and family daycare providers for their entire child care needs.

B. Family Daycare Registration Program

As the registering agent for all family daycare providers in Hudson County, we deploy trained home inspectors and counselors to ensure each home daycare provider is in compliance with DYFS regulations, and to provide technical assistance and periodic training. To become a registered daycare provider in the home, contact Lois Carterat (Ext. 194). Based on funding available, there could be a waiting list to get into this program. The state does background checks on all who apply.

C. NJ Cares for Kids

Sponsored by the State of New Jersey this program provides subsidized child care voucher payments for working families and full-time students with children. Our childcare specialists are available to provide our clients with all of their child care options and needs. If a parent had a Welfare case and is only recently working, apply at 257 Cornelison Ave.. If a parent has been off of Welfare for two or more years apply at Martin Luther King Drive. Supervisor for this program is Lena Martin.

D. Work First New Jersey Voucher Program

The Work First New Jersey Division arranges childcare and provides counseling to Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) participants. All participants are referred directly by the Hudson County Board of Social Services. The participants are treated with respect and dignity and thoroughly counseled on their childcare options.

E. Daycare Funding for Teen Parents

If a teen parent is in school full-time and the minor teen parent's guardian is **not** receiving cash assistance but is working, applications for funding are available through the Urban League. There is a waiting list of approx. 2 to 3 years long. Besides this program, NJ Cares for Kids, funding may also be available for friends or relatives caring for a baby in their home (up to age 2 and a half) via the Infant-Toddler home initiative program, also an Urban League Program.

F. "KINSHIP PROGRAM" - Daycare Funding For those with Custody of a Relative through Family Court

Funding is available only for a relative who assumes legal custody of a child through the Family Court system. Amount of funding is based on the number of hours, if any, that the guardian is working. If not working or disabled, 5 hours per week of child care may be available. For those under the age of 60, you must present proof of income and disability. Contact Alima Watson at extension 173.

G. Approved Home Initiative

Friends, neighbors and relatives who care for the children of parents who receive a childcare subsidy can become "Approved Home Providers." Providers receive training in their homes on health, safety, CPR, nutrition, literacy, and other topics that will benefit the children in their care. Participants are exposed to the type of training needed to become a health care professional. Those wishing to apply for certification registration are encouraged to do so.

H. Childcare Health Consultants

Registered nurses provide guidance and technical assistance to daycare centers and family daycare providers regarding health and safety issues, and conducts workshops on health, parenting and related issues.

III. JERSEY CITY DAYCARE 100

Phone: 201-432-7646

Contact: Executive Director, Carol Tate-Gilliard

Location: 409-415 Halladay Street, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Daycare for ages six weeks old to three years. Fee for service is based on family's income and circumstances (e.g. receiving T.A.N.F. or working). The issue of fee coverage should be determined prior to enrollment with either WorkFirst NJ or The Urban League. Teen parents **must** be attending school or working over 20 hours a week in order to keep the child in this program.

IV. STARTING POINTS OF HUDSON COUNTY CHILDCARE CENTER

Phone: 201-433-8252

Contact: Kimberly Brown (intake) or Malika Harrika (receptionist)

Location: 8-10 Clifton Place, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: A 12-month daycare program for children from 6 months to 5 years. Sliding scale fee is based on income and family size. Parent must be working or attending school. Center opened 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

V. HEADSTART (Jersey City Child Development Centers, Inc.)

Phone: 201-656-1500

Fax: 201-526-8738

Email: jcyd@aol.com

Website: www.jerseycityheadstart.com

Contact: Delores Perry

Location: 93 Nelson Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307

Services: Programs for three and four year olds at fifteen locations throughout the city. Comprehensive services include social services, nutrition, health/mental health, parent

involvement and educational services. This is a free program for families that meet income guidelines. Children with special needs may be accommodated. Several of the centers have Abbott contracts. Call the above number for the nearest site; the website offers details on programs. Most centers are open until 5:30 p.m. and many provide a twelve-month program.

VI. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPT- ABBOTT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Phone: 201-915-6045/ 201-915-6078

Location: 346 Claremont Avenue, 5th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Director: Patricia Bryant, Associate Superintendent
Ms. Alysia Cole Felder

Services: Free full day Pre-school programs for all three and four year old children of Jersey City residents. Child must be three or four years old on or before October 1. Programs are located in Jersey City Public School buildings or annexes, as well as contracted childcare centers, including Head Start. For registration information, visit their website at www.jcboe.org/departments/earlychild/ or contact the early childhood office.

VII. SALVATION ARMY-DAYCARE AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-435-7355 (press 21)

Contact: Maria Trench or Kathy Nieves

Location: 562 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Childcare for children between the ages of 8 weeks through 4 years old is provided. Urban League vouchers, T.A.N.F. funding or regular fee is accepted. An after-school program for children 5 to 12 year old is available through funding provided by Urban League, T.A.N.F. funding or regular fee schedule. A summer camp for children ages 5 – 12 is also available, call for details. Transportation is included.

VIII. REMARKABLE MOSSI YOUTH CENTER/CHOCOLATE CITY DAYCARE PROGRAM

Phone: 201-332-6322 or 201-333-7837

Contact: Brother Phil

Location: MLK Recreation Center - 140 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Among the services offered by Chocolate City is daycare for children ages 18 months to 4 years old. Services are funded by Work First NJ, Urban League or self-pay which includes sliding scale. After school program for children 5-13 years old is also offered during school and turns into a summer camp for July and August. Transportation Included.

IX. C.A.S.P.E.R. - JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Phone: 201-915-6044

Fax: 201-332-8445

Website: www.jerseycity.k12.nj.us/departments/progsvc/events-casper.html

Contact: Phyllis Viola

Supervisor: Valerie Morris

Location: Jersey City Public Elementary Schools

Services: An afternoon program offering homework help and snacks for children grades Pre-K through Grade 4 (ages 4 through 10). The C.A.S.P.E.R. Program operates from 2:45 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily on days that school is in full session. There is a strict lateness policy for child pickup with termination for any child who remains past 6:30 p.m. A monthly fee is charged based on a daily rate. The fee must be paid in full by money order prior to the child starting. Applications and contracts must be completed prior to enrollment. Parents may apply for funding through the Urban League; **WorkFirst NJ** clients apply at 253 MLK Drive for funding. Applications are available at the schools after 3:00 p.m.

***Note: The above listings give only a short overview of programs available to Jersey City families. For a detailed listing of other licensed daycare facilities or providers contact Child Resource and Referral Program at 201-451-8888.**

CHAPTER 10**RECREATIONAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS / TEEN AND PRE-TEEN PROGRAMS****I. BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF HUDSON COUNTY**

Phone: 201-333-4100

Website: www.bgchc.org

Contact: Adam Jaggar, Youth Achievement Center, extension 323

Location: 1 Canal Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. After School Social Recreational Programs

The programs are for children in grades K through 12, they include co-ed sports (basketball, soccer, volleyball, flag football), *supervised homework; arts and crafts; music and dance, and many other activities.

(Note: *This site has also been approved as a “Supplemental Education Provider” by the State of NJ, for Category 1 schools).

B. The Youth Achievement Center

The Youth Achievement Center on the first floor offers individual attention and counseling to Boys’ and Girls’ Club members of any age (9-17). This includes outreach to the child’s home and school, academic basketball and a behavior modification program. You can refer to this program by calling Adam at extension 323.

C. Summer Programs (three age groups)

1-Childcare Program for ages 6 through 10. A day program for working parents, there is a fee involved unless funded by an agency such as Urban League or Work First NJ

2-Young Enterprisers Program- This program runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and focuses on career exploration for students ages eleven and up. Recreation is also part of the program. Fee is involved but funding is available.

3-Summer Recreation Program/general Offered for children ages 8-12. Contact the main number in May for information. The fee for this and other programs (except for childcare) may be waived if child is participating in the Youth Achievement Center (see B above).

D. D.A.R.E. Youth Basketball League Summer Program

This summer basketball league is for children grades 3 to 8. This program runs from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the summer months only. For information call the main number. Registration accepted in May or June.

E. Teen Program and Support:

Offer to all teen ages 13-17 years of age. Numerous programs and recreational activities offered through the year. Call Cheryl McGinnis for further information. (201) 333-4100.

F. Project Career Launch:

Program offered to assist teens in exploring career possibilities. Call Cheryl McGinnis for further information. (201) 333-4100.

G. Transportation

Transportation is available to and from the Boys and Girls Club from many areas of the city. Call the main number, or ask for Karen at ext. 120 or Terry at ext. 127.

All services offered at the Jersey City Boys and Girls Club is also available at the Boys and Girls Club of Hoboken (Phone: 201-963-6443)

II. HORIZON – COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH PEER EDUCATION (C.O.P.E.)**KIDS**

Phone: 201-683-2401

Contact: Betty Rentas

Location: 708 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Workshops and educational programs based around teen issues and coping skills. Workshops are on an on-going rotation basis. They meet Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

III. S.E.E.C. INC. AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-653-3003 for information and referral instructions

Contact: Theresa, Administrative Assistant or Kim Chapman

Office Location: 48 Center Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Program Location (*new site): Call to inquire after December 1, 2003.

Services: A supervised after school program for ages 6 to 15. The program includes dinner, games, some homework help but **not** one-on-one tutoring. The program is now located at a new site. Transportation is provided from the child's school and back home. There is a fee for the program based on family size and income. Work First NJ may cover the fee or the Urban League of Hudson County if the parent is participating in an approved Work First activity or a working parent who receives some subsidy through NJ Cares for Kids, administered by the Urban League. Apply at the site between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with proof of income no more than 30 days old **and** all social security numbers of family members. The fee will be determined at that time.

IV. EDUCATIONAL ARTS TEAM -AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SUMMER CAMP ("CAMP LIBERTY")

Phone: 201-432-1912 or 1911

Website: www.educationalartsteam.org

Contact: Carmine Tabone (Director) or Lorenzo Veguilla (office manager)

Location: 201 Cornelison Ave, 6th floor, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services:

A. Art / Storytelling Groups

Free weekly after school art/storytelling groups for young children is provided. Ask Lorenzo for information on sites, days and times of the program. There are usually at least two sites,

at various locations in the city, offering a several week series in the fall and in the spring. Registration may be done by phone by parents, as group size is limited. Children (with parent) may also show up on the first day.

B. Camp Liberty

Camp Liberty is a day camp for children ages 6 through 12. The two-week long day camp sessions run from late June through late August at Liberty State Park. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, and theater. Transportation is provided within Jersey City. Lunch is provided. There is a fee attached. Scholarship assistance is not normally available but is possible if parent puts his/her request in writing and sends proof of income. (*DYFS sometimes funds children with open cases. Inquire with DYFS caseworker about this possibility for specific children). You may request an application in April.

V. ST. PETERS COLLEGE - SATURDAY AND SUMMER PROGRAMS IN READING, WRITING, MATH & RECREATION

Phone: 201-791-6190

Contact: Education Department

Location: 47 Glenwood Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Full Day Summer Program runs from 9:00 a.m. through- 3:00 p.m. and includes academics and recreation. There are half-day programs from 9:00 a.m. until noon available for the educational piece only. Academics consist of reading, writing and math courses from grades 2 through 8. A fee exists for all programs. No scholarships are available.

B. Saturday Educational Programs are available for Grade 2 through 8 throughout the school year for a fee. The program runs from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 p.m. for two courses or an hour and half a session for one course only. Courses run in the fall and in the spring. Please contact program to inquire about cost. Pre and post testing is provided for all students.

D. PSAT and SAT Preparation Courses - Courses are offered in the evenings in both the Fall and Spring.

E. CO-OP Preparation Course – Private School exam offered every Fall.

VI. CITY OF JERSEY CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION / AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-547-5003

Website: www.jerseycity.nj.us

Location: Caven Point Complex, 1 Chapel Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services:

A. After School Recreation Programs

After-school programs are run in many elementary schools for boys and girls ages 7-13 during the school year with sports, arts and crafts, and games available. There are usually about ten sites throughout the city. **Student needs to attend the school where program is**

offered. Applications are available through the schools; you may also contact the above number to check which schools offer recreation.

B. Basketball League

Open to boys and girls ages 8-17 at various sites throughout the city. Indoor leagues, youth outdoor clinics, H.S. School leagues, Elementary school leagues and Summer league offered. Held in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. Call (201) 547-5003 or (201) 547-3848 for further information.

C. Baseball Programs (Little League/Babe Ruth)

Open to boys and girls ages 4-18 at various sites throughout the city. Season is April to July. Call (201) 547-5003 for further information.

D. Cheerleading

Football Cheerleaders - Grades 2 through 7.

Competition Cheerleaders - Grades 5 through 11

Tryouts held at The Jersey City Armory, call Krissy Zadroga (201) 547-4332 for more information.

E. Winter Skating Program

Pershing Field Ice Skating Program begins in November. Contact 201-547-6886 for more information.

F. Summer Free Tennis Clinic

Program offered to boys and girls ages 6 through 17. Clinic conducted by the United States Tennis Association, held in July and August weekdays from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at various locations such as Country Village, Hamilton Park and Pershing Field. Tennis racquets and tennis balls will be provided to all participants. For further information call (201) 547-5701.

G. Youth Tackle Football Program – The Jersey City Jets!

Summer program open to all boys and girls ages 7-14. Must bring birth certificate and provide a doctors physical. Divisions are as follows:

Junior Pee Wee – ages 7-9 (weight up to 160lbs).

Pee Wee – ages 10-11 (weight up to 180lbs).

Junior Varsity-ages 12 -14 (weight up to 135lbs).

Varsity –ages 12-14 (no weight limit).

Please call for further information at (201) 547-5352.

* Note: due to transportation, league rules, and roster restrictions, teams cannot have more than 35 players per team. Participants for the Football Program will be given a sufficient amount of tryouts before the 35 member team is selected. If your child is not a part of the 35 man roster, we strongly encourage his/her participation with our Flag Football Program.

H. Ski Program

Open to all ages. Fee required for bus ride, lift ticket and lessons, call (201) 547-5003 for further details.

I. Track Team

Open to girls and boys ages 7-14, Tracks are located at Lincoln Park. Call (201) 547-5870 for further information.

J. Learn to Swim Programs

1. Afternoon Learn to Swim Programs are available at several public elementary schools. Call Franklin Walker 201-547-5690 for information on the schedule and sites.

2. Evening and weekend swim courses are available at Pershing Field for a fee. Call 201-547-6886 for more information.

K. Summer Recreation

Free daytime summer recreation provided for children ages 8 through 13 at various schools. Contact the City Recreation Department after May 1 to request an application. Parents must complete applications, with several documents photocopied (including birth certificates and proof of address), and mailed back to the Recreation Dept. by mid- June. Applicants are taken on a first come, first served basis; space is limited.

L. Jersey City Armory Recreation

The Armory, located at 468 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, offers after school and evening recreation programs. Activities include: various sports (baseball, basketball), trampoline, indoor track and field, cheerleading, and karate classes. After-school recreation is available for elementary school children through 6:00 p.m. High school recreation programs meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Call Charles Johnston at 201-547-4332 for additional information or contact the Recreation Dept. to request fliers on these programs.

M. Soccer

Boys and girls team soccer league ages 4 – 14. Please call for additional information.

VII. SALVATION ARMY CORPS- SUMMER AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-435-7355, Press 3

Contact: Guy DiAngelas or Maria Trench

Location: 562 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Services: After School and Summer Program

This after school program, which is an extension of the daycare program, is for children ages 5 to 12, offered from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$65 per week but is sometimes covered by Urban League or Work First NJ funding. Summer program slots are usually given to children already enrolled in the after school program; some extra slots may be available. Cost for summer program is approximately \$125 per week and the program runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call in May for summer program information.

VIII. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES-SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-547-4543 (Five Corners Library)

Website: www.jclibrary.org

Locations: Throughout the city

Services:

1. **A free program for young children** preschoolers through grade 8 and their families offered in the summer at each library location, on various days, in basic reading, basic writing, and storytelling. Parents or guardians must be present during the workshops for young children. Call in May for information.
2. **Family Literacy Program**- This program offered to parents only, to help them learn to read to their children.
3. **English as a Second Language** – Sign up for these classes at the main library 472 Jersey Ave. Classes are located at different locations throughout the city. Tutors are also available.
4. **Young Adult Program** - offered to those in grades 6 and up. Various activities provided.

IX. CHOCOLATE CITY

Phone: 201-332-6322 or 201-333-7837

Contact: Mr. Oluyemi Carrington

Location: Mary McCloud Bethune Life Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive
Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Chocolate City offers an after-school and summer program, for children ages 5 through 13, through 6:00 each evening with transportation to the home available. Homework help, computer use, field trips, arts and crafts are all available. The program has a fee, which may be covered by WorkFirst NJ, Urban League of Hudson County or self-pay (sliding scale).

X. C.A.S.P.E.R. PROGRAM - JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Services: After-school program located in the public elementary schools serving children from grades pre-K through five. See Chapter 2 for details.

XI. GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF NEW JERSEY

Phone: 973-476-4163

Location: 120 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ 07042

Services:

1. Information on local troop meetings
2. Assistance with starting up Girl Scout troops in the Jersey City Public Schools, private schools, community organizations, religious institutions and throughout Jersey City and Bayonne.

XII. YOUTH CONNECT (A Program of Hudson Pride Connections)

Phone: (201) 963-4779

Contact: Jerri Lee Harrison

E-mail: youthconnecthp@aol.com

Location: 32 Jones Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: A social support network for youth ages 12 through 19 who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Group now meets Friday's and Saturdays from 3:30-7:30. The group is not only a support group but also an H.I.V. and S.T.D. prevention group, empowerment and peer support. Street outreach to teens that may need the above services is also available. Potential clients should call ahead for support group information and ask for Nick or Julia. Either Nick or Joanne can then give the caller the address of the program. School professionals referring a teen may also obtain this information if they are referring a specific client.

XIII. URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUNTY- YOUTH PROGRAMS

Phone: 201-451-8888

Website: www.ulohc.org

Contact: Joe Dorsey, extension 220

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services:

A. "Becoming the CEO of your life" - This is a mentoring program for teenagers ages 12 through 18 designed to minimize risk behaviors and to set and achieve goals. Clients may be DYFS, Family Crisis, Court system or self-referred. Program meets three times per week, serving twenty participants over the course of one year. Anger management and exposure to horticulture business are components of the program. To refer, contact Mr. Dorsey at ext. 165.

B. Life Skills Program - A service for adolescents ages 16-18 that has open D.Y.F.S. cases and will be "aging out" of D.Y.F.S. services. D.Y.F.S. caseworker must refer the adolescent.

C. "Power Up" Computer learning programs for ages 10 through 18 - Sessions for ages 10 to 14 offered after school over four-week periods for three days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays). Sessions for 15 to 18 year olds are offered afternoons or evenings, the same three days. Space is limited. Child may apply in person at the Urban League or contact Andrew Kemp at extension 168.

XIV. PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE, INC – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (PAFCOM-CDC)

Phone: 201-332-4711

Website: info@pafcom.org

Location: 508 Westside Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Teenagers age 13-17 participate in workshops that provide basic skills and knowledge of Integrated Theater Arts. Approach inspires and encourages youth community building and develops participants' skill and talents through games, exercises and other activities. This program is offered through weeks during the summer and culminates with a final showcase. Instructor is fluent in Tagalog.

XV. POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE OF JERSEY CITY (PAL)**Phone:** 201-434-3366**Contact:** Officer Frank Williams**Website:** www.JerseyCityPAL.org**Location:** 163 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City, NJ 07305**Services:** Various sports activity for children of all ages. Please contact Officer Williams for more information on current activity offered at site.

CHAPTER 11

FOOD/HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SERVICES

***Please Note:** Those who are about to become homeless or are homeless as a **result of a domestic violence situation** should contact Women Rising, Inc. and ask for the hotline. Their shelter can take women with children for a period of one to two months. Contact 201-333-5700.

I. HOMELESS SHELTER 24-HOUR HOTLINE: 1-800-624-0287**II. HUDSON COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE:****A. All Public Assistance Programs**

Phone: 201-420-3000

Location: 257 Cornelius Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Family Care, Food Stamps, Social Services, Child Support and Adult Medicaid, General Assistance Programs for Adults, Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled (CCPED), Homemaker Services for eligible seniors or Disabled Adults.

B. Emergency Assistance At Hudson County Welfare Help For Clients Receiving Cash Assistance (Welfare)

Phone: 201-420-3041

Location: 257 Cornelius Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306 - Social Services,

Services: This department may meet the emergency needs for any client with an approved application and already receiving a grant from Hudson County Welfare or “presumed eligible”. Presumed eligibility involves receiving a memo from the 6th floor indicating that client will be granted a specified dollar amount per month or who receive S.S.I. Clients on Social Security or unemployment are not eligible. Examples of emergency services include security deposits, back rent, back utility payments, temporary rental assistance (TRA), hotel or shelter placement, emergency clothing and furniture, and food referrals.

C. Social Services Homeless (SSH): Rental Assistance for Working Families

Phone: 201-420-3045

Location: 257 Cornelius Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Rental assistance available to working families who qualify. Families cannot be receiving welfare cash benefits or SSI benefits, and the head of household must be working. Up to two months back rent or assistance (court papers must be presented when you apply) or help with paying a security deposit up to 1 ½ months for those who must move. Typical case involves fires or some interruption of employment. Clients must be capable of future monthly rental cost, with sufficient money left over for public service, food etc. Best time to apply is between the hours of 8:30-11:00 a.m. Note that it can take a minimum of twenty workdays after an application is approved for a landlord to receive a check.

III. HOPE HOUSE: Homeless Shelter for Women and Children

Phone: 201-420-1070 or 201-420-1220

Contact: Nancy Gonzalez, Program Manager

Location: 246 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Homeless Shelter for women and children. Mothers with boys are accepted up to age 12 only. Families on Welfare or SSI must be referred to the shelter from Hudson County Welfare. Families not on Welfare may contact Hope House to discuss the details of their case including source of income, how did they become homeless and have they been at the shelter before. Nancy will decide whether case can be accepted. Length of stay varies depending on case. Some case management provided. During the day, after children go to school, the mother must pursue solutions to her problems such as looking for a job, an apartment, etc. On site social workers and a nurse from Medical and Social Services for the Homeless (M.A.S.S.H.) are available to assist with assessment of the family's problems and case management.

IV. AMERICAN RED CROSS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Phone: 973-797-3300

Location: 53 Mill Road, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. Assistance to Victims of Fires (or other disasters): Claudio Perez at ext. 3751 or Ricky Perez at ext. 3753 is the individual who goes to the scene of the fire or other disaster to make initial contact with the victims. The Red Cross worker makes an initial assessment and provides immediate needed disaster relief. Families are sheltered for up to three days and then connected to other agencies, such as Welfare for ongoing assistance.

B. Health and Safety Courses

CPR training, First Aid and other courses are available for parents and students. Contact Mike Santopietro at ext. 3747. (*Red Cross runs a specific CPR training course for fourth graders. You may request the training for classrooms in your building).

C. Volunteers Program

Volunteer Opportunities to Hudson/Passaic/Bergen/Essex County residents who wish to volunteer their time can speak with Theresa Swartz at extension 3707.

V. HOBOKEN SHELTER

Phone: 201-656-5069

Contact: James Shipman

Location: 300 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken (1st floor of the St. John's Lutheran Church) 07030

Services: This shelter assists drug and alcohol free single adult men and women without children. This is a thirty-day program providing shelter; food, job and life skills training and case management. An additional 30 days can be granted if the client is making progress toward their goals.

VI. M.A.S.S.H. PROGRAM (Jersey City Medical Center/Medical and Social Services for the Homeless)

Phone: 201-915-2980

Contact: Yvonne Sedar, Director

Location: 953 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: MASSH is an "Outreach Model" program that is committed to providing homeless clients with high quality accessible care, outreaching in the streets, shelters, or any place that homeless people gather, live or congregate to engage, educate, and get them into medical and social services. We provide comprehensive case management, comprehensive primary medical health/preventive care, and we attempt to meet the medical and social needs of all homeless individuals and families in Hudson County so they will have a healthier and better quality of life.

VII. HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (*Non-Welfare cases only)

Phone: 201-217-7263 or 201-217- 7265

Contact: Edwin Carattini

Location: 438 Summit Avenue, 3rd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: **Tenants:** Financial help for working families who are facing eviction for non-payment of rent due to sudden unemployment, fire or other extraordinary circumstance and who are not receiving SSI, Social Security or Welfare. Specific documentation is needed as part of the application procedure. There must be an eviction notice or assistance will be denied. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., walk-ins are not accepted. Home energy assistance is not available.

VIII. NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Phone: 201-866-9320

Website: nhcac.org

Location: 5301 Broadway, West New York, NJ 07093

Services:

A. 12 Month Transitional Housing Program: A twelve-month supportive transitional housing program for working poor families may be provided. Services include transportation (bus passes); medical visits for uninsured; daycare for children; life skills and parenting classes; and other case management. The program is in North Bergen and the contact person is Susana Novotny 201-210-0333 ext. 5003. Transitional program is now located at 7007 Polk Street, Guttenberg, NJ. Adults need to be attending educational classes.

B. Emergency Housing 6th Month Transitional Housing Program (HUD): The EA 6th month transitional program is for families who are receiving T.A.N.F or are T.A.N.F. eligible, often living in the shelter, who need housing for six months. These families receive case management, workshops and the six months of housing.

IX. YORK STREET PROJECT – ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

Phone: 201-413-9280

Website: www.yorkstreetproject.org

Contact: Gil Dalina (Parent MUST call her directly.)

Location: 81-89 York Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: An eighteen-month transitional housing program for women and children who are homeless. There is a waiting list of approximately 1 year. Parent must be motivated to make

goals for herself and be drug and alcohol-free. Parent must call Gil Dalina herself for an interview in order to get on the waiting list Daycare provided on-site, at the Nurturing Place, which is a developmental daycare, infants through Kindergarten. Interviews are held on Mondays and Fridays only.

X. COVENANT HOUSE (Newark Site)

Phone: 973-621-8705 (24 hour number). This is the best phone line for professionals.

Free Hotline for Youth “Nine Line”: 1-800-999-9999 (from 2pm to midnight only) from anywhere in the country

Contact: Ask for a service manager

Coordinator of Service Management: Rolidel Hermazabal

Site Director: Dave Hall

Location: 330 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Services:

A. Homeless Shelter Program for Youth (ages 18 –21).

This program offers the homeless/at risk youth ages 18-21 the following services- GED/High School Diploma (preparation), job readiness/vocational training, resume writing, job placement, legal services, medical, behavioral health and pastoral/religious and case management services for non residential and residential programs.

B. Rafael’s Life House / Moms and Babies Program

Rafael's Lifehouse is a mothers and babies residential program for young women either pregnant or parenting, ages 18 to 21. This is a 12 -bed facility. Contact Meghan Leigh at 908-354-3846 to refer.

C. Outreach Program

Street outreach in Hudson County for youth ages 18-21. Outreach Manager is Saleemah Graham- cell-609-513-7373. Al Peterson is also an outreach worker if Saleemah is not available. He can be reached directly at 609-513-7048.

***New office location for Hudson County residents is the Urban League Building located at 253 MLK Blvd., 3rd floor Jersey City, NJ 07305. Office number is 201-433-0234.**

***Note:** Transportation will be provided for youths that cannot get to the location site.

D. Speakers’ Bureau

Youth who have been homeless and went through Covenant House’s program are available to speak to students’ groups etc. Contact Janette Scrozzo at 973-621-8705 ext. 3544.

XI. GOOD COUNSEL INC. / SHELTER FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Phone: 1-800-723-8331

Contact: Intake –Ms. Martinez or Sabrina (anyone who answers can assist)

Services: Six shelters, five located in New York are for homeless pregnant women age 18 and above as well as homeless women with babies through six weeks of age. Temporary

assistance may be given to pregnant teens under eighteen but they will be referred elsewhere after a short stay with Good Counsel.

XII. SAINT LUCY'S SHELTER – (Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark)

Phone: 201-656-7201

Location: 619 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Shelter for homeless men and women without children.

XIII. WOMEN RISING - PROJECT HOME

Phone: 201-309-4663

Contact: Anne Miller-Christensen at ext.13

Location: Call for location

Services: While not an “emergency” shelter, this program provides a twelve-month program for homeless women recovering from substance abuse and domestic violence and their children (through age 18). Family must be appropriate for intensive outpatient treatment. The minor children who may come to the shelter must be attending school or daycare. Parent must call the above number to set up an interview. The mother must be in recovery at least 30 days clean time not more than one year and have the ability to pay rent. (Note: If there is no history of domestic violence, the case may still be accepted so long as the mother has a substance abuse history and is receiving help for that). Assistance with budgeting and finding housing is available at the end of the stay with Project Home.

Do not use Project Home if you are looking for affordable housing – service not offered.

XIV. EDNA McLAUGHLIN RESIDENCE

Phone: 201-413-1556

Contact: Bridget Davis

Location: 162 Bidwell Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: This women’s residence is permanent single-room occupancy for women who are ambulatory and able to live independently but are in need of a safe, comfortable and supervised living arrangement. Individual needs proof of income, photo ID, Social Security Card and Birth Certificate.

XV. LET'S CELEBRATE, INC.

Phone: 201-433-5438

Contact: Social Service Department, Angelique Williams at ext. 20

Location: 46 Fairview Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Transitional housing program for homeless single parent households, availability limited, please call program for additional information.

XVI. FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER

Phone: 201-451-4767

Contact: Maria

Location: 725 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Provides referrals, social services and rental assistance to families if

funding is available.

FOOD AND CLOTHING

I. LET'S CELEBRATE, INC.

Phone: 201-433-5438

Contact: Social Service Department, Angelique Williams at ext. 20

Location: 46 Fairview Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services:

A. Food Referrals and Emergency Clothing

The agency lists 10 food pantries and 4 soup kitchens (serving hot meals) where parents/families or adults without children can be referred. Either Let's Celebrate or another agency must refer the family directly to the pantry or clothing site. You cannot send the parent to the food pantry site without a referral form. Clients will be asked to show documentation of family income (Welfare ID card is fine) to the Let's Celebrate Intake worker, who then refers to a pantry or clothing site. Proof of income and family size is now necessary in order to receive services. Clients are seen between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Calling ahead is recommended but not necessary.

B. Square Meal Program – Soup Kitchen

Location: 46 Fairview Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: The Soup Kitchen is open Monday to Friday for breakfast from 8:45am to 9:30am and for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and holidays. Social work case management also provided. Contact ext. 20. New cases taken between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; passes are issued and then re-issued every four months.

II. C.A.U.S.E.

Phone: 201-432-2824

Contact: Ask for Christina or Nick

Location: 741 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Emergency food and/or clothing are available at low cost or free if referred by an agency or professional. A referral can come from school professional if family details and circumstances of the emergency are given on school letterhead. ***Note: Professional must call ahead for the client. For clothing call Christina by 1:00 P.M. and give name of client and the number of people who need clothes. For children's clothing a child ID must be presented.** Clothing and Food are given daily from the 15th to the end of the month starting at 10 a.m. Food is provided to only the first 40 people per day and clothing distribution ends at 12 pm.

III. THE SALVATION ARMY - 3 LOCATIONS (The food pantry is only at the Bergen Avenue location.

562 Bergen Avenue Location

Phone: 201-435-7355

Location: 562 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Contact: Lamont Cousins - Social Service Worker

A. Emergency Food Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; you may refer on off days if an extreme emergency occurs contact Monty. Before the 15th of the month contact Monty before sending the client. After the 15th of the month you may send clients directly.

B. Christmas Gifts For Needy Children - Contact Monty in September regarding the procedure to request gifts. The deadline for applying to the program is the first week of October.

Erie Street Location (Thrift Store)

Phone: 201-653-3071

Location: 248 Erie Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Low-priced furniture and clothing available.

Martin Luther King Drive Location (Thrift Store)

Phone: 201-433-4616

Location: 242 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Low-cost furniture and clothing are available.

FOOD PANTRIES AND CLOTHING DEPOTS

I. OLD BERGEN CHURCH

Phone: 201-433-1815

Contact: Ms. Connie (secretary)

Location: 1 Highland Ave., Jersey City 07305

Services: Distribution schedule is on the Tuesday of the last full week of the month and Saturday from 9am to 12:00 pm, Church Referral needed. Referral forms can be given and provided from Urban League, CAUSE, Women Rising and Let's Celebrate

II. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE SHARING PLACE

Phone: 201-963-5518

Contact: Maureen Cassidy

Location: 440 Hoboken Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Distribution schedule is the last two Saturdays of the month from 8 am to 12 pm, Church Referral Helpful and ID and proof of residence required.

***Note-No one will be turned away if they are not able to secure an ID.**

III. MARY HOUSE/OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Phone: 201-433-0626

Contact: Deloris

Location: 93 Clerk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Distribution schedule is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Church referral and ID required. Must call for appointment, must be income eligible. Clients should be referred by community agencies that are assisting them through their emergency situation. Those without these contacts in place must bring identification including

proof of address and family size, and income. No fees are charged for food, clothing or household items given.

IV. ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

Phone: 201-433-6365

Contact: Carmen De Jesus

Location: 721 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (next to school parking lot)

Services: Distribution schedule is on the 2nd and 4th Saturday only from 9:30 am to 12 pm. Referral & ID required.

V. CALVARY CME CHURCH

Phone: 201-434-6070

Location: 25-29 Oak Street, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Distribution schedule is Wednesday from 12 pm to 1 pm (sandwiches only) and the 2nd Saturday from 12pm to 1pm (sandwiches only) and 4th Saturday from 12 pm to 3 pm. No referral or ID required. Clients must sign in on Saturdays only.

VI. MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

Phone: 201-434-6025

Contact: Rick

Location: 27 Prescott Street, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Distribution schedule is every 3rd Tuesday from 8am to 5pm. ID required

VII. LA ESPERANZA FOOD PANTRY

Phone: 201-726-6838

Contact: Luz Mayi, Director

Location: 2410 West Street, Union City, NJ 07087

Services: Provides food for families in Hudson County.

VIII. MONUMENTAL CHURCH

Phone: 201-332-1870-office 201-332-6274-fax

Contact: Annie Rea Jones, Asst. Pastor

Location: 121-127 Lafayette St., Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: Provides soup kitchen every 2nd and 4th Saturday

IX. ST. PAUL'S SHELTER/LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Phone: 201-348-8150

Contact: Dave

Location: 657 Bergen Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087

Services: Provides on-site feeding program 7days per week from 6pm -7pm. Cooking and preparation are done on site.

HOME ENERGY/UTILITY ASSISTANCE

I. LIHEAP and NJ SHARES (NJ Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services)/ both administered through P.A.C.O.

Phone: 201-217-0583

Director: Eliu Rivera/Ruben Alicea

Contact: Sarina Vega, Coordinator

Location: 113 Brunswick Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: P.A.C.O administers two energy programs for Hudson County residents: LIHEAP and NJ Shares.

1) LIHEAP – HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM and COOLING PROGRAM

This program is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. The contact number is (1-800-510-3102).

2) NJ SHARES PROGRAM. – (**Based on Funds Availability**) helps moderate-income customers, who are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF, with up to \$1,000 toward their PSE&G bill. The contact number is (1-866-NJSHARES or 657-4273).

3) UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) helps make energy bills more affordable for low-income customers. If you're eligible, USF can lower the amount you have to pay for your gas and electric bills (5-\$150 monthly credit). USF accepts applications all year. Applications can be picked up at 113 Brunswick Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Contact number is 201-217-0583.

4) THE TRUE PROGRAM (temporary relief for utility expenses) This program will provides customers, who are not eligible for low income programs such as LIHEAP and/or USF, with up to \$1,000 toward their PSE&G bill. The utility bill must be in the customer's name. The contact number is (1-855-465-8783).

5) NJLIFELINE CREDIT PROGRAM

This program helps senior customers who are at least 65 years old, and disabled customers who are at least 18 years old receiving Social Security Disability, with a \$225.00 utility bill credit. The contact number is (1-800-792-9745).

Please note that applications can be picked up and are available through P.A.C.O. Agency for the above energy assistance programs. Their location is 113 Brunswick Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 (201) 217-0583.

II. VERIZON LIFELINE LINK-UP AMERICA PROGRAM

Phone: 1-800-837-4966

Website: verizon.com

Where to pick up application: Hudson County Welfare office, 257 Cornelius Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305 Client must ask for the Verizon Lifeline phone service application

Address to mail application to: Verizon NJ, Imaging Center PO Box 9000, Annapolis, MD 21401-9000 or fax to 800-400-0471

Services: Anyone who receives Food Stamps, T.A.N. F., Workfirst, SSI, General Assistance, Home Energy Assistance, PAAD or any Medicaid program is entitled to fill out an application for the Lifeline Phone Service Program. The Lifeline Phone Service Program entails:

- 1) A normal activation fee of \$56.85 to initiate phone service for a residence which might be included as an initial payment of \$35.67 which is due on first billing cycle with the remainder of this fee being divided over a 12-month payment period. Fee breakdown depends on credit history, please verify with representatives
- 2) A credit of approximately \$13.27 per month is applied to monthly bills.

For those applying for this program that have unpaid old bills with Verizon, the service is still available but toll calls will be blocked. Procedure for applying is: Client picks up application at County Welfare office or a local pharmacy (some have the application) and fills out the application with a 6th floor caseworker's help. Client then calls Verizon at the above number and says the household receives some sort of assistance (of the categories listed above). Verizon will give client a tentative phone number; then client mails the application to Maryland and it takes about 3 weeks before service begins. Tell the caseworker at Welfare that you want the "Verizon NJ Communications Lifeline/Linkup America" application

TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

I. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - TRANSPORTATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Phone: 201-413-5760

Contact: Donna Trezza, Supervisor-Attendance and Homeless Services, 6th floor, Central Office

Services: School staff can contact Ms. Trezza to put in a request for bus transportation for homeless general education students who are living in hotels, shelters or temporarily residing with other's due to homelessness and as long as an elementary student is more than 2.1 miles from their home school. High school students must be located more than 2.5 miles from their school. After the request is processed, all further contacts about the bus number, time of pick up, etc. is handled by the Transportation Department on the 7th floor. The transportation department telephone number is 201-915-6334. **Please note that special education students should have homeless transportation arranged through the Child Study Team to ensure continuity of programming.**

CHAPTER 12

WELFARE(WELFARE/WORKFIRST NJ/MEDICAID/NJ FAMILY CARE)I. HUDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES- DIVISION OF WELFARE**Phone Numbers:****Main Phone:** 201-420-3000**Medicaid:** ext. 2059**Child Support:** ext. 2058**Emergency Assistance:** ext. 2055**Fair Hearings:** ext.2512 or 1-800-792-9773 (to appeal a decision where benefits were terminated or emergency assistance was denied).**Food Stamps and General Assistance:** ext. 2056**Post-T.A.N.F. Special Subsidy Initiatives:** 877-951-9514.**Division of Family Development:** 609-588-2401 or 1-800-792-9773 (Trenton)**Location:** 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302 (*lines form at 7:30 a.m.)**Services:**

A. T.A.N.F. - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (previously A.F.D.C.) Financial, educational, employment and child support assistance to parents/ legal guardians of dependent children up to age 18, or up to age 21 if in special education. Basis for eligibility is absence, incapacity, unemployment or underemployment of parents. **There is a five-year lifetime limit to receive T.A.N.F. benefits in NJ, which began April 2, 1997.** People still receiving benefits as of April 1, 2002 and not participating in **Work First NJ** may lose benefits unless an extension or an exemption is granted for special circumstances. Note: Teen parents under age 18 applying for cash assistance (T.A.N.F.) must be living with a blood relative or legal guardian, and must attend a full-time educational program. Any teen parent under age 20 who has not finished high school must attend high school or a G.E.D. program in order to receive benefits. Cooperation with regard to baby's paternity is also important to ensure that cash assistance will be granted.

Also under welfare reform, **children who entered the U.S. legally (with Green cards) after August 22, 1996 are not eligible for T.A.N.F. for five years but may be eligible for NJ Family Care or Medicaid and/or Food Stamps. Apply at 257 Cornelison Ave.. The parents in these circumstances are not eligible for Medicaid unless they fit into one of the categories listed in II below (pregnant, permanently disabled etc. However, they must still be here legally). Families who entered the U.S. illegally are not eligible for either T.A.N.F. or Medicaid.**

B. WORKFIRST NJ**Contact:** Client's case manager**Location:** 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302**Services:****1. Work First Activity Referrals**

Under welfare reform, all new applicants to T.A.N.F., all T.A.N.F. recipients who are going for an annual re-certification, and all T.A.N.F. recipients who request an educational or job program will be assigned a **Work First NJ** caseworker at 257 Cornelison Ave. If client is not already working, she will be required to participate in a core work activity. The activity or combination of activities must total 35 hours a week. No cash assistance is provided unless the parent participates in **Work First NJ** or is determined to be exempt or deferred from participating. Examples for deferment include: someone seven months pregnant or more, someone caring for a baby under 12 weeks of age or someone physically or mentally impaired as diagnosed by a certified physician or who is required in the home to care for a physically/mentally impaired family member for a period less than 12 months. The deferred period does count under the lifetime 5-year limit on benefits. **Note: There is a two-year period following closing out of one's cash assistance (due to earned income) where a parent can continue receiving Medicaid and partial childcare reimbursement.** Food stamps are an ongoing benefit that may continue based on a family's total income, shelter cost and family size.

2. The Supplemental Work Support Program

Phone: 1-877-951-9514 (Post T.A.N.F. benefits department) for information

Contact: Client's Work First NJ caseworker directly (201-420-3000) or call the above number for information

Services: A support program for those working but receiving a "partial grant" (even if it is \$10 per month) a "work support payment" of \$200.00/month may be available instead of the client's current cash grant. For those eligible, this program lasts for up to 24 months and does not count toward the 5 year T.A.N.F. limit. Client must be working a minimum of 20 hours/week for at least 4 months and still receiving T.A.N.F. to be eligible.

3. Daycare funding and referrals for Work First NJ clients/ via Urban League of Hudson County

Phone: 201-656-4682

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Daycare funding is available to parents receiving T.A.N.F who are participating in Work First NJ core activity. Urban League workers connect clients and their children to daycare facilities or certified daycare providers. Parent must be referred to this office by her **Work First NJ** caseworker. Teen parents who are full-time high school students must be enrolled in a Work First NJ activity for 30 or more hours a week. When a teen parent's parent is receiving the T.A.N.F. grant to care for the baby, both the teen parent and the grandparent on T.A.N.F. must be involved in a full-time **Work First N.J** activity to receive daycare funding.

4. Career Advancement Vouchers

Phone: 1-877-951-9514

Contact: Current or former Work First NJ caseworker at 257 Cornelison Ave

Services: If you have come off of T.A.N.F., have a job and would like to enter a training school or community college program, see your case manager at Work First NJ and

say you are interested in the career advancement voucher. You must have been on T.A.N.F. previously or are about to close out your case.

5. Extended Workpass Program

Phone: 1-877-951-9514 for information

Contact: Work First NJ caseworker or the above number for details

Services: This program provides free NJ Transit bus passes for the first three months, and at a reduced rate of 50% for the next three months following the ending of T.A.N.F. benefits for post- T.A.N.F. recipients in need of transitional transportation benefits. Clients must be employed at least 20 hours per week at or above minimum wage. Apply at 257 Cornelison Ave.

C. TRAINING DEPARTMENT / COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS ON WELFARE, WELFARE REFORM AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO WELFARE RECIPIENTS

Fax: 201-369-5283

Services: Should a parents' group or other group want to hear more about programs available to those on Welfare or planning to leave Welfare (post-T.A.N.F. initiatives), a letter on the organization or school's letterhead requesting a speaker should be faxed to Ms. Angelical Harrison, Director of Division of Welfare, at the above fax number, stating the date and place that a workshop is desired, and how many participants are expected. Lois Velez or another member of the staff will present this information to parents. The speaker can answer general questions about program features, though she cannot address questions about clients' individual cases.

II. MEDICAID- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER CENTER

Medicaid hotline number: 1-800-356-1561

Website for Medicaid (Statewide): njmmis.com

To apply for Medicaid, there are two considerations: the person's financial eligibility and the category they fall into. The eligible categories for Medicaid are: individuals under 21; pregnant women; those over 65; those who are blind, or permanently disabled. The following is a breakdown of the different Medicaid programs and their guidelines for eligibility:

A. T.A.N.F. Medicaid

Phone: New applications for T.A.N.F. 201-420-3000

Clients already receiving T.A.N.F. 201- 420-3000

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Comprehensive health insurance coverage for parents and children who are financially eligible. Note: Under welfare reform, a parent participating in Work first NJ will be given a two-year extension on Medicaid for herself/himself and children after she/he becomes employed. There is a chance of getting more than two years of coverage for some after leaving Welfare.

Once leaving T.A.N.F. Medicaid, parents may apply for insurance for their children through NJ Family Care, if no insurance is available through their employment; however, only

children can now get NJ Family Care. (Since June 15, 2002, caretakers/relatives are no longer eligible for NJ Family Care).

*Note- Some families may not be eligible for T.A.N.F. but their children might still be eligible for Medicaid (Example is a child who entered the U.S. legally, after August 1996 see 1A above).

B. Medically Needy Program

Phone: 201-420-3000 ex. 2454

Contact: Sylvia Sudia, Supervisor of Medically Needy Program and NJ Care

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave. (This is where cases are processed)

Service: Limited Medicaid benefits **for outpatient care only** to certain adults who cannot afford health care services because they do not qualify for Medicaid due to income and who have unpaid medical bills. You get six months of coverage. After six months, you may get re-determined. This program helps prevent further accrual of bills. Call Ms. Sudia or Ms. Marchitto to discuss eligibility.

C. Medicaid Special

Phone: 201-714-7803, for information

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave.

Service: Medicaid for **18-21 year olds**. Parent or client who is applying must bring proof of school enrollment if still in school (report card or letter from school); birth certificate, proof of address (if living with someone, a letter from that person and that person's proof of address); social security card and proof of income, if any. Some college students may be eligible for this program.

D. NJ Special Program for Pregnant Individuals - Medical coverage for prenatal care for pregnant non-documented aliens who cannot get regular Medicaid. The program does not cover labor and delivery. Apply at Horizon Health Center or other center that can establish "presumptive eligibility". After the client gives birth, she should apply for Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens (see F below). If you have any questions, call 201-217-7100.

E. NJ Care

A program for people who are disabled or aged and whose income is above the SSI cap but does not exceed \$851 for an individual or \$1,141 for a couple. Their resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for an individual or \$6,000 for a couple. Eligible individuals receive full Medicaid benefits. Apply at 257 Cornelison Ave. Contact person is Mrs. Sylvia Sudia or Ms. Angelica Marchitto.

F. Medical Emergency Payment Program for Aliens

Covers undocumented aliens (example- tourist visas, visitors) who are legally admitted but not citizens and who do not have citizenship pending. They are eligible if health is in serious danger/life or death situation or if they are having a baby and coming off of the NJ Supplemental Prenatal Program (see above). Apply at 257 Cornelison Ave..

G. Medical Assistance Customer Center (Formerly State Medicaid Office)**Phone:** 201-217-7100**Contact:** Charles V.**Location:** 438 Summit Avenue, 6th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Service: This office provides oversight and monitoring of state Medicaid programs. It provides eligibility information and referrals to various Medicaid programs and services for current Medicaid beneficiaries. This office assists in resolving billing issues for Medicaid beneficiaries and can help clients to access health care services and other community resources. Mr. V. can at times provide phone consultation to school staff assisting parents in completing the NJ Family Care applications.

H. Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Program

Medicaid is available for uninsured women under the age of 65 who are financially eligible and who are citizens or legal immigrants, living here for at least 5 years and who do not qualify for any other Medicaid Programs. Patients must be screened for cancer at one of the following sites: Hoboken Family Planning (201-963-0300) located on the corner of 2nd and Grand Street in Hoboken. Once screened, they may apply at local Welfare agency for the Medicaid. For questions, contact the Presumptive Eligibility Unit in Trenton at 609-588-2911.

I. Medicaid Transport Services – (Hudson County State Medicaid Office)**Phone:** 201-217-7106 (for further information)**Contact:** Geraleine Delaney – Transportation 201-217-7000**Location:** 438 Summit Avenue Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Services: For those with Medicaid who are ambulatory and need transportation to their medical appointments, there are currently three livery services available to Hudson County residents, but only with advance notice of 1-2 days before the appointment. At press time, those companies were:

1-All Week – (201) 288-4040

2-All American - (201) 656-5000

3-Sharif Transportation – (201) 876-1616

If the Medicaid client is NOT ambulatory and needs transportation, it must be arranged through the client's Medicaid HMO.

III. NJ FAMILY CARE INSURANCE INFORMATION**Phone:** 1-800-701-0710 (to request an application).**Website:** www.njfamilycare.org**Questions:**

- 1) 1-800 number above
- 2) State Medicaid Office -201-217-7100
- 3) Hudson County Welfare

Locations:

The office where Family Care applications are received and processed is: P.O. Box 4818, Trenton, NJ 08650-4818. Call the 1-800 number for new applications, with questions about the program/ eligibility guidelines or to inquire about the status of an application. If calling about an application that is already there, the head of household's social security number will be needed and the applicant herself/himself must make the call.

Other sites in Jersey City where NJ Family Care applications can be completed include:

257 Cornelison Ave. (1st or 2nd floor);

Horizon Health Center at 714 Bergen Avenue-ask for Julie Sanchez at 201-451-6300, ext176, and

Hudson Perinatal Consortium (232 10th Street, Jersey City). *Note that

Hudson Perinatal Consortium staff will assist applicant at the home by request

NOTE: All NJ Family Care applications can be processed in Trenton but Plan A applications can be processed at Hudson County Welfare. (Those Plan A Applications can be processed at Welfare quicker than through Trenton if all paperwork is included)

Services: Medical coverage for children up to the age of 18 who do not qualify for T.A.N.F.-Medicaid or SSI Medicaid because the family income is too high. **Family should have no other insurance for the last 6 months at the time they apply but there are exceptions such as when the head of household has been laid off and lost insurance-those families may apply immediately, but show proof of the amount to be received in Unemployment benefits.** Beneficiaries must enroll in an HMO for this program. There are various service packages based on the family's size and income.

Child must be a citizen or qualified alien though the parent does not have to be. Parent **must** verify income including "under the table" income, unemployment benefits, child support received etc. A letter from parent's employer on letterhead is now accepted as proof of income. One month's worth of income is now an acceptable amount for income verification. There are seven service plans to Family Care, ranging from A to I. Several plans involve co-payments and premiums. Part A is basically a Medicaid expansion. Under Plan A you can have other insurances.

Note: Parents who are newly applying to NJ Family Care are no longer covered themselves by the program; students now applying are eligible only to age 18, not 19 as in previous years. Teens already on the program can receive benefits through age 19.

IV. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (E.A.)

Phone: 201-420-3000 ex. 2055

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave., Social Services-5th floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: The following help is available to families either receiving T.A.N.F., eligible for T.A.N.F. or receiving S.S.I. They must meet specific criteria for E.A.

A. Emergency Financial Assistance for Homeless Families - Financial help to prevent or resolve homelessness so that the parent(s) receiving T.A.N.F. or SSI (not Social Security or unemployment) can pursue or return to employment. Services include assistance for back payments of utilities, back payments of rent, security deposit on a newly found apartment that is affordable, Temporary Rental Assistance (T.R.A.) to meet housing costs, clothing,

furniture and/or shelter or hotel placement for families who are technically homeless. In cases of overcrowding, the client must produce a notarized letter from a friend or relative saying they are staying with them temporarily or provide some other proof that they are homeless. If the friend or relative must evict the client because the friend's landlord has become aware of the situation, this should be included in the letter with a time frame of when the family must leave

Emergency Assistance: Temporary Rental Assistance - To receive Temporary Rental Assistance, the client must already have been granted Emergency Assistance, in the form of Shelter or hotel placement or a housing deposit for a new place. T.R.A. is a short-term rental subsidy, lasting only up to six months and counts toward the twelve-month maximum that a family can receive Emergency Assistance for.

Note: There is a twelve-month lifetime limit for Emergency Assistance. Parent/s must show that the emergency was due to extraordinary circumstances. The client must show proof of paying rent regularly for a period of time. Clients should show that they did everything possible to prevent becoming homeless such as saved money or looked for roommates. Any client rejected for Emergency Assistance has the right to appeal the decision by asking for an Emergency Fair Hearing on the 6th floor. The client should ask for a written documentation of denial at the time of the denial. The client can contact Northeast NJ Legal Services 201-792-6363 to request an entitlements attorney, if they are experiencing difficulty in receiving a written denial or if they believe they will need help or advice with their appeal. Some clients may also request an extension of the twelve-month maximum of emergency assistance. Extensions are given on a case-by-case basis.

B. Financial Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence, Fires, etc. - Financial assistance is available for victims of domestic violence, fires or other disasters. Clients on Welfare who experience a fire are normally directed to the 6th floor by the American Red Cross for help with relocating.

C. SSH Program Rental Assistance for Working Families - This "one-time only" program for working families can cover up to two months of back rent or help with a security deposit for a new apartment for eligible applicants. **Program is for families with someone who is working**, where rental payment has lapsed but family is capable of affording rent. Family cannot be receiving any cash benefits from Welfare. Most applicants have experienced a fire or problem such as an interruption in employment. Bring all information about the rental emergency. Funding for the program fluctuates check for availability.

D. Emergency Energy Services for those on T.A.N.F. and Food Stamps - Assistance offered includes the Verizon Lifeline application. Applications are available on the 5th Floor, 257 Cornelison Ave.

E. Supplemental Work Support Program- *While not technically an emergency service, this program can help increase certain T.A.N.F. clients' monthly incomes, and therefore help with housing expenses. Clients who are on T.A.N.F. (even if they are receiving a very small grant) for at least 6 months who are employed and have had that job for at least four months may apply for this program. They voluntarily close out their Welfare case in exchange for receiving \$200 per month for the next two years. Childcare and Medicaid benefits will continue for two years. Clients apply with their Work First NJ caseworker at 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302.

V. HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

There are two programs - One for those receiving Food Stamps and another for low-income families **not** receiving Food Stamps.

A. Energy Program for Food Stamps Recipients

Contact: Income Maintenance Worker directly

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City

Services: For persons receiving Food Stamps, a check is mailed around January to assist with energy costs.

B. Programs for Families Not on Food Stamps

Phone: 201-217-0583

Contact: Sarina Vega

Location: P.A.C.O. Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEA)
180 4th Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

1. Home Energy Assistance Applications - Home energy assistance applications are available November 1st for heating and cooling to income eligible Hudson County residents who pay for their heat or cooling directly **and** who do **not** receive the subsidy through Food Stamps. Applications must be returned in person to P.A.C.O., unless the client is elderly or disabled.

2. NJ Shares Program Emergency Energy Assistance - This program is at times available through P.A.C.O. for working class households. The client must not be receiving cash assistance at Welfare, without heat or in danger of being without heat. Contact Ms. Sarina Vega for details. Funding is limited and may not be always available.

3. Assist Food Stamp Recipients with Denial Notices - This program provides heating assistance for Food Stamp recipients with denial notices, contact Ms. Sarina Vega for details.

4. Weatherization Program - This program assists landlords by weatherizing the home to keep heat in and cold air out and ensuring efficiency of fuel services. Examples of weatherization include insulation, caulking and weather stripping. **The building landlord must make application.** Contact the Union City office at 201-864-3774 for more information.

VI. WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT/ FRAUD UNIT

Phone: 201-420-3000 ex. 2068

Contact: Mr. Knapp or Ms. Scirghio

Services: It may be appropriate to report welfare fraud if a student is chronically absent from school with no valid explanation and all attempts made to resolve the issue cooperatively with the parent who has a case at Welfare have failed. This office may also assist when a family on Welfare simply cannot be located. The unit will investigate by visiting the home and/or withholding a check at the school's request

VII. WORKFIRST NJ / GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Phone: 201-420-3000 ex. 2057

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Program provides financial, educational, training and employment assistance to single adults/couples **without** children who are unemployed, or unable to work due to illness. If able to work, the goal will be employment. Open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

VIII. WIC PROGRAM

Phone: 201-547-4587

Location: 384 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: The WIC Program offers infant formula for babies up to age 1. Supplemental food (i.e. milk, juice, cereal, eggs) provided to "nutritional risk" groups, pregnant women and children under five. Other services include nutritional education, referral to health clinics and physicians and referral to social services. Walk-ins accepted between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but appointments may be made and are preferred. Client must bring proof of income for entire household, proof of address, HBID card (formally known as your Medicaid card), and immunization records. Eligibility for program is income-based. W.I.C. registration is also available at Metropolitan Family Health Network at 935 Garfield Avenue Monday mornings only; Primary Care Center of Christ Hospital at 324 Palisades Avenue on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at Horizon Health Center located at 706-714 Bergen Avenue. W.I.C. also provides Breast Feeding Support Services.

IX. FOOD STAMPS

Phone: 201-420-3000

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Food stamps for income eligible individuals and families. There are two categories of assistance: those receiving public assistance such as cash benefits or Medicaid and those who are not. Families or individuals who wish **only** to apply for Food Stamps (example, families with low incomes, part-time employment, receiving SSI benefits, etc) should go to 257 Cornelison Ave. Clients may apply for Food Stamps **and** any other benefits (cash assistance, Medicaid) at 257 Cornelison Ave. ***If a family arrived in the U.S. after August 22, 1996, they are not eligible to receive Food Stamps until five years have passed**, and even then, only if they arrived here legally. However, if clients' children were born in the U.S. after August 22, 1996, those children may be eligible. Some refugee families may also be eligible for the program. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

X. WELFARE'S CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY UNIT

Phone: 201-420-3000 ex. 2058

Toll-Free Number: (NJ Child Support) 1-877-NJKIDS 1

Location: 257 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ

Services: Provides assistance to T.A.N.F. clients in locating absent parents, establishing paternity and securing child support in the form of medical and financial assistance. They work closely with the Hudson County Court System and Probation Department.

XI. CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY-NON-WELFARE CASES

Phone: 201-795-6777 or 6778 – Intake Unit

Location: 595 Newark Avenue, (Courthouse) Room 203

Services: This location handles **new cases** by providing intake services for anyone who has never received child support before and who does **not** have a case at Hudson County Welfare. This office also addresses child support cases referred directly by a Family Court Judge, custody and visitations.

XII. WOMEN RISING INC. - PROJECT CONNECT

Phone: 201-333-4500

Contact: Theresa Marciano

Location: 169B Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: Assistance provided to Welfare clients who have been sanctioned, have or are about to lose benefits (Cash, Food Stamps, Medicaid) or who have questions about their rights regarding their entitlements or the Work First NJ requirements. The staff may assist clients by interfacing with the Welfare caseworkers, taking clients to work out problems at Welfare, helping them to get benefits reinstated (when possible) and contacting appropriate adult education or training programs.

XIV. KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Phone: 1-877-816-3211 (client calls this number to apply/ client should know birth dates of all children and full names of biological parents when calling)

Website: state.nj.us/humanservices

Locations: Trenton, NJ (initial contact)

Services: Three programs for eligible, blood-related relatives as well as children related through marriage that have been granted temporary custody of children and are caring for them in their homes. **The programs listed below apply to families who do not have an open D.Y.F.S. case currently.**

- A. Wraparound Services**-\$1,000.00 per year per family to purchase essential items and/or services for children. Family cannot have an open D.Y.F.S. case at the time of referral to the program. A home visit is conducted. The amount offered yearly can be renewed if circumstances (family size, income) have not changed eligibility status from year to year.

- B. Kinship Guardianship / Monthly Subsidy Program**—In place of the monthly grant from Welfare or as a supplement for those with low-incomes from employment or other programs families might receive up to \$250 per month, per child. The amount offered depends on total family income and family size. Cases cannot be open with D.Y.F.S. Proof of custody, a criminal background check and home study are required. It must also be verified that the biological parents do not live in the household. Cases then go to Family Court, and once Kinship Guardianship status is established, the caretaker/s becomes eligible for the monthly subsidy. Those who make too much money to be eligible for the subsidy may still apply for legal guardianship through the help of this program.
- C. Childcare Subsidy Program** - Childcare subsidy for eligible guardians who are working and are in need of help paying for childcare. Contact the Urban League of Hudson County and ask for the Kinship Program. Phone: 201-451-8888; location is 253 Martin Luther Drive.

***Please note:** For those individuals caring for relatives' children that still have cases open with a D.Y.F.S. office, it is important to ask the individual caseworker about how to be processed for the Kinship Guardianship and Monthly Subsidy Programs offered through D.Y.F.S. The services are available in cases where it appears that neither adoption nor family reunification are likely and after the child has been in the relative's home for a period of time. Request details from your D.Y.F.S. caseworker.

CHAPTER 13**HOUSING PROGRAMS AND TENANT SERVICES**

Please Note: This chapter deals with housing programs that people may apply to but will likely wait months or years for assistance. Please refer to chapter 4 for emergency services. .

JERSEY CITY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Phone: Main No. - 201-547-6600

Tenant Selection Office - 201-547-8990

*If checking on the status of an application, have the head of household's social security number ready.

Resident Support Services - 201-547-6706

Location: 400 U.S. Highway #1, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Housing Project Placement - Housing project placement for low-income people/families available at eight sites in Jersey City. Parent(s)/individuals pay 30% of their income toward rent. The head of household should call and ask to have an application mailed to them. The wait for placement varies based on several factors including: how many sites the family checks on the application, total family income, need for handicapped accessible apartment supported by documentation that the individual is receiving SSD and family size. Two sites are available for the elderly, with the wait being about 2 years for a studio.

II. SECTION 8 HOUSING - City Program

Phone: 201 547-6680

Location: 514 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Contact: Receptionist for general questions or client's caseworker if they are already receiving a Section 8 voucher.

Services: This office now handles only the interviewing of prospective Section 8 applicants and the administering of the Section 8 program for those who already are participating including activities such as re-certification, landlord issues, relocating within the program, etc.

Under Section 8 a low-income family receives a voucher and pays approximately 30% of their income toward rent. The family must find a Section 8 approved apartment on their own, within 60 days. A background check, income verification, inspection of the apartment and other matters must be processed. Some preference is given to working families who are paying more than 50% of their income toward rent. DYFS - involved families reunifying after a period of separation have at times been given preference. There is also a DYFS voucher program called the Family Reunification Program but only a DYFS caseworker may refer to this program. The Family Reunification Program applies only to DYFS families being reunified (i.e. parent returning from prison, children returning to parent from foster care), not intact DYFS families under supervision.

A family, once on this list, must update their current address with the Tenant Selection Office at public housing at 410 US Highway 1, preventing removal from the waiting list. The applications are currently held at the public housing office at 410 US Highway 1. To check one's status on the Section 8 waitlist, please call the Tenant Selection Office at 201-547-8990.

III. NJ DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION IF HOUSING/COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Phone: 201-217-7256

Contact: Iris Maldonado

Location: 438 Summit Avenue, 4th floor, Room 612, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Applications at times become available for families **who are either low-income or who are low-income with disabled adults and/or children receiving SSI or SSD.** Call the above number in January to confirm this. For those on the waitlist currently, they are working on applications received in the year 2000. Anyone wishing to apply for the first time should call this office monthly to see when the wait list will reopen and which categories of families (income-based or disabled) will be given preference for processing.

IV. JERSEY CITY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Phone: 201-547-5916 (Jersey City)
609-292-9795 (Trenton Office)

Location: 30 Montgomery Street, Room 404, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. State Affordable Housing Program: Applications available for people who want to either rent or purchase a newly built or rehabilitated home. Rentals are available for low-income families while purchasing is available for low - moderate-income families. It is not Section 8; it is for low and moderate income families but not as low as public assistance levels. Waiting lists vary, depending on number of bedrooms needed and family income. All further contacts with head of household come from Trenton.

B. First Time Homebuyers Program:

Golden Neighborhoods Homeownership Program: Brochures are available at 30 Montgomery Street to inform low-moderate-income families about information about down payments and closing cost of homes for low-moderate-income families. Newly constructed homes are not eligible. This program strictly supports sales of existing units in Jersey City. Call about income qualifications. Credit checks will be completed if qualified.

V. WOMEN RISING - PROJECT HOME

Phone: 201-309-4663

Contact: Ann Miller-Christensen, ext. 13

Location: Jersey City, NJ

Services: Project Home is an 18-month transitional housing program for eighteen families of mothers with children who are homeless. **Target population is substance-abusing women, (some with histories of domestic violence) who are committed to pursuing recovery from**

substance abuse and ability to pay rent.. Some referrals will come from D.Y.F.S. and some from the community. On-site clinical services are provided. An interview will be given to a parent **only** if she meets the above criteria. **No services available for affordable housing.**

VI. ST. JUDE’S OASIS – (Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark)

Phone: 201-656-7201, ext. 201

Contact: Lori Cherry

Location: Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: St. Jude’s Oasis is an 18 month transitional housing program that assists up to five families by placing them in apartments, where they pay 30% of monthly income for program fees. They are able to pursue goals such as education and jobs. The program limit on adults per family is two, with a maximum of four children per family. A vocational counselor is available to all program participants. Call Lori for an application or to ask if openings are expected for the program. Applicants must be interviewed, show motivation to pursue long-term goals and be drug and alcohol-free. A criminal background check is also part of the application process. Substance abuse and mental health counselors are on-site.

VII. DWIGHT STREET HOMES / JCHA PUBLIC HOUSING

Phone: 201-547-8940

Contact: Carol Tyler

Location: 315 Randolph Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Services: About thirty-nine, two family homes are available for purchase by income-eligible families. Eligibility is based on the total number of income for all household members. Family size must be 3, 4 or 5 persons. Lowest annual income for an eligible family of three is a minimum \$39,400 to max \$48,450. For a family of four the minimum is \$43,750 to a max of \$53,850. A family of five is the minimum is \$47,250 to a max of \$58,150. Call for detailed eligibility information or for an application. The waitlist for this program is only several months long.

VIII. “SSH” (SOCIAL SERVICES HOMELESS PROGRAM) - Rental Assistance for Working Families- See Chapter 4 for details.

TENANT/LANDLORD RELATIONS

I. OFFICE OF TENANT ASSISTANCE/LANDLORD RELATIONS, CITY OF JERSEY CITY

Phone: 201-547-5709

Contact: Henry Perez

Location: 30 Montgomery Street, Room 415, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Advice is given to renters who are having difficulties with their landlords and tenants. Common issues include eviction procedures; lack of repairs to apartment or apartment infested with rats or roaches, rent increases and illegal apartments. This office will advise tenants of their rights under federal, state and city laws. Referrals are also made to Northeast NJ Legal Services, the city building inspector or other agencies. They will give phone advice to a

professional or you can send the parent in person. Call to see if case is appropriate, and if so, what documents are needed when the parent goes there. If sending a parent in person, it is best to call ahead, and to send them to Mr. Perez by 4 p.m.

II. OFFICE OF HOUSING RENT CONTROL

Phone: 201-547-5709

Contact: Henry Perez

Location: 30 Montgomery Street, Room 415, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Provides for adjustments of illegal rental increases for tenants living in buildings with five or more units. Also assists landlords who apply for capital improvement or hardship. Bring lease and rent receipts. (*For situations of buildings with one or two units, contact City Hall- 547-5000 for buildings with 2-4 units, you must contact Trenton).

III. CITY OF JERSEY CITY - HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Phone: 201-547-4825 (this line open after 7:30 a.m.)

After hours number for heat/hot water complaints: 201-547-4821

Contact: Roberta, Iris or Willie

Director: Ed Coleman

Location: 30 Montgomery Street, (Room 416) Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. Housing Inspections: Provides housing inspections in response to tenant complaints. Calls may also come from neighbors, or landlords themselves who are reporting overcrowded housing. Examples of tenant complaints would include gas leaks, lack of heat or hot water, toilet that will not flush or anything that is urgent or unsafe. (*Please note that all landlords must provide heat as of October 1). Other problems this office can respond to include rodents, lead paint, lack of heat or hot water, electrical problems, or other unsafe conditions. In some cases, landlord is taken to court.

B. Presentations: A presentation to parent groups, church groups, others on housing code enforcement is available. Spanish-speaking presentations are available. Ask for Mr. Coleman.

IV. HUDSON COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Phone: 201-795-5615

Contact: Intake or a housing counselor

Director: Rosa Rooney, Director

Location: 574 Newark Avenue, 3rd floor, Room 304, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Agency similar to the Jersey City Office of Tenant Assistance. This group advises tenants and landlords of their rights, makes outside referrals as needed and provide written materials on tenants' rights. Phone consultation to professionals is available.

V. P.A.C.O. - Home Energy Programs

Phone: 201-217-0583

Contact: Sarnia Vega, Coordinator

Director: Eliu Rivera/Ruben Alicea

Location: 113 Brunswick Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

A. Home Energy Assistance Program and Summer Cooling Program (LIHEAP)

(November 1. – March 31) - Home Energy Assistance Program and Summer Cooling Program are administered through P.A.C.O. Financial assistance for utility bills (including summer bills) available November 1st to March 31st for low-income Hudson County families who either pay for their own heat or whose heat is included but they don't receive a heat subsidy. Qualified families will receive a small check to help for their heating bills. (*Note: Families on Food Stamps receive their assistance through Food Stamps Program, **not** through P.A.C.O.). Families **not** on Food Stamps (or Food Stamp recipients who have received a "denial notice" for the program) may contact Ms. Vega for assistance.

B. Weatherization Program - An all-year-round program open to property owners of 1 to 4 family dwellings. There are income guidelines. Services include insulation, caulking, weatherizing and other repairs. Contact Carmen Quintana at 201-864-3774 she is located at 3700 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087

D. NJ Comfort Program (Formerly E-Team) - Installation of energy saving measures for renters. Also available is help establishing a payment plan so that renters can meet their monthly energy bills. PSE&G bill must be in the applicant's name. For electric and gas clients only, not oil clients. Contact Carmen Quintana at 201-864-3774 she is located at 3700 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087

VI. MAYOR'S ACTION BUREAU

Phone: 201-547-4900

Contact: Any staff person; office is open from 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Director: Jack Carley

Location: 280 Grove Street, Room 105, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Provide tenant advocacy.

A. Assistance with problems including housing issues, tax issues, senior issues and other issues being experienced by a Jersey City resident.

F. Provides a list of all the public housing developments in Jersey City.

VII. JERSEY CITY DIVISION OF HEALTH

Phone: 201-547-5276

Contact: Vera Smith, Health Officer – 5545

Nellie Ramos – 5276

Cynthia Brown – 5173

Cookie Ross - 5278

Location: 1 Journal Square Plaza, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Call this number to report any specific unsanitary living conditions or conditions present in area restaurants, such as rodents, sewage, etc.

VIII. JERSEY CITY SENIOR HOUSING

Phone: 201-547-4361 or 4777

Contact: Larry Eccleston, Executive Director

Location: Health and Human Service Building, 1 Journal Square Plaza, 2nd fl. Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: There is a listing of approximately twenty senior housing sites throughout Jersey City, for those over the age of 62. There are variations in income requirements (minimum income per household or maximum income) at the different sites. There are also variations in the waiting lists (usually from six months to about two years). You may call Mr. Eccleston to ask for this listing, and then call each development individually to request an application. In addition to requesting this listing, a senior can call the Public Housing office directly (201-547-6600) and ask for an application to be sent. Seniors can indicate on that application that they are seniors (or disabled if applicable) and may be placed in a unit with mixed demographics (families, seniors, etc)

IX. NORTHEAST NJ LEGAL SERVICES

Phone: (201) 792-6363

Location: 574 Summit Ave. Jersey City, N.J. 07306

Services: Consultation for those having landlord/tenant issues.

CHAPTER 14**SENIOR SERVICES****I. DIVISION OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****GENERAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL UNIT**

Location: P.O. Box 722, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0722

Phone: 800-792-8820

II. OFFICE OF AGING

Phone: 201-271-4320

III. NJ OFFICE ON AGING

Phone: 877-222-3737

IV. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Phone: 201-295-5160

V. ALZHEIMER'S ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM

Phone: 609-943-4985

VI. PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (PAAD)

Phone: 800-7912-9745 or 609-588-7048

VII. THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Phone: (800) 883-1180 or (973) 586-4300

Location: 400 Morris Avenue Suite 251. Denville, New Jersey 07834

Services: Information and referral services.

VIII. BAYONNE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION

Phone: (201) 437-7222

Location: 555 Kennedy Blvd. Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Provide transportation for elderly and handicapped.

IX. JERSEY CITY SENIOR HOUSING

Phone: 201-547-4361 or 5477

Contact: Larry Eccleston, Executive Director

Location: Health and Human Service Building, 201 Cornelison Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

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are seniors (or disabled if applicable) and may be placed in a unit with mixed demographics (families, seniors, etc)

X. URBAN LEAGUE

Phone: 201-451-8888 Ext. 236

Location: 253 MLK Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services:

A. Senior Supportive Services Program/National Family Caregivers Services

(SSS/NFCG) – Assists seniors facing health and/or economic problems. It includes providing assistance and advocacy so that seniors receive the services their relative need in the area of health care, housing, entitlements and emergency services as needed.

B. Jersey Assistance Care Giving Community – A seniors program that provides similar services as SSS/NFCG to the senior population in Hudson County, while offering the opportunity to choose their service provider. JACC is designed to assist seniors and their relatives that may be over the income level for county funded programs.

C. Senior in Community Services Program – This program is funded by the National Urban League which avails senior citizens employment opportunities. In many instances the seniors served as companionship to other seniors in the community that were homebound, shut-in, or isolated.

XI. PACO – SENIOR CITIZEN BI-LINGUAL MULTI SERVICE CENTER

Phone: 201-963-8282 extension 26 or 27

Contact: Maria Alverado

Location: 398 Manila Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services:

- A.** Program provides assistance and/or information about the services available for the senior citizens in Jersey City. Program also assists in completing applications for programs such as PAAD/Lifeline, Reduce Bus Fare.
- B.** Transportation to doctor's appointment or dental appointments also possible with at least a 3 day advance notice.
- C.** Language Translation & Interpretation assistance available.
- D.** Residential Maintenance program can provide assistance to homeowners 60+ who need minor repairs in areas that may cause safety hazards.
- E.** Recreation and Socialization for seniors
- F.** Nutrition: Congregate Meals if you wish to share lunch. M-F noon. \$1.25

Call Maria for detailed information regarding each service or any questions/concerns you might have.

XII. SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

Phone: 201-200-1340

Website: www.doleta.gov/seniors

Location: 121-125 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: This program helps seniors learn new job skills that are needed in today's workplace. Equipping older workers with these skills helps them achieve the programs ultimate goal of

moving seniors into unsubsidized jobs. For general information and training information you can also call 1877-US-2JOBS.

Healthy Aging Program – Christ Hospital Behavior Health

Phone: (201) 795-8375 Ext. 8416

Location: Counseling and Resource Center, 179 Palisade Ave. Jersey City, N.J.

Services: Group activities and counseling for all those over the age of 50.

Please contact Michele Bernstein for further information.

VISITING HOMEMAKERS OF HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-656-6001

Website: www.vhshc.org

Contact: Central Intake

Location: 586 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Families in Crisis Program

The program is designed to keep families intact during times of crisis including assistance to parents with mentally or physically disabled children. Examples of family crisis include parental stress, new parent, teen parent, multiple births, a death in the family or a hospitalized spouse. A case worker and homemaker make regular visits to assist in establishing a household routine, such as assisting children with homework, etc. Based on the case worker's assessment, the homemaker may be provided up to twenty hours a week so that young children will be adequately cared for and so that over-burdened parents can receive support and guidance during periods of stress. It is a short-term program for low income families. The program may be helpful to a family who is not yet appropriate to refer to DYFS, but in need of some assistance so as to prevent referral. This program does **not** involve babysitting. Some adult **must be present** while services are being provided. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

B. CASE Program

This program provides counseling and parenting skills in the home for open DYFS cases. These cases must be referred by DYFS. More hours of service are provided to these families, including overnights. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

C. Respite and Personal Care Services

This program provides homemakers services, respite care, and personal care assistants (P.C.A.) to the elderly or disabled adults. There are income guidelines for the respite program, which is available to caretakers of anyone 18 or older (handicapped or disabled). The P.C.A. program is for Medicaid clients who are disabled adults, and some disabled children. The respite program is income and need based, but it is not a Medicaid program. Contact Cecilia Demko at ex 114.

D. Ryan White Program

Home health aide services and case management and advocacy for people with HIV/AIDS are available. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

F. Emergency Chore Service

Assist with heavy house cleaning to return the home environment to a safe, healthy condition. This service is provided once a year to low income families and it is a one day service. Contact intake at ext. 402 or 404.

Note: Some Visiting Homemaker services are free and others are for a fee or through insurance. Inquire with program director or intake.

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CHAPTER 15**OCCUPATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS / SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR DROPOUTS**

For parents on Welfare - (T.A.N.F.), any plan for education or training must begin with his/her **Work First NJ** caseworker at 87 Newkirk Street. Parents can voluntarily register for **Work First NJ** at this address. If a parent is aware of a specific educational or training program, he/she must request an "Interagency Referral" through **Work First NJ**

Listed under items XVIII and XIX are special subsidy initiatives for current and prior Welfare recipients who are now working.

I. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING - CITY OFFICE

Phone: 201-793-6100

Contact: Lucy Suarez - Youth Program
Patricia Miller - Adult Program

Director : Keith Davis

Location: 895 Bergen Avenue, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Intake and assessment, educational testing and referrals to employment, training or educational programs for unemployed individuals who are economically disadvantaged, dislocated workers or Welfare recipients. Welfare recipients may come to this office without a referral. **Employment is the focus over training.** This office also handles Summer Youth Employment (Junior's ages 16-21). Internet access and help with resume writing available at the 895 Summit Avenue only. Referral completed in a couple of days but the entire process, intake through referral to programs, takes about one month.

II. HUDSON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES (HCE)

Phone: 68-70 Tuers Avenue, Jersey City location 201-434-3303
780 Montgomery Street, Jersey City location 201-432-5959

Website: www.hudsoncommunity.org

Contact: Varies depending on program

Locations: See above

Services:

A. Vocational Evaluations and Job Training / Disabled Adults

Vocational evaluations and job training for disabled adults is offered at the Montgomery Street location. Eligible individuals would include adults previously classified by a Child Study Team for special education services. Client must be registered with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). If not registered, Hudson Community Enterprises will refer to DVR. Call Christine Remler at 201-432-5959, extension 100.

B. Job Coaching and Supportive Employment Programs / Disabled Adults

Job coaching and supportive employment programs are available at the Montgomery Street location for disabled adults who are having trouble finding a job. Job coaches work one-on-one with clients. Call Christine Remler at 201-432-5959, extension 100.

C. Transition Services

Transition Services are designed to help high school students with special needs secure and sustain employment in their own communities. There are six programs:

D. WIN Program is a four year program in which students participate in half-day work programs at businesses within the community. During the first year, students take part in career preparation activities. In the next three years, students are placed at work sites where they learn about specific jobs in specific industries. They rotate through departments and are mentored by a professional counselor. When they complete the program they move into employment, further job training, or post secondary education.

E. BEST Program is designed to expose students to technology. They learn first-hand what it's like to work in high-tech environments. Site visits, mentoring, shadowing and summer internships all provide students with opportunities to learn about careers in the scientific engineering and Technology-related fields. The paid internship component of this program is unique and sets it apart from other school-based programs. HCE develops internships in partnership with One-Stop Youth Funding.

F. ACCESS Program provides a strong alliance among students, faculty, administration and the community, all of which work together to provide students with opportunities for community involvement. It is designed to integrate academic learning with real-life experience. The ACCESS program takes the subjects student normally study in school and adds information about people, jobs, and community involvement. As part of the program students earn academic credit and explore the real dimensions of different types of careers.

G. VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT Program – This program offers tools to assess students' interests, preferences, aptitudes, and capabilities. These go into a vocational assessment report which is used as a base for transition planning. It is critical that students, their parents and child-study teams have comprehensive and thorough information about each student. Local school districts often refer students to HCE for vocational assessments.

H. SHARED TIME Program – This program has been approved by the NJ Department of Education as a shared-time program-site for students with severe disabilities. Students attend school for a half-day and attend HCE's programs for a half-day. Students with severe disabilities who participate in this program improve their "working" skills and overall work readiness. Program participation is flexible and designed to meet the individual needs of students.

I. JOB COACHING Programs offers continuous pre-placement support that promotes positive and effective job seeking skills. It also teaches the skills needed to be successful in obtaining employment. This includes assisting the student to fill out job applications, arranging interviews, and assisting with the completion of any paperwork to secure the position. Once pre-placement services are completed and the student secures a job, the job

coach helps the student acclimate to the job. Afterward, the job coach remains on the job with the student and provides basic training. Contact Monica Planas at 201-434-3303.

III. URBAN LEAGUE OF HUDSON COUNTY-EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

DIVISION

Phone: 201-451-8888

Contact: Andrew Kemp, 203

Website: www.ulohc.org

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services:

A. Community-Based Employment Services- Program which assists anyone 18 or over in finding a job including resume writing assistance. Two forms of I.D. (one a photo I.D.) and a social security card are needed at the first meeting with a job developer. Contact Dottie Grayson at ext. 155 for additional information or for an appointment.

B. Training Programs for Childcare Providers

1. For the **C.D.A. Program (Child Development Associates)** contact Brenda Pettiford. This seven-month program requires a high school diploma or GED and classes are offered in English. The total cost of this course can be paid in three installments. Those receiving the C.D.A. can be employed in public school pre-kindergarten classes as well as in daycare centers nationally. Work First NJ clients are expected to be accepted into this program, at which time the fee should be covered by Welfare
2. **Family Daycare Program**- To become a registered daycare provider in the home contact Lois Carter at extension 194. Based on funding availability, there could be a waiting list to get into this program. It involves 3 days of three-hour classes plus ongoing training. The state does background checks on all that apply.

XIV. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Adult Education Evening Program

Phone: 201-714-4440 – Dickinson High School after 6:00 pm

Contact: Mr. Robert McNutt

Services:

A. Adult HS Diploma Program is located at Dickinson H.S. This is a program for adults wishing to earn a traditional Jersey City High School diploma. Flexible scheduling with courses assigned according to student's needs. There are three cycles: September, December, and March (every ten weeks). The HSPA is required. Classes run Monday through Thursday from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Free childcare is available for toilet-trained children ages 3 and up. Call 201-714-4440 after 6 P.M. for details or go in person. The Adult Evening High School is located at Dickinson H.S.

B. Adult Basic Education (ABE), G.E.D. and ESL evening programs are offered at The Adult Education Center every Monday - Wednesday from 6:00 P.M. -9:00 P.M. and at P.S. # 8 and P.S. # 11 every Monday through Thursday from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Phone: 201-914-6615 - Adult Education Center- 70 Bright St. (old #3 school).
201-714-4320 - P.S. No. 8
201-915-6521 - P.S. No.11

Contact: Cathi Zadroga at the Adult Education Center or call evenings 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
at the schools listed for information

1) **The ABE Program** is designed for students who need refresher courses in reading, math and language basic skills in preparation for entrance into the GED program and/or improving literacy skills for employment and employment advancement or for assisting children with schoolwork. Students in the A.B.E. program are tested after every 50 hours of instruction to measure progress for advancement. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

2) **The GED Preparation Program** - Class instruction focuses on preparation for the GED, which will include science, social studies, literature, writing and mathematical problem solving and application. Official GED practice tests are given monthly. Students are scheduled to take the actual GED when ready. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person. Spanish GED preparation is offered in the evening at the Adult Education Center only. (Old #3 School at 70 Bright Street)

3) **The E.S.L. Program** (English as a Second Language) focuses on conversational English. English instruction is offered at the student's ability level based on a placement test given to the student at the time of registration. Advancement to the next level is based on the student's performance on a posttest. Post testing is done after 70 hours of instruction. Citizenship skills and workplace readiness skills are infused into the curriculum. Registration begins in September. Thereafter, admission is ongoing, as space is available. Students must register in person.

C. Adult Evening Vocational Programs

Technical and Industrial Programs are offered at Dickinson H.S. on a first come first served basis. The program runs Monday through Wednesdays from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Contact: Arthur Williams at (201) 714-4440 after 6:00 P.M.

1) Auto Mechanics, Electricity, Furniture Repair, Mechanical Drawing, Plastering, Plumbing, Jewelry Making, Sewing, Welding, Boiler Operation, Woodworking, Masonry and Graphic Arts are among the courses offered. All courses last 10 sessions and are for adults 18 and up. There are no entrance requirements. The student can be a high school dropout. All services are free of charge. Free childcare is available for toilet trained children ages 3 and up.

2) Business and Secretarial Programs are offered at Dickinson H.S. on a first come first served basis. The program runs Monday through Wednesdays from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Contact: Jackie Resal at (201) 714-4440 after 6:00 P.M. Bookkeeping, Computerized Accounting, Keyboarding and Word Processing are among the courses offered. All courses

last 10 sessions. Programs are available for adults, 18 and up, with no entrance requirements. All services are free of charge with free childcare available for toilet trained children ages 3 and up

XV. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS-ADULT EDUCATION CENTER- Adult

Daytime Programs

Phone: (201) 915-6783

Contact: Margaret DiNardo

Location: 70 Bright Street, Jersey City, NJ (old # 3 school)

Services: Programs offered include GED, A.B.E., GED in Spanish, ESL, Adult High School Program and One-Stop Career Shop. Childcare offered for all day programs (toilet trained children ages 3 to 5).

A. Adult Day High School Diploma Program - This program is designed for adults ages 18 and over and provides the opportunity to earn a traditional Jersey City High School diploma. The student must be signed out of school at least one year and be a Jersey City resident. To graduate, the student must pass the state required H.S.P.A. showing proficiency in reading, writing and math. Three separate instructional cycles are offered: September, December and March. Call Margaret DiNardo at 201-915-6783 for additional information. Program Hours are from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and/or 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

B. Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED Program in English or Spanish and ESL Program - These programs are for students 18 years of age and older. Potential students must test over a 4th grade level in reading to get into the GED preparation classes. The program is open to Hudson County residents. Register Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. and Friday mornings.

1) **The ABE Program** is designed for students in need of a refresher course in reading, math and language basic skills in preparation for entrance into the GED program and/or improving literacy skills for employment and employment advancement or for assisting children with schoolwork. Students in the ABE program are tested after every 50 hours of instruction to measure progress for advancement. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

2) **The GED Preparation Program** – Class instruction focuses on preparation for the GED, which will include science, social studies, literature, writing and mathematical problem solving and application. Official GED practice tests are given monthly. Students are scheduled to take the actual GED when ready. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

3) **ESL Program – (English as a Second Language)** - Focuses on conversational English. English instruction is offered at the student's ability level based on the student's performance on a posttest. Post testing is done after 70 hours of instruction. Citizenship skills and workplace readiness skills are infused into the curriculum. Registration begins in

September. Thereafter, admission is ongoing, as space is available. Students must register in person.

4). Work First NJ Program clients who are studying in any of the Adult Evening Programs and who satisfy district requirements, may be placed in Alternative Work Experiences Program (AWEP) throughout the school district. Those who receive satisfactory evaluations from their work site supervisor and complete their program of studies may be placed on a priority-hiring list for full-time employment.

VI. WORKFORCE ADVANTAGE

Phone: 201-222-0901 or 908-355-2299

Website: workforceadvantageusa.com

Director: Hareton Reyes

Contact: Elizabeth Serna

Location: 924 Bergen Avenue, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Pre- Occupational: Home Health Careers Exploration (4 weeks)

This activity is for a four week program that allows participants to prepare for more advanced training and/or work activities in the health care field. The program exposes participants to potential career options, including the requirements, tasks, responsibilities, employment opportunities and advancement of Home Health Aides and Certified Nursing Assistants. Clients tour workplaces to assure their interest in pursuing a career in this field. Program only available to Workforce clients. Requirement is that you cannot have a criminal background and need a minimum score of Intermediate level in the BEST test.

B. Home Health Aides/ABE

Clients prepare for the State of New Jersey Certification to gain and retain a job as a Home Health Aide, which is one of the region's high demand occupations, and advance in a career path to self-sufficiency. This program is carried out in partnership with major employers in our area, who hire all our graduates and provide their facilities for the clinical training. Requirement for the program is to have no criminal background and a minimum score of third grade in the TABE Test.

C. Occupational ESL- (26 weeks)

Clients develop the essential Basic Skills (reading-writing-math), in addition to contextually acquiring critical Employability Skill to gain, advance in and retain employment; or enter occupational or high levels of training. While attending training for 15hr/wk, clients attend for an additional 20hr/wk on an AWEP site where they apply what they are learning in the classroom.

D. Certified Nurses Assistant Program - Offered in Union City –Also available to clients referred by Work First NJ or other agencies.

E Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program – Clients develop the essential Basic Skills (Reading-Writing-Math), in addition to contextually acquiring critical Employment Skills to

gain, advance and retain employment; or enter occupational for higher levels of training. While attending training for 15hr/wk, clients attend for an additional 20hr/wk on an AWEP site where they apply what they are learning in the classroom.

F. Special Initiative/Job Search (4 Weeks) – Upon entry to the program, the clients are assessed with the appropriate standardized test (BEST or TABE) and Comprehensive Assessment (to identify any barriers to success and develop Employability Plan. Then, depending on the needs and preferences of each individual, he/she engages in appropriate activity for 35 hr/wk – life skills, job search or career exploration. A requirement is to be willing and ready to work or enter to another activity. Schedule: 9:00am – 5:00pm.

G. Office Technology - Clients learn how to use various software applications in a real business situations, while also developing Employability Skills. In addition to classroom instruction, a key component is a self-paced computer-based instructional approach enabling participants to learn as quickly as they are able and to move on to the more advanced features. Schedule 9:00am- 5:00pm.

VIII. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY - ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Phone: 201-547-4518 or Voice mail 201-435-4246 (Fax) (201) 435-5746
Website: www.jclibrary.org
Contact: Darnell Richardson (2947)
Director: Nancy Sambul (5770)
Location: Main Library, 472 Jersey Avenue, (First Floor) Jersey City, NJ 07302
Services: Free one-on-one basic literacy tutoring for adults, age 16 and older, who speak English fluently or at least bi-lingual. A reading assessment is done and then small goals are set with the client such as passing the written Driver's Test. Clients receive two hours of tutoring weekly plus regular use of a computer lab. All intakes are done at the Main Library but tutoring can be scheduled for the Greenville Branch Library or any other library in Jersey City that the client prefers. Wait time for a tutor should not exceed two months. Appointment will be needed to test their level of English.

IX. DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (D.V.R.)

Phone: 201-217-7180
Website: nj.gov/labor
Location: 438 Summit Avenue, 6th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Services: Offerings include vocational assessment, case management and referral services to jobs, training or educational programs for disabled adults. Any adult who has a documented disability; mental, physical and/or emotional can receive services. Call to request an application. Walk-ins are accepted.

X. GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF GREATER N.Y. AND NORTHERN NJ - D.V.R. CLIENTS

Phone: 973-481-2300
Contact: Debbie Smith extension 246 or Paryss Whitaker extension 226

Location: 400 Supor Boulevard, Harrison, NJ 07029

Services: Job placement and coaching services at Goodwill locations for people with disabilities. New clients must be referred by DVR, which covers the cost of the service. No house pick-ups for furniture or clothing.

XII. WOMEN RISING, INC. - HOTEL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Phone: 201-333-5700, extension 532

Contact: Ilene Singh

Location: 270 Fairmount Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: A free 16-week job training and placement program provided for entry-level positions in the hotel industry. Positions are available in Newark, Secaucus and Jersey City. This program includes job coaching and other supportive services. It is open to high school graduates or those enrolled in a G.E.D. program, ages 18 and older. Applicants should be willing to travel out of Jersey City for a job, as openings may be at hotels outside of the city. Program also includes a 3 week internship component in an area hotel.

XIII. FEDERAL EXPRESS

Website: www.fedalexpress.com

Services: The Company often hires adults from the Jersey City area. A High School diploma or GED is required. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Federal Express, 570 Route 1 South, Room 205, Newark, NJ 07030-07114. Confirmation of a job interview will be mailed back to the interested applicant. A drug test will be required for those interviewed.

*You may also go to the website to complete an application and to be scheduled for a job interview, click onto "FedEx - Employment".

XIV. JOB REGISTRY / THE JERSEY CITY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OFFICE?

Phone: 201-795-8845

Location: 121-125 Newark Avenue, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Jersey City residents, age 18 and older, may bring resumes to possibly be matched with prospective employers. Interviews are facilitated but no jobs are guaranteed. Picture I.D. and social security card must be presented.

XV. WORKFORCE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC INFORMATION NETWORK

Website: www.wnjpin.com

Services: This website provides information on One Stop Career Centers, local employment opportunities, technical schools, county colleges, daycare facilities, county transportation services and other information, including the location of the One Stop Career Center in each county. You may also call 609-292-5005.

XVI. SUITS FOR SUCCEES (FORMERLY DRESS FOR SUCCESS)

Phone: (201) 395-0001

Contact: Diana Nunez

Location: 121-125 Newark Ave., 3rd Floor, Jersey City, N.J.

Service:

- A. **SUITS FOR SUCCESS** – This is a non-profit organization that provides interview suits, economic independence and career development to low-income individuals making a transition from welfare to the work force that work with the state.
- B. **CAREER CORNER/CAREER COACHING** – This program promotes confidence and professionalism by providing clients with career guidance, technology skills, and job seeking support. The program offers services and resources to men entering the work force, such as: an internet accessible computer lab, job search assistance; resume and cover letter writing sessions and interview preparation, including mock interviews.

XVII. BUILDING AN EMPIRE - JOB READINESS PROGRAM

Phone: 201-536-8590
Website: www.buildinganempire@aol.com
Contact: Diane Coleman
Location: 239 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, N.J. 07305
Services: This is a Work First NJ approved activity that helps clients prepare for jobs/job search. Contact Diane Coleman

XVIII. STREET WISE PARTNERS

Phone: 646-705-0028
Website: streetwisepartners.org
Contact: Greg Wise
Services: Street Wise Partners provides free career development services to individuals 18 and up. Individuals must have a high school diploma or GED. Some high school seniors may be considered if they are good candidates for graduation. Individuals may have some college but no more than two years of college credits. Individuals are mentored by business professionals who provide support for career planning, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing techniques, public speaking, computer skills, and networking. The individual sessions run for three months and then there is nine months of ongoing support and professional workshops. The sessions are hosted in successful corporations.

XIX. NJ WORK INCENTIVES NETWORK SUPPORT (NJWINS)

Phone: 1-877-659-4672
Website: www.njwins.org
Location: Calls go to Little Falls or Trenton
Services: This group provides free and confidential benefits planning assistance to clients between the ages of 14 and 65 who receive a social security check for a disability (either SSI or SSDI) to understand how taking a job or increasing their work hours may affect their Social Security or medical benefits. Assistance is also offered to those who had been receiving Social Security, became employed and then lost the job to reapply for Social Security.

SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

I. KENMARE HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 201-451-1177
Contact: Sister Joan Repka

Location: 89 York Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Services: Program is for adult women ages 17 to 35 who do not have their high school diploma. Students must be out of school one year and pass an entrance test. Call the school for testing dates. There may be daycare available on-site at the Nurturing Place for Children, the age range for the child care services is 5 months to Kindergarten age.

II. JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS -ADULT EDUCATION CENTER DAY AND EVENING DIVISIONS

Adult Education Evening Program

Phone: 201-714-4440 – Dickinson High School after 6:00 pm

Contact: Mr. Robert McNutt

Services:

A. Adult HS Diploma Program is located at Dickinson H.S. This is a program for adults wishing to earn a traditional Jersey City High School diploma. Flexible scheduling with courses assigned according to student's needs. There are three cycles: September, December, and March (every ten weeks). The HSPA is required. Classes run Monday through Thursday from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Free childcare is available for toilet-trained children ages 3 and up. Call 201-714-4440 after 6 P.M. for details or go in person. The Adult Evening High School is located at Dickinson H.S.

B. Adult Basic Education (ABE), G.E.D. and ESL evening programs are offered at The Adult Education Center every Monday - Wednesday from 6:00 P.M. -9:00 P.M. and at P.S. # 8 and P.S. # 11 every Monday through Thursday from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Phone: 201-914-6615 - Adult Education Center- 70 Bright St. (old #3 school).

201-714-4320 - P.S. No. 8

201-915-6521 - P.S. No.11

Contact: Cathi Zadroga at the Adult Education Center or call evenings 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at the schools listed for information

1) **The ABE Program** is designed for students who need refresher courses in reading, math and language basic skills in preparation for entrance into the GED program and/or improving literacy skills for employment and employment advancement or for assisting children with schoolwork. Students in the A.B.E. program are tested after every 50 hours of instruction to measure progress for advancement. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

2) **The GED Preparation Program** - Class instruction focuses on preparation for the GED, which will include science, social studies, literature, writing and mathematical problem solving and application. Official GED practice tests are given monthly. Students are scheduled to take the actual GED when ready. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person. Spanish GED preparation is offered in the evening at the Adult Education Center only. (Old #3 School at 70 Bright Street)

3) The E.S.L. Program (English as a Second Language) focuses on conversational English. English instruction is offered at the student's ability level based on a placement test given to the student at the time of registration. Advancement to the next level is based on the student's performance on a posttest. Post testing is done after 70 hours of instruction. Citizenship skills and workplace readiness skills are infused into the curriculum. Registration begins in September. Thereafter, admission is ongoing, as space is available. Students must register in person.

C. Adult Evening Vocational Programs

Technical and Industrial Programs are offered at Dickinson H.S. on a first come first served basis. The program runs Monday through Wednesdays from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Contact: Arthur Williams at (201) 714-4440 after 6:00 P.M.

1) Auto Mechanics, Electricity, Furniture Repair, Mechanical Drawing, Plastering, Plumbing, Jewelry Making, Sewing, Welding, Boiler Operation, Woodworking, Masonry and Graphic Arts are among the courses offered. All courses last 10 sessions and are for adults 18 and up. There are no entrance requirements. The student can be a high school dropout. All services are free of charge. Free childcare is available for toilet trained children ages 3 and up.

2) Business and Secretarial Programs are offered at Dickinson H.S. on a first come first served basis. The program runs Monday through Wednesdays from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Contact: Jackie Resal at (201) 714-4440 after 6:00 P.M. Bookkeeping, Computerized Accounting, Keyboarding and Word Processing are among the courses offered. All courses last 10 sessions. Programs are available for adults, 18 and up, with no entrance requirements. All services are free of charge with free childcare available for toilet trained children ages 3 and up

Adult Daytime Programs

Phone: (201) 915-6783

Contact: Margaret DiNardo

Location: 70 Bright Street, Jersey City, NJ (old # 3 school)

Services: Programs offered include GED, A.B.E., GED in Spanish, ESL, Adult High School Program and One-Stop Career Shop. Childcare offered for all day programs (toilet trained children ages 3 to 5).

A. Adult Day High School Diploma Program - This program is designed for adults ages 18 and over and provides the opportunity to earn a traditional Jersey City High School diploma. The student must be signed out of school at least one year and be a Jersey City resident. To graduate, the student must pass the state required H.S.P.A. showing proficiency in reading, writing and math. Three separate instructional cycles are offered: September, December and March. Call Margaret DiNardo at 201-915-6783 for additional information. Program Hours are from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and/or 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

B. Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED Program in English or Spanish and ESL

Program - These programs are for students 18 years of age and older. Potential students must test over a 4th grade level in reading to get into the GED preparation classes. The program is open to Hudson County residents. Register Monday through Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. and Friday mornings.

1) **The ABE Program** is designed for students in need of a refresher course in reading, math and language basic skills in preparation for entrance into the GED program and/or improving literacy skills for employment and employment advancement or for assisting children with schoolwork. Students in the ABE program are tested after every 50 hours of instruction to measure progress for advancement. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

2) **The GED Preparation Program** – Class instruction focuses on preparation for the GED, which will include science, social studies, literature writing and mathematical problem solving and application. Official GED practice tests are given monthly. Students are scheduled to take the actual GED when ready. After the initial registration in September, admission will be ongoing as space allows. Students must register in person.

3) **ESL Program – (English as a Second Language)** - Focuses on conversational English. English instruction is offered at the student's ability level based on the student's performance on a posttest. Post testing is done after 70 hours of instruction. Citizenship skills and workplace readiness skills are infused into the curriculum. Registration begins in September. Thereafter, admission is ongoing, as space is available. Students must register in person.

4). **Work First NJ Program** clients who are studying in any of the Adult Evening Programs and who satisfy district requirements, may be placed in Alternative Work Experiences Program (AWEP) throughout the school district. Those who receive satisfactory evaluations from their work site supervisor and complete their program of studies may be placed on a priority-hiring list for full-time employment.

III. HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY-ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Phone: 201-662-6761

Jersey City Site: 525 Montgomery Street, Earl W. Byrd School, Jersey City 07302

North Bergen Site: 2000 85th St., North Bergen, NJ 07047(the other side of the street)

Services: We are a passionate multi-dimensional learning community that prepares our learners to succeed by providing quality educational opportunities.

1. Adult High School Evening Diploma Program

Jersey City Site: 525 Montgomery Street, Jersey City

Phone: 201-613-6385 Jersey City site (Evenings Only)
201-662-6768

This program is open to anyone age 16 and over who has dropped out and lives in Hudson County. There is no entrance requirement. If a student was classified, he/she will be exempt from passing the H.S.P.A. if the I.E.P. indicated exemption and was written within the past three years; otherwise, the H.S.P.A. is required for passage or exposure.

Technical courses are available. Classes meet four days a week, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September and January semesters are available. Call 201-662-6764 to request a brochure.

2. **Vocational-Technology Program** - Open to Hudson County residents ages 16 and up who are not attending school elsewhere. A tuition fee is required per course, unless the student is already enrolled in the adult high school, in which case these courses are part of the diploma program.
3. **Career Academy** - This program is for students ages 16-21 in need of an alternative education program. There is no need to be out of school a certain period of time. This application is separate from the County Prep application. Admission occurs twice a year in the fall and spring semester. Program runs from 3:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. A proficiency-based program, it is appropriate for students who have already mastered the eighth grade. Some teen parents may be appropriate for referral if they meet eligibility guidelines; both on-site daycare and transportation is available. Some special education students are admitted, on a case-by-case basis, and with an I.E.P. Contact Lori Mercer, school-based advisor, at 201-631-6379 for more information. Ask for Yvette Thomas if you need an application.
4. **GED Testing – Jersey City** - Call Mike Symczak at 201-631-6348 for testing information. Students may also contact the Jersey City Employment and Training Center at 201-413-5989 or the Career Development Center (4800 Broadway, Union City, NJ) at 201-866-4100

B. North Bergen Site

1. Adult High School – Evening Diploma Program

Same services as described above. Contact number 201-662-6768

2. VOCATIONAL-TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Open to Hudson County residents ages 16 and up who are not attending school elsewhere. A tuition fee is required per course, unless the student is already enrolled in the adult high school, in which case these courses are part of the diploma program.

3. **KAS PREP/TEEN PARENT PROGRAM** - Hours of the program are from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This site only accepts students in grades eight and above and is open to Hudson County teen parents. Students **must** apply through his or her guidance counselor - **general education students only**. Transportation and childcare provided. Contact Dr. Killeen, the Assistant Principal, at 201-662-6767 or Pat Drasheff at the Daycare Center 201-662-6766.

IV. NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM

Phone: 201-200-3101

Contact: Melinda Estrada, or Bruce Beaman
Location: 2039 Grossnickle Hall (Room 415), Jersey City, NJ 07305
Services: This free six-month program was established to provide a second chance for youth between the ages of 16 to 21 who live in the Hudson County area and are unemployed. A placement test is required. Students should have a minimum of a 9th grade reading level. Entrance to the program is competitive. The Youth Corps model combines academic instruction and work experience for unemployed youths. The program included preparation for the G.E.D., job readiness skills, and hands-on experience in an area of interest to the student. Examples of work experiences include office work, emergency service work, museum presentation, etc. All Youth Corps Students are paid for their work. The program runs from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Seasonal enrollment.

V. EDISON JOB CORPS ACADEMY

Phone: 732-985-4800 (for general information) or 201-433-6519 to register.
Website: www.jobcorps.org
Contact: Hudson County recruiter, Erica Reyes at 201-413-5973 (if already applied)
Jersey City Location: 121-125 Newark Ave, 2nd floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Services: Residential program located in NJ and NY area that provides vocational training for students ages 16-24 years who have either dropped out of high school or who have a high school diploma but need more career training. Classified students and bilingual students are accepted on a case-by-case basis (depending on their reading and math levels). Vocational training offered in fields including carpentry, electrical work, business and clerical, health occupations, automotive, construction, security guard and others. Programs specifically for those who come with a high school diploma or earn it at the program include: AAMCO transmissions program, A+ certification in Microsoft software engineer, L.P.N. (run in conjunction with Middlesex County College) and Roto Rooter/ advanced plumbing. G.E.D. preparation is offered and students take the GED on-site. Student may stay in the program up to two years. Applicants can have no court involvement and no probation. Job placement services are included if they finish the training for their trade. The 121-125 Newark Avenue address is where the recruiter meets with potential Job Corps applicants. An appointment is needed, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays; no "walk-ins". Citizens must bring birth certificates and social security cards to the interview. Green cards or passports (showing that they are going to get their green card) needed for those who are not citizens. No past police record or **ANY** kind or court actions are accepted. **If under age 18, the student must come to the interview with his/her parent. Note: For a look at the program, tours of the Edison Center are offered. A shuttle is available on Fridays at 990 Broad Street, Newark at 8:30 A.M.**

There are several program sites also offered in New York (city and state); call Erica Reyes for details.

VI. "YOUTH CHALLENGE" ACADEMY

Phone: 1-800-997-5587 or 609-562-0577 to request a brochure
Website: www.ngycp.org
Contact: Mary Lou Frisch

Services: Youth Challenge is a five and a half month residential program located in Fort Dix, NJ for high school dropouts, male or female, between 16 and 18 years of age. The program includes G.E.D. preparation, job skills, life skills, community service and physical fitness. It is held “under a military environment” but it is not a “boot camp”. For one year after they have completed the residential phase, students are monitored in their community by a mentor who provides guidance and reports back to the program monthly. The total amount of time with the program is seventeen months. To be eligible, students must score at approximately an eighth grade level and not be actively involved with the legal system. A group of five or more students may be tested off-site, with a pre-arranged contact that arranges for the testing space. All other candidates may take the entrance test in Fort Dix.

VII. URBAN LEAGUE - ADOLESCENT SERVICING CENTER

Phone: 201-451-8888, ext. 147

Website: www.urbanleaguehudsonnj.org

Contact: Maria Rosado

Supervisor: Nidia Ortiz

Location: 253 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: For male or female dropouts, ages 13 through 23, services include social service referral, alternative educational program referrals and help for teen parents. Contact Maria for an appointment; the office is open until 5:00 p.m.

IX. NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (HEAA)

Phone: 1-800-792-8670

Services: Information about Federal or State financial assistance programs, loan applications and processing information, academic program offerings and other information for those interested in continuing their education beyond high school at either a college or an occupational program.

CHAPTER 16**GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES****I. NORTHEAST NJ LEGAL SERVICES**

Phone: 201-792-6363

Contact: Ask for type of lawyer needed (e.g. "housing", "entitlements")

Location: 574 Summit Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Free legal services available to people receiving Welfare, Social Security or those with very low-incomes, in the following areas:

A. Housing: Income-eligible Hudson County Residents may receive free legal services related to a housing emergency if there are questions related to legal issues. For example, those who think their eviction notice has not been handled properly may consult with the housing attorney. Those who have been denied emergency assistance at Hudson County Welfare and who have requested a Fair Hearing may want to consult with an entitlement attorney before their Fair Hearing. You must have proof of income and all documents related to the homeless situation; show up no later than 8:30 am to be seen that morning.

B. Family Law: Domestic violence, the lawyer cannot see you if your partner already has an open case with their office. Child Support and Visitation issues on behalf of the person seeking child support and if the defendant is on SSI. Consultation with a family attorney for income eligible individuals regarding matters such as court appearances at the Family Court. It is important that the victim who may seek services is certain that her/his partner is not already receiving legal services at this location; otherwise there is a conflict of interest.

***Note: Domestic violence or related situations are the only cases under which undocumented immigrants can be assisted at Legal Services.**

C. Public Entitlements: This includes welfare issues, emergency assistance, social security denials and unemployment claims matters.

D. Consumer Law: These legal services include bankruptcies, legal assistance for unpaid medical bills and other issues.

Phone ahead to check if referral is appropriate and if client meets the income guidelines. Ask if the type of lawyer needed (e.g. "Family Law") will be in the following morning. **Clients are seen on a first-come, first served basis with the office opening at 9:00 a.m.** Client must bring all documentation of income, green card, translator, if needed, and any documentation supporting the issue for which the client is seeking help.

II. YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER (AT COVENANT HOUSE NJ)

Phone: 973-286-3407 (Ask for the Youth Advocacy Center)

Contact: Jill Rottman

Location: 330 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: This agency offers free legal advice to adolescents ages 16-21 on a variety of issues. Some of the issues include DYFS matters such as adolescents exiting from DYFS who are in need of housing etc.; legal issues affecting teen parents; public entitlements and related non-criminal matters. The overall goal of this organization is to prevent homelessness among

young people. Teens that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, as well as, teens that were formerly under DYFS supervision are the clients most often seen.

III. FAMILY COURT (HUDSON COUNTY) - GENERAL

Phone: 201-795-6777 or 6778

Location: 595 Newark Avenue, 2nd Floor, Room 203, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Provides assistance in filing a complaint regarding child custody, child support and paternity, or child visitation. Complaints are taken between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Court dates scheduled approximately six to eight weeks later.

IV. HUDSON COUNTY FAMILY COURT-SPECIAL PROGRAMS/SERVICES

A. Custody Mediation Program

Phone: 201-795-6878

Location: 595 Newark Avenue, Room 218 (Assessment unit)
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Mediation services are available for those who want to amicably resolve the custody arrangement or visitation arrangement of a child via a “consent order” instead of having a court appearance. All parties involved must attend. Clients maybe eligible for mediation services in Hudson County with the exception of those involved with DYFS and individuals with active domestic violence restraining orders.

B. Restraining Order

Phone: 201-795-5670 or 201-217-5385

Location: 595 Newark Avenue, Room 220B, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

1. To request a restraining order on a weekday go to room 220B between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; otherwise, the client should go to the local police precinct to file his or her request.
2. Referral, when appropriate, to **Women Rising** Battered Women’s Shelter is available through Llinet Garcia, Women Rising Court Liaison. Clients may see her while at the courthouse, or call 201- 222-7702.

V. PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE -HUDSON COUNTY

Phone: 201-795-8922

Location: 438 Summit Avenue, 5th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Provides legal services for adults or adolescents who cannot afford a lawyer for a criminal case. Apply at the Courthouse for services.

VI. CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE - SETON HALL UNIVERSITY LAW CLINIC

Phone: 973-642-8700

Contact: Ask for clinic of the type of law needed

Website: law.shu.edu

Location: 833 McCarter Highway, Newark, NJ 07102

Services:

A- Immigration Law**B- Civil Litigation Issues****C- Family Law**

An intake specialist will determine which lawyer to speak with. All services are free (cases are handled by law students) but client must meet indigent guidelines and case matter must be appropriate. All cases are supervised by an attorney. Not all issues handled within each category.

VII. HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU)

Phone: 201-915-1234

Contact: A Detective

Location: 555 Duncan Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Services: Provides assistance in filing a report of a sexual crime or severe or persistent physical abuse committed against a child. A police investigation is conducted and arrests made through this office. Included is the service of a victim advocate. Spanish-speaking detectives are available. In many cases, D.Y.F.S. may be or become involved.

VIII. LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE/HUDSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Phone: 201-798-4708

Fax: 201-798-1740

Website: www.hcbalaw.com

Email: staff@hcbalaw.com

Location: 583 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Client must go in person. A \$25.00 fee is charged for a client to receive the names of three lawyers in the field needed. This fee is to be paid by a money order or credit card, no cash is accepted. Each lawyer will provide a free half-hour consultation.

IX. LSNJLAW: STATEWIDE PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL HOTLINE

Phone: 1-888-576-5529

Website: www.lsnjlaw.org

Services: Legal information, advice and referral for low income New Jersey residents. The caller, in most cases, must be the person experiencing the problem. Help with civil legal problems only. Please complete an application on-line at www.lsnjlawhotline.org.

X. VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM - HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE

Phone: 201-795-6508

Contact: Sharon Mai

Location: 595 Newark Avenue, 6th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Comprehensive victim advocacy services including counseling, referral, and court accompaniment for any victim of a crime or witness to a crime who will be testifying and needs help or support.

XI. VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION OFFICE

Phone: 1-800-242-0804 or (973) 648-2107

Website: www.state.nj.us/victims.org

Location: 50 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: Victims of crimes in New Jersey have up to three years (from the date of a crime) to file an application with this office for compensation. A police report will be needed. Services available to victims may include financial compensation if a loss occurs, coverage of therapy and medical costs, crime scene clean-up and other services. Do not compensate for pain and suffering.

XII. KINSHIP CARE PROGRAMS- DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Phone: 1-877-816-3211

Contact: Joe

Services: The state has initiated a program called Kinship Legal Guardianship. For those blood relatives caring for children in their home for at least 12 months, whose cases are no longer open with DYFS, the above number can assist those families with completing an application for guardianship. In addition to having no open DYFS case, the family must undergo a criminal background check and complete a home study. Once legal guardianship is determined through the Family Court, the client may access the \$250 per month per child, if income-eligible. For those families that are not income eligible for the subsidy, they may still apply for the legal status through this program.

1. **Wrap Around Program**- helps families with clothing, furniture, appliances, kitchen supplies, etc.

2. **Legal Guardianship Program** – Assists families who have legal guardianship up to one year to help supply all needs of the child. Call for more information.

3. **Child Care** - Child care is offered to working caregivers. Call for additional information.

(*Please note: DYFS has their own programs of Kinship Legal Guardianship and two subsidy programs for those who still have open DYFS cases where adoption does not appear to be an option. Clients should inquire with their caseworkers about the details). Subsidized day care may also be available.

XIII. HUDSON COUNTY ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Phone: 201-295-5160

Contact: A case worker

Location: 6018A Hudson, West New York, NJ 07093

Services: Protection Services for Adults

XIV. HUDSON COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Phone: 201-795-6295

Location: 583 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Provides assistance, information, and arbitration regarding consumer complaints, fraudulent advertising, services complaints and other consumer-related problems within Hudson County.

XV. URBAN LEAGUE – SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM

Phone: 201-451-8888, extension 240

Contact: Elaine Dawson

Location: 253 MLK Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Services: This program provides children that have been placed in foster care the opportunity to visit with their parents in a supervised, neutral, and safe environment. Our personnel supervise visits to monitor the family's bonding process and document all dynamics for the ultimate goal of family re-unification.

CHAPTER 17**IMMIGRATION SERVICES****I. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NJ- JERSEY CITY OFFICE**

Phone: 201-653-3888

Contact: Depends on department

Location: 1 Journal Square Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Website: www.iinj.org

Director: Cathy Tansey

Services:

A. Cross-Cultural Counseling Center

1. Masters-Level Therapists are serving immigrants in the following languages: Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish. Interpretation services are available to provide therapy in many other languages, including Arabic. At this time, therapy services are limited to the following populations: Refugees and survivors of torture, DYFS referrals, child abuse and domestic violence cases. We DO NOT accept charity care, Medicaid or private insurance.

B. Refugee Resettlement Program

This program offers assistance for refugees, asylees and Cuban parolees (West NY office). Clients must have refugee or asylee status. Asylee and refugees come from such countries as Haiti, Vietnam, Liberia and Iraq. Services to these clients include job readiness classes and job placement; referral to vocational training programs; case management services; referral services to food, clothing, housing and medical programs and to government agencies (social services, state identification documents, assistance with obtaining documents to work); financial assistance for qualified newly arrived asylees or refugees, and Cuban parolees through our Match Grant Program.

C. ESL Classes

Free ESL classes offered. Open to all in the community.

D. Immigration Law Center

There is a fee for all services. Help is given for naturalization, immigration and naturalization problems, relative petitions, adjustment of status and labor certification. There is a waiting list for an appointment so patience is the key.

E. Refugee School-Based Services

Cultural Adjustment and Trauma Services (CATS) provides innovative, evidence-based treatment and services to first and second-generation immigrant children in Clifton and Jersey City Public Schools who have experienced or witnessed traumatic event(s).

Traumatic events range from domestic violence, neglect, traumatic loss, loss as a result of migration, to child abuse and community/school violence. Trauma-informed, comprehensive, culturally and linguistically accessible services for students consist of on-site

and school based individual and family counseling, support and clinical groups and case-management.

Interventions are offered at multiple levels, with children, their families, their schools and their communities to promote and advocate for individual and systemic understanding of the multiple cultural and psychosocial challenges facing immigrant children and families.

F. LANGUAGE LINKS DEPARTMENT

The Language Link department provides interpreters and translators for people who speak English as their second language. The department provides interpreting and translation services in various locations such as hospitals, courts, school systems, and DYFS. The program has over fifty languages and dialects.

II. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NJ- WEST NEW YORK OFFICE (*New)

Phone: 201-758-0022

Contact: Robert Santiago

Location: 444 60th Street, 2nd Floor, West New York, NJ 07093

Services:

1. **Cuban Parolee Program** - A program offering financial, educational, job placement and processing of immigration papers for Cuban parolees.
2. **International Rescue Committee** - Located on the same floor as II of NJ. They offer services to immigrants who have been in the country less than three years.

III. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Phone: 973-645-2437 - Newark Office

1-800-375-5283 - National Customer Service Center

Location: Newark Field Office, 970 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: Forms may be downloaded and information obtained at www.uscis.gov.

To visit the office you must schedule an appointment through the INFOPASS system which can also be accessed through the website www.uscis.gov.

IV. MULTILINGUAL INTAKE CENTER

Phone: 201-217-7888

Contact: Mary Kritsas from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
or call 201 915-6060, Elizabeth, during the day for information.

Location: 299 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services: Evaluation of students grades K-12 who are Jersey City residents entering the school system from other countries, or other school districts, for the purpose of making appropriate educational placement decisions. Students must bring all school records. The Center is open from 3:30-6:30, Mondays through Thursdays.

V. CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESES OF NEWARK-OFFICE OF MIGRATION

Phone: 973-733-3516

Contact: Rex Chen, Attorney

Location: 976 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: Legal Immigration Services. Provide representation in removal proceedings before the immigration court; advise and assist in matters involving immigration and citizenship including: citizenship applications, family reunification, employment – based application, and visa applications. We are a low-cost fee-for-services legal center. For first-time consultation, no appointment is necessary; walk-ins between 9 am and 11 am on Tuesday or 4 pm to 6 pm on Thursday. There will be a \$40.00 charge for the consultation, payable by money order only.

VII. AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE- IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS PROGRAM

Phone: 973-643-1924

***New callers can be screened on Tuesdays 11am – 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm – 4pm.**

Director: Amy Gottlieb

Fax: 973-643-8924 (to fax over information on a client situation)

Website: www.afsc.org

Location: 89 Market St., 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

Services: Program works to increase the protection and rights of both legal and undocumented immigrants in NJ. Services include legal counsel to low-income immigrants, advocacy to workers who have experienced abuse or discrimination, and training sessions on immigrants' rights. Individuals need to call first to be screened by phone.

VIII. NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORP. - IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Phone: 201-210-0333, (general)

Contact: Isabel Hernandez, Immigration Specialist, ext. 5007
Pedro Pimienta, Supervisor, ext. 5006

Location: 7007 Polk St, Guttenburg, New Jersey, NJ 07093

Services:

- 1) Provision including assistance with filling out forms (green card assistance, passports, permanent residency, etc.) Referrals to lawyers in Hudson County offered when needed. Sliding fee scale.
- 2) Concrete assistance to undocumented clients that can include helping to find housing etc..

IX. COMITE EN UNION PARA SALVADORENOS, INC.

Phone: 201-617-2466

Contact: Blanca Molina

Location: 4511 45th Street and New York Avenue, Union City, N.J. 07087

Services: English classes and immigration legal services are provided. Low cost fee charged for all services and workshops, offers a free women's empowerment group.

X. PHILIPPINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE, INC. – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER – (PAFCOM-CDC)

Phone: 201-332-4711

Contact: Helen Bongon, Executive Director

Location: 685 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Services:

A. Iskwelahang Munti sa Jersey City – Saturday classes for ages 7 -14. Learn arts & crafts, science in the bag, Philippine music, games, poems, dance and conversational Tagalog. To register or for more details about dates and location please call facility.

B. Free Legal Advice Clinics – Free immigration advice for questions about immigration rights and employment law needs. Receive a 30 minute legal consultation with a practicing attorney. Held every third Thursday of the month at 6 pm, please call to make an appointment.

CHAPTER 18**D.Y.F.S. CONTACTS AND MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS****D.Y.F.S. Toll Free (1-877 NJABUSE)**

1-877-652-2873

1-800-982-7397 (Hotline-after hours/weekends)

D.Y.F.S. Hudson Central Local Office (Jersey City)438 Summit Ave. 4th Fl.

1-800-982-7397

201-795-0423

Local Office Manager (LOM) DYFS: Harold Damas

Resource Development Specialist (RDS): Marissela Torres

D.Y.F.S. Hudson South Local Office (Bayonne Office)690 Broadway 4th Fl.

1-800-982-7396

201-243-5001

Local Office Manager (LOM) DYFS: Robert Rubinsky

Resource Development Specialist (RDS): Jacqueline-Wooten-Rose

D.Y.F.S. North Hudson Local Office (Secaucus) 1-800-982-7401

201-854-7100

Local Office Manager (LOM) DYFS: Linda Gibbons

Resource Development Specialist (RDS): Leonardo Martinez

D.Y.F.S. Hudson West Local Office (Secaucus): 1-800-670-6406Gateway Plaza, 1 Harmon Meadow Blvd., 5th Fl.

Local Office Manager (LOM) DYFS: Maria Digiacomantonio

Resource Development Specialist (RDS): Miriam Carvajal

D.Y.F.S. Hudson Area Local Office (Secaucus): 1-888-670-6406Gateway Plaza, 1 Harmon Meadow Blvd., 2nd Fl.

Area Director: Valerie Kelly

Assistant Regional Administrator: Constance Fraier

Contact this office if you are unable to resolve a situation with the Local Management Office.

D.Y.F.S. Northern Regional Office (Paterson) 973-977-4000 Call this office for a Supervisor if you cannot resolve a problem on an open case with the District Office Manager in Bayonne or JC. Supervisor for both JC and Bayonne offices is Kristin Ingersoll

D.Y.F.S. Northern Region Foster Care and Support Unit 1-973-977-4480

Handles foster care placements at this office; also provides in-services to the schools on D.Y.F.S. reporting process and other matters related to school interface with D.Y.F.S. Contact person for school workshops is Miriam Carvajal.

Foster Home Recruitment Line: (1 877 NJ FOSTER 653-6783)

D.Y.F.S. Institutional Abuse Reports 1-800-215-6853 press 1, ask for screener
973-977-4060 (to discuss cases already referred)

D.Y.F.S. Action Line 1-800-331-DYFS (3937) (complaints about the handling of open cases and any suggested recommendations regarding services provided by DYFS)

MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS:

**City of Jersey City
280 Grove Street, NJ 07302**

Main Offices: 201-547-5000
Fax: 201-547-4288

JERSEY CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. 201-333-7797
30 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

JERSEY CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY 201-547-6600
400 US Highway 1&9, Jersey City, NJ 07306-9807

JERSEY CITY INCINERATOR AUTHORITY 201-432-4645
501 Route 440, Jersey City, NJ 07305

JERSEY CITY PARKING AUTHORITY 201-653-6969
871 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

JERSEY CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY 201-547-5810
30 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

JERSEY CITY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY 201-432-1150
555 Route 440, Jersey City, NJ 07302

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 201-547-4979
RA Murphy, Computer Services Technician/Telecommunication
1 Journal Square Plaza, 3rd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Board of Public Utilities 1-800-624-0241

Christ Hospital:

Main Number	201-795-8200
Business office	201-795-5810
Visiting Nurses Dept.	201-418-6800
Physician Referrals Service	201-795-8358
Speakers Bureau/Public Relations	201-795-8619
Charity Care	201-795-8762

Hoboken Boys and Girls Club 201-963-6443

Jersey City Medical Center

Main Number	201-915-2000
Charity Care Department	201-915-2242
Records Department:	201-915-2150
Occupational and speech therapy	201-915-2418

Jersey City Museum

Main Number	201-547-4514
Education Department	201-547-4380 (School Programs)

Narcotics Task Force

201-547-5389

Pesticide Control Program / Ann Waters

609-984-5014 (Speaking Engagements)

Self-Help Clearinghouse

1-800-367-6274 or
www.selfhelpgroups.org

Social Security

1-800-772-1213

STD Clinic/Preventive Medicine

201-547-5535

Location: 115 Christopher Columbus Drive, 3rd Floor - Room 303, Jersey City, NJ

State Department of Human Services

609-292-3717

Veterans Center / Social Services

973-645-2038 D/C

Location: 115 Christopher Columbus Drive, Suite 200, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Bergen View (formerly YMCA-Jersey City)

201-434-3211

YMCA - Hoboken

201-963-4100

LOCAL AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

Ability Online Support Network	416-650-6207	ablelink.org
Addictions Hotline-NJ	800-238-2333	
Adoption Hotline	800-99ADOPT (992-3678)	
AIDS Hotline	800-624-2377	
Alcoholism	800-322-5525	
American Association on Mental Retardation		
	800-424-3688	aamr.org
American with Disabilities Assoc.	800-949-4232	

American Cancer Society	800-227-2345	cancer.org
American Foundation for the Blind	800-232-5463	afb.org
American Stroke Assoc.	888-478-7653	strokeassociation.org
Amputee Coalition of America	888-267-5669	amputee-coalition.org
The ARC	800-433-5255	thearc.org
Autism/Aspersers/ASD- NJ	732-321-0880	www.aspennj.org
Bankruptcy Advice (free)	800-379-0985	
Brain Injury Assoc. Family Helpline	800-444-6443	biausa.org
Catastrophic Illness Relief Fund (Children)	609-292-0600	
Family Information Line (Catastrophic Illness)	800-335-FUND (3863)	
Cancer Information	800-422-6237	
Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey	888-322-1918	
Child Abuse Reporting Hotline	800-792-8610	
Child Care Subsidy Hotline	800-424-2246	
Child Support Enforcement/Payment	800-621-5437	
Children and Adults with ADD (CHADD)	800-233-4050	chadd.org
Child Behavioral Health Services	877-652-7624	
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	800-344-4823	cff.org
Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	800-962-1233	
Debt Relief Program	800-453-1738	
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund	510-644-2555	dredf.org
Division for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	800-792-8339	
Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Action Line	800-331-3937	
Domestic Violence/Battered Women's Shelter Program	800-333-5700	
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-572 SAFE (7233)	
Dysfunction Syndrome Assoc. of America	800-442-3437	efids.org

Easter Seals National Headquarters	800-221-6827	easter-seals.org
Epilepsy Foundation	800-332-1000	epilepsyfoundation.org
Family Helpline	800-THE-KIDS (843-5437)	
Food Stamps Information	201-420-3172	
Foster Care Recruitment Hotline	800-222-0047	
Home Care Programs	800-792-9745	
Homeless Hotline	800-624-0287	
Hudson County Legal Services	201-792-6363	
Hudson County Bar Association	201-798-2727	
Jersey City Mobile Psychiatric Unit	201-915-2416	
Job Accommodation Network	800-526-7234	jan.wvu.edu
Juvenile/Family Crisis Intervention Services	877-652-7624	
Learning Disability Assoc.	412-341-1515	Idanatl.org
Let's Celebrate – Food Network	201-433-5438	
Mortgage Payment Assistance	800-750-8956	
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.	800-572-1717	mdausa.org
National Association of the Deaf	301-587-1788 (VOICE) 301-587-1789 (TTY)	nad.org
National Assoc. for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments	800-562-6265	napvi.org
National Assoc. of People with AIDS	202-898-0414	napwa.org
National Autism Hotline	304-525-8014	autismservicescenter.org
National Child Abuse Hotline	800-422-4453	
National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities	800-544-3284	health.gwu.edu
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	800-622-2255	ncadd.org
National Down Syndrome	800-221-4602	ndss.org
New Jersey Protection and Advocacy	800-922-7233	
Center for Housing and New Community Economics		

	800-220-8770	alliance.unh.edu
National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)		
	800-695-0285	nichcy.org
National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped		
	202-707-5100	loc.gov/nls/
National Mental Health Assoc.	800-969-6642	nmha.org
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	800-344-4867	nmss.org
National Organization for Rare Disorders	800-999-6673	rarediseases.org
National Spinal Cord Injury Assoc.	800-962-9629	spinalcord.org
NJ Family Care	866-411-7782	
New Jersey Poison Information and Education System	800-222-1222	
NJ Helps	www.njhelps.org	
NJ Mental Health Cares (Info & Referral)	866-202 HELP (4357)	
Office of Aging – Hudson County	201-271-4335	
Office of Disability Employment and Policy (ODEP)	866-633-7365	dol.gov/odep
One Stop Career Center-Statewide	877-872-5627	
Paralyzed Veterans of America	800-424-8200	pva.org
Parents Anonymous National Hotline	800-843-5437	
Protective Services for the Elderly	201-295-5160	
After Hours	800-792-8610	
Public Assistance Information	800-792-9773	
Safe Haven Infant Protection Hotline	877-839-2339	
2ND Floor Youth Hotline	888-222-2228	
211 Hotline	www.nj211.org	
Sexual Abuse – Hudson County Prosecutor	201-451-7282	
Sickle Cell Association of America	800-421-8453	
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213	
Suicide Hotline	201-433-6161	
Tax Relief Hotline	877-283-8580	
Victim/Witness Hotline	800-242-0804	