

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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## **Auto Insurance**

[Special Automobile Insurance Policy \(SAIP\)](#) program, also known as Dollar a Day helps make limited auto insurance coverage

available to drivers who are eligible for Federal Medicaid with hospitalization. Such drivers can obtain a medical coverage-only policy at a cost of \$365 a year.

### **Civil Rights**

The New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning (NJALL) has compiled a [list of organizations](#) supporting civil rights and standing against bias and bigotry. These local, state and national organizations provide resources regarding the rights of different communities, education and information, and many collect information about incidents of bias-related harassment, violence and other violations of civil rights.

### **Computer Literacy**

The [Learning Express Computer Skills](#) Center (accessible only with your library card) will help you master the basics of computers and the Internet, and become an expert in popular productivity software.

### **Domestic Violence**

The [American Psychological Association](#) disseminates research-based knowledge and information on violence and injury prevention.

[YWCA Union County](#) is on a mission to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse, and to promote social justice and eliminate violence against women and girls.

[The New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women](#) (NJCBW) provides leadership, support and resources on the prevention of domestic

violence for all victims in New Jersey through advocacy, education and training, technical assistance and community awareness.

### **Driving Tests (Free)**

[Driving-Tests.org](http://Driving-Tests.org) has Free, ad-free, and registration free Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) practice tests for car, motorcycle, and commercial vehicle licenses. Good for the learner's permit test, driver's license test, and refresher test for seniors.

### **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

[Activities for ESL Students](http://Activities for ESL Students) has quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL). This project of *The Internet TESL Journal (iteslj.org)* has thousands of contributions by many teachers.

[Starfall](http://Starfall) Education Foundation creates free and low-cost experiences whereby children can successfully learn through exploration.

For very young children: good for all preschool and first grade students, including English language learners.

[English Guide](http://English Guide) was conceived as a directory of free English learning resources available via Internet. The site is organized by level of difficulty, content and presentation in the categories of Vocabulary, Listening, and Grammar, in order of difficulty from elementary to advanced.

[The EFL Playhouse](http://The EFL Playhouse) has quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL).

[ESL.net](http://ESL.net) contains numerous ESL-related links for students and teachers.

[ESL Go](#) is a free English community of ESL students and ESL teachers.

[USA Learns](#) is a free website for adults to learn English. Here you can practice English speaking, reading, writing, listening, grammar, vocabulary and more.

### **Financial Literacy**

[PracticalMoneySkills.com](#) helps consumers and students of all ages learn the essentials of personal finance, Visa has partnered with leading consumer advocates, educators, and financial institutions to develop the Practical Money Skills program.

[Edutopia Financial Literacy Resources Guide](#) explores resources and downloads for educators seeking to help students learn financial concepts, practice money management, and build strong financial decision-making and economic-reasoning skills.

[U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Financial Literacy Resource Directory](#) provides information on financial literacy resources, issues and events that are important to bankers, organizations, and consumers of all ages.

[New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance](#) will assist you on filing consumer inquiries and complaints and also offers personal finance topics.

[NJHelps](#) is a “one-stop” shopping resource for the wide range of programs, information and services provided by the Department of Human Services and its partners, to assist individuals, families and communities in throughout the State of New Jersey.

### **Food Assistance**

[NJ Snap](#) (formerly food stamps) is New Jersey's supplemental nutritional assistance program that can help low-income families buy the groceries they need to eat healthy.

[EndHungerNewJersey.org](#) is brought to you by The Hunger Prevention Advisory Committee (HPAC)

### **Frauds & Scams**

[Federal Trade Commission Scam Alerts](#) has with the latest info and practical tips from the nation's consumer protection agency.

### **GED, ABE & ESL Locations**

[Josephine's Place - English Conversation](#) Josephine's Place is a storefront, drop-in space dedicated to women.

[Union County College Instituto Intensivo de Inglés](#) provides intensive English for ESL students to improve their English language skills and boost their personal academic and professional goals.

[New Jersey Department of Education GED Testing Program](#)

[Urban Workforce Advantage](#) provides their clients with the comprehensive services needed to overcome their individual employment barriers and the skills required to reach their employment goals and self-sufficiency.

[Literacy NJ](#) (formerly Literacy Volunteers of America) is dedicated to working with adults who need help with reading, writing, math and speaking English.

### **General Assistance**

[PROCEED](#) provides an array of social, health, and energy conservation services to approximately 16,000 individuals and families throughout Union County, most of which are free or provided on a sliding-scale.

[United Way](#) offers emergency help, including medical and dental, housing, and pantry services.

By telephone, just dial 211

### **Government**

[Open States](#) is a collection of tools that make it possible for citizens to track what is happening in their state's capitol by aggregating information from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

[USA.gov](#) is a portal that connects you to timely, needed government information and services and makes them accessible to you anytime, and anywhere.

### **Health Literacy**

[Trinitas Regional Medical Center Library](#) has developed online health literacy quizzes to test your knowledge about health topics, such as heart attack, pre-diabetes, Alzheimer's and more.

Available in both English and Spanish!

### **Housing & Homelessness Services**

The [Union County Homeless Services Resource Directory](#) is a resource inventory for professionals to locate the most appropriate agency to help individuals or families who are in need of homeless assistance services for emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing, or permanent supportive housing. The document also includes

a variety of short-term homeless prevention services necessary for clients to maintain their current housing arrangement, including but not limited to, food, utility, security, and mortgage or rental assistance.

[The Elizabeth Housing Authority](#) works to meet the housing needs and improve the quality of life for all the residents it serves. The Housing Authority is responsible for 1322 units of public housing, and also administers 1103 Section 8 Rental Assistance Vouchers.

[The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless](#) is a local nonprofit on a mission to serve the needs of the homeless and near homeless.

[The Center for Online Education](#) has compiled a guide to help those experiencing homelessness get the information and assistance they need to successfully complete a college education.

[Diversity Resources Online](#) is a collaboration between the NJLA Diversity & Outreach Section and LibraryLinkNJ, the New Jersey Library Cooperative.

[ReNew Jersey Stronger](#) Affordable Housing Programs for Families Impacted By Superstorm Sandy

[Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) Works to improve the environment for the work of community development corporations (CDCs), and to strengthen their capacity to create housing and revitalize distressed neighborhoods throughout New Jersey.

[The Relief Bus](#) is an outreach of New York City Relief, a non-profit organization, located in Elizabeth, NJ. Their mission is Life Transformation. The staff can make the call and the homeless person can get on the bus and either be delivered to a mental clinic at a hospital, or a shelter etc. depending on needs.

[Christian ministries New Beginnings NJ](#) offers emergency motel funding and pantry and a furniture project.

[FamilyPromise.org](http://FamilyPromise.org) is run by the First Baptist church and offers emergency funding.

## **Human Services**

[The New Jersey Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#) is the largest state agency in New Jersey. It serves about 1.5 million New Jerseyans, or about one of every six state residents. DHS serves seniors, individuals and families with low incomes; people with mental illnesses, addictions, developmental disabilities, or late-onset disabilities; people who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind; parents needing child care services, child support and/or healthcare for their children; and families facing catastrophic medical expenses for their children. DHS and its eight divisions provide programs and services designed to give eligible individuals and families the help they need to find permanent solutions to a myriad of life challenges. This is made possible through the Department's work to maximize state and federal resources, establish community supports and promote accountability among staff. DHS also provides some assistance for the families served by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

[The New Jersey Department of Children and Families \(DCF\)](#) is the state's first comprehensive agency dedicated to ensuring the safety, well-being and success of children, youth, families and communities. Its vision is to ensure a better today and even a greater tomorrow for every individual they serve. For a DCF Union County Community Program Directory, visit this page:

<http://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/dfcp/DFCPdirectoryUnion.pdf>

[Cerebral Palsy Guidance](#) was created to provide answers and assistance to parents of a child with cerebral palsy. Their goal is to reach as many members of the cerebral palsy community as possible, building up a network of support, as well as providing necessary assistance. Their website covers cerebral palsy from all angles—from symptoms, causes, and treatment, to daily living

information, such as communication and transitioning to adulthood.

[Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services](#) provides support (housing, employment, counseling, etc) for the mentally ill and those seeking rehabilitation services for drug/alcohol addiction.

### **Immigration Services**

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States.

[The Workforce Innovations Business Center](#) (formerly the Retail Skills Center, at Jersey Gardens Mall) offers Job Placement, Soft Skills Training, ESL Education, Preparation for U.S. Citizenship Test, Naturalization Process, Interview preparation, American History and Government, & Integrated Civics.

[Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County](#) provides services for immigrants and refugees including citizenship classes, resettlement services, and legal/advocacy services.

### **Internet Resources**

[Newark Public Library Web Guide](#) is a comprehensive guide to hundreds of websites covering many subject areas.

### **Job & Career Information**

[Union County Job Connection](#) is a weekly newsletter for jobs and employment related events in the greater Union County area.

[Jobs4Jersey.com](http://Jobs4Jersey.com) provides jobseekers with job hunting information, training, and online tools to assess skills and interests.

[One-Stop Career Centers](#) are the place to start when looking for a job. They are located throughout New Jersey and can help you develop the skills and obtain the training needed to succeed.

[Project Ready](#) is a program of the St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth N.J. that helps adult students back into the workforce by: Providing adult students with the skills needed to find employment; Preparing students to contribute to their employers future success; Helping build self-esteem and improve overall self-management; Supporting students as they take the first step towards improving their status; and Finding appropriate clothing and assist with transportation costs for job interviews.

#### [New Jersey Civil Service Job Announcements](#)

[NJWorks](#) provides access to computer skills workshops and tutorials; online job and career resources that help you build your resumé, search for a job and develop interview skills; and a calendar of training opportunities.

[The State of New Jersey Business Portal](#) has information you will need to select the proper business type for your circumstances, register your corporation or LLC and register your new business for tax purposes.

[Elizabeth Public Library's Job and Career resources](#) (free with your library card and the Library offers classes for patrons) includes Job& Career Accelerator, a comprehensive resource with everything your students need to find, apply for, and get hired into ideal positions; Learning Express, which offers online Test Preparation Resources and Computer Skills Tutorials, and ReferenceUSA, the premier source of business and residential information for reference and research. It includes information

on tens of millions of businesses and hundreds of millions of consumers in an easy-to-search format.

[NJ Small Business Development Center at Rutgers New Brunswick](#) offers entrepreneurs, both fledgling and established, strategic, growth-focused training, counseling and technical assistance.

[State of New Jersey Department of Labor and WorkForce Development](#) offers information for business operators, workers, job seekers, students and benefit claimants. *Their local office is the [Union County One-Stop Career Center](#) at 921 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201-2306*

[Ready to Work NJ](#) provides training and job development services, and on-the-job training for the long-term unemployed and underemployed in New Jersey and matches them with employers who need their skills.

[Job Search Websites](#) compiled by the Free Public Library Hasbrouck Heights

Miscellaneous Job & Career Sites:

**Job seekers, resume help and interview techniques:**

<http://app.gannettonline.com/careerbuilder/>

<http://www.snagajob.com/>

<http://njnextstop.org/> includes alternate career routes and green jobs

<http://www.monster.com/career-advice/>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/> includes Job Searching and Professional Writing assistance, Research, Grammar and Mechanics, Style Guides, ESL (English as a Second Language)

**Healthcare jobs:**

<http://www.healthcarehiring.com/>

**Casino careers in NJ:**

[http://newjersey.employmentguide.com/Casino\\_Jobs/apply.html](http://newjersey.employmentguide.com/Casino_Jobs/apply.html)

**Law enforcements jobs:**

<http://www.lawenforcementjobs.com/cgi-sys/suspendedpage.cgi>

**ASVAB jobs:**

<http://www.asvabprogram.com/#/>

**Cool and original jobs:**

<http://www.jobmonkey.com/>

**Social worker jobs:**

<http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/site/>

**Job sites for women:**

<http://www.womenwork.org/>

**Career services for students with disabilities:**

<http://www.cosdonline.org/>

**Interview preparation:**

<https://collegegrad.com/interview>

<http://ww25.interviewstuff.com/>

**College planning:**

<https://www.petersons.com/college-search/planning-list-students-parents.aspx>

**Test Prep:**

<https://www.kaptest.com/>

**College Selection:**

<http://www.ecampustours.com/collegeplanning/choosingacollege/collegeselection.htm#.V9ha6jXGDCc>

**Teen job resources:**

<http://www.groovejob.com/resources/teen-job-resources/>

## Legal issues

Rutgers University's [New Jersey Statutes Searchable Database](#) provides access to a copy of the statutes from the New Jersey Legislature's website, and contains no edits or alterations of that text.

[New Jersey Courts](#) is the official website of the New Jersey court system.

[Hudson County Law Library](#) is a research library dedicated to serving the legal community and the general public.  
Hudson County Administration Building.

[Rutgers Law Library](#) offers the public access to the resources necessary to conduct legal research. If you do not have a Rutgers University ID card, simply sign in at the Circulation Desk.

*If patrons need legal assistance that the Law Library cannot provide, they may want to contact the Legal Services of New Jersey Legal Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).*

[Community Health Law Project \(CHLP\)](#) is a private nonprofit organization that provides services to people with disabilities of limited means. People who come to the Law Project for assistance include those with mental illness, developmental disabilities, mobility impairments, sensory impairments (blindness and deafness), and HIV/AIDS.

There are several organizations that offer free [Legal Services in Union County](#).

## Mental Health

[NAMI \(National Alliance for Mental Illness--Union County\)](#) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

[New Jersey Mental Health Cares](#) provides information on behavioral health and services such as: legal, housing, employment, rehabilitation, inpatient and outpatient, self-help and more. They also provide supportive counseling, psycho-education, advocacy and telephone case management to ensure every caller is linked to their desired service plan.

[Trinitas Regional Medical Center--Behavioral Health](#) operates one of the most comprehensive departments of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry in New Jersey. Services are offered along with a full continuum of care, with specialized services available for adults, children, adolescents, and their families, as well as services for those with various addictions. In addition to operating a 95-bed inpatient facility for the adult, child/adolescent and mentally ill/developmentally-disabled persons the hospital provides almost 200,000 behavioral health visits in a typical year.

### **Tax Assistance**

[Free tax preparation services](#) are available through VITA/TCE.

### **Temporary Financial Assistance**

[WorkFirst NJ](#) provides temporary cash assistance and many other support services to families through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

[Emergency Assistance](#) (EA) is available in certain situations for eligible persons. It is limited to 12 months.

[The State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities](#) can assist you with your utility bills.

### **Transportation around Union County**

[One-Click Access](#) for all modes of transportation around Union County, including live camera feeds and bike routes.

## **Veterans Services**

[Resources for Veterans from the State of New Jersey](#)

[U.S Department of Veterans Affairs](#) has several locations in New Jersey.

[Veterans-Fischer House Foundation](#) is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

## **Youth Services**

[United Way of Union County - Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act \(WIOA\)](#) is a federal program administered by UWGUC in Union County as a Youth Employment and Training Consortium that provides services to youth ages 14-24. The primary focus of the program is to increase long-term academic success and occupation learning opportunities while developing long-term comprehensive service strategy for youth in Union County. Services are provided to in-school youth ages 14-21 and out of school youth ages 16-24.

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