

**The Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) of DRNJ
Home Modification Resource Guide
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Home Mods and Accessibility: What You Should Know

In order to gain access into your home, a ramp is a simple solution. However, there are some very important details that you should be sure to address.

First, you should know that there are three basic types of ramps:

- **L-shaped ramps** make a 90-degree turn. They include a landing at the point where the ramp turns.
- **Straight-shot ramps** follow a straight line. They make no turns.
- **Switchback ramps** make a 180-degree change in direction. These ramps will also feature a landing at the point where the ramp will change direction.

Second, there are **portable** ramps and **modular** ramps.

- **Portable ramps** are lightweight and enable you to take the ramp with you wherever you go. They may be constructed of steel, aluminum, or fiberglass.
- **Modular ramps** are systems that may be considered for permanent or semi-permanent placement. The modules can be connected by bolts, clamps, or fitted together.

Aluminum ramps are often a good choice when a temporary ramp is needed. Wood can be used for more permanent ramps, as can concrete. Wood ramps should be constructed out of pressure-treated wood to maximize the life of the ramp.

When you decide what type of ramp you want installed in your home, install a ramp with these features for the greatest safety:

- **A gentle incline**

Remarkably, a steep ramp is probably just as dangerous as no ramp at all! At the most, ramps should feature one inch of vertical rise for every 12 inches of ramp. When speaking with a contractor or vendor, they will often use the terminology "1:12" (this reads like "one-to-twelve"). A more ideal incline is one inch of vertical rise for every 20 inches of ramp length. A 1:20 grade is not as steep a 1:12 grade ramp, and the 1:20 grade is less stressful on a person going up a ramp.

- **Level surfaces**

All ramps and landings must be level from side to side. They cannot be uneven. A ramp that slopes, even just a little, can upset a person's balance or make it difficult for a wheelchair user to use the ramp.

- **A roomy width**

Ramps should have at least 36-48 inches of clear width, no barriers. It is recommended that wheelchair users measure the width of their personal wheelchair and ensure ample space on either side of the wheels, considering the width of the ramp.

- **An "anti-slip" surface**

Outdoor ramps must be designed so that water will not accumulate, or gather in puddles, on their surfaces. If the ramp is near the house, install roof gutters above the ramp to keep rainwater from running off the roof and onto the ramp. You can decrease slippery surfaces on wooden ramps by attaching "grit" tapes, which can be easily found at any home supply store. You can also add sand to a can of polyurethane and use it to paint the ramp. If you are planning to build a concrete ramp, you can create a rough texture on it by brushing the surface with a broom before the concrete hardens.

- **Adequate landings**

Ramps should have level landings at the top and bottom. The top landing keeps the user from rolling or falling backward when trying to open or close the door. The bottom landing allows the user to make an easy transition to level ground. Make sure that the landings are at least as wide as the ramp leading to it, and have a minimum length of 60 inches. Install a 60" x 60" landing at any point where the ramp changes direction.

- **Guardrails**

As a safety precaution, guardrails keep people and wheels safely on the ramp at all times. It is recommended that guardrails be mounted along the side of the ramp, usually at a seated person's knee height (approximately 18" to 20" from the ramp floor). Edging a few inches high should be mounted along the edge of the ramp.

- **Handrails on both sides of the ramp**

Handrails should be no more 1½ inches in diameter. In addition, the handrails should extend at least 12 inches beyond the ramp at both ends. Use wood! Remember, metal may be uncomfortable to use in wintertime.

- **A shelter from the weather**

If you've built your ramp close to the house, you may want to consider putting a small extension on the house roof to cover the ramp. This extension can protect users from bad weather. The roof will also keep rainwater from pooling on the ramp, which could create slippery conditions.

- **Finally, when installing a ramp**

Hire a professional. If your builder is unfamiliar with building ramps, make sure to provide him or her with the guidelines for ramp construction listed above.

Build the ramp to complement the style of your house. Ramps should blend in, not look as if they were just attached. You can improve the appearance of the ramp by placing it close to the house rather than having it run directly into the yard.

Consider adding landscaping and other finishing details to spruce up the ramp's appearance.

Build a set of stairs off the top landing of the ramp so other household members and visitors can use the stairs if they want. Not everyone will want to use a ramp!

Whenever possible, give the ramp a southern exposure, if possible. Why? The sun can help dry the ramp surface after a rain, or melt accumulated ice and snow.

Avoid locating your ramp near trees or bushes that drop leaves or pods. Leaves and pods are accidents waiting to happen!

Follow each step of the construction of your ramp. Make sure that YOUR ramp is being built to YOUR specifications and needs! Only consider recommendations from contractors -builders that are well experienced with ADA accessibility and accommodations.



An aluminum straight-shot ramp



A wooden L-shape ramp



A modular L-shape ramp



A switchback ramp



L-shape ramp



L-shape ramp



A switchback ramp



A switchback ramp



A cement straight-shot ramp

Accessibility Checklist For Doors, Floors and Walkways

Are you able to move from your car or front yard and into your home without running into any barriers? Are all visitors able to move into the living room, the kitchen, a full bathroom, and a bedroom? Even people in wheelchairs? Well, here's a good way to find out. Take a good look around your home, and try answering the following the questions. You will see how accessible your home really is, or if you need additional assistance!

Clear Pathways for an Accessible Home

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A smooth path leads from the curb to my house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The path gently slopes and is not steep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The path is 36" wide or wider. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no shrubs blocking the path, doorway or sidewalk. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The path is free of trees that could drop leaves or berries. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no holes or cracks in the path. It is an even pavement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The path has a textured surface, which will act as a non-skid surface. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The area is well lit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are outdoor lights that turn on when someone moves in front of them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a ramp that leads right to my front door, and / or back door. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are handrails on the steps that I can grab on to. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Every step has a non-slip surface, or is textured. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no clutter on my floors. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My bedroom and a full bathroom are on the first floor of the home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The washer and dryer are on the same floor as my bedroom, so I do not have to climb stairs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have removed all of my area rugs so that I will not trip on them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The flooring inside of my home is smooth and slip-resistant. There are no cracks, bumps or uneven areas in the floor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a low pile carpet and a firm pad. |

Accessibility Checklist For Doors, Floors and Walkways

The Front Door

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My front doorway is at least 34 inches wide (preferably 36"). Wider is better. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The door threshold is flush with the floor, or no more than ½" high. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My front door has lever handles, as opposed to door knobs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a 5' x 5' open space both inside and outside the front door. This enables me to move a wheelchair around. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have an overhang above the door. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is an outside shelf near the door so I can place bags, boxes, etc. down while I look for my keys. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a keyless locking system for my home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am able to see visitors safely before I open the door. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My front porch is visible from the street. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The front door area is well lit. |

The Garage Door

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a garage door opener. |

Doorways and Hallways

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All the doorways inside of my home are at least 34 inches wide. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is 18-24" of clear floor space on the handle side of each door. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is 60" of clear floor space in front of each door in my house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All the hallways in my home are at least 36" wide. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All thresholds are either flush with the door or ½" high. |

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Lever Door Handles

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are lever handles on all of the doors in my house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The entire lever handles curve back toward the door. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The handles on the door are at least 5" long. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The handles are no higher than 44" from the floor, making it easy for me to reach. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have "freewheeling" or "clutch" handle on doors that lock. |

Stairs

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The flat part of my steps (also called "treads") are 11 – 12" deep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The treads are at least 36 inches wide. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have one landing for every 10 steps on my staircase. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are at least three steps between each landing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Each stairway has a railing on both sides. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a landing each time a staircase changes direction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single steps in my home are clearly marked. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The staircase is well lit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a light switch at both the top and bottom of each staircase. |

Handrails

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Every stairway or step in my home has a handrail. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Each handrail is about 34" from the floor and is 1 ½" from the wall. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The handrails can support 250 pounds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The handrails extend 12 inches beyond the top and bottom step. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a handrail on each side of every staircase. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All my handrails are screwed tightly into the wall studs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The handrail continues around each landing on a stairway. |

Hiring a Contractor: What You Should Know

Finding a reputable and honest contractor is extremely important if your home modification is going to be completed in a timely manner, whether you are having a ramp or grab bar installed, or if you are making your entire home wheelchair accessible with wider doorways and lowered sinks. You want the work completed without a lot of worry and stress! While the vast majority of contractors are skilled at their trade, as well as ethical in their business practices, you still need to watch for the few rotten tomatoes.

Therefore, you will want to take a few careful measures when seeking out and hiring a contractor to ensure that you get quality workmanship at a fair price. This section will provide some basic guidelines that will help you with this process.

CONTRACTORS EVERYWHERE!

Where do you start looking for a contractor? The newspapers and local publications are full of advertisements for contractors. They are in the Yellow Pages sorted out in many categories. You have probably received flyers and door hanger advertising contracting services. Contractors are now on the Internet, promoting themselves through web sites.

It is easy enough to find them, but how do you know which one to hire?

REFERENCES

When first looking for a contractor, don't be afraid to ask for several references. When they supply you with a list, check them out. Inspect the quality of work that was performed. Ask if the project was completed on time. Also ask if there were any "added costs" to the initial bid and if so what they were. It will want to know how easy or difficult it was to work with the contractor.

If the contractor is reluctant to supply your with any references, you may want to think about choosing a different one.

BIDS

Obtain at least two to three bids on your project. Make sure you clearly communicate verbally and on paper what you want to do, but listen to their advice as well. Experienced contractors can often point out items you may have overlooked, as well as problem areas.

You should not always go with the lowest bid. Some contractors low bid hoping they can increase charges as they go along. Others may bid it incorrectly and then cut corners along the project. Others may bid it right and still be low, which is what you want. Another bid could be a bit higher, but you may want to take into consideration that particular contractor's quality of work and their references before making your final decision.

Hiring a Contractor: What You Should Know

LICENSE AND INSURANCE

Ask for a copy of the contractor's license. In New Jersey, a Home Repair Contractor's license is only required for individuals who offer the ability to finance the work to be done. A home repair contractor must carry workmen's compensation and public liability insurance. To see if a Home Repair contractor is licensed, you may contact the Department of Banking and Insurance, Office of Consumer Finance at 609-292-5340 or on the Internet at www.state.nj.us/dobi/index.html

If you are having any electrical work done in your home (i.e. installation of a stair lift, elevator, etc.), an electrical contractor will need a license to do electrical work in New Jersey. To see if an electrical contractor is licensed, you may contact the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors directly at 973-504-6410 or on the Internet www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/nonmedical/electrical.htm

If you are having plumbing work done in your home (i.e. installation of roll-in shower) a plumbing contractor will need a license to do plumbing work in New Jersey. To see if a plumbing contractor is licensed, you may contact the Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers at 973-504-6420 or on the Internet www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/nonmedical/plumbers.htm

Always ask for a copy of the contractor's insurance coverage. Contractors must have general liability insurance for themselves and worker's compensation coverage for any of their employees.

SCHEDULE

Determine the schedule of your project. There should be a firm start date and an estimated date of completion. Because construction can have so many variables (i.e. bad weather, wheelchair lift arrived broken from vendor), it is almost impossible to get a firm completion date. Let the contractor know when you would like the job finished and see if they can accommodate you.

MANAGEMENT

Ask whether the contractor will be on the job every day or if he/she will have someone else managing the project, such as a foreman. If there is a project foreman, make sure that you will be able to properly communicate with them (i.e. language barriers, etc.).

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WARRANTIES

Make sure that you receive copies of written warranties that apply to any appliances, equipment or materials used in the project. Store them in a safe location.

PAYING THE CONTRACTOR

Because of the expense of materials and supplies involved in construction projects, it is expected for contractors to request a certain percentage be paid in advance or at some point during the project.

Every contractor has their own policy regarding down payments. On jobs under \$5,000, some are willing to front all the costs while expecting payment in full upon completion. Others routinely expect one-third down to start, one-third at the halfway point, and one-third on completion. For large projects of \$100,000 or more, the arrangement may be 10 percent down followed by regularly scheduled payments. Again, each contractor has their own policy regarding down payments.

A schedule of progress payments is recommended for inclusion in the project contract. The schedule should include the payment amount or percentage, the date of payment, and the completion stage of the project required before payment is made.

THE “LITTLE THINGS” THAT COUNT

It’s the little details that make the difference between a satisfied homeowner and one with continuing concerns. The following are some specific issues to consider addressing in your contract:

- ◆ **Equipment** – Will heavy machinery tear up your property or landscaping?
- ◆ **Broken or damaged items:** Who pays to fix or replace them?
- ◆ **Clean Up** – Will the contractors clean up their work areas daily, weekly, at all?
- ◆ **Working hours** – Do you mind if workers are there at 6 a.m.? Still there at 7 p.m.?
- ◆ **Debris removal** – Who is responsible for hauling away all debris?
- ◆ **Paint removal** – If walkways, fixtures, or other items are paint spattered, specify that workers are to clean it.

Other Features of Home Modifications

Question: What are some features that would be in a "fully accessible home" that may be appropriate for the specific needs of an older individual and/or an individual with a disability?

Answer: There are many assistive devices and features that can be implemented in an accessible home. Below are just a few examples:

- Ceiling mounted track lift systems
- Residential elevators and stair lifts
- "Smart House" automated environmental control systems
- Special order appliances (i.e. "talking microwave"), tactile toaster with large dials

Bathroom features for wheelchair access include:

- Accessible toilet
- Anti-scald device for sinks and shower/bath
- Grab bars
- Personal shower head with 6' hose
- Roll-in shower
- Slip-resistant floor tile
- 36" doorway

More extensive modifications may include:

- Accessible towel bars, soap dish, toilet paper dispenser
- Additional lighting
- Enlargement of bathroom size to accommodate wheelchair turning radius.
- Insulated pipes to prevent leg burns – A MUST!
- Lowered or angled mirror over the sink for easier viewing
- Roll-under vanity sink with lever or single-pull faucets.

Typical kitchen modifications for wheelchair access may include:

- Accessible cook tops with side or front-controls
- Accessible electrical switches and outlets, preferably rocker-style
- Hi-hats or fluorescent lighting
- Dishwasher located adjacent to the sink
- Lowered cabinets, with roll-out, pull-out, and/or revolving hardware and shelving; accessible cabinet-pulls
- Lowered countertop area for food preparation; lowering all countertop areas is ideal
- Lowered oven and microwave
- Roll-under sink, with insulated pipes beneath the sink
- Side-by-side refrigerator
- Single-pull faucet with a retractable head
- Slip-resistant tile or commercial grade vinyl flooring

Contact ATAC at 1-800-922-7233 for more home modification features!

Web Resources for Home Modifications

AARP

Website: www.aarp.org/life/homedesign

Resource material from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) regarding home mods for seniors, but also applies to people with disabilities.

“The Do-Able Renewable Home”

Website: <http://www.homemods.org/library/drhome/>

Produced by the AARP, this practical booklet called “The Do-Able Renewable Home” provides information you'll need to make your home more livable if you or others who live with you develop limitations in movement, strength, dexterity, eyesight, or hearing.

National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modifications

Website: www.homemods.org

Center for Universal Design

Website: <http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/>

The Center for Universal Design is a national research, information, and technical assistance center that evaluates, develops, and promotes universal design in housing, public and commercial facilities, and related products.

IDEA Center at Buffalo

Website: <http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea/Home>

IDEA Center at Buffalo is dedicated to improving the design of environments and products by making them more usable, safer and appealing to people with a wide range of abilities throughout their life spans. IDEA provides resources and technical expertise in architecture, product design, facilities management and the social and behavioral sciences to further these agendas.

Web Resources for Home Modifications

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

Website: <http://www.afb.org/>

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) offers a fact sheet on creating safe environments for older individuals with visual impairments called "Checklist for Environmental Safety".

Concrete Change

Website: www.concretechange.org

Concrete Change, an Atlanta-based organization, focuses on the basics of "working together for basic access in ALL homes". Included are basic "how tos" for creating "visitable homes," six ways to accomplish a zero-step entrance, cost estimates for incorporating a variety of features into new homes, a summary of laws that impact home construction around the world, and more.

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Frequently Asked Question:

Can ATAC provide a list of contractors or vendors that will:

- build or sell a ramp
- install wheelchair lifts
- modify kitchen or bathroom areas
- provide special accessible features for my home

Answer:

Yes! The following section is a list of people or businesses can help with installation of a ramp, bathroom modification and/or other accessibility features for your home.

Please contact each vendor directly for services provided and pricing.

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: **Flickinger Contracting**

Services Provided: Accessible bathrooms
Accessible kitchens

NJ Region Served: Regional (Burlington, Camden and Gloucester County)

Address: 6542 Rogers Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

Telephone: 856-661-1982

Fax: 856-661-1982

Website: www.flickingercontracting.com

Company Name: **Tri-State Patient Lifts, Inc.** (*formerly Accessibility Design Associates, Inc.*)

Services Provided: Ceiling Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular Ramp – sales and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 460 Faraday Avenue, Suite A2
Jackson, NJ 08527

Telephone: 1-732-901-9026

Fax: 1-732-901-6646

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: Adaptive Environments

Services Provided: Modular Ramp – sales and rentals
Portable Ramps – sales and installation

NJ Region Served: Southern New Jersey

Address: 901 Catfish Lane
Pottstown, PA 19465

Telephone: 1-610-326-3247

Company Name: David Marcus Elite Design & Construction

Services Provided: Bathroom Remodeling
Kitchen Remodeling
Wheelchair lifts – sales and installation
Elevators – sales and installation
Ramp installation

NJ Region Served: Southern New Jersey

Address: 1916 Midfield Road
Feasterville, PA 19053

Telephone: 1-215-357-1510

Website: www.davidmarcusconstruction.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: **Kojeski Construction**

Services Provided: Ramp installation

NJ Region Served: Southern New Jersey

Address: 800 Cooper Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043

Telephone: 1-856-424-6666

Website: www.kojeski.com

Company Name: **Mobility Consulting & Contracting Co.**

Services Provided: Home accessibility consulting and contracting

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: PO Box 213
Adelphia, NJ 07710

Telephone: 1-800-974-3009

Company Name: **New Jersey Institute of Technology
Center of Architecture & Building Science Research
Attn: Richard Olsen, PhD**

Services Provided: Home accessibility consultant – can refer to appropriate builder, etc.

NJ Region Served: Northern NJ

Address: University Heights
Newark, NJ 07102-1982

Telephone: 1-973-596-8439

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: BTW Enterprises

Services Provided: Home modifications

NJ Region Served: Regional

Address: 607 Cedar Street
Tuckerton, NJ 08087-2515

Telephone: 1-609-296-9123

Company Name: Total Access

Services Provided: Wheelchair lifts – sales and installation
Overhead lifts – sales and installation
Elevators – sales and installation
Ramp installation

NJ Region Served: Southern New Jersey

Address: 124 Turner Lane
West Chester, PA 19380

Telephone: 1-877-333-LIFT

Website: www.totalaccessco.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: **Todd Brickhouse Accessibility Associates**

Services Provided: Wheelchair lifts – sales and installation
Overhead lifts – sales and installation
Stair lifts – sales and installation
Ramp installation
Customized bathroom, kitchen and entrances

NJ Region Served: Northern NJ

Address: 8 Joan Lane
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Telephone: 1-516-541-1509
Website: www.brickhousedesigns.net

Company Name: **Just Ask Jack, Inc.**

Services Provided: Grab bar installation

NJ Region Served: Burlington County, Local region

Address: 65 Summit Drive
Tabernacle, NJ 08088

Telephone: 1-609-268-9072
Cell: 1-609-351-2195

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: **Quality Building & Remodeling**

Services Provided: Grab bar installation

NJ Region Served: Regional – Morris, Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon County

Address: 2424 Toll Road
 Effort, PA 18330

Telephone: 1-800-404-3995

Company Name: **J. Lorton & Company, Inc.**

Services Provided: Grab bar installation
 Custom ramps
 Home modifications

NJ Region Served: Regional – Ocean, Monmouth and Atlantic County

Address: 421 Route 9
 Forked River, NJ 08732

Telephone: 1-609-693-8380

Website: www.jlorton.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: Nuss Construction Company

Services Provided: Grab bar installation
Home modifications
Customized bathroom, kitchen and entrances

NJ Region Served: Regional – Burlington, Gloucester and Camden County

Address: 119 Church Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Telephone: 1-856-988-995
Website: www.nussconstruction.com

Company Name: Fichter Construction

Services Provided: Grab bar installation
Home modifications
Customized bathroom, kitchen and entrances
Custom ramps

NJ Region Served: Regional – Northern NJ

Address: 21 Brunswick Road
Montclair, NJ 07042

Telephone: 1-973-509-5200

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: J Bennett Construction LLC

Services Provided: Grab bar installation
Home modifications
Customized bathroom, kitchen and entrances
Custom ramps

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 3 Morey Lane
Brick, NJ 08723

Telephone: 1-732-673-2415

Company Name: The Essex Group
Brad Pacella

Services Provided: Grab bar installation
Custom ramps
Home modifications

NJ Region Served: Regional – Camden and Burlington County

Address: 403 Birchfield Drive
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Telephone: 1-856-439-0059
Website: www.TheEssexGroup.net

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: Abby Lifts, Inc.

Services Provided: Ceiling Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 1545 Route 37 West, Suite 9
Toms River, NJ 08755

Telephone: 1-888-845-LIFT or 1-732-240-0446
Website: www.abbylifts.com

Company Name: Arcola Mobility

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 51 Kero Road
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Telephone: 1-800-ARCOLA-1 or 1-800-272-6521
Website: www.arcolamobility.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: Monmouth Vans, Access and Mobility of New Jersey

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 82 Midland Avenue
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

- or -

5105 Rte. 33/34
(Wall) Farmingdale, NJ 07727

- or -

Wallace Blvd.
Riverton, NJ 08077

Telephone: 1-800-850-VANS (8267)

Website: www.monmouthvans.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: CMC Adaptive Seating & Homecare, LLC

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Northern NJ

Address: 160 Algonquin Parkway
P.O. Box 310
Whippany, NJ 07981

Telephone: 1-866-CMC-SEAT (262-7328)

Website: www.cmcseat.com

Company Name: Mobility World

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance
Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 220 Main Street
Keansburg, NJ 07734

Telephone: 1-800-436-3468

Website: <http://coastalsm.pridedealer.com>

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: Mobility Elevator & Lift Co.

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Elevators - sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 4 York Avenue
West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Telephone: 1-800-441-4181 or 1-973-618-9545

Website: www.mobilityelevator.com

Company Name: American Ramp

Services Provided: Modular and Portable Ramps – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Northern and Central NJ

Telephone: 1-800-649-5215

Website: www.americanramp.com

Company Name: ThyssenKrupp Access Corp.

Services Provided: Stair lifts – sales, installation and rentals

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Telephone: 1-800-701-5438

Telephone: 1-914-423-4200

Cell: 1-201-481-9015

Website: www.tkaccess.com

Contractors, Consultants and Vendors

Company Name: **Handi-Lifts**

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Elevators - sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance

NJ Region Served: Northern and Central NJ

Address: 730 Garden Street
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Telephone: 1-800-432-LIFT

Website: www.handi-lift.com

Company Name: **Accredited Home Elevator Company**

Services Provided: Wheelchair Lifts – sales, service and maintenance
Elevators - sales, service and maintenance
Stair Lifts - sales, service and maintenance

NJ Region Served: Statewide

Address: 127 Route 9 South
Barnegat, NJ 08005

811 Church Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Telephone: 1-800-488-5905 or 1-609-660-8000

Website: www.acelevator.com

Funding

Frequently Asked Question:

Will ATAC pay for my ramp? Where can I find money for home modifications?

Answer:

ATAC is not a funding source.
We can provide you with a list of potential funding sources that you can contact.

Call us for more information or if you have any questions!

Toll-free in New Jersey (800) 922-7233
Main Number (609) 292-9742
TTY (609) 633-7106

or dial NJ State Relay Operator 711

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

PROGRAM: ADOPTION SUBSIDY

The State of New Jersey offers numerous financial incentives to people considering adoption. Adoption subsidy benefits are available to help their adoptive parents by providing:

- A regular monthly payment to help meet every-day expenses;
- A one time payment to cover legal fees related to the adoption; and
- Medicaid coverage to assist with any physical or psychological condition that is not covered by the family's own insurance.

If a child will need something extra -- a ramp for a wheelchair or special therapy -- its cost may be negotiated at the time of the contract.

If you pursue the adoption of one of the children profiled on the State of New Jersey's Adoption website, the child's caseworker will explain adoption subsidy to you in detail.

For more information, contact:

NJ Adopt

Voice: 1-800-99-ADOPT

Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/adoption/adopt.html

PROGRAM: ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTERS (ARCs)

ARC North (includes Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties)

22 Mill Street, 1st Floor

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

800-392-2658

ARC Essex (includes Essex County)

153 Halsey Street, 3rd Floor

Newark, New Jersey 07101

800-392-2843

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ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTERS (ARCs) – continued

ARC Metro (includes Union and Middlesex Counties)

45 Kilmer Road
Edison, New Jersey 08817
800-543-3127

ARC Central (includes Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset Counties)

3131 Princeton Pike
Building 6, Suite 202
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08625
800-392-2735

ARC South (includes Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties)

2 Echelon Plaza
2nd Floor, Suite 210
Laurel Road
Voorhees, New Jersey 08043
800-982-7395

Metro Select ARC

301 Blair Road, 3rd Floor
Avenel, New Jersey 07001
888-895-2404

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND

CONTACT: 1-800-335-FUND (3863)

New Jersey families whose children have experienced an illness or condition not fully covered by insurance, State or Federal Program, or other sources (i.e. fundraising). There are no specific exclusions by diagnosis.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS

Division of Veterans Health Care Services, New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. For more information, contact Women Veterans Coordinator, Kathleen Morrissey.

Telephone: (609) 530-6853

Fax: (609) 530-7050

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

CONTACT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

OVC Resource Center at 1-800-627-6872 / TTY at 1-877-712-9279

Or contact your local prosecutor's office.

Literally thousands of programs that provide services to crime victims exist throughout the United States. These programs are within state government agencies and private nonprofit or charitable organizations. They provide two general types of services—compensation and assistance. Crime victim compensation programs reimburse victims of crime occurring within the state (including victims of federal crimes) for crime-related expenses. Crimes covered include violent crimes such as homicide, rape, drunk driving, domestic violence, and child sexual abuse and neglect. Expenses covered are medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, and lost wages or loss of support. Crime victim assistance programs provide a range of services, including crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, criminal justice advocacy, and emergency transportation. Usually, you can obtain information about compensation and assistance through your local prosecutor's office. You also may receive it from your local law enforcement agency when you report an offense.

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State and Federal

DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (DVA)

Veterans with disabilities may contact their service officer to determine how much of the modification the **Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)** will pay. Also ask about the Veteran's Administration Home Adaptation Grant Program. Contact a service officer or the main / local VA office for information to determine the modifications paid for by the DVA. For literature and details on programs, contact the Paralyzed Veterans of America:

Telephone: (202) 872-1300 (Voice) or (800) 827-1000

TTY: (202) 872-1300, ext. 622

Fax: (202) 785-4452

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

The HMFA'S SINGLE FAMILY DIVISION provides a variety of residential mortgage financing programs. These programs primarily serve low, moderate and middle-income first-time homebuyers and urban home buyers (who do not have to be first time home buyers). In addition, Single Family administers the Police and Fire Retirement System Mortgage Program and offers a variety of other innovative loan products. Most HMFA homeownership loans are originated by private lenders that are approved to participate in our programs. Single Family also is the HMFA's focal point for construction financing and subsidy provided under the HMFA's national award winning Urban Homeownership Recovery Program.

For further information on any of the programs and services provided by the Single Family Division, please call the telephone number listed under the description of each program, or write:

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
Single Family Division
(include name of program here)
637 South Clinton Avenue
PO Box 18550
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-2085

Requests for brochures or other information can be made by calling 1 (800) NJ-HOUSE or by e-mail (hotline@jhmfa.state.nj.us)

HOME OWNERSHIP FOR PERMANENCY PROJECT

NJHMFA and the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) are proud partners in this award winning demonstration program to help abused, neglected, abandoned or orphaned children to achieve permanency through placement with certain qualified adoptive parents or legal guardians. NJHMFA will make loans to borrowers who are eligible through the Agency's Home Buyer Program (including the 100% Financing Program). Additional funds are available to provide rehabilitation loans for families who currently own their own home but need to make necessary additions to accommodate the newly adopted children.

For more information, contact:

Yirgu Wolde, Community Development Officer 609-278-7521.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

HOME-PLUS PROGRAM

A fixed interest rate home mortgage to qualified first-time and urban area homebuyers with immediate home improvement needs. Homeowners are allowed to finance up to \$15,000 toward home repairs and improvements as part of the first mortgage. Improvements allowed include replacing a roof, painting, installing improved heating or air conditioning systems, renovating a kitchen or bath, renovating plumbing or electrical systems and enlarging rooms. Energy conservation and solar energy improvements are also eligible. Handicap accessibility improvements are also eligible repairs. Please see the latest income and purchase price limits. Further detail is available on our Fact Sheet or call 1-800-NJ-HOUSE.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

The IRS allows people with disabilities to claim as a deduction the cost of some home modifications. Check with a qualified tax consultant for more information.

Telephone: (800) 829-1040

LOCAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Funds from the Older Americans Act Title III often can be used to modify and repair homes. Contact your County Office on Aging. This packet contains a section with county agency contacts (back section).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

MEDICAID AND MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER

CONTACT: Medicaid Office
County Office

If you are on Medicaid, check to see if the environmental modifications are a covered item. If you are eligible for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver, you may have an easier time covering major modifications to entrances, including ramps, and bathroom modifications.

THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COLLABORATION

The goal of the Monmouth County Supportive Housing Collaboration (MCDSS) is to establish a collaborative effort between community and business representatives, governmental agencies, and housing and service providers, for the purpose of creating long-term solutions to the housing and human service needs of individuals and families with special needs living in Monmouth County. NJHMFA, and the New Jersey Departments of Community Affairs, Health and Senior Services and Human Services (the Division of Mental Health Services) and the Corporation for Supportive Housing are working with a number of organizations, local government agencies, housing and service providers to further our efforts in providing safe, decent and affordable housing with the provision of support services for all people with special needs.

Housing services include housing counseling, emergency home repairs for low income households and modifications of housing for the mobility impaired. MCDSS also is a Public Housing agency for the Section 8 program through HUD.

For more information, contact the Monmouth County Division of Social Services:

Main Office –Freehold:

3000 Kozlowski Road
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Telephone: 732-431-6000

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Evening Hours: Thursday, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER

Provides information on how to get funding and referral services in your area.

Telephone: (703) 525-3406

TTY: (703) 524-3407

THE NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS (NJCHDP)

NJHMFA and the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Division of Mental Health Services and Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) are proud partners in a program which serves people with developmental disabilities, their families, special needs children and consumers of mental health services through the provision of innovative housing programs and supportive services. In September of 2001, NJHMFA established the New Jersey Community Housing Demonstration Programs (NJCHDP) that specifically targets individuals with developmental disabilities (as well as organizations that provide housing for this population) and includes the Equity for Services Program, the Shared Equity Program, the Home Ownership Program, the Shared Living Residence Cooperative Plan, and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. In addition, the NJCHDP includes three new programs (the Section 811 Bridge Loan Program and the Shared Living Residence Rental Housing Program) which at this time are targeted to organizations that provide housing opportunities for mental health consumers, people with developmental disabilities, individuals aging out of foster care, and special needs children.

To be eligible for the NJCHDP, individuals with developmental disabilities must be:

- Currently on the Division of Developmental Disabilities' (DDD) "Urgent Waiting List" and/or;
- Participating in the Governor's Inclusion Initiative Program, or;
- Currently have DDD services and are recommended by the DDD Regional Office

To be eligible for the foster care and special needs component of the NJCHDP, organizations must be jointly approved by HMFA and DYFS.

For more information, contact:

Yirgu Wolde, Community Development Officer 609-278-7521.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

PLAN FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUPPORT (PASS)

CONTACT: 1-800-772-1213

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) allows recipients of this program to set aside income toward an approved plan for achieving self-support without jeopardizing benefits. This plan will cover modifications to a home through an SSI savings plan.

PRIVATE MORTGAGE AND HOME LOANS

Low interest Home Equity loans or lines of credit are available from most banks for amounts up to 80 per cent of the equity a person owns in their home. Any accessibility features, such as a ramp or lift should be added to the price of a home when applying for a mortgage. Federal Home Bank/Affordable Housing Programs are connected with the savings and loan industry. Check with a larger bank or savings and loan institution. Some lenders offer Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM's) that allow homeowners to turn the value of their home into cash, without having to move or make regular loan payments.

PURCHASE/REHABILITATION MORTGAGE PROGRAM

Qualified first-time home buyers and urban target area buyers can receive below-market interest rate financing for the purchase and rehabilitation of a home, or the rehabilitation of a presently owned home. Seventy-five percent of the home's existing external walls and interior structural framework must remain in place as part of the rehabilitation. Must meet FHA 203(K) requirements. Please see the latest income and purchase price limits. Further detail is available on our Fact Sheet or call 1-800-NJ-HOUSE.

- Property Improvement Loan Insurance (Title I)
- HUD 203(k) Rehab Program

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

REVERSE MORTGAGE PROGRAM

The HMFA offers HECM reverse mortgage loans. A HECM loan is an FHA-insured reverse mortgage allowing seniors (62 and over) to access the equity in their home without a monthly repayment schedule for as long as they live in the home. Some HUD approved local lenders and banks offer Reverse Mortgages that allow homeowners to turn the value of their home into cash, without having to move or make regular loan payments. The program assists older homeowners to access money by using the equity in their homes as collateral. Loan proceeds can be taken in a lump sum, monthly payments, line of credit or some combination of these options. Loan amount is determined by property value and borrower age. Counseling is required. No restriction on value of property. No income requirements or verification. FHA maximum mortgage amounts apply against amount borrowed for the FHA product. Further detail is available a Fact Sheet .

For more information, contact:

1-800-NJ-HOUSE, or
1-888-466-3478 for more information on Reverse Mortgage agencies.

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING PROGRAMS

The Community Development Division administers several programs designed to help individuals with special needs. The Division oversees the New Jersey Community Housing Demonstration Programs (NJCHDP), the Home Ownership for Permanency Project, the Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program and the Transitional Housing Revolving Loan Program. The Division also oversees the development of our Shelter Plus Care Initiatives and represents the Agency with regard to the New Jersey Supportive Housing Program and the Monmouth County Supportive Housing Collaboration.

For more information on any of the special needs programs, contact:

Community Development Ombudsman at 609-278-7449, or
Any of the individual program contacts directly.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

GOOD NEWS FOR RENTERS!

The Fair Housing Act of 1988 (Section 6 A) makes it illegal for landlords to refuse a tenant who wants to make reasonable modifications to their house or apartment if the tenant is willing to pay for the changes. The law also requires new construction of dwellings with four or more units to include features such as:

- Wheelchair accessibility
- Reinforced walls to accommodate later installation of grab bars in bathrooms
- Accessible electrical outlets
- Accessible thermostats

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

HOUSING SERVICES (FORMERLY FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION)

CONTACT: Rural Development State Office 5th Floor North, Suite 500 8000 Midlantic Drive Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Phone: (856) 787-7700 Fax: (856) 787-7783

Various grants and loans are available for rural, low-income individuals, families or seniors. These grants and loans can be used for home modifications.

- Section 502 Direct
- Section 502 Guarantee
- Guarantee Rehabilitation
- Section 504 Home Repair Loans and Grants
- Leverage Loans

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT RURAL HOUSING SERVICE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION):

Offers 1% interest repair loans to very low-income individuals and elderly home-owners and repair grants to the elderly that qualify.

CONTACT: USDA Office of Communications
(202) 720-2791 to request the field office that covers the applicant's area.

RURAL HOUSING REPAIR AND REHABILITATION LOANS are loans funded directly by the Government. These loans are available to very low-income rural residents who own and occupy a dwelling in need of repairs. Funds are available for repairs to improve or modernize a home, or to remove health and safety hazards. This loan is a 1% loan that may be repaid over a 20-year period.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

RURAL HOUSING REPAIR AND REHABILITATION LOANS (continued)

Purpose: The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

Eligibility: To obtain a loan, homeowner-occupants must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and must have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. They must need to make repairs and improvements to make the dwelling more safe and sanitary or to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan.

Terms: Loans of up to \$20,000 and grants of up to \$7,500 are available. Loans are for up to 20 years at 1 percent interest. A real estate mortgage is required for loans of \$2,500 or more. Full title services are required for loans of \$7,500 or more. Grants may be recaptured if the property is sold in less than three years. Grant funds may be used only to pay for repairs and improvements resulting in the removal of health and safety hazards. A grant/loan combination is made if the applicant can repay part of the cost. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Standards: Repaired properties do not need to meet other RHS code requirements, but the installation of water and waste systems and related fixtures must meet local health department requirements. Water supply and sewage disposal systems should normally meet RHS requirements. Not all the health and safety hazards in a home must be removed with Section 504 funds, provided that major health and safety hazards are removed. All work must meet local codes and standards.

Approval: Rural Development should make a decision on a complete application within 30 to 60 days.

Basic Instruction: 7 CFR Part 3550 and HB1-3550

For more information, contact: Rural Development State Office 5th Floor North, Suite 500
8000 Midlantic Drive Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Phone: (856) 787-7700 Fax: (856) 787-7783

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State and Federal

PROGRAM: SELF-RELIANT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

Offered by PNC Bank in conjunction with New Jersey Citizen Action, the Self-Reliant Loan and Grant Program can be used for any kind of accessibility issue – for permanent projects like ramps, service animal maintenance, scooters, computers with adaptive software or other types of special equipment. The program offers the following benefits:

- Highly discounted interest rates
- Loan amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000
- Competitive repayment terms
- No application fee

A limited number of \$1,000 grants are available on a first come, first served basis. Limit one grant per household. For more information, call 1-877-762-7000 or stop by any New Jersey PNC Bank branch for more details.

PROGRAM: TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND

Contact: 1-888-285-3036

1-609-292-7800

1-609 -292-1210 TTY

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to allow New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury to obtain the services and supports they need to live in the community. The Fund provides financial services and pays for services that foster independence and maximize quality of life.

The Fund has a cap of \$15,000 per year and \$100,000 lifetime per individual. The Division of Disability Services (DDS) of the NJ Department of Human Services administers the TBI Fund).

For more information and to apply for assistance from the TBI Fund, call 1-888-285-3036.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: AMERICAN AMPUTEE FOUNDATION, INC.

Contact: 1-501-666-2523

P.O. Box 250218
Hillcrest Station
Little Rock, Arkansas 72225

Note: The American Amputee Foundation, Inc. may be able to assist with financial aid for prosthetic devices and home modifications.

Email: american_amputee_foundation@hotmail.com

AGENCY: AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND (AKF)

Contact: 1-800-638-8299

Website: www.kidneyfund.org

Note: AKF provides financial assistance to chronic kidney patients and publications on kidney disease.

FOUNDATION: AMERICAN HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

Through the American Health Assistance Foundation, up to \$750 in emergency grant funding is available from the Alzheimer's Family Relief Program.

For more information, contact: American Health Assistance Foundation
22512 Gateway Center Drive
Clarksburg, Maryland 20871

Telephone: 1-800-437-2423

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: BANK OF AMERICA

Contact: 1-800-900-9000 (voice) or 1-800-833-2632 (TTY)

Program: Bank of America ¹ Access Loans

Note: Access Loans provide affordable and flexible terms for individuals with disabilities or access needs. Access loans are for vehicle and home modifications.

Vehicle loans

- Easy, single loan for purchase of new or used cars, vans or light-duty trucks and necessary adaptive equipment.
- Longer repayment period means lower monthly payments.
- New vehicles may be financed up to 100% of the purchase price of the vehicle (includes adaptive equipment) plus options, tax, license, documentation fee and service warranty.²
- Used vehicles may be financed up to 100% of the purchase price plus adaptive equipment, tax, license, documentation fee, and service warranty.

Home improvement loans

- Ideal for financing certain home modification projects such as building access ramps, installing lifts, widening doors or lowering cabinets to increase accessibility.
- Choice of Second Mortgage and Home Equity Loans.³
- Loans up to 100% of your home's appraised value.
- Lower minimum loan amounts with longer repayment periods means lower monthly payments.
- Fixed-interest rates mean stable monthly payments.
- The interest may be tax deductible.⁴

Website:

http://www.bankofamerica.com/loansandhomes/index.cfm?template=lc_ml_access_loans

¹Credit subject to approval. Normal credit standards apply.

²Excludes dealer add-ons not listed on the sticker, rebate packages and excel allowance for trade-ins.

³Credit is subject to approval. Normal credit standards apply. Programs, rates, terms and conditions are subject to change without notice.

⁴Please consult your tax advisor and IRS Publication 936 (Home Mortgage Interest Deduction) regarding interest deductibility.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: CANCERCARE'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Contact: 1-800-813-HOPE (4673)

Program: Hirshberg Fund

Note: Limited financial assistance for people with pancreatic cancer. For residents of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Long Island. Limited financial assistance for people with all cancers. Regional only. Call for details.

AGENCY: CHILDREN'S HOPES AND DREAMS FOUNDATION

Contact: 1-973-361-7366 or 1- 908-459-9393
280 Rt. 46
Dover, New Jersey 07801

The Children's Hopes and Dreams Foundation is a national foundation that grants wishes to children whose parents are not financially able to fulfill their child's dream. Wish requests may include assistive technology (home modification), and while there is no limit regarding cost, the wish must be the child's. Children with life-threatening disabilities between the ages of 4 and 17 are served. For more information, contact the agency at www.childrenswishes.org or telephone 1-973-361-7366

AGENCY: CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

Contact: 1-800-323-WISH
7840 Roswell Rd., Suite 301
P.O. Box 28785, Atlanta, GA 30358

This program is aimed at children in the United States and Europe, up to age 18, who are facing life-threatening illnesses. Applications can be submitted anytime.
<http://www.childrenswish.org/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

Contact: 1-800-832-9173 or 1-609-987-0800

Program: Family Support program monetary stipend can be utilized
Note: Available for individuals who receive DDD services.

AGENCY: DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

CONTACT: Your local DVRS office (see contact information in the appendix section).

DVRS may fund a ramp if an individual needs to get in and out of the house for gainful employment.

AGENCY: ENABLE

Contact: 609-987-5003

Program: AT Financial Loan Program
Note: Available for residents of Mercer County

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: EPILEPSY FOUNDATION NEW JERSEY

Contact: 1-800-336-5843 or 1-800-FSC NJ10

Program: Administrative Office
1 AAA Drive, Suite 203
Trenton, New Jersey 08691

Note: Flexible financial assistance available for families to help offset extraordinary expenses associated with caring for a family member with a disability. Such expenses may include home modifications.

EFNJ provides family support services to families who have children with developmental disabilities including autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and other neurological impairments.

Email: efnj@efnj.com
Website: www.efnj.com

AGENCY: GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF THE ALS ASSOCIATION

Contact: 1-215-643-5434

Program: Assistive Technology Loan Program (the chapter's service area covers Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware).

Note: - The Scott A. Mackler, MD, Ph.D. Assistive Technology Program
- The Augmentative / Alternative Communication (AAC) Program (A branch of the Assistive Technology Program)

Website: <http://www.alsphiladelphia.org/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SOCIETY OF AMERICA, NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Contact: 1-609-448-3500

114 B South Main Street
P.O. Box 67 A
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512

Note: Support services: financial, helps families obtain counseling, referrals to other community services.

Website: <http://www.hdsanj.org/>

FOUNDATION: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FOUNDATION

PROGRAM: **BRIGHTER TOMORROW GRANT**

Contact: **MSF**
1-888-MSFOCUS

Email: support@msfocus.org
Website: <http://www.msfacts.org>

Program description: Application form is available online where you can request more information. Funds may be used for ramps, wheelchairs, walkers, glasses, computers, home modifications, and more. Contact the MS Foundation for more information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Contact: 888-920-8557
856-869-0200

216 Haddon Avenue
Suite 328
Westmont, New Jersey 08108

Website: www.leukemia-lymphoma.org

Note: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society provides supplementary financial assistance to patients in significant financial need. Call the Society directly for more information.

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA, SNJ CHAPTER:

Contact: 856-866-2066

219 North Black Horse Pike
Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey 08059

Note: Provides supplementary financial assistance to patients with leukemia, lymphomas, multiple myeloma, Hodgkins disease and pre-leukemia.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

OTHER: LISA MADONIA MEMORIAL FUND

Contact: 708-366-2057
409 Beloit
Forest Park, Illinois, 60130

The Lisa Madonia Memorial Fund is a national fund designated for individuals with cancer between the ages of 18 and 25. Wishes may include assistive technology (home modification), however, requests are limited to \$300. Consumers may call the telephone number above to request an application.

AGENCY: MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Contact: 2600 North Central Ave., Suite 936
Phoenix, AZ 85004, 1-800-722-WISH

To grant the wishes of children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. Applications can be submitted anytime.

Website: <http://www.wish.org/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

Contact: 1034 Salem Road,
Union, New Jersey 07083, 1-800-252-9474 or 908-351-5055

State / local chapter. To grant the wishes of children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. Applications can be submitted anytime. <http://www.wishnj.org/>

FOUNDATION: MELVIN WEINSTEIN PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION

Contact: 757-313-9729

1340-1792 North Great Neck Road
#193
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454-2230

Email: help@mwpf.org
Website: www.mwpf.org

The MWPF purchases equipment and supplies necessary to maintain a safe and healthy environment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

**AGENCY: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY –
GREATER NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER**

Contact: 1 Kalisa Way, Suite 205
Paramus, NJ 07652
1-201-967-5599 or 1-800-344-4867

Equipment Loan Closet

Equipment Assistance – provides a stipend towards the purchase of a piece of DME such as a scooter, wheelchair, etc.

Financial Assistance Program – provides financial assistance to clients in one-time crisis situations, to cover expenses such as uncovered medical expenses, food, utility bills, etc.

Home and car modifications

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

**AGENCY: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY –
MID JERSEY CHAPTER**

Contact: 246 Monmouth Road
Oakhurst, NJ 07755

1-800-FIGHT-MS (344-4867)
1-732-660-1005

Note: The chapter offers a financial assistance program to assist people with MS who are in financial. This helps to get them through a financial crisis or obtain durable medical equipment, home and care modifications, and other devices.

Examples include:

Equipment Loan Closet

Equipment Assistance – provides a stipend towards the purchase of a piece of DME such as a scooter, wheelchair, etc.

Financial Assistance Program – provides financial assistance to clients in one-time crisis situations, to cover expenses such as uncovered medical expenses, food, utility bills, etc.

Financial assistance for home and car modifications

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

FOUNDATION: MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY FAMILY FOUNDATION ®

Some of the adaptive equipment provided by MDFF are wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, ramps for family homes, shower chairs, bath chairs, lift systems, breathing systems, clinic services, communication devices, braces and social outings. Services are provided to children and adults regardless of race or income level. All available resources must be utilized prior to contacting the foundation and a completed financial aid request and proof of diagnosis is required. For more information contact MDFF at:

Contact: 2220 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208-5730
Toll-Free: 800-544-1213
Voice: 317-923-6333
Website: www.mdff.org
Email: mdff@mdff.org

AGENCY: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

Contact: 1015 Locust, Suite 600
St. Louis, MO 63101

Application available on the Internet at www.children-cancer.com

AGENCY: NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

Contact: 1 Reed Street, Suite 200
Philadelphia, PA 19147

1-215-271-1500
PAE@NMSS.ORG

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

THE NEW JERSEY PEDIATRIC PATIENTS' CHARITABLE TRUST FUND, INC.

AGE & RESIDENCY CRITERIA

Birth to 21

Must reside in Southern New Jersey: (Cumberland, Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Cape May, Salem &/or Atlantic County)

MEDICALLY FRAGILE / SPECIAL NEEDS CRITERIA:

Technology dependent in one or more of the following areas:

Mechanical Ventilation

Tracheostomy

Oxygen Dependency

Moderate to severe developmental or acquired delay/disorder in one or more of the following areas:

Gross and Fine Motor

Speech/Language/Communication

Cognition

Feeding Swallowing

All requests will be processed on a monthly basis, via our Board of Directors' review of eligibility criteria and budgetary availability.

Request Guidelines:

Appropriate requests include recreational and/or educational equipment, home modifications, adaptive equipment, and specialized programs. Medical items / services are excluded.

Maximum individual request is \$2,000

One request per child per calendar year.

Maximum group / community request is \$5,000

Written letters of denial from all available funding sources must be provided.

For more information, contact:

N.J.P.P.C.T.F. 1304 Laurel Oak Road Voorhees, New Jersey 08043-4392
Phone: (856) 346-3300 ext. 178 Fax: (856) 346-4537 Email: info@SJKidsTrust.com

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

ORGANIZATION: NEW JERSEY POLIO NETWORK - RUPRECHT MEMORIAL FUND

Funding Program: Alan and Peggy Ruprecht Fund

This program allows polio survivors who are residents of New Jersey to apply for grants up to \$500 to help them acquire necessary medical equipment or services. Among the items that are eligible for grants are wheelchairs, ramps, scooters, automobile adaptive equipment, canes, crutches, breathing aids, evaluations, home modifications. Financial need will be a consideration in awarding the grant, but not the sole criterion.

The funding program is administered by:

Heightened Independence & Progress (HIP)
131 Main Street, Suite 120
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
Telephone: 201-996-9100
Fax: 201-996-9422

For more information about NJ Polio Network, contact them directly at:

PO Box 537
Martinsville, New Jersey 08836
Telephone: 201-845-6860
Email: info@njpolio.org

NEW JERSEY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP (NJSA)

Contact: 725 Joralemone Street, Suite 191
Bellville, NJ 07109

Telephone: 1-973-450-4114

Note: All New Jersey municipalities are covered. Call for more information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

FOUNDATION: PAUL JACKSON FUND

Contact: 908-272-8232
P.O. Box 2014
Westfield, NJ 07091-2014

Note: Helps with acute financial needs associated with extraordinary medical and related costs of caring for a loved one.

AGENCY: SALVATION ARMY STATE HEADQUARTERS

Contact: 908-851-9300

Note: Financial assistance for families of active military personnel who experience financial hardship.

SPECIAL NOTE: PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Funds from Medicare and Medicaid are available for durable medical equipment with a doctor's prescription.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: **SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY, INC.**

Contact: 1-800-223-0222
P.O. Box 468
Media, Pennsylvania 19063

Program(s): (1) Direct Patient Aid
(2) Equipment Fund
(3) Discretionary Fund

Note: All applicants are requested to first utilize all other sources of funds prior to application submission.

The individual applicant or family must be a regular member of the Spina Bifida Association of the Delaware Valley, Inc. (SBADV) for at least six months (except new parents).

Counties in New Jersey: Gloucester, Camden, and Burlington.
Website: <http://www.sbadv.org/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

AGENCY: SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION TRI-STATE REGION

Contact: 1-877-722-8774 or 1-908-782-7475
84 Park Avenue
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

Fax: 908-782-6102

Program: Special Needs Fund

AGENCY: STARLIGHT FOUNDATION, NY * NJ * CT

Contact: 1-212- 354-2878
1560 Broadway, Suite 600
New York, NY 10036.

This Program is open to children between the ages of 4 and 18 who are critically, chronically, or terminally ill.

AGENCY: SUNSHINE FOUNDATION

(see below for New Jersey chapter contact numbers) The Sunshine Foundation grants wishes to children with chronic or terminal disabilities who may need assistive technology. The amount paid for a wish varies based on the individual wishes children make.

Southern Ocean Chapter (Little Egg Harbor) 609-296-3863

Mercer County Chapter (Trenton)

Cape Atlantic Chapter (Ocean City) 609-399-0885

Wishing Well Chapter (Hammonton)

South Jersey Chapter (Medford) 856-914-1534

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

FOUNDATION: TRAVIS ROY FOUNDATION

Contact: 617-239-0556

111 Huntington Avenue at Prudential Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02199-7613
Attn: Brenda Taylor

Email: Administrator@travisroyfoundation.org

Website: www.travisroyfoundation.org

The Travis Roy Foundation awards grants to paraplegics or quadriplegics paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury (Please note: paralysis must be due to a spinal cord injury; paralysis due to other causes, such as MS or spina bifida, are not eligible).

Applicants must demonstrate financial need and reside in the United States or Canada. There is no age requirement. Applicants must request specific modifications or equipment to apply for a Travis Roy Foundation grant. Examples of eligible items include upgrade and maintenance of wheelchairs, grants to assist in van purchases, vehicle modifications, home modifications including ramp and elevator installation, exercise equipment and other adaptive equipment. Applications are accepted year-round and are considered at quarterly trustee meetings.

For additional information, visit the Travis Roy Foundation at www.travisroyfoundation.org

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Agencies and Foundations

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Certain private organizations will be able to assist with part of the money, so pursuing several sources may cover the bulk of your expenses, usually available for those who meet an organization's particular need-based criteria.

Write a proposal letter describing the type of modifications you need, why you need them, and the costs involved. (Obtain three bids for services in advance so you'll know how much you need.) Possible sources: The American Cancer Society, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the National United Cerebral Palsy Association. (Local branch offices will not have the resources the national offices do.).

FOUNDATIONS AND DONOR'S FORUMS

Foundations are nonprofit organizations that support charitable activities to serve the common good. Individuals, families or corporations create them with endowments (donated money). They make grants with the income they earn from investing the endowments and are exempt from federal income tax. Ask the librarian of the main library (not a branch) to show you where to find lists of private foundations.

LOCAL LENDERS AND BANKS

Some lenders offer Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM's) that allow homeowners to turn the value of their home into cash, without having to move or make regular loan payments.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION, AUTOMOBILE AND PRIVATE INSURANCE

Home modification can be included as part of a Workers Compensation claim and rehabilitation program.

Private insurance can include home modification as part of a rehabilitation program. Certain modifications, such as purification systems or air conditioners may be covered as a medical necessity, if prescribed by a doctor. Make sure to get a letter from your doctor describing your injury and what is needed. (Expect an automatic denial, and then keep appealing before being accepted). Remember to provide the specific information requested by your insurance company, such as obtaining several price quotes for an item.

Volunteer Organizations

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Many organizations organize repair projects for elderly persons or persons with disabilities. Organizations may include your neighborhood association or community groups, churches, synagogues, Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Charities, Little Brothers of the Poor, Jaycees, Agency on Aging, senior centers, building trade unions, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Kiwanis Clubs, sororities, fraternities, high school volunteerism, YMCA, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Clubs, Lion's Clubs, B'nai B'rith, Masons, or 4H Clubs. Inquire about interest in a community project or see if you can propose one.

ORGANIZATION: HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, SENIOR CITIZENS

Contact: 908-964-7555
2165 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Volunteer Organizations

ORGANIZATION: REBUILDING TOGETHER

This is a volunteer project around the country that takes place on the first Saturday in April. Volunteers organize painting parties or make repairs to low income, elderly, and disabled homeowners. New Jersey chapters:

Contact: Bergen County Morris County 201-447-8886 973-538-8888 Jersey City
Ocean County 201-222-2636 609-693-1333 Newark 973-642-6100

<http://www.rebuildingtogether-newark.org>

Woodbridge /Middlesex County 732-634-2750 (ask for Donna Brightman)

Volunteer Organizations

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Telephone: 732-974-2422

Email: info@coastalhabitat.org

Website: www.coastalhabitat.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ATLANTIC CITY

Contact: PO Box 443
Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232-0443

Telephone: 609-487-9472

Email: decenthomes@aol.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BURLINGTON COUNTY

Contact: PO Box 67
Beverly, New Jersey 08010

Telephone: 856-303-8080

Email: information@habitatbcnj.org

Website: www.habitatbcnj.org

Volunteer Organizations

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Contact: PO Box 906
Millville, New Jersey 08332

Telephone: 856-327-6474

Note: Applicants must live or work in Cumberland County.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Contact: 305 South Broadway
Pitman, New Jersey 08071

Telephone: 609-256-9400

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Telephone: 732-634-5360

Email: office@middlesexhabitat.org

Website: www.middlesexhabitat.org

Volunteer Organizations

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY : TRENTON

Contact: 601 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08638

Telephone: 609-393-8009
Fax: 609-393-5593
Email: info@habitatnj.org

METRO CAMDEN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Contact: PO Box 3311
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Telephone: 856-963-8018
Fax: 856-963-9005
Website: www.habitatcamden.org

NORTHERN OCEAN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Contact: P.O. Box 1754
Toms River, New Jersey 08754

Telephone: 732-818-9551

Email: main@nohfh.org
Website: <http://nohfh.org>

Volunteer Organizations

Organization: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

PROGRAM: **“PATHWAYS FOR INDEPENDENCE”**

Contact: MSA
706 Haddonfield Road
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
800-532-7667

Email: hhoffman@msaa.com
Website: <http://www.msaa.com/>

Program description: Program that modifies homes or apartments so people with MS can live in a safe and barrier-free household. “Pathways for Independence” will install grab bars, smoke detectors, widen doorways, build ramps, provide in-home assessments, and assist with the installation of minor home modifications. Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis are eligible for funds. Call for more information.

ORGANIZATION: TELECOM PIONEERS (FORMERLY TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA)

Contact: (1) Telcom Pioneers – Downstate Chapter 81
401 Mercer Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520
609-443-9792

(2) Telecom Pioneers – Upstate Chapter 12
650 Park Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07017
973-678-9273

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

ATLANTIC COUNTY

ATLANTIC HUMAN RESOURCES, INC. – WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Contact: One South New York Avenue
Suite 308
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Telephone: 609-348-4469

Note: Financial assistance for home weatherization.

ATLANTIC COUNTY INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES – “FIX-IT PROGRAM”

Contact: 201 South Shore Road
Northfield, New Jersey 08225

Telephone: 1-888-426-9243

Note: The Fix-It Program provides free work with minor residential repairs for senior citizen homeowners 60 years or older. Materials and supplies are the responsibility of the homeowner.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

ATLANTIC COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Contact: 909 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08225

Telephone: 1-609-645-5838

Note: Housing rehabilitation program and administers rehabilitation grants for municipalities. Community Development Program (CDP) – Atlantic County Improvement Authority administers home repair grants through the Home Program to qualified residents in all municipalities in Atlantic County except Atlantic City. The CDP is under the direction of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

BERGEN COUNTY

BERGEN COUNTY HEIGHTENED INDEPENDENCE & PROGRESS (HIP)

Contact: 131 Main Street
Suite 120
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Telephone: 201-996-9100
Fax: 201-996-9422
TTY: 201-996-9424

Contact: Maria Valentin

Email: ber@hipcil.org

Note: *HIP's* Bergen County office has been providing funding for the following two projects:

MODIFICATION ACCESS PROJECT (MAP) Through this effort, *HIP* has offered funding toward ramps, roll-in showers, stair glides, platform lifts, railings, and other modification needs. Assists with barrier-free home renovation projects from concept to completion.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SNAP) provides funding for adaptive equipment and assistive devices.

BERGEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; BC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Contact: One Bergen County Plaza
4th Floor
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Telephone: 201-336-7200

Note: Provides resources to rehabilitate existing one-and two-family houses. Eligibility is based on income, family size, and type of improvement.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

BERGEN COUNTY

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF BERGEN COUNTY – CHORE SERVICE

Contact: Maureen McCormick
Telephone: 201-489-7790
64 Passaic Street
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Email: mmccormick@bergenvolunteers.org

Note: There is no charge for the Chore's services, but clients are expected to pay for the parts necessary to complete the repair.

Jobs include: installation of grab bars in the bath area, installation and removal of air conditioners, installation of internal railings. ** Call local fire or police departments to inquire if they provide home safety programs, e.g., free smoke detectors, alarms, decals, or other safety precautions.

SAFE HOUSING PROGRAM

Contact: 345 Union Street
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Telephone: 201-652-3210 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
201-487-7470 (Tuesday and Thursday)

Note: The American Red Cross, Bergen Crossroads Chapter; Home Security (e.g., smoke detectors, motion detectors, locks, etc.). Home Modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, lighting, etc.).

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

BERGEN COUNTY

FIX-IT PROGRAM

Contact: 131 Main Street
Suite 120
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Telephone: 1-888-426-9243

Note: The Fix-It Program is available to any senior citizen 60 or older, whose safety is at risk due to the need of handrails and minor home repairs, enabling them to remain living at home.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

BURLINGTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (BCAP)

Contact: 718 South Route 130
Burlington, New Jersey 08016

Telephone: 609-386-5800
Contact Person: Dietrich Langford

Note: BCAP is an agency for repairs and housing assistance.

BURLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (BCAP)

Telephone: 609-239-4005

Note: This telephone number is for BCCAP Weatherization.

HOME SECURITY PROGRAM

Burlington County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit

Telephone: 609-265-5796

Note: Free home security surveys and safety modifications are provided to seniors and persons with disabilities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 609-265-5796

Note: Rehabilitation loans for qualifying homeowners, including seniors and persons with disabilities.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

BURLINGTON COUNTY

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM OF BURLINGTON COUNTY

Contact: Burlington County Community Development Office
PO Box 6000
Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060
Human Services Building, 2nd Floor
795 Woodlane Road
Westampton, New Jersey 08060

Telephone: 609-265-5072

Website: <http://co.burlington.nj.us/departments/economic/commdev/housing/cdbg/index.htm>

Note: Burlington County receives an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds each year from the Federal government to provide assistance to residents of Burlington County through a variety of local housing-related and public service projects. Deferred payment or low-interest loans to low-income homeowners to make essential repairs to their homes.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CAMDEN COUNTY

RAMPS PROGRAM

Camden County Department of Corrections

Telephone: 856-225-5457

Note: The RAMP Program works to improve the quality of life for Senior Citizens and physically challenged residents. RAMP is funded by nonprofit groups, and materials are provided at cost by Haddonfield Lumber. Contact Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell at 856-225-5457

MR. FIX-IT

Contact: Camden County Division of Senior Services
Parkview Terrace
700 Browning Road, Suite 113
West Collingswood, New Jersey 08107

Telephone: 1-856-663-1717
1-877-222-3737

Note: The Camden County Office of Senior Services administers a Mr. Fixit Program. This program is available for individuals who are disabled and/or elderly.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CAMDEN COUNTY

CAMDEN COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Contact: Camden County Department of Community Development
PO Box 100
Blackwood, New Jersey 08012

Telephone: 856-374-6340 or 856-374-6333

Note: Camden County has a Home Improvement Program that is available for individuals with disabilities and the disabled. The Home Improvement Program fund is administered by the Community Development Block Grant.

SENIOR SAFE HOME PROGRAM – HOUSING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Telephone: 856-663-2888 (V)
1-800-331-7272
856-663-2255 (TTY)

4212 Beacon Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

Website: www.uoss.org
Email: sshp@uoss.org

Note: Provides home maintenance and repair program to help maintain the health and safety of Camden County senior homeowners. Service provided by the Union Organization for Social Services (U.O.S.S.).

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CAMDEN COUNTY

CAMDEN COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED

Contact: Camden County Administration Building
Lower Level
600 Market Street
Camden, New Jersey 08102

Telephone: 856-225-5232

TTY: 856-225-8889

Fax: 856-225-5154

CHERRY HILL'S "HANDY HELPER PROGRAM"

Contact: Cherry Hill Township Municipal Building
820 Mercer Street, Room 205
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

Telephone: 856-488-7855

Website: www.cherryhill-nj.com

Note: The "Handy Helper Program" assists senior citizens and disabled individuals with plumbing, carpentry and other minor home repairs. For more information, contact the Program Coordinator John Kozak at 856-488-7855.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CAMDEN COUNTY

CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Contact: A-5 Collier Drive
Lakeland Complex
Blackwood, New Jersey 08012

Telephone: 856-374-6337

Website: www.camdencounty.com

Note: Provides no-interest loans for qualified homeowners to make necessary home improvements to their properties

CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Camden County Division of Senior Services

Telephone: 1-877-222-3737

West Collingswood, New Jersey 08107

Note: This program provides a supplement to the assistance an individual receives from his/her natural support network of family, friends, and neighbors, as well as from Community Agencies and volunteer groups. CAP is able to provide environmental accessibility adaptations, personal emergency response systems, caregiver/recipient training, and special medical equipment and supplies. Individuals must be 65 or older OR 21-64 and on Social Security Disability. Contact the Division of Senior Services for more information.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CAPE MAY COUNTY

SMALL CITIES HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Department of Community Affairs

Telephone: 1-856-358-8821

Note: Loans are issued in the form of "deferred loans". The purpose of the program is to address code related items and weatherization needs. The types of repairs covered are electric, plumbing, heating, roof, structural, windows, doors, handrails, steps, smoke detectors, CO detectors and siding. Items are addressed by priority starting with the major systems.

Eligibility: Low and moderate income homeowners residing North Wildwood, City of Wildwood, and Borough of Wildwood.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

RAMP PROGRAM

Shirley Eves Center
313 North 10th Street
Millville, New Jersey 08332-3103

Telephone: 856-825-5840
Fax: 856-825-5848
Email: shirleyeves@jasperdyne.com
Website: http://www.jasperdyne.com/shirley_eves

Note: Ramps are built for qualifying families at no cost to the families.
Contact for application form.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc.
110 Cohansey Street
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

Telephone: 856-451-6330 or 856-451-2966

Note: Senior citizens can receive on-site repairs and maintenance to help them improve in-home safety through this program. The program includes ramps and repairs for respite assistance.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (THROUGH OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES)

Telephone: 856-825-8707

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS FOR MAJOR HOUSING REPAIRS

Bridgeton City Hall Annex
181 East Commerce Street
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

Telephone: 856-455-3230, ext. 263

Note: Loans and/or grants are available for major home repairs or improvements.

MILLVILLE EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR MINOR HOUSING REPAIRS

Millville City Hall
South High Street
Millville, New Jersey 08332

Telephone: 856-825-7000, ext. 286

Note: The city of Millville has an emergency assistance program for minor home repairs.

VINELAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

1317 South Main Road
Building 3, Suite A
Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Telephone: 856-205-1225

Note: Home Rehabilitation Program. Housing loans and grants for those with low income
in areas outside of Bridgeton, Vineland and Millville.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DIVISION OF HOMELESS

122 East Main Street, Suite 101
Millville, New Jersey 08332

Telephone: 856-825-8707

Note: Administers Small Cities home rehabilitation program for County residents of areas without a home rehabilitation program.

VINELAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7th & Wood Streets
Fourth Floor
Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Telephone: 856-794-4077

Note: Home Rehabilitation Program.

PROCEED, INC.

14 New Market Street
Salem, New Jersey 08079-1409

Telephone: 856-935-0944
Email: info@proceedinc.com

Note: Income eligible residents of Salem, Gloucester, and Cumberland County may receive a detailed energy audit using the latest diagnostic equipment. Repairs include stairs, railings, lighting fixtures, security devices, window repair/replacement, door repair/replacement, insulation, caulking, and heat system repair/replacement.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

ESSEX COUNTY

ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED

125 Fairview Avenue
Building 12
Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009

Telephone: 973-228-8230
TTY: 973-228-8278

* Although there are no specific programs noted, you may consider contacting Telcom Pioneers for assistance (see Volunteers)

JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)

NJ Ease
Essex County Division on Aging

Telephone: 973-395-8375

Note: This program provides in and out of home services (including home modifications) to seniors at risk of placement in a nursing facility. JACC includes an array of services designed to supplement assistance given by the individual's caregiver.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE / HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

66 Main Street
West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Telephone: 973-324-1556
Website: www.westorange.org

Note: Assists low income home owners make necessary repairs to their homes.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

ESSEX COUNTY

NEUMANN FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 2654
Westfield, New Jersey 07091

Contact: neumannfnd@comcast.net

Note: An organization founded in 1989 in memory of Essex County Police Officer Keith Neumann, who was killed during a pre-dawn drug raid. The foundation provides financial support to various causes, including working with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

UNITED WAY – FIRST CALL FOR HELP

303 Washington Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Telephone: 973-624-8300

Note: First Call for Help is a multi-service agency that provides information and referral services for over 200 social service agencies in Essex and Hudson Counties.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

ESSEX COUNTY

LA CASA DE DON PEDRO

Telephone: 973-482-8312

Note: La Casa De Don Pedro, Inc. is a multi-service agency that provides domestic violence counseling. They are also able to assist with home repairs.

ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Telephone: 973-395-8375 or 973-395-8365
New Jersey EASE, Toll Free Number 1-877-222-3737

Note: Provides assistance with plumbing, electrical, carpentry and other home repairs for senior home owners.

SENIOR SERVICES / MR. FIX-IT HOME REPAIR

439 Main Street
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Telephone: 973-673-0640, ext. 14

Note: Affordable basic home repair for seniors and physically challenged individuals residing in Essex County.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

CITIZEN ACTION FLEET BANK

- Contact your Fleet Bank Branch for more information
- Competitive home mortgages and loans.

PROJECT: OPEN HOUSE

Shirley Eves Center
313 North 10th Street
Millville, New Jersey 08332-3103

Telephone: 856-825-5840
Fax: 856-825-5848
Email: shirleyeves@jasperdyne.com
Website: http://www.jasperdyne.com/shirley_eves

Note: Ramps are built for qualifying families at no cost to the families. Contact for application form.

RAMP PROJECT

Office of Disability Services
Budd Boulevard Complex
Route 45 & Budd Boulevard
PO Box 337
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096

Telephone: 856-384-6980
TTY: 856-848-6616
Fax: 856-384-6915

Note: In emergency situations (case by case), ramps may be considered for funding if the individual has no way to gain entry or exit the home. Only handicap access is considered.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

SAFER HOMES FOR SENIORS

Telephone: 856-232-4646

211 County House Road
Sewell, New Jersey 08080

Note: This program provides assistance to residents of Gloucester County 60 years of age or older and their families.

PROCEED, INC.

14 New Market Street
Salem, New Jersey 08079-1409

Telephone: 856-935-0944
Email: info@proceedinc.com

Note: Income eligible residents of Salem, Gloucester, and Cumberland County may receive a detailed energy audit using the latest diagnostic equipment. Repairs include stairs, railings, lighting fixtures, security devices, window repair/replacement, door repair/replacement, insulation, caulking, and heat system repair/replacement.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

HUDSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation
555 Kennedy Boulevard
Box 1032
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002-1032

Telephone: 201-437-7222

Note: Ramps may be considered for funding (case by case basis) if the individual has no way to gain entry or exit the home. Only handicap access is considered.

Hudson County Heightened Independence & Progress (HIP)

26 Journal Square
Suite 602
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Telephone: 201-533-4407

Fax: 201-533-4421

TTY: 201-533-4409

Email: hud@hipcil.org

Note: **HIP's** Hudson County office provides funding for the following project:

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL) offers funding for barrier-free home renovation projects or assistive devices.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

HUNTERDON COUNTY

HUNTERDON COUNTY MR. FIXIT PROGRAM

Physical Location: Route 31 County Complex, Division of Senior Services
4 Gauntt Place
Flemington, NJ 08822

Mailing Address: 4 Gauntt Place
PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

e-mail: alevy@co.hunterdon.nj.us OR hcha@co.hunterdon.nj.us
Website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging/mrfixit.htm

Telephone: 908-788-1358

Note: The Hunterdon County Mr. Fixit Program helps with small with small home repairs. Mr. Fixit Volunteers can repair / install door locks, fix leaky faucets, install grab bars in the bathroom, etc. **Most** requests can be handled in about one to two hours. No charge except for materials.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION

Mailing Address: 8 Main Street
PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

Telephone: 908-806-4196

Note: Home rehabilitation and accessibility related repairs for income eligible seniors or disabled county residents. Free safety related repairs and installations (grab bars, railings, ramps, step, etc.). Household income must meet NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) guidelines.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

HUNTERDON COUNTY

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 908-852-5424

Note: Repair Loan and/or Grant Program: Loans available to income eligible persons for home repairs to remove health or safety hazards.

HOME RENOVATION AND REPAIR PROGRAMS

Telephone: 908-852-2576, ext. 119 (for USDA Rural Development)
For municipal funds, call your municipal office

Note: Municipal and/or federal grants and loans for safety and/or health related home improvements or repairs. Income eligible.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MERCER COUNTY

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN HELPERS

Hamilton Township Senior Center
409 Cypress Lane
Hamilton, New Jersey 08619

Telephone: 609-890-3686
Fax: 609-890-4417

Note: Hamilton Township residents age 60 or older are eligible to request services from the Handy Helpers. The Handy Helpers program makes small repairs, such as installation of grab rails, smoke alarms, installation or removal of window AC units. Labor is provided at no cost, and the homeowner only pays for the materials.

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068

Telephone: 609-989-6878

Note: Provides financial and technical assistance to income eligible families requiring emergency housing rehabilitation services. Deferred loans.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MERCER COUNTY

COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) ASSISTANCE

Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068

Telephone: 609-989-6878

Note: Provides financial and technical assistance to qualifying local non-profits (CHDO). Eligible projects may include rehabilitation, demolition, construction and acquisition. Deferred loans, grants and technical assistance.

HELPING HANDS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068

Telephone: 609-989-6878 or 609 - 989-7908

Note: Provides assistance to the elderly and handicapped for maintenance, repair and modification of their homes. Grants and technical assistance. Help includes access ramps, safety devices and other necessary modifications.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MERCER COUNTY

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068

Telephone: 609-989-6878

Note: Provides income eligible homeowners with housing rehabilitation assistance, technical assistance and deferred loans.

MERCER COUNTY / ENABLE, INC. PROJECT ACCESS PROGRAM

Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068

Telephone: 609-989-6878

Note: Assist homeowners with the installation of access ramps and interior modifications. Grants and technical assistance.

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Telephone: 609-989-4683

Note: Provides grants to Mercer County residents who are 60 years old or older for home modifications to accommodate disabled elderly and home repairs to alleviate code violations.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC)

Office on Aging – County of Middlesex
Department of Human Services
Middlesex County Administration Building
John F. Kennedy Square – 5th Floor
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Telephone: 732-745-3295
Fax: 732-246-5641

Note: JACC provides a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of placement in a facility to remain in his/her community home. This program serves individuals over the age of 60 who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waiver services. Some support services may include environmental accessibility modifications. A state established sliding scale cost share is required.

Caregiver Assistance Program (CAP)

Office on Aging – County of Middlesex
Department of Human Services
Middlesex County Administration Building
John F. Kennedy Square – 5th Floor
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Telephone: 732-745-3295
Fax: 732-246-5641

Note: CAP provides in-home services to individuals who meet certain Medicaid financial eligibility criteria and are determined to require nursing facility level of care. Some support services may include environmental accessibility modifications or special medical equipment. A state established sliding scale cost share is required for those individuals over age 65 or disabled persons who are 21 – 64 years of age.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

EDISON'S "MR. FIX-IT" PROGRAM

Edison Municipal Complex
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Telephone: 732-248-7345

Note: Edison's "Mr. Fix-It" Program is designed for the performance of minor repairs for eligible elderly and/or disabled residents of Edison Township. "Mr. Fix-It" services will be provided to eligible and/or disabled homeowners, apartment and mobile home dwellers.

The primary goal and priority of the program is to perform repairs affecting the safety, health and/or security of the resident. Services include installation of grab-bars, stair repairs, installation of smoke detectors, and installation or removal of window air conditioners (providing the unit is stored on the same floor).

SALVATION ARMY MR. FIXIT PROGRAM

Telephone: 732-545-1477

Note: The Salvation Army's New Brunswick "Mr. Fixit" program provides senior volunteers to assist seniors with minor home repairs.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

BARRIER FREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

County of Middlesex
1 JFK Square – 5th Floor
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Telephone: 732-745-4519
Fax: 732-745-3282

Note: The Office offers a Barrier Free Assistance Program to eligible County residents to make their home accessible. The modifications can include everything from bed and bath rails to wheelchair ramps. This program is offered in conjunction with the Middlesex County Multi Assistance Program (MCMAP), which is under the purview of the Department on Aging.

DIVISION ON AGING – WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Health Center
2 George Frederick Plaza
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Telephone: 732-855-0600, ext. 5023
Fax: 732-855-0944

Contact: Irene Allen

Note: Mr. Fix-It Program is a township volunteer program which also offers free training in plumbing, carpentry, painting and electrical repair.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MONMOUTH COUNTY

BARRIER-FREE PROGRAM

Contact Pat O'Conner for more information

Telephone: 732-431-7999

Note: The Barrier-Free Program is available to assist the disabled in making their homes accessible. The program is open to low- and moderate-income residents of Monmouth County, except:

- Asbury Park
- Little Silver
- Long Branch
- Middletown

The Barrier-Free Program is administered by the Monmouth County Department of Human Services, Social Services Division.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Comments: The Monmouth County Housing Improvement Program will assist income eligible, low- and moderate-income, disabled owner-occupants make their homes accessible.

Telephone: 732-431-7490

TTY: 732-683-0128

Note: Ask for Virginia Edwards, Community Development Director

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MONMOUTH COUNTY

MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PO Box 3000
Kozloski Road
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Telephone: 732-431-6000
TTY: 732-294-5462
Email: mcdss@co.monmouth.nj.us

Note: Services available include home modifications for individuals with disabilities.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

MORRIS COUNTY

HOPE HOUSE FIX-IT PROGRAM

Telephone: 973-361-5555, ext. 119

Note: This program provides minor house repairs and maintenance for low-income Morris County seniors and individuals with disabilities.

MORRIS COUNTY ORGANIZATION FOR HISPANIC AFFAIRS

Telephone: 973-366-1131

MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 973-285-6060

Note: Weatherization program

NEWBRIDGE / OPERATION S.A.I.L

P.O. Box 336
21 Evans Place
Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444-0336

Telephone: 973-839-2520 or 973-316-9333

Website: www.newbridge.org

Note: Assists seniors (age 60 and older) to remain in their homes by providing in-home assessments, home repairs, and other services. Northeast Morris County.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

OCEAN COUNTY

O.C.E.A.N. INC. (OCEAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ACTION NOW, INC)

40 Washington Street
Toms River, New Jersey 08753

Telephone: 732-244-5333 or 732-244-9041

Note: Private non-profit community agency. Home Weatherization Program.

OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE SERVICES OF THE DISABLED - "FIX-IT" PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY

1027 Hooper Avenue
Building 5, Third Floor
PO Box 2191
Toms River, New Jersey 08754-2191

Telephone & TTY: 732-506-5062
Fax: 732-506-5309

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – FIX-IT PROGRAM

35 Beaverson Boulevard
Brick, New Jersey 08723

Telephone: 732-262-3414 Ext. 106

Note: This service provides minor home modifications to assist the caregivers.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

OCEAN COUNTY

OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

1027 Hooper Avenue
Building 4
Toms River, New Jersey 08753

Telephone: 732-349-1500 (Ask for Social Services Intake)

Note: This service provides Home Modifications / home repairs, where conditions are detrimental to one's health and safety.

“MR. FIX-IT” PROGRAM

Telephone: 732-505-3113

Note: This service minor repairs for homebound seniors.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT (USDA)

Telephone: 732-462-0075

Note: Provides loan & grant funds to qualified individuals to purchase / repair housing for their use. Eligibility requirements are: area, income, repayment ability for loans, age / ownership.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

OCEAN COUNTY

JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)

Telephone: 732-929-2091
800-668-4899

Note: JACC provides a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of placement in a facility to remain in his/her community home. This state funded program serves individuals over the age of 60 who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waiver services. Some support services may include environmental accessibility modifications. A state established sliding scale cost share is required.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Telephone: 732-929-2091
800-668-4899

Note: CAP provides in-home services to individuals who meet certain Medicaid financial eligibility criteria and are determined to require nursing facility level of care. Some support services may include environmental accessibility modifications or special medical equipment. A state established sliding scale cost share is required for those individuals over age 65 or disabled persons who are 21 – 64 years of age.

COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (CCPED)

Telephone: 732-349-1500

Note: CCPED provides assistance in the form of a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of being placed in a nursing home to remain in their own home. Contact the Ocean County Board of Social Services for additional information.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

PASSAIC COUNTY

JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)

Telephone: 800-668-4899

Note: JACC provides a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of placement in a facility to remain in his/her community home. This state funded program serves individuals over the age of 60 who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waiver services. Some support services may include environmental accessibility modifications. A state established sliding scale cost share is required.

WEATHERIZATION DEPARTMENT OF PASSAIC COUNTY

Telephone: 973-305-5730

Address: 1310 Route 23 North
Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Contact: Director Carol Ryle

Note: The Weatherization Department of Passaic County is a program to assist income qualified homeowners and tenants in improving the energy efficiency of their home. This is a free service. The department also provides money directly to heat suppliers to help homeowners with their bills.

CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Contact: Office of Senior Citizen and Disabled Services
Telephone: 1-973-470-2234

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

PASSAIC COUNTY

NEWBRIDGE / OPERATION S.A.I.L

P.O. Box 336
21 Evans Place
Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444-0336

Telephone: 973-839-2520 or 973-316-9333

Website: www.newbridge.org

Note: Assists seniors (age 60 and older) to remain in their homes by providing in-home assessments, home repairs, and other services. Upper Passaic County.

PATERSON DIVISION OF HOUSING / PATERSON PRIDE

125 Ellison Street, 4th Floor
Paterson, New Jersey 07505

Telephone: 973-321-1212

Note: Assists in obtaining federal and state funding for new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse. Financial assistance available for correction of critical code violations.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

SALEM COUNTY

PROCEED, INC.

14 New Market Street
Salem, New Jersey 08079-1409

Telephone: 856-935-0944
Email: info@proceedinc.com

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Through the Home Energy Assistance Program, eligible participants receive assistance to defray the costs of heating. In addition to the initial direct state payment, clients are eligible to receive emergency assistance payments for oil deliveries and utility shut off prevention.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

SOMERSET COUNTY

SOMERSET COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Somerset County Community Development Office
92 East Main Street
PO Box 3000
Somerville, New Jersey 08876-1262

Telephone: 908-541-5756
Fax: 908-541-5757
Email: PalfyM@co.somerset.nj.us

Project Coordinator: Melissa A. Palfy

Note: The Somerset County Community Development Office provides funding for a Housing Rehabilitation program for low and moderate-income households. This program allows for handicap accessible improvements, provided the homeowner is disabled.

SOMERSET COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING – HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Somerset County Office on Aging
92 East Main Street
PO Box 3000
Somerville, New Jersey 08876-1262

Telephone: 908-541-5756
Fax: 908-541-5757
Email: PalfyM@co.somerset.nj.us

Note: The Handyman Project, administered by the Somerset County Office of the Aging, provides some minor repairs to senior / disabled households.

Project Coordinator: Melissa A. Palfy

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

SOMERSET COUNTY

HANDYMAN PROJECT

Franklin Township Department of Senior Services

Telephone: 908-704-6348

Email: officeaging@co.somerset.nj.us

Contact: Frances Varga

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROJECT

Hillsborough Municipal Building
379 South Branch Road
Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844

Telephone: 908-369-4313 (main number)
908-369-3880 (Office of Social Services)

Note: The Handyman Project is for Hillsborough seniors, age 60 and over, for help with small home projects or minor repairs. The only expense for the resident is the cost of parts or materials.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

SOMERSET COUNTY

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP HOUSING REHABILITATION FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS

Hillsborough Municipal Building
379 South Branch Road
Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844

Telephone: 908-369-4313 (main number)
800-553-2560 (Housing Services, Inc.)

Note: Hillsborough Township receives funding through the Somerset Community Development Block Grant program for housing rehabilitation services. Contact 1-800-553-2560 to request an application and for additional information.

NORWESCAP SAFE HOUSING

Telephone: 1-908-454-7000 ext. 160
1-973-383-6020
1-973-209-7549

Website: <http://www.norwescap.org/programdetails.asp?pcounties=Warren&ID=23>

Note: The Safe Housing Program provides accessibility improvements and home repairs for elderly individuals (60+) to enhance the health, safety, and well being of the individual(s). Services are not provided for purely aesthetic reasons. Program service territory is all of Somerset County. The Program is funded under Title III of The Older Americans Act, through a grant by the County Office of Aging.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

SUSSEX COUNTY

DAWN, INC.

Telephone: 973-361-5666

TTY: 973-361-6032

Note: The Peer Grouping Grant is channeled through Disabled Advocates Working for Northwest (D.A.W.N.). The grant is only for families in Sussex County that have 1-3 members living in the household.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROJECT

Telephone: 845-361-4621

P.O. Box 134

Bloomington, New York 12721

Note: Provides minor house repairs and maintenance for eligible, low-income Sussex County seniors.

“SAFE HOMES “ – *DIVISION OF NORWESCAP*

Telephone: 908-454-7000, EXT. 166 OR 160

973-209-7549

Note: Provides minor house repairs and assists senior do-yourselfers residing in Sussex County.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL OF UNION COUNTY – HOME SAFETY PROGRAM

2187 Morris Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephone: 908-964-7555

Website: www.unioncountynj.org/aging/resource/3rdeng28.htm

Note: Installation of tub grab-bars and railings.

AMERICAN RED CROSS – WESTFIELD / MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPTER

321 Elm Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

Telephone: 908-232-7090

UNION COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Telephone: 732-382-8100

Note: The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded by Union County with \$560,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds. It is available to low and moderate income homeowners in Berkley Heights, Clark, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle,

Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit
and Westfield.

Contact Development Directions LLC at 732-382-8100 for more
information.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

PROCEED, INC.

Telephone: 908-351-7727

Email: info@proceedinc.com

Note: Income eligible residents of Union County may receive a detailed energy audit using the latest diagnostic equipment. Repairs include stairs, railings, lighting fixtures, security devices, window repair/replacement, door repair/replacement, insulation, caulking, and heat system repair/replacement.

Through the Home Energy Assistance Program, eligible participants receive assistance to defray the costs of heating. In addition to the initial direct state payment, clients are eligible to receive emergency assistance payments for oil deliveries and utility shut off prevention.

CLARK SENIOR CITIZEN HANDYMAN PROGRAM

430 Westfield Avenue
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Telephone: 1-732-388-3600

CRANFORD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT / SENIOR HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Telephone: 1-908-709-7294

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

Home Safety Program

Telephone: 1-908-964-7555

PLAINFIELD EMERGENCY HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Telephone: 1-908-753-3229

ROSELLE PARK SENIOR HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Telephone: 1-908-245-0666

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

ROSELLE PARK SENIOR HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Telephone: 1-908-245-0666

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1976 Morris Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephone: 1-908-810-7071

Website: www.unioncountynj.org/aging/resource/3rdeng28.htm

URBAN LEAGUE OF ELIZABETH

288 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

Telephone: 1-908-351-7200

Website: www.unioncountynj.org/aging/resource/3rdeng28.htm

Note: Weatherization for Elizabeth only.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

UNION COUNTY

SAGE / CHORE SERVICES

50 DeForest Avenue
Summit, New Jersey 07901

Telephone: 1-908-273-5550, ext. 22

Note: Offers minor home repairs for elderly people at their residences.
Repairs are done by volunteers.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY RESOURCES

WARREN COUNTY

NORWESCAP SAFE HOUSING

Telephone: 1-908-454-7000 ext. 160
1-973-383-6020
1-973-209-7549

Website: <http://www.norwescap.org/programdetails.asp?pcounties=Warren&ID=23>

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**MY INFORMATION FOR THE
“HOME MODIFICATION RESOURCE GUIDE”**

ORGANIZATION / AGENCY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME (IF APPLICABLE): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

COUNTY: _____

TELEPHONE #1 _____ TELEPHONE #2 _____

FAX _____ TTY _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION (I.E. FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE, PRODUCTS, ETC.) _____

MAIL TO: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY CENTER (ATAC) OF DRNJ
210 SOUTH BROAD STREET, 3RD FLOOR
TRENTON, NJ 08608

FAX: 609-777-0187 (ATTN. ATAC OF DRNJ)

EMAIL: ADVOCATE@DRNJ.ORG

**Please feel free to pass this along to others who may want to be included
in our Home Modification Resource Guide.**

**Assistive Technology Advocacy Center
of
Disability Rights New Jersey**

210 South Broad Street, Third Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

(800) 922-7233 (609) 633-7106 (TTY)
(609) 292-9742 (609) 777-0187 (FAX)

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