

Atlantic County Government

Department of Family & Community Development

WFNJ clients may receive **Emergency Assistance** (EA) in certain situations if found eligible.

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

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

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

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

WFNJ provides temporary cash assistance and many other support services to families through the **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program.

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

Customers receiving **TANF/GA or SSI** can call the following phone number to complete an **Emergency Assistance** application via telephone; **Phone (609)348-3001 Ext. 2818, 2717**

Unit Supervisors (609)348-3001 Ext. 2984, 2750

Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) *formally known as CEAS*

The **Social Service for the Homeless (SSH)** program provides assistance to New Jersey Atlantic County residents who are at risk of homelessness, but are **ineligible** for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families welfare, General Assistance welfare or Supplemental Security Income.

SSH funding is used solely to assist individuals and families who are experiencing short term, non-recurring emergencies. SSH is not ongoing for participants; it is short term assistance for individuals and families who will be able to sustain themselves after this short term assistance is provided. Your total expenses cannot exceed your income.

SSH applicants **MUST** have household income; Employment, Unemployment Benefits, Social Security and/or Social Security Disability and pension. Call the appointment line **(609)348-3001 Ext. 2717** for a telephone interview.

Applicant required document checklist is located at <https://www.atlantic-county.org/family-community-development/homeless-services.asp>

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New Jersey 211 Homeless Hotline

NJ 2-1-1 community resource specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can help clients who speak many different languages. Information provided will be kept confidential, except for information that needs to be shared with providers involved in providing shelter or shelter-related services.

Atlantic Homeless Alliance/Single Point of Entry daytime inquires for Homelessness can call [\(609\)348-3001 Ext. 2277](tel:6093483001)

Assistant Manager Yvonne Rickard (609)348-3001 Ext. 2947

Social Work Supervisor Daphne Brown (609)348-3001 Ext. 2876

Boarding Care/Residential Health Care/Sober Living

Services for residents in boarding homes and licensed health care facilities.

The Board and Care staff monitors residential health care facilities and licensed boarding homes for regulatory compliance. Board and Care staff places Atlantic County residents who qualify for Board and Care and provides social and protective services to all residents in boarding homes.

Housing needs, please call [\(609\)348-3001 Ext. 2876](tel:6093483001)

General Information, please call [\(609\)348-3001 Ext's. 2818, 2892, 2717](tel:6093483001)

Additional Community Resources

Atlantic City Rescue Mission (609)345-5517

Covenant House (ages 18 to 21) (609)348-4070

Jewish Family Services (609)822-1108

Volunteers of America (609)541-2806

Catholic Charities (609)345-3448

Department of Community Affairs (609)441-3679

Avanzar (Domestic Violence) (800)286-4184

South Jersey Legal Services (800)496-4570

Energy Assistance Programs

If you have any questions regarding Home Energy Assistance (HEA, LIHEAP), Universal Service Fund (USF) or Weatherization Assistance (WAP), send email to EnergyAssistance@dca.state.nj.us

Ocean Inc. to apply for USF/LIHEAP/Emergency Utility Assistance (609)345-1359, (609)677-6801

Dept. of Community Affairs to apply for COVID Utility Assistance www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid

And call (844)930-1778 for **DCA Utility Relief**

NJ Shares (866)657-4273