



BOROUGH OF
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New Jersey

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MANASQUAN RESIDENTS IN NEED OF PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

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Be sure to visit the websites as they contain current, in-depth, and often downloadable information. The sites will have phone, email, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) contact information. A brief overview has been provided for each of the services offered.

Consider using social media to check out and contact organizations and to inform and engage other individuals on accessibility questions, issues, concerns, and suggestions. More organizations are using social sites to listen and to engage with the public, and to provide added information and timely updates that can be shared with others.



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SERVICES OFFERED BY LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES

MANASQUAN

Shore Community Alliance (to help prevent alcoholism and drug abuse)

#732-223-6419

The Alliance serves the communities of Manasquan, Brielle, Sea Girt and Spring Lake Heights. The Alliance sponsors Parenting Workshops, programs for seniors, Project Graduation, Babes for elementary schools and many other important programs.

Samaritan Center of The Shore (located in Manasquan)

#732-223-HOPE (4673) <http://njsamaritan.org>

The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore is a place for families and individuals to turn for counseling, educational opportunities, and spiritual enrichment. The Samaritan Center is a 501c3 non-profit corporation providing individuals, couples and families professional counseling in a confidential, calm and serene environment.

RAFTS NJ (located in Manasquan)

#833-227-6237 <http://www.rafts.nj.org>

RAFTS Inc. is a non-profit, non-clinical, peer-based recovery community organization providing support and resources to individuals and families impacted by substance use and related disorders. We do this by providing in-house meetings and transitioning to outside meetings, family education, peer recovery coaching, telephone recovery support and sober living assistance. We conduct training programs for peers using the latest evidence-based curriculums and various community events. Through these efforts, RAFTS aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma and promote long term recovery.

Churches of the Manasquan Area Ministerium #732-223-0898

<http://manasquanareachurches.org> or <http://manasquanfoodpantry.org/>

The Manasquan Food Pantry is a non-denominational ministry of the Manasquan Ministerium, 14 churches in the communities of Manasquan, Brielle, Sea Girt, Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights, and is supported by other local organizations. The Food Pantry

operates under the guidance of the Manasquan Presbyterian Church and Fulfill. Our volunteers come from a variety of occupations and lifestyles and from various congregations within the Ministerium, as well as from the community. Volunteers prepare food packages for families and individuals, and greet each client with a smile, offering friendly reassurance, or perhaps discussing times when they too needed assistance, or simply trading baking and cooking tips.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Special Child Health Services (SCHS)/ Early Intervention #732-224-6950

<http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/sch/>

SCHS offers services for: new born screening, birth defects, early childhood intervention, autism, special needs and specialized pediatrics

Office On Aging #732-431-7450 Toll Free/TRIAD #877-222-3737

<http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=70>

The Monmouth County Office on Aging has information about the services, programs and resources available to county residents 60 years of age and older. The primary goal is to ensure that our older citizens receive the services that will help them maintain their dignity, independence and quality of life.

Office On Disabilities #732-431-7450

<http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=2074>

The Office on Disabilities on information, referral and advocacy for persons with disabilities and their families. Liaison to state and non-profit agencies that provide assistance to County residents who need to access the services. In addition, the Office provides guidance and information concerning the A.D.A (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Monmouth County Accessible Beach Guide (changes yearly)

http://co.monmouth.nj.us/documents/41/2021_Accessible_Beach_Guide.pdf

This annual guide includes information about the County's accessible beaches, walkways, ramps, parking, curb cuts and surf chair availability. It also provides detailed information about beach fees, lifeguard hours and amenities as of the time of publication.

Parks System- Therapeutic Recreation Division #732-460-1167 Ext 22 23

<https://monmouthcountyparks.com>

Provides specialized year-round recreation programs for individuals with special needs and is also available to recommend other appropriate Park System programs, community links & support. Summer camps, adult day services & group programs are also available

Monmouth County Association For The Blind #732-280-2326

No website available. Location: 3401 Belmar Boulevard, Wall Township

The association's goal is to assist the interests of the Blind and visually impaired in the Monmouth County area. Providing visual impairment aides, transportation, luncheons, field trips and educational tools to the blind. To assist the interests of the Blind and visually impaired.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Commission For The Blind And Visually Impaired (CBVI)

#973-648-3333/ Toll Free #877-685-8878 <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/>

This agency's mission is to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independent living and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.

Catastrophic Illness In Children Relief Fund Commission

#800-335- FUND (3863) 609-292-0600 <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/cicrf/home/>

The Fund is a financial assistance program for New Jersey Families with potentially catastrophic medical expenses due to a child's illness or condition. If a family has expenses due to a child's illness that were incurred prior to the child's 22nd birthday, and the expenses:

- a. Exceed 10% of the family's income that year, plus 15% of any income over \$100,000; and
- b. Are not covered by insurance, other State or Federal programs, or other sources such as fundraising;

Department of Education, Learning Resource Center- Monmouth/Ocean County

#609-376-3955 www.nj.gov/education/lrc

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) Network is a project of the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education funded through IDEA Part B funds. The materials and resources at the LRC's are provided to support the education of students with disabilities, helping them to succeed and to achieve in the least restrictive environment. The Centers provide regional and targeted professional development and technical assistance to educators and families of students with disabilities.

Division of Aging Services, Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (HAAAD)

#800-792-9745 (hotline) <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/haaad/>

- HAAAD provides a \$100 reimbursement to offset the purchase of a hearing aid;
- One reimbursement is allowed per calendar year. If a hearing aid is purchased in a subsequent calendar year, a new HAAAD application is required;
- "Hearing Aid" means a custom-fitted ear-level or body-worn electronic device which enhances communication for the hearing impaired;
- Beneficiaries must be currently enrolled in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program or Lifeline Utility Assistance (Lifeline) program, or;
- Meet the PAAD and Lifeline eligibility criteria described below.

Division of Aging Services, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled-PAAD

#800-792-9745 (hotline) <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/paad/>

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program is a state-funded program that helps eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities save money on their prescription drug costs.

You may be eligible for PAAD if you meet the following requirements:

1. You are a New Jersey resident;
2. You are age 65 or older or between ages 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and
3. Your income for 2021 is less than \$28,769 if single or less than \$35,270 if married.

Division of Disability Services, Personal Assistance Service Program- (PASP)

#1-877-354-9944 <http://nj.gov/humanservices/dds/projects/pasp/>

The PASP is a personal care assistance program that provides up to 40 hours per week of routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults with permanent physical disabilities between the ages 18-70 who are employed, preparing for employment, attending school or involved in community volunteer work and who are able to self-direct their own services.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

#800-832-9173 (toll free) <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/>

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) enables adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live, work and participate meaningfully in their communities. Through partnerships with individuals, families and service providers, we continually strike a balance between our core goals of ensuring health and safety while supporting and respecting the rights of individuals to make their own choices.

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid)

#800-356-1561 <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/index.html>

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) administers the state-and federally- funded Medicaid program for certain groups of low to moderate income people.

NON PROFIT AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

Allaire Community Farm- Wall Township

#732-796-3298 <http://www.allairecommunityfarm.org>

Allaire Community Farm is a 501(c)(3) NJ Non Profit with a mission of rescuing animals to rescue people of all ages. Our focus population is special needs individuals, teens with mental health issues and local families battling cancer in our community. We offer Pre-Employment Education Programs for the aged out special needs populations.

ARC of Monmouth

#732-493-1919 <http://www.arcofmonmouth.org/>

The Arc of Monmouth's mission is to improve the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, services and supports, collaboration with community partners, and community education.

We provide life-changing services such as family supports, residential and independent living options, recreational opportunities, adult day programs, and a college program affiliated with Brookdale Community College.

Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County (covers Monmouth County)

#732-549-6187 <http://uwcj.galaxydigital.com>

Serving more than 1,000 infants, children and adults with developmental and related disabilities throughout New Jersey. Service sites include: Edison, Old Bridge, Toms River, Port Reading, Piscataway, Manalapan.

Comprehensive services for infants, children and adults with disabilities. Founded in 1948 by 2 families needing services for their children, the Cerebral Palsy Association has evolved to a multi-faceted dynamic agency.

Dental Lifeline Network- New Jersey

#973-967-9171 <http://dentallifeline.org/new-jersey>

SERVICES

DDS volunteers provide comprehensive treatment to eligible patients. Volunteers do not provide emergency services

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must lack adequate income to pay for dental care and:

- Have a permanent disability, or
- Are elderly: age 65 or older, or
- Qualify as medically fragile

Easter Seals of New Jersey

#732-757-6662 <http://www.easterseals.com/nj/>

Easter Seals looks to enrich the lives of people with disabilities and special needs, and those who care about them, by providing opportunities to live, learn, work, and play, in their communities.

Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities

#732-235-9300 <http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/>

The Boggs Center is New Jersey's federally designated **University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities** and is part of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Pediatrics. Since its inception in 1983, The Center has emphasized a community based, lifespan approach to meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Epilepsy Services NJ (Affiliate of The Family Resource Network)

#800-336-5843 <http://epilepsyservicesnj.org>

Epilepsy Services of New Jersey, an affiliate of [The Family Resource Network](#), is a state-wide, non-profit charitable agency dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for people affected by epilepsy and their loved ones.

Family Resource Associates (Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

#732-747-5310 <http://www.frainc.org/>

Family Resource Associates has provided services to over 12,000 Monmouth County families since its founding. Our services are used by all ages- 3 weeks old through mature adults- and support all individuals with disabilities- including cognitive or developmental impairments or acquired disabilities. Our Early Intervention program provides over 360 hours of therapies weekly to 150 infants. Through our specialized TECH *Connection* program, we serve over 140 post high school students each week through 60 unique, interactive classes in Shrewsbury, Tinton Falls and Brick.

Family Resource Network- NJ

#800-372-6510 <http://www.familyresourcenetwork.org/>

The Family Resource Network (FRN) is dedicated to offering individuals and their families with continuing needs the greatest opportunities, resources and services to support a full and happy life.

Michael's Feat

#732-239-7887 <http://www.michaelsfeat.org/>

The Michael Gerard Puharic Memorial Fund, Inc. is a local 501c3 non- profit organization dedicated to providing comfort and easing the burden for parents carrying and caring for seriously ill newborns. They supply material goods and financial support. This allows families caring for a ill preemie or newborn time to focus on what is important- caring for their child.

MOCEANS Center for Independent Living

Main# 1-833-662-3267 Support Coordinator# 732-571-6232

<http://www.moceanscil.org>

MOCEANS is a non-residential, consumer-controlled, community-based, 501c3 nonprofit organization. They provide information, instruction and support for people living with disability, their families, friends and allies in the community. It is their mission to promote public awareness and barrier-free access in the community while supporting individual choice, advancing the independent living philosophy, promoting the civil rights and inclusion of all people living with disabilities.

New Jersey Blind Citizens Association

#732-291-0878 <http://www.njbca.org>

Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for the blind and visually impaired through education, socialization, and fostering an environment of hope and purpose.

Through programs and services for the blind, visually impaired and those with deteriorating vision, the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association unlocks opportunities and opens doors for growth, happiness and new experiences. With the help of our donors, volunteers, and other supporters, our participants gain independence and confidence to lead healthy, self-sufficient, and productive lives.

The State Organization on Arts & Disability

#732-745-3885 TTY #732-745-3913 <http://www.vsanj.org/>

Parent/Child Workshops in the Arts for Children with Autism or Autistic Behaviors that is open to Young People ages 3 to 21 and their family members.

The Parent/Child Workshops is a signature program of the VSA New Jersey. Through participation in weekly workshops, young people will enhance their understanding and appreciation of the arts while developing skills essential for academic and person growth. The family arts experience offers unique opportunities to engage children, siblings, and parents in enjoyable and enriching activities that will support communication and interaction in the workshop setting and at home.

New Jersey Mental Health Cares

#866-202-HELP (4357) TTY #877-294-4356 <http://www.njmentalhealthcares.org/>

Mental health conditions, such as depression or anxiety, are real, common and treatable. And recovery is possible. But not all of us think about our mental health enough. The Mental Health Association in New Jersey's NJMentalHealthCares Helpline offers free, anonymous online mental health screenings in cooperation with Mental Health America. Self-assessments are available for depression, anxiety, substance abuse, PTSD and bipolar disorder, as well as screens for youth and parents. Taking a screening is one of the quickest and easiest ways to determine whether you are experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition.

TRANSPORTATION

Academy Bus Lines

<http://academybuscharter.com/travel-policies/>

It is the policy of all Academy companies to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provide accessible service to all passengers and help make your trip as pleasant as possible.

Please advise Academy at the time of booking of any individuals with a disability that may require specific assistance. If for any reason notice is not provided, Academy will nevertheless make a reasonable effort to provide such service, and we will be glad to help.

New Jersey Transit Access Link (Paratransit)

#973-275-5555 TTY 800-772-2287

<http://njtransit.com/accessibility/access-link-ada-paratransit>

Access Link is a public transportation service established to comply with the paratransit regulations of the ADA. Access Link service is comparable to the NJ TRANSIT local fixed route bus and light rail systems. Access Link is for people with disabilities who are unable to use the local fixed route bus for some or all of their rides.

- Hours

Access Link service is comparable to the bus in that it is available during the same days and hours as the regularly scheduled local fixed route bus service, including weekends and holidays. If there is bus service available, Access Link service will be available. If there is no bus service, Access Link will not be available.

Shared Ride

By comparable to the local fixed route bus system we mean that Access Link service is a "shared-ride" system. Similar to the bus, other customers may be picked up and dropped off while transporting you to your final destination. This helps Access Link maximize the use of the vehicle fleet and provide as many rides as possible to as many customers as possible.

NJ Transit Bus <http://njtransit.com/bus-accessibility>

Bus Accessibility

- NJ TRANSIT's bus fleet is 100% accessible with bus lifts or ramps. All buses have state-of-the-art securement systems to secure customers' mobility devices. It's required that mobility devices be secured. The operator will assist you with the mobility device securements and the optional lap/shoulder belts as requested. If you need assistance, accommodation or reasonable modification with any of NJ TRANSIT's services, please see a NJ TRANSIT representative or simply [contact us](#).

NJ Transit Train <http://njtransit.com/accessibility/train-accessibility>

- **NJ Transit ADA Services- #973-491-7385 8 :30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday**
- **Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Reduced Fare #973-491-7112**
<http://njtransit.com/schedules-and-fares/reduced-fare-program>

Train Accessibility

Many of NJ TRANSIT's rail stations are accessible by elevator, ramp, mini high-level platform or portable lift. All accessible stations are shown on the [system map](#) with the international symbol of accessibility. If you need assistance, accommodation or reasonable modification with any of NJ TRANSIT's services, please see a NJ TRANSIT representative or simply [contact us](#).

NOTE: The Manasquan NJ Transit rail station is **not accessible**. The nearest accessible train station is Point Pleasant. Asbury Park rail station is also accessible.

Paying Your Fare

When purchasing your tickets for our rail system customers with disabilities have a few options. If available, you may purchase a ticket from the Ticket Agent or the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM). However, you may purchase your ticket on board with proper ID (see section on Reduced Fare) without incurring a surcharge.

Boarding the Train

Bridge plates are available at all high and mini high-level platforms. These plates bridge the gap between the platform and the train for safer and easier boarding and disembarking. Upon request, a member of the crew will assist with a bridge plate.

Before a customer using a mobility device boards the train, you should inform the train crew of your destination.

Priority Seating

Seating located nearest to the train car entrance is designed and designated to provide easy access for people with disabilities, including those using mobility devices. You may also ride in the center vestibule of the train car. Signs are posted in these areas alerting all customers of this priority.

Monmouth County SCAT

#732-431-6480 <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/PrintPage.aspx?Id=2900>

Our goal is to provide the maximum possible number of trips for our transportation dependent senior and permanently disabled residents of Monmouth County within available resources.

Shared Ride – This service requires that clients make a 1 week advance reservation for shared ride multiple-destination service. Senior citizens (60 and over) and permanently disabled residents of Monmouth County are able to request service to a destination within the services area, with priority given to medical trips and food shopping. Service is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

MCDOT SCAT – This service requires clients who are seniors or persons with disabilities to make a reservation not more than 14 days in advance or 1 week in advance. Transportation is provided for a variety of medical, educational, nutritional, and shopping trips.

NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

Handicap Plates and Placards

#609-292-6500 TTY #609-292-5120

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/vehicles/disability.htm>

- Customer Service Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am- 4:15pm
- Individuals who meet the medical qualifications are eligible to choose from one of three options:
 1. One (1) set of wheelchair symbol license plates
 2. One (1) person with a disability placard
 3. One (1) set of plates and one placard
- Qualified applicants receive one set of wheelchair symbol license plates for a vehicle registered either to the qualified person with a disability OR to one family member who provides the qualified person with transportation (aka driver). See the [Qualifications](#) page for detailed information.
- To apply for plates or a placard: complete the [Application for Vehicle License Plates and/or Placard for Persons with a Disability](#) (Form SP-41). There is no fee for either the license plates or the placard.
- This transaction can be completed by visiting a [motor vehicle agency](#) or submitting a request through the mail. If you choose to submit through the mail, send to:

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
Special Plate Unit
225 East State Street
PO Box 015
Trenton, NJ 08666-0015

- To apply for a temporary parking placard you must complete the following steps:
 - Complete the [Application for Temporary Placard](#) (Form SP-68) or visit a local, municipal police department to obtain the application.
 - Obtain certification from a qualified medical practitioner that you are qualified for a temporary placard; see [Qualifications](#) for medical certification information.
 - Submit the completed application to a municipal police department along with a check or money order for \$4 made payable to NJMVC.

CAMPS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ELKS CAMP MOORE

<http://www.njelks.org> Summer Camp 973-835-1542

Winter Camp 609-651-6209 Email elkscampmoore@njelks.com

Tucked away in the hill of the Ramapo Mountains, Elks Camp Moore offers a fun filled vacation away from home for children with special needs. A week at Elks Camp Moore is a remarkable experience not soon to be forgotten. The primary goal of the camp is to further develop the recreational and social skills of each child. In a relaxed and accepting atmosphere, each camper experiences new adventures, lasting friendships, and opportunities that promote independence and greater self-confidence.

NJ POAC <http://www.njpoac.net> #732-785-1089

POAC Autism Services, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is making a difference today for every child with autism in our state. Each year we provide hundreds of events for the autism community including: training for parents and educators; recreational and support services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families; and training for police and first responders which is saving the lives of children with autism throughout the state.

AMC THEATRES (sensory friendly films geared towards children with autism) <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to offer unique movie showings where we turn the lights up and turn the sound down so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing! Our Sensory Friendly Film program is available on the second and fourth Saturday (family-friendly) and Wednesday evenings (mature audiences) of every month. Please check your local theatre listings for specific showtimes and don't forget to share your family fun with #AMCSensoryFriendly.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY <http://www.sonj.org/> #609-896-8000

Special Olympics is a global organization that serves athletes with intellectual disabilities working with hundreds of thousands of volunteers and coaches each year. Since the establishment of Special Olympics in 1968, the number of people with and without intellectual disabilities who are involved with the organization has been growing, but the unmet need to reach more people with intellectual disabilities is staggering.

Special Olympics New Jersey currently serves more than 24,000 athletes throughout the state. All programs are free to registered athletes including insurance, facilities, equipment, uniforms, housing & meals for events, awards, sports, education and more. In addition to programs offered on the local, county, sectional and state levels, Special Olympics New Jersey offers free programs and activities at the Special Olympics New Jersey Sports Complex in Lawrenceville, including Camp Shriver, fitness training, Athlete University, coach and volunteer training sessions, family programs and so much more.

OPERATION BEACH HEAD <http://www.opbeachhead.org/> #732-682-4041

Operation Beachhead offers veterans, troops, disabled individuals and their families, adaptive recreational, sports and social activities.

BRICK STARS CHALLENGER HOCKEY www.brickhockeyclub.com

Brick Stars is an ice hockey program for children and young adults ages 5 to 21 with developmental disabilities. It was started by Alex DePalma and Dina Crepaldi in 2009. The program teaches skating, hockey skills and game skills. All are welcome to join and/or become a hockey helper/volunteer. Please join us by supporting our efforts to make a measurable difference in the lives of others.

****Questions about this resource guide or requests to add additional links to services/programs offered can be made by emailing Manasquan Recreation Superintendent Erik Ertle at eertle@manasquan-nj.gov or by calling #732-233-0544 X260**

Thanks!