



THE MCBOSS BUZZ



What's New – What's Now – What's Happening In addition, how it affects you!

What is Adult Protective Services?

Adult Protective Services (APS) - provides services to **vulnerable adults** residing in the community who are at risk for harm because they cannot adequately protect themselves. Our staff investigates allegations of **abuse, neglect** or **exploitation** of the elderly, blind or disabled and various services are provided to eliminate the risk. Adult Protective Services (APS) programs have been established in each county in New Jersey. Adult Protective Services are provided regardless of income.

Making a Referral to APS:

The person with first-hand information about the client should make the referral. The referral should be made directly to the county in which the client resides. The referral should consist of as much information as possible including:

- ✓ Client's name, address, phone number
- ✓ DOB and Social Security number
- ✓ Diagnoses – health and/or mental health issues
- ✓ Family members/support systems (services/agencies involved)
- ✓ A specific allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation

Confidentiality

All records and communications pertaining to any report, evaluation or service provided pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act are confidential.

What is Adult Social Services?

Adult Social Services - provides social services to elderly, blind or disabled adults in the community. Services include assistance with housing, home health aides, and various support services. This includes those who reside in Boarding Homes, Residential Health Care Facilities, and Rooming Houses. Our staff also investigates any complaints received about these facilities and provides outreach services to those who reside in these facilities.

To make any Adult Service referrals in Mercer County contact the MCBOSS, Adult Protective /Social Services Unit(s) at (609) 989-4346 or (609) 989-4347.

Work First New Jersey General Assistance Program

WHAT IS THE WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSISTANCE (WFNJ GA) PROGRAM?

The WFNJ GA Program is New Jersey's assistance program for single adults and couples without dependent children. This program is designed to promote personal responsibility, instill dignity, self-sufficiency and pride through work. Able-bodied recipients are required to participate in a work related activity. Mercer County Board of Social Services and the Mercer County One Stop Career Center coordinates this activity.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE WFNJ GA PROGRAM PROVIDE?

- Cash Assistance (limited to a maximum of five years over your lifetime) Benefits are accessed through a Families First Electronic Benefit (EBT) Card
- Emergency Assistance
- Support Services (such as transportation services for those working or participating in a work related activity)
- Transitional and Readjustment Services (to former offenders leaving correctional facilities and returning to Mercer County)
- WFNJ GA recipients may be eligible for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid

HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR THE WFNJ GA PROGRAM?

- Residents of the following municipalities can apply at the Mercer County Board of Social Services:
- City of Trenton, Ewing Township, Hamilton Township, Hightstown Borough, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Lawrence Township, Pennington Borough, Robbinsville Township, and West Windsor.
- Applicants can also apply online at: www.njhelps.org
- Once the online application is received by the Mercer County Board of Social Services, the applicant will receive an appointment for an office interview.
- For more information, visit www.mcboss.org or call 609-989-4320.



CONTACT NUMBERS

Consumer Information-All Programs

(609) 989-4320

Adult Protective Services &

Adult Social Services

(609) 989-4346 or (609) 989-4347

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

(609) 656-6301

Child Support-General Information

1-(877) NJKIDS1 (1-877-655-4371)

Emergency Assistance, Family Planning &

Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Programs

(609) 989-4451

Homeless Hotline

(609) 468-8296

Fraud Tip Line

(609) 989-4400

Work First NJ Case Management Unit

(609) 989-6248

Toll Free Information-All Programs

1-(800) 564-1595

Fax (609) 394-6638

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-MAIL INQUIRY:

Email inquiries may be directed to
mcboss@mcboss.org

ADDRESS:

Mercer County Board of Social Services
200 Woolverton Street
P.O. Box 1450
Trenton, NJ 08650-2099

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday and Wednesday through Friday:
8:30am - 4:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am - 8:30pm

NEW JERSEY EBT CARD WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.EBT.ACS-INC.COM](http://www.ebt.acs-inc.com)

NEED TO CONTACT YOUR HMO?

AMERIGROUP 1 (800) 600-4441,
UNITED HEALTHCARE 1 (800) 941-4647,
HORIZON 1 (877) 765-4325,
WELLCARE 1 (888) 453-3534



Community Partner
Substance Abuse Initiative (SAI) at the
Mercer County Board of Social Services



If you are experiencing a problem with drug or alcohol abuse and the problem interferes with your ability to work or participate in work activities, you can get help.

SAI is a special initiative from the Department of Human Services that recognizes substance abuse problems as an obstacle to employment. Intensive case management and other interventions are provided to help remove these obstacles and assist participants in obtaining and maintaining employment. For more information, visit www.mcboss.org or call 609-989-4320.

USE YOUR FAMILY FIRST (EBT) CARD AT LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS!

NJ SNAP, formerly Food Stamps, is New Jersey's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that helps low-income families buy the groceries they need to eat healthy. Maintaining good nutrition while living on a very limited budget is something all SNAP recipients wrestle with every day. Now SNAP recipients can use their Family First Card (EBT) to buy nutritious produce at participating Farmers Markets throughout Mercer County.



Mercer County Farmers Markets
Accepting Families First/EBT Cards



Capitol City Farmers Market, 165 E. Front Street Trenton, NJ 08625
Cranberry Hall Farm, 960 Spruce Street Lawrence Township, NJ 08648
Greenwood Farmers Market, 427 Greenwood Avenue Trenton, NJ 08609
Hightstown Farmers Market, 100 Main Street Hightstown, NJ 08520
Trenton Farmers Market, 930 Spruce Street Trenton, NJ 08648
West Windsor Farmers Market, 2 Vaughn Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

If you are not sure how or if you can pay for your next meal or next week's groceries, NJ SNAP can help! To apply for NJSNAP call MCBoss at (800) 564-1595 or visit us at www.mcboss.org.

NJ WorkAbility Health Coverage that Works for You!

If you are permanently disabled and working, you may be eligible for NJ WorkAbility medical coverage. NJ WorkAbility is a program that lets you earn much more, so you get and maintain health benefits that New Jersey Medicaid provides. Coverage includes medications, medical equipment, and other healthcare services.

The qualifications for NJ WorkAbility are simple. Basically, the program is open to all New Jersey residents who:

- are between the ages of 16 and 64
- have a permanent physical or mental disability determined by the Social Security Administration or the Disability Review Team at the Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services+
- are employed either full or part-time and have proof of employment from their employer

For additional information about NJ WorkAbility or if you would like to apply, please call MCBoss toll free at 1-800-564-1595.