



THE MCBOSS BUZZ



What's new, happening and how it affects YOU!

All New! Plan First – Family Planning Program beginning October 1, 2019!

Signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy, Plan First is a family planning program accessible to individuals receiving Medicaid who are in the 138% - 205% Federal Poverty Level. Plan First is secondary health coverage (to Medicaid, Federal Market Place insurance or private health insurance) and participants must have a primary health insurance plan as per the NJ regulation. Plan First is a fee-for-service benefit package that includes most birth control methods and limited family planning services. This program does not provide routine care, which is why a primary health insurance is necessary. Services covered under Plan First include: most birth control including condoms, pills, the shot, IUDs (a prescription is required for all methods), family planning counseling, pregnancy tests, tubal ligations, vasectomies and family planning lab tests. Plan First is available to men, women (who are not pregnant), US Citizens or Qualified Immigrants and NJ Residents. You can apply for the Plan First program at www.njfamilycare.org or by phone at 1-800-701-0710. Please refer to the table below to see if you are financially eligible for the Plan First Program:

HH	Plan First 205% FPL	
	Annual	Monthly
1	\$25,605	\$2,134
2	\$34,666	\$2,889
3	\$43,727	\$3,644
4	\$52,788	\$4,399
+1	\$ 9,061	\$ 756

SNAP Week: Get more information on the services we offer!

- ❖ **Shiloh Veteran's Health Fair:** event for veterans and their families. SNAP, Medicaid and Social Workers will be present to assist and answer questions.
Friday November 8, 2019 12pm – 2:30pm
340 Rev. S. Howard Woodson, Jr. Way Trenton, NJ 08618
- ❖ **Grice Middle School:** resources for the community, MCBoss staff will be available to take SNAP applications.
Thursday November 14, 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm
901 Whitehorse Hamilton Sq. Rd. Hamilton, NJ 08610
- ❖ **St Francis Diabetes Health Fair: World Diabetes Day Event**
Saturday November 16, 2019 9:00am – 12:00pm
601 Hamilton Ave Trenton, NJ 08629

Families First Discovery Pass

Are you interested in exposing your family to the Arts and Cultural scene? The Families First Discovery Pass allows you to experience these events first hand! New Jersey residents who receive assistance through NJ SNAP, WFNJ, Child Care subsidy and/or WIC are eligible for free or steeply discounted cultural programs throughout the State. Visitors must show their Families First card or WIC folder to prove that they are eligible for the discount. Your Families First card cannot be used for payment – cash or card must be used to pay. The discount should be valid for general admission for adults as well as children. For more information on the Family First Discovery Pass and to view a list of the participating organizations, please visit the website: <https://www.nj.gov/state/njsca/discoverypass/index.shtml>

2019 Agency Holidays:

Mercer County Board of Social Services will be **CLOSED** on the following days:

- Monday October 14, 2019 (Columbus Day)
- Tuesday November 5, 2019 (Election Day)
- Monday November 11, 2019 (Veteran's Day)
- Thursday November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving)
- Friday November 29, 2019 (Day after Thanksgiving)
- Wednesday December 25, 2019 (Christmas Day)



**CONTACT INFORMATION
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
and Family Planning

Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Programs

(609) 989-4451

Homeless Hotline (Please be advised of Homeless Hotline
changes effective January 2020)

(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

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

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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 8:30am - 8:30pm

Early Closures:

The Mercer County Board of Social Services Agency will **CLOSE at 4:30pm** on Tuesday **December 24, 2019** and Tuesday **December 31, 2019** due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We wish you a joyous Holiday season and a prosperous New Year ahead! Extended hours will resume on Tuesday January 7, 2020 and we will be open until 8:30pm.

Combating Lead Poisoning with the New Jersey Supplemental Assistance Program (NJ SNAP)

Though we cannot always prevent exposure to lead poisoning, we can help protect our families against it through proper nutrition. By feeding your family foods rich in iron, Vitamin C and calcium, you can help limit the absorption of lead in the body. Iron can be found in lean red meats, beans, peanut butter and cereals; Vitamin C can be obtained through oranges, green and red peppers as well as juices; healthy calcium sources include milk, yogurt, cheese and leafy green vegetables like spinach. The NJ SNAP program can help you buy nutritious foods for your family, which can aid in fighting lead poisoning. To apply for NJ SNAP, visit www.njhelps.org, call 1800-687-9512 or make an appointment with an NJ SNAP caseworker at Mercer County Board of Social Services.

ASL Development for Children Ages 0-5 years Services

DID YOU KNOW? Your deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind child can receive FREE language acquisition services through an American Sign Language Deaf Language Associate? For more information about this program, contact:

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
PO BOX 074
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074
609-588-2648 (Voice)
609-503-4862 (Videophone)
609-588-2528 (Fax)

In Case of Emergency...

Text to 911 is available in New Jersey.

1. Open the message app on your phone or wireless device
2. In the "To" type "911"
3. In the message field, type the location (address and municipality) and a brief description of the problem
4. Press "SEND"

Note- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911 at this time