



RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



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Introduction to this Resource Guide

The information found in this Resource Guide is designed to help those individuals and families in communities across New Jersey who are impacted by the 2019 US Federal Government Shutdown.

New Jersey strongly believes in assisting the communities and residents that are directly impacted by the US Federal Government Shutdown. Service providers from the education, healthcare, housing, faith-based, nonprofit, and for-profit sectors – along with many others – will often find themselves trying to help these individuals and families. Navigating the information, resources, and programs available to provide assistance can be extremely difficult. This resource guide aims to make that process easier for all involved. Use this guide to quickly find topic-by-topic information and links.

This resource guide is organized by need first, by county, and then alphabetically by agency name.

***For further assistance 24/7 please dial 2-1-1 or 877-746-5211. You can also text your zip code to 898-211 or '[Chat Now](#)' with one of our highly trained Community Resource Specialists. You can also visit our website for further information.*

CLOTHING RESOURCES

Baby Clothing Assistance Programs

Below is a list of local identified baby clothing assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional baby clothing assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Baby Clothing*'.

Monmouth County

Jersey Shore Dream Center

1710 Columbus Avenue

Neptune, NJ 07753

877.391.5732

Description of Service: Baby Pantry supplying free diapers, formula, baby clothing and baby furniture for free once a month.

Hours of Operation: Tue – Thu 11:00am – 4:00pm; by appointment only.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Must have a referral from a social service agency or be affected by the government shutdown. Must have birth certificate and verification of address. Open to Monmouth County residents only.

Diaper Assistance Programs

Below is a list of local identified diaper assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional diaper assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Diapers*'.

Monmouth County

Jersey Shore Dream Center

1710 Columbus Avenue

Neptune, NJ 07753

877.391.5732

Description of Service: Baby Pantry supplying free diapers, formula, baby clothing and baby furniture for free once a month.

Hours of Operation: Tue – Thu 11:00am – 4:00pm; by appointment only.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Must have a referral from a social service agency or be affected by the government shutdown. Must have birth certificate and verification of address. Open to Monmouth County residents only.

Somerset County

Moms Helping Moms Foundation

22 Howard Street, Back Building
North Plainfield, NJ 07060
908.205.8017

Description of Service: Providing diapers to families in NJ facing negative impacts from the government shutdown.

Hours of Operation: Must email info@momshelpingmomsfoundation.org to arrange a pick up

Eligibility/Required Documents: Any individuals or families furloughed because of the current government shutdown. Must bring your current Government ID.

General Clothing Assistance Programs

Below is a list of local identified general clothing assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional clothing assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*General Clothing Provision*'.

Somerset County

Zarephath My Neighbors Ministries

2 Ministry Center Drive
Zarephath, NJ 08890
732.560.4001

Description of Service: Provide winter clothing for individuals affected by the government shutdown.

Hours of Operation: Mon, Thu 10:00am – 1:00pm; Sat 10:00am – 12:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Bring proof of benefits or check stub from agency affected by the government shutdown.

EDUCATION RELATED RESOURCES

Tuition & Educational Financial Aid Assistance Programs

Below is a list of local identified tuition and educational financial aid assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional tuition or educational financial aid assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Educational Grants, Scholarships, or Student Loans*'.

Middlesex County

Middlesex County College

732.906.2520

faid@middlesexcc.edu

<https://www.middlesexcc.edu/financial-aid/shutdown/>

Description of Service: Middlesex County College is providing tuition assistance for the spring semester students who have been adversely impacted by the government shutdown.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

New Jersey One-Stop Career Centers

New Jersey's One-Stop Career Centers offer a multitude of services including job search assistance, training and education assistance, specialized services, and on-site resource rooms which contain computers, telephones, and other resources to help with your employment search/preparation. Each County in New Jersey has at least one career center location. To find the location nearest you, dial 2-1-1 or visit their website [NJ One-Stop Career Center Locations](#).

You can find additional employment related resources and assistance by dialing 2-1-1, or by visiting our website and search using the keywords '*Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers; Occupation Specific Job Training; Job Readiness; Job Search Techniques; Resume Preparation Assistance; Job Search/Placement; Temporary Employment; Welfare to Work Programs*'.

Local Employment Related Services

Essex County

Mayor's Office of Employment & Training

90 Halsted Street, 2nd Floor

East Orange, NJ 07018

973.677.8914

Description of Service: Assist residents of East Orange with finding jobs.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Nationwide Resources

Bank of America

844.219.0690

[Schedule an Appointment](#)

Description of Service: Bank of America's Client Assistance Program offers personalized financial assistance for individuals affected by the government shutdown.

Chase Bank

888.356.0023

[Chase Bank Assistance Program](#)

Description of Service: Chase Bank is encouraging their customers to call and discuss certain hardship programs if they are employees of or do business with a US federal agency and their income is affected by the shutdown.

Citi Bank

800.950.5114 (Citi Cards)

888.248.4226 (Citibank)

877.211.3758 (CitiMortgage)

[Citi Bank Assistance Program](#)

Description of Service: Citi Bank customers may be able to get fee and interest adjustments. With respect to mortgages, customers may be eligible for short-term forbearance and repayment plans and/or loan modifications.

Freedom Mortgage

855.690.5900

<https://www.freedommortgage.com/>

Description of Service: Freedom Mortgage has created a team dedicated fully to evaluating every borrower's situation that is experiencing hardship as a result of the federal government shutdown. These options may include repayment plans, special payment forbearance, and temporary partial payments, in addition to late fee waivers and temporarily suspending the reporting of derogatory credit information.

OceanFirst Bank

732.240.4500 ext. 7714

Hardship@oceanfirst.com**<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/sites/default/files/home/gov-shutdown/mortgage-ocean.pdf>**

Description of Service: OceanFirst Bank is assisting families affected by the shutdown with their Mortgage Relief Program to assist borrowers whose income is affected by the shutdown and are having trouble paying their mortgages. The bank will suspend mortgage and home equity loan payments for up to 90 days, without adding on additional fees and interest.

FOOD & NUTRITION RESOURCES

Baby Food/Formula

Below is a list of local identified baby food and/or formula assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional baby food or formula assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords 'Formula/Baby Food'.

Monmouth County

Jersey Shore Dream Center

1710 Columbus Avenue
Neptune, NJ 07753
877.391.5732

Description of Service: Baby Pantry supplying free diapers, formula, baby clothing and baby furniture for free once a month.

Hours of Operation: Tue – Thu 11:00am – 4:00pm; by appointment only.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Must have a referral from a social service agency or be affected by the government shutdown. Must have birth certificate and verification of address. Open to Monmouth County residents only.

Food Pantries

Below is a list of local identified food pantries across the state that are offering specific assistance for those affected by the government shutdown. To find additional food pantries near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Food Pantries*'.

Bergen County

St. John the Evangelist Church

29 North Washington Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
201.384.0101

Description of Service: Food and/or grocery cards for those affected government employees.

Hours of Operation: Last Mon of month 9:00am – 11:00am; 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: This assistance is for government workers who reside in Bergenfield and who are not currently being paid. Must bring Government ID or \$0 net paystub.

Camden County

Grace Bible Food Pantry

887 Clements Bridge Road
Barrington, NJ 08007
856.546.4885

Description of Service: Emergency food available for Middlesex County residents who are also government employees affected by the shutdown.

Hours of Operation: 2nd and 4th Tue 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Government employee affected by shutdown and live in Barrington, NJ; no other qualifications required. Must bring Photo ID.

Essex County

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges

105 Main Street
Orange, NJ 07050
973.856.4000

Description of Service: Client choice pantry that provides an assortment of shelf stable food along with fresh produce, toiletries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

Hours of Operation: Wed 9:00am – 11:00am (January 23, January 30, February 13)

Eligibility/Required Documents: Any furloughed Federal worker who resides in NJ. Must bring Photo ID with NJ address and documentation of the Federal position that is currently furloughed.

Mercer County

Arm in Arm

123 East Hanover Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
609.396.9355

Description of Service: Arm in Arm is offering additional visits to their food pantry for impacted government employees for a total of 3 visits per month.

Hours of Operation: Mon, Tue, Thu 9:30am – 12:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Mercer County residents who are in need due to the government shutdown. Must bring Photo ID and proof of address.

Middlesex County

Cathedral CDC Mercy House

582 McClellan Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732.826.0447

Description of Service: Emergency food packages for affected government employees. Please call before arriving at location.

Hours of Operation: Mon 9:30am – 1:00pm; Tue – Fri 9:00am – 3:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Federal ID

Hands of Hope for the Community

2136 Woodbridge Avenue
Edison, NJ 08817
732.236.3330

Description of Service: Provides a bag of food to all government employees who are not working.

Hours of Operation: 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 11:00am – 1:30pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Middlesex County residents. Must show Federal Employee ID badge.

Ocean County

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

685 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08753
732.240.1089

Description of Service: Free food once a month for individuals and families in need.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 10:00am – 4:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Toms River residents only. Must have ID for all family members and proof of Government employment.

Somerset County

Zarephath My Neighbors Ministries

2 Ministry Center Drive
Zarephath, NJ 08890
732.560.4001

Description of Service: Provide shelf stable and frozen/fresh food for individuals affected by the government shutdown.

Hours of Operation: Mon, Thu 10:00am – 1:00pm; Sat 10:00am – 12:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Bring proof of benefits or check stub from agency affected by the government shutdown.

Philadelphia County (PA)

Philabundance

3616 South Galloway Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148
215.339.0900

Description of Service: Emergency food for furloughed employees. Bring your own bags. Open to anyone with a Government ID.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 10:00am – 11:00am

Eligibility/Required Documents: Government employees must show Government ID.

FURNITURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Baby Furniture Assistance

Below is a list of local identified baby furniture assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional baby furniture assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Baby Furniture*'.

Monmouth County

Jersey Shore Dream Center

1710 Columbus Avenue

Neptune, NJ 07753

877.391.5732

Description of Service: Baby Pantry supplying free diapers, formula, baby clothing and baby furniture for free once a month.

Hours of Operation: Tue – Thu 11:00am – 4:00pm; by appointment only.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Must have a referral from a social service agency or be affected by the government shutdown. Must have birth certificate and verification of address. Open to Monmouth County residents only.

INTERNET/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Nationwide Resources

Sprint

888.211.4727

[Sprint Assistance Program](#)

Description of Service: Care reps are available to coordinate with qualified customers and the financial team to find a payment option that works and keeps services uninterrupted during the government shutdown.

T-Mobile

877.749.0909

[T-Mobile Assistance Program](#)

Description of Service: Short-term account assistance is available to be tailored to meet the needs of customers who are federal workers.

Verizon Wireless

866.266.1445

[Promise to Pay Program](#)

Description of Service: Verizon is offering flexible payment options including their ‘Promise to Pay’ program.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES/RECREATION

Recreational Facilities

Union County

Gateway Family YMCA – Elizabeth Branch

135 Madison Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
908.355.9622

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Vary by day/location. Please call for more information.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County residents. Must bring Photo ID and proof of Federal Government Employment.

Gateway Family YMCA – Five Points Branch

201 Tucker Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
908.688.9622

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Vary by day/location. Please call for more information.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County residents. Must bring Photo ID and proof of Federal Government Employment.

Gateway Family YMCA – Rahway Branch

1564 Irving Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
732.388.0057

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Vary by day/location. Please call for more information.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County residents. Must bring Photo ID and proof of Federal Government Employment.

Gateway Family YMCA – Wellness Center Branch

1000 Galloping Hill Road
Union, NJ 07083
908.349.9622

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Vary by day/location. Please call for more information.

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County residents. Must bring Photo ID and proof of Federal Government Employment.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Below is a list of local identified utility payment assistance programs available specifically as a result of the government shutdown. To find additional utility assistance programs near you, dial 2-1-1 or visit our website and search using the keywords '*Electric Service Payment Assistance; Gas Service Payment Assistance; Heating Fuel Payment Assistance; Water Service Payment Assistance*'.

Utility Companies Offering Support

Statewide Assistance Programs

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G)

800.357.2262

Description of Service: Customers having trouble paying their bills during the government shutdown are urged to call customer service to discuss their situation. PSE&G is prepared to extend 60-day grace periods to customers seeking assistance who meet criteria, including financial hardship due to circumstances beyond their control. PSE&G also reminds customers experiencing financial hardship that there are several programs that offer support for paying utilities including the [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP) and the [Universal Service Fund](#) (USF).