



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Sturdy Savings Bank**

609.463.5220

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

Description of Service: Sturdy Savings Bank is offering assistance to customers who are being affected by the government shutdown. Customers who are in need of assistance should call between 8:30am – 5:00pm.

## **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: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Union County

### **Jewish Family Service of Central NJ**

655 Westfield Avenue  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208  
908.352.8375

Description of Service: Food Pantry for individuals affected by the government shutdown.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 9:00am – 4:00pm

Eligibility/Required Documents: Open to Union County residents who are federal employees. Must bring your federal ID.

## 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  
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877.391.5732

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## INTERNET/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### Nationwide Resources

#### **AT&T**

800.331.0500

[AT&T Assistance Program](#)

Description of Service: AT&T is offering flexible payment options for impacted customers to keep services including cellphones, telephone, and internet running.

#### **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**

#### **Bergen County**

##### **YMCA of Greater Bergen County**

360 Main Street

Hackensack, NJ 07601

201.487.6600

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 5:30am – 10:00pm; Sat 6:00am – 7:00pm; Sun 9:00am – 5:00pm

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

#### **Morris County**

##### **Madison Area YMCA**

111 Kings Road

Madison, NJ 07940

973.822.9622

Description of Service: Free one month YMCA membership.

Hours of Operation: Mon – Fri 5:00am – 10:30pm; Sat 5:45am – 9:30pm; Sun 7:00am – 8:00pm

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

#### **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.

## **MEDICAL/HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS**

### **Hospital Emergency Visit Assistance**

#### **Statewide Assistance Programs**

### **Cape Regional Urgent Care**

609.465.6364

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

Description of Service: Waiving all co-pays and deductibles for furloughed families directly affected by the government shutdown.

Eligibility/Required Documents: This includes any of their 3 locations. Government workers and/or family members in need of care must bring their government identification with them and notify the receptionist when arriving at one of the facilities.

## **Hackensack Meridian Health**

848.888.4400

[Hackensack Meridian Health Assistance for Furloughed Federal Employees and Families](#)

Description of Service: Hackensack Meridian Health is waiving all co-pays and deductibles for emergency visits at all network hospitals and urgent care centers for furloughed federal employees and their insured family members.

Eligibility/Required Documents: This includes all 17 hospitals and more than 500 patient care locations across the state. This program goes into effect on January 18, 2019.

## **Prescription Assistance Programs**

### **Nationwide Resources**

#### **Eli Lilly Diabetes Solution Center**

833.808.1234

<https://www.lilly.com/patient-resources>

Description of Service: Eli Lilly is offering support to customers who are struggling to afford insulin supplies during the shutdown due to lost wages.

## **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).