



# Resource Newsletter

## **Your one stop shop for news and events going on in the disability community in New Jersey!**

**Pre-register now for our upcoming Webinars that cover the transition process into the adult system and understanding the DDD Budget.  
To pre-register, click the links below!**

## **Educational Resources:**

### **Department of Human Services - Education & Training College Accessibility Series**

Colleges and universities offer a wide range of services to ensure support to students with disabilities while providing certain basic disability access. However, the responsibility ultimately falls on the student to request the disability-related accommodations required. See the informative guides below developed by BestColleges.com to assist you in planning your post-secondary education.

**[Overview of College Resources for Students with Disabilities](#)**

**[Financial Aid & Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)**

**[How to Access College Disability Services and Accommodations](#)**

Please direct any questions regarding specific trainings/educational programs to the hosting agency.

## College Guides for Students with Disabilities

[Physical Disabilities](#)

[Learning Disabilities](#)

[Visual Impairments](#)

[Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

[Psychiatric Disabilities](#)

Department of Human Services Education & Training Page

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/hottopics/education/>

## Planning Resources:

### What Special Education Parents need to Know that S3434 Has Been Signed

- *Did your child with disabilities turn 21 by June 30, 2021?*
- *Did they miss out on vital transition services due to the pandemic?*
- *Did your child graduate because they turned 21 during the 2020-2021 school year?*

Not so fast...**There is a new law in effect.**

S3434 was signed by Governor Murphy on June 16, 2021. It allows students who turned 21 during the 2021-2022 to continue to receive **special education, related services, and transition services** through at least the 2021-2022 school year. These services must be provided to those students during the 2021-2022 school year when the Individualized Education Program Team (IEP) team, including the parent and adult student, determine that the student requires additional or compensatory special education and related services, including transition services. The student will not be eligible to receive services beyond June 30, 2022, unless provided for in the student's IEP, or as ordered by a hearing offer, complaint investigation, or court of competent jurisdiction.

Because the bill was signed so late, your child has likely graduated. **You can still seek services under the law.**

[\*\*Click here to read more!\*\*](#)

### **Celebrating Disability Pride Month Courtesy of Advocacy in Action NJ Human Services Celebrates Disability Pride Month 2021**

New Jersey has released a video celebrating Disability Pride Month as our country marks the 31st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please watch as our Executive Director shares her message along with the Governor and other state leaders.

[Watch the video here.](#)

## **NJ Human Services**

### **P-EBT Food Assistance Program for Children**

#### **NJ Human Services Begins Delivering \$272M in Special Food Assistance Benefits for School Children**

Human Services is delivering extra food assistance benefits to school children who would have received free or reduced-price in-school meals if not for virtual learning due to COVID-19. The first round of benefits in extra food assistance began being delivered in July to 142,000 children whose households are already enrolled in the state's Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program ([SNAP](#)).

New electronic benefit cards with the extra food assistance benefits are being sent to 236,000 children whose families are not enrolled in SNAP.

"We remain committed to supporting families by providing additional food security to eligible children," Acting Commissioner Sarah Adelman said. "Throughout the pandemic, these additional food security benefits have been critical for so many children who lost the nutritional support usually provided by the free and reduced meals program while in school. We will continue to look for all opportunities to provide food assistance to families and children."

"Ensuring children have nutritional support is a priority, especially considering the difficulties faced by many children during the pandemic," Deputy Commissioner Elisa Neira said. "These additional benefits will help support healthy families and children, and continue our efforts to provide as much food assistance we possibly can to New Jersey households."

The benefits are part of the federal Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program.

Visit [here](#) for more information on the P-EBT program.

[Read more](#)

## **Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care**

### **The "MOM2MOM NJ Adult" Helpline Program**

You're caring for your adult with disabilities...Who is caring for you?

At Mom2Mom NJ ADULT our focus is caring for you....

Mothers with adults with disabilities are at risk for depression and related disorders (Reuters, 4/18/2008). Studies show parents of adults with disabilities have significantly higher divorce rate. Medical illness, financial stressors, faith-based issues, and employment struggles often accompany the challenges of being a primary caregiver of an adult with disabilities.

When you become a mother, it is often a miraculous experience in your life.

When your child is identified as having special needs, it is potentially the most devastating experience of your life.

As the primary caregiver mothers try to "fix" everything. Some challenges cannot be fixed, but rather adapted to. The "MOM2MOM NJ Adult" Peer Support Helpline Program answers the need.

An abundance of resources for adults with disabilities have been established with a focus on advocacy, supported housing, and financial support for those loved ones.

The missing link however has been the recognition for the needed services for the primary caregiver's mental health and wellness.

By dialing 1-833-NJ-ADULT (1-833-652-3858) MOM2MOM NJ ADULT helpline program a caregiver of an adult with disabilities will receive the following services. [Read more Here.](#)

1-833-NJ-ADULT  
1-833-652-3858

[www.mom2mom.us.com](http://www.mom2mom.us.com)

1-877-914-MOM2...MOM  
1-877-914-6662

### **Abilities of Northwest Jersey**

an Affiliate of Allies

**Warren Community College**

Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. would like to announce some exciting news. Our STAR program, at Warren Community College, will be reopening on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The STAR program is based on the campus of Warren Community College. **The goal of every 'STAR' student is employment.** This is achieved through goal-setting, exposure to classroom soft skill instruction (Get a Plan, Get a Job, Keep a Job), internships and community-based instruction, job coaching, and follow-along employment services provided by Abilities' employment division, Employment Pathways.

[Click Here for more information](#)

## Health & Wellness:



## State of New Jersey

### [New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub](#)

**For questions or concerns about COVID-19 and resources available to you, call: [2-1-1](#).**

**For live text assistance, text: NJCOVID to 898-211.**

### **NJ COVID-19 Updates**

Do you have questions about when and where you can receive the COVID-19 vaccine, contact tracing, traveling to or from the State of New Jersey, or even finding a new job? The State of New Jersey offers up-to-date information, resources, and guidance at our [COVID-19 Information Hub](#).

#### [Mask Up in Risky Indoor Situations](#)

### **It's Time to Get Back to School — Children 12+ Should Get Vaccinated**

To be protected for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, parents should get their children vaccinated as soon as possible. There is a 21-day gap between the first and second Pfizer doses. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing you from getting sick. They are the most important tool for ending the COVID-19 pandemic and getting back to what you love. The highly transmissible Delta variant poses an increased risk to children and there is an urgent need for everyone to get vaccinated.

12-to-17-year-olds must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian to be vaccinated.

Learn more about how to get vaccinated, mask requirements for the 2021-2022 school year, and back-to-school vaccination events in Trenton on the COVID-19 Info Hub.

### [Click Here to Learn More](#)

Due to increasing COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and new data suggesting that the COVID-19 Delta variant is more transmissible among vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, New Jersey is now strongly recommending that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear face masks in indoor settings when:

- The space is crowded
- There is close contact with others who may not be fully vaccinated
- The vaccine status of other individuals is unknown
- Individuals that are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease are present [Mask Up](#)

### **NJ Department of Health**

#### **In-Home COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments**

The NJ Department of Health has begun accepting requests for in-home COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

If you are unable to leave home to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or are the healthcare provider or family caregiver of someone who is homebound, you may request an in-

home vaccination appointment by completing a form at:  
[covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax](https://covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax)

For assistance completing the survey by phone, please call the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

After you submit the completed form, the Department of Health will share information with a home health agency, local health department, or other vaccination providers and you will be contacted to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment.

You can read more about the program at this website:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-and-treatment/how-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine-if-im-homebound>

In order to receive protection as soon as possible, if you are able to safely attend a medical appointment outside the home, we encourage you to book an appointment at an open vaccination site if an opportunity occurs before an in-home appointment is made available to you.

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Contacts: NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline 1-800-962-1253 or 1-800-222-1222. Email us at [NJCDD@NJCDD.org](mailto:NJCDD@NJCDD.org) with questions or requests for additional information.

## **Vaccines are available for FREE to everyone in New Jersey**

Everyone 12 or older who lives, works, or studies in New Jersey can now get their COVID-19 vaccine. When we say everyone, we mean EVERYONE – even fans of the New England Patriots.

COVID-19 vaccines are FREE, and you can get vaccinated whether you have insurance or not and regardless of your documentation status.

Vaccine sites may request documentation, but you are not required to have it to receive the vaccine and you cannot be denied access to the vaccine for not having an ID.

Getting your COVID-19 vaccine is easy.

P.S. If you've decided to get one and just need to choose where to do it:

- [Make an appointment](#) or [attend a pop-up or mobile vaccination event in your community](#). It's up to you!

*Know someone who needs to get vaccinated? [Share this message](#) with your friends and family.*

## **RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery- NJ Hope & Healing**

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery's Hope and Healing Program offers emotional support services, education and community-based resources for individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through a variety of services, this program aims to assist those impacted by the pandemic to better adjust to their new reality, mitigate stress, review options, develop coping strategies, and, if needed, find linkages to agencies, programs, and other resources in their community.

**Call, click or email:**

**833-795- HOPE (833-795-4673)**

(7 Days a Week, 8am to 8pm)

[rwjbh.org/hopeandhealing](http://rwjbh.org/hopeandhealing)

[hopeandhealing@rwjbh.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@rwjbh.org)

## Legislative:

### **Social Security Administration**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **National Disability Forum - Equity in SSA Programs: Hidden Barriers**

Platform - Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Morning Session 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

***STAY TUNED: Additional details are forthcoming.***

To learn more about the National Disability Forum, check out

[https://www.ssa.gov/ndf/.](https://www.ssa.gov/ndf/)

If you have any questions, email us at [OEA.Net.Post@ssa.gov](mailto:OEA.Net.Post@ssa.gov)

## Fun Things To Do:

### **End of Summer Beach Bash**

**Cool Treats & Water \* Come Wearing Your Best Beach Gear**

**Hosted by DJ Scott**

6:30 PM Friday, August 20, 2021

Mahwah Senior Center

475 Corporate Dr, Mahwah, NJ 07430

**RSVP by August 17 to [AFAMAHWAH@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:AFAMAHWAH@HOTMAIL.COM)**

Access for All provides Mahwah and surrounding town's residents of every age (children, adults & seniors), a dedicated and community-focused commission to serve those with special needs, developmental disabilities, and physical access needs so that they can participate, to the fullest extent possible, in everyday activities in the Community.

**[Click Here for more information!](#)**

### **Wildwoods Boardwalk Friday Night Fireworks**

**August 6, 13, 20, 27**

The fireworks will be launched from the beach on Pine Avenue and visible from anywhere on the Wildwoods Boardwalk!

*Wildwoods Boardwalk, Pine Ave, Wildwood, NJ*

### **Somerville Cruise Nights**

**August 6, 13, 20, 27, 6PM – 9PM**

Cruise Nights are Back in Downtown Somerville! Come out and enjoy the classic cars that line Main Street every Friday (weather permitting) from 6:00 – 9:00PM.

*W Main St, Somerville, NJ*

### **Hammonton Food Truck Fest**

**August 21, 4PM – 9PM**

On Saturday, Aug 21st, 2021 Hammonton will be hosting the Hammonton Food Truck Festival! Join the fun Bellevue Avenue for a night of unique street eats that will be sure to satisfy every taste bud in the addition beer garden, and live, local entertainment!

*Bellevue Ave, Hammonton, NJ*

