

Aging: Senior Citizens' Services

Here you will find information about our department's services and programs, as well as links to federal, state, and other county services for seniors over the age of 60. Find out how to get nutritional services. You can even download the latest edition of our *Directory of Services*. If you can't find what you need, please call or e-mail us. We're here to help.

Behavioral Health

The Division of Behavioral Health provides access to services for those dealing with or who have a loved one suffering from a disability, mental health needs, and/or alcoholism and drug abuse. Services, programs and referrals to partner agencies are available at the Human Services Building in Westampton.

Community Development & Housing

The Department of Community Development administers federally funded Housing & Urban Development programs, Home Improvement Loan Programs, HOME Investment Partnership Program, First Time Home Buyers Program and Community Development Block Program.

Employment and Training

The Workforce Development Board brings businesses and job-seekers together and help workers develop the skills needed to thrive in the workplace.

The Job Center has professional employment counselors who help job seekers with career choices, information on job searches, employment training and resume writing. The Job Center also houses the Young Adult Career Initiative that provides leadership training, helps develop personal identity, and broadens a young person's perspective on their future through employment readiness training and skills development for youth 16-24.

Youth Services

We provide a broad spectrum of services to support the needs of youth in our County. All services are intended to address the health and welfare of our residents which will ultimately improve the quality of their life.

Programs run annually via a collaborative network of partners and providers that directly interface with those in need of services in a group or one-on-one format. Services such as "Shelter Homes for Juveniles in Crisis", "Family Engagement" for Court appointed juveniles, "After School Prevention Activities" and "Mentoring" for at-risk youth are a few examples of what is offered through this Division.



Veterans & Military Affairs

The Military and Veterans Service division assists veterans and family members with submitting benefit claims to the Veterans Affairs Regional Offices in Philadelphia and Newark for disability compensation, veterans pensions, widow pensions, dependent indemnity compensation, burial benefits as well as a host of services offered to the veterans community. We also assist with submission of educational benefits to include the Post 9/11 GI Bill and Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Our nationally certified Veteran Services Officers will prepare documentation and represent veterans to plead cases to administrative law judges at the Board of Veterans Appeals. Our service officers stand ready to assist our county veterans in maneuvering through the vast bureaucracy in the entire arena of Veterans Affairs.

Senior Legal Services Program

The Burlington County Senior Citizen Legal Service Program, through a grant from the Office on Aging, provides legal assistance to Burlington County residents age 60 and older. After an initial interview, if the case is appropriate and funding is available, a referral is made to a program attorney. The program is responsible for attorney's fees. Free Legal advice is available at the Human Services Facility on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:30-11:30am. (schedule is subject to change) Attorneys are available to answer legal questions and give advice.



Board of Social Services

This board works in collaboration with the Department of Human Services regarding resident access to social service programs such as, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), cash benefits and temporary housing. Most applications can be initiated online at www.bcbss.org.

Human Services Department

The Burlington County Department of Human Services consists as a blend of various community services all located at one facility in Westampton, NJ. With a concentration on having a variety of services in one location, it provides the convenience for County residents to receive direct services, as well as, connection to other County services, resources and/or Community needs; a One-Stop collaboration of Human and Social Services.

Our Administrative Office provides community outreach and representation to a variety of County committees, workshops, trainings and functions upon request. As a result, we are able to connect to the many communities within our County through various means, which fosters relationships within the communities of Burlington County.

- **Shirla Simpson, Director**

Human Services Department includes the following Divisions:

- Behavioral Health
- Community Development and Housing
- Employment and Training
- Office on Aging
- Senior Legal
- Veterans and Military Services
- Youth Services

Human Services planning and coordination includes the following:

- Senior Legal Services Program
- Board of Social Services

Administration & Special Projects Office

- Provide administrative and operational oversight through communication with the various social service agencies available to provide direct support to residents as needed and helping residents navigate the Human and Social Services system.
- Identify and establish workgroups and opportunities for regular feedback in under-served areas related to language, religious/cultural, and geographic barriers.
- Address issues of diversity and create awareness throughout the county through workshops, roundtable discussions, trainings etc.
- Formulate relationships with various faith based groups represented throughout Burlington County.
- Support and meet with community based groups to address resident needs regarding access to county services and its affiliate service providers.
- Provides assistance to residents in accessing services and programs in emergency circumstances.
- Maintain relationships with and listings of social service agencies available to provide direct support to residents as needed.

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