

**Union County Board of County Commissioners
& the Department of Human Services present the**

**UNION COUNTY DIRECTORY OF NEW AMERICANS
RESOURCE & SERVICE GUIDE**

Below are resources & services compiled by the Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) to address the needs of immigrants arriving in New Jersey, as well as, assisting local partners in the human services network. This document is intended to assist newcomers who may NOT be able to furnish proof of status as a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident or "[qualified alien](#)," but who are making their home in Union County.

Food Pantry and/or Soup Kitchen

- **Jefferson Park Ministries**
 - 70 W. Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 – 908-469-9508
 - Food pantry every 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the month 1pm-5pm, registration starts at 9am.
ID IS REQUIRED.
- **Rahway Community Action Organization**
 - 796 E. Hazelwood Ave. Rahway, NJ 07065 – 732-382-9311
 - Every Wednesday 10am ends when food runs out. **ID IS REQUIRED.**
- **Jewish Family Service Central NJ**
 - 655 Westfield Ave. Elizabeth, NJ 07208 – 908-352-8375
 - Food pantry every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 10:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30 – 3:30pm. You can visit the food pantry two (2) times per month.
- **St. Joseph's Social Services**
 - 118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-354-5456
 - Sandwiches are given out every day between 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
 - Hot soup kitchen every Saturday 11:30am-1pm
 - Monthly Community Distribution days are 2nd/3rd Saturday, 3rd/4th Tuesday, last Friday of month 9am-11am

Housing/Emergency Shelter

- **United Way of Greater Union County**
 - 33 W. Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 – 908-353-7171
 - Rental assistance
- **Rahway Community Action Organization**
 - 796 E. Hazelwood Ave. Rahway, NJ 07065 – 732-382-9311
 - Rental & utility assistance; other emergency needs assistance
- **PROCEED, INC.**
 - 1126 Dickinson St. Elizabeth, NJ 07065 - 908-351-7727
 - Rental assistance through grant (CSBG) & County (GAP) funds
- **NJ 211**
 - Dial 211 or <https://www.nj211.org>
- **Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless**
 - 118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-355-2060
 - Temporary Housing/Emergency Shelter
- **YWCA Union County/Family Justice Center**
 - 10 Cherry St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-355-2060
 - Emergency shelter for domestic violence victims

- **Family Promise Union County**
 - 402 Union Ave. Elizabeth, NJ 07208 – 908-289-7300
 - Emergency Shelter/ Rental Assistance/ Shelter Diversion

Toiletries

- **Jefferson Park Ministries**
 - 70 W. Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 – 908-469-9508
 - Free diapers every 3rd Thursday of the month 1pm-5pm. **MUST have child's birth certificate & ID.**
 - Free menstrual pads every 2nd Thursday of the month 1pm-5pm

Immigration Legal Services

- **Jefferson Park Ministries**
 - 70 W. Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 – 908-469-9508
- **International Rescue Committee**
 - 208 Commerce Place, 4th Floor Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-351-0938
 - Hosts monthly orientations (second Tuesday of each month at 10am at Elizabeth public library) for non-Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) eligible populations (flyer in English & Spanish). It includes an overview of the asylum process & information on local resources. Summary of resources here: https://linktr.ee/irc_nj_legal_orientation.
- **NJ Office of New Americans** works in partnership with legal service providers including Legal Services of New Jersey, American Friends Service Committee, Rutgers Law School, & Seton Hall Law School
 - <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njnewamericans/newcomers>
 - Provides free & expert legal counsel & representation to individuals with low incomes who are at risk & vulnerable to deportations or are facing deportation/removal proceedings in New Jersey & do not have access to legal counsel. See full details & contact information here: <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njnewamericans/programs/>.
- **Catholic Charities of Newark - Legal Orientation Programs**
 - Family Group Legal Orientation Program (FGLOP) serves recently-arrived families who are on the court's Dedicated Docket. Families may be on this special docket if they are apprehended between ports of entry on or after May 28, 2021, quickly placed in removal proceedings, & enrolled in Alternatives to Detention.
 - Email: FGLOP@ccannj.org
 - Phone #: 973-733-3516 ext. 161228 or option 5 from the main menu program list
 - Immigration Court Helpdesk (ICH) serves non-detained individuals in removal proceedings, i.e. any individual who is not on the Dedicated Docket.
 - Email: ICH@ccannj.org
 - Phone #: 973-733-3516 ext. 161212 or option 4 from the main menu program list
 - Legal Orientation Program for Custodians (LOPC) focuses on unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings. LOPC informs custodians of their responsibilities in ensuring that the child's appearance at all immigration proceedings & that the child's mental health, physical health, & educational needs are met, as well as in protecting the child from mistreatment, exploitation, & trafficking.
 - Email: LOPC@ccannj.org
 - Phone #: 973-733-3516 ext. 161227 or option 3 from the main menu program list
- **El Centro Hispanoamericano**
 - 525 East Front St. Plainfield, NJ – 908-753-8730
 - Counseling & representation of low-income immigrants, including the undocumented



- **American Friends Services Committee (AFSC) Immigrant Rights Program**
 - 89 Market St. 6th Floor, Newark NJ – 973-643-1924
 - Offers legal services for individuals facing deportation for people in detention, for survivors of domestic violence & other crimes, for unaccompanied minors & to assist in family reunification through naturalization & other immigration applications.
- **Centro Comunitario Comitè En Unión para Salvadoreños (CEUS)**
 - 2119 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ – 201-617-2466
 - CEUS legal staff accepts the following cases: citizenship, family petitions, political asylum, work permits (NACARA, VAWA), domestic violence cases.
- **African Diaspora for Justice**
 - 528 Linden Ave. Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 – 929-600-3147
 - Provides help with Asylum, Adjustment of Status, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Removal Proceedings, Domestic Abuse, visa extension, work authorization, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) matter, Immigration Court & other legal matters
- **Make the Road New Jersey**
 - 42 Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-368-1196
 - Immigration legal services

Youth & Family Services (ex: afterschool enrichment, tutoring)

- **United Way of Greater Union County - 908-353-7171**
 - GED/HSE Preparation & Workforce Development
 - Accessing resources to address education & health needs
 - Parent Leadership workshops (via Zoom) in English & Spanish (\$25 gift card for workshop participation)
- **Jefferson Park Ministries - 908-469-9508**
- **Make the Road New Jersey**
 - 42 Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – 908-368-1196
 - Youth Services (ex: afterschool enrichment, tutoring), English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, driving classes for the written test.
- **Families & Communities Together (FACT)**
 - 240 Sheffield St. Mountainside NJ, 07092 – 908-789-8500
 - Care managers to support youth & families using wrap around model, mainly to address mental & behavioral health needs; meet with youth & families to create a plan that will help youth thrive in community
 - Services might include linkage to counseling, mentoring, parent coaching, etc. FACT also works alongside system partners such as NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), Probation, Juvenile Court, Family Support Organization, schools, etc. to ensure best outcomes for youth & families.

Financial Literacy/Financial Coaching

- **Rahway Community Action Organization - 732-382-9311**
- **International Rescue Committee - 908-351-0938 (including tax preparation services)**
- **Jewish Family Service Central NJ - 908-352-8375**
- **PROCEED, INC. - 908-351-7727**

Employment

- **Rahway Community Action Organization - 732-382-9311**

Non-immigration related legal services

- **Jefferson Park Ministries - 908-469-9508**

Health Services

- **Union Township Health Department:** No-cost vaccinations
- **Union County Division of Social Services** – 908-965-2700: Emergency medical for adults; Medicaid coverage for children under 19 years old
- **PROCEED, INC** - 908-351-7727: Counseling Services
- **988:** National suicide & crisis hotline
- **Planned Parenthood**
 - Elizabeth: 1171 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth NJ 07201 - (908) 351-5384
 - *Patient Assistance Line (833) 365-7526 {A member will answer questions, manage your prescriptions, & help you address your sexual & reproductive health care needs}.
- **Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey**
 - Connecting NJ is a first stop resource for women of reproductive health age. Connecting NJ referrals can be made at: <https://connecting.nj.gov> or by calling 201-876-8900
- **St. Joseph's Social Services** - 908-354-5456
 - Health services for life saving prescription medication assistance (ex: diabetes); adult mental health counseling.

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS

- **Neighborhood Health Services:** Charity Care for Services provided on-site
 - Find a federally qualified health center (FQHC): <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov> (no insurance needed to access care at FQHC facilities)

Child Day Care Application Assistance - understand/outline eligibility criteria for Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County (4Cs) – 973-923-1433

- **Rahway Community Action Organization** - 732-382-9311
- **PROCEED, INC.** - 908-351-7727

Other / General Services

- **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** - 908-351-0938 – certain newcomers in immigration proceedings may qualify for benefits & services funded by the US Office of Refugee Resettlement. [These ORR-eligible populations](#) (who have documents outlined by ORR) can qualify for a full suite of services at IRC, including cash assistance (for single adults/couples with no minor children), employment services, case management, youth & adult education, & health & wellness services.
- **Elizabethport Community Center** – 732-381-4100 - Temporary Housing/Emergency Shelter, Youth Services (ex: afterschool enrichment, tutoring), Employment, Health care
- **NJ Women, Infant & Children (WIC)** - Mother support for expectant mothers/with children less than 6yrs old
 - Elizabeth: 240 Williamson Street, 4th floor, Suite 403 - (908) 994-5141 - WIC@rwjbh.org
 - Plainfield: 510 Watchung Avenue - (908) 753-3397 - wic@plainfieldnj.gov
- **Personal Responsibility & Work Opportunity Act of 1996 & HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs:**
 - <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/PRWORA-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Please be aware that the availability of any service described in this document is contingent upon each client's program eligibility, as well as sufficient funding. Inclusion of any agency or organization in this document does NOT imply endorsement of its purpose, NOR does omission imply disapproval of any entity.

For more information about these services in Union County and/or additional/updates copies of this flyer, please contact the Union County Department of Human Services Action Line at: (908) 677-5405 or via email at DHSAction@ucnj.org.