Social Services Information for Passaic County

Passaic County Department of Human Services
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The County Department of Human Services remains open and is working hard to make sure that anyone who lives or works in Passaic County has access to a full range of social services even in this time of uncertainty and amid calls for social distancing.

The main phone number for the Department is 973-881-2834, and is being answered by a live person 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. After hours, leave a message and we will get back to you on our next business day, or you can call 211 for 24 hour assistance.
You can reach our division staff using the contact information below:

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The Juvenile Division provides services for youth and families who are involved with, or at risk of involvement with, the juvenile justice system. Our staff are available to assist with prevention and early intervention for youth, and to help youth and their families to navigate all the levels of the juvenile justice system in Passaic County.

For information, referral, and assistance with youth services in Passaic County, call our division staff directly. John Givens, 973-919-3661, johng@passaiccountynj.org, and Le’Var Starr, 973-461-3826, levars@passaiccountynj.org

For assistance with a youth or family crisis call PerformCare at 877-652-7624.
Mental Heath and Addiction Services

- The Mental Health and Addiction Services Division provides support and services for people with mental health and addiction services needs across the continuum. Our staff are available to assist with access to mental health and addiction prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery supports within the community.

- **Mental Health Telephone Support during COVID-19 Outbreak:** 1-866-202-HELP (4357) -- 8am-8pm/ 7 days per week

- **ReachNJ:** Addiction resource guide for individuals and families: Website: [https://www.reachnj.gov/](https://www.reachnj.gov/) Call line: 844-REACHNJ or 844-732-2465
Mental Health and Addiction Services (cont.)

- **Passaic County Family Support Organization (FSO)**, is a family-run, county-based organization that provides direct family-to-family peer support, education, advocacy and other services to family members of children with emotional and behavioral challenges. Website: [http://www.performcarenj.org/families/fsos.aspx](http://www.performcarenj.org/families/fsos.aspx) Call line: 973-427-0100

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- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**: 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. Website: [https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/) Call line: 1-800-273-8255
Community Outreach

- The Community Outreach Division provides assistance to individuals and families in need of emergency assistance with housing, utilities, food, transportation, and other basic needs. Our staff are here to assist you to navigate these systems and help you to maintain or secure safe affordable housing and other basic needs in the community.

- **NJ211**: Available 24 hours. Call 211 to access current information about COVID-19, for information and referral to a range of social services, and for emergency housing and shelter.

- **Passaic County Board of Social Services**: Takes applications for Emergency assistance, and provides emergency shelter. 973-881-0100

- **Catholic Family and Community Services**: Provides case management and access to emergency assistance. [www.ccpaterson.org/cfcs](http://www.ccpaterson.org/cfcs) 973-279-7100
Workforce Development

- The Workforce development board is dedicated to supporting the workforce and economic development by connecting residents to jobs, and ensuring that employers have a skilled workforce. Our staff are available to help make connections to employers, New Jersey Department of Labor, and Unemployment services.

- **State of New Jersey COVID-19 Jobs and Hiring Portal.** The State of New Jersey has developed a centralized resource to match talent with opportunities in industries on the front lines of serving New Jerseyans during the outbreak. [http://jobs.covid19.nj.gov](http://jobs.covid19.nj.gov)

- **Unemployment Applications:** apply online at [http://MyUnemployment.nj.gov](http://MyUnemployment.nj.gov) If unable to access the internet, please call: North Jersey: 201-601-4100