

The Department of Senior Services includes the Office on Aging, Adult Day Care, Nutrition, Paratransit, Veterans' Affairs, and Weatherization & Home Energy. This department provides and coordinates numerous services and sponsors many activities for senior citizens. The department is an Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).

### WHAT IS THE ADRC?

An Area Agency on Aging serves as Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) lead agencies in their county, ensuring seniors, adults with disabilities and their caregivers have easy access to information and long term services and supports.

ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Connection) is a "no wrong door" point of entry for older adults and adults with disabilities to provide assistance and enable access to programs and community resources. Our professional staff assists seniors, adults and their caregivers to determine eligibility and provide guidance on available programs. The goal of ADRC is to streamline access to information, support, and services and empower people to make informed decisions about their care.

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## CARE MANAGEMENT

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Care Managers are available to assess individual needs and assist individuals and their families in navigating the complex community care system. They provide valuable connections to appropriate services and help coordinate ongoing care.

This department also manages two key programs: Caregivers Assistance Relief Education Support (CARES) and Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC).

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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This department offers information, assistance, and referrals to both direct services and community resources. Staff are fully trained State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors who help Medicare beneficiaries make informed decisions, ask questions, and resolve issues by connecting them to appropriate programs and services.

The Senior Pathway Newsletter is a quarterly publication containing current events, programs, and activities. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please visit [passaiccountynj.org/seniorpathway](http://passaiccountynj.org/seniorpathway) or call 973-569-4060.

## ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM

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The Adult Day Care Program offers social and recreational activities led by dedicated staff, including musical entertainment, themed parties, group games, and arts and crafts. Participants receive one hot meal. Transportation to and from the center is available.

## NUTRITION SERVICES

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The Nutrition Services Division provides nutritious meals and support to help older adults maintain their health and independence. Seven nutrition centers across the County serve one hot meal each weekday to residents age 60 or older. For nutrition center locations, please visit [passaiccountynj.org/nutrition](http://passaiccountynj.org/nutrition) or call 973-569-4099.

## PARATRANSIT

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The Paratransit Program provides curb-to-curb transportation services for Passaic County residents who are age 60 or older or have disabilities. Vans with lifts are available to accommodate individuals who use mobility devices. Transportation to the Veterans Hospital in East Orange is offered every Monday and Tuesday.

## VETERANS' SERVICES

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The Office of Veterans' Services provides information, referrals, and assistance with applications for benefits offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including pensions, medical care, insurance and prescription assistance, survivor benefits, and more for veterans of all military branches.

The Passaic County Clerk's Office and Veterans' Services offer free Photo ID Cards to honorably discharged veterans. Veterans can use these cards to access special offers at participating stores and restaurants.

## WEATHERIZATION & HOME ENERGY

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The Weatherization and Home Energy Division offers energy-saving programs to help low-income households reduce their energy costs. The Weatherization Assistance Program provides energy conservation measures to make eligible low-income households more energy efficient. The Home Energy Assistance Program administers the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) benefits.