

MIDDLESEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED



MIDDLESEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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[Information and Referral](#)

The Office for the Disabled, in the Middlesex County Department of Human Services' Division of Social Work Services, provides information, referral and advocacy on behalf of disabled residents.

[ADA Compliance](#)

The Office ensures the compliance of County facilities, programs and services with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Office arranges sensitivity training, provides technical assistance, and develops materials and other communication concerning ADA, as needed.

[Barrier Free Assistance Grant](#)

The Office for the Disabled offers a Barrier Free Assistance Program to eligible County residents to make their homes accessible. The modifications available range from bed and bath rails to wheelchair ramps. This program is offered in conjunction with the Department on Aging, Middlesex County Multi-Assistance Program (MCMAP).

The Office also participates in a modular ramps project with the New Jersey Division of Disability Services.

[Commission For Persons with Disabilities](#)

The Office provides staff support to the Middlesex County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, a consumer driven advocacy and advisory group, which meets monthly.

The Commission has spearheaded numerous projects including education on the rights of disabled voters, polling site accessibility, and advocacy to increase housing for persons with disabilities.

[Project Lifesaver](#)

The Department of Human Services conducts screening and outreach for this project, which provides a bracelet equipped with a radio transmitter, to assist persons who wander due to disability or illness.

- [Handicapped Parking](#)
Fines for parking illegally in a handicapped parking space were increased from \$100 to \$250.
- Handicapped parking spaces must be marked with a sign and penalty tag and be at least eight feet wide.
- *At least one* handicapped parking space in each parking lot must be van-accessible with an eight foot wide space and adjacent striped access aisle at least eight feet wide. The space and access aisle must be painted in color.
- The "Snow Removal Law," NJ Public Law c:39:4-207.9, prohibits any obstruction in public handicapped parking spaces. Snow and ice must be removed from such spaces within 24 hours of when the inclement weather ceases.

[The Fair Housing Act](#)

Federal Law prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of houses and apartments. It is also discriminatory to refuse to allow modifications to make the unit accessible.

[Disability Statistics](#)

- In Middlesex County, the disabled population is 20 percent (over 112,000 residents), and expected to rise as our senior population increases.
- A December 1997 U.S. Census Publication reported that nationwide, approximately 1 in 5 Americans have some kind of disability, and 1 in 10 have a severe disability.
- The U.S. Census Bureau reported that half of senior citizens age 65 and over have a disability. In Middlesex County, that percentage was 38%.

[PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM](#)

The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) provides personal assistance services to adults with physical disabilities, ages 18 to 65, to enable them to work, attend school or vocational training, serve as volunteers, and live independently in the community. Assistance includes personal care, meal preparation, and light housekeeping. Participants must be self-directing and may be assessed a cost-share based on income. The Program has a local, consumer driven advisory council that provides support and assistance to PASP. This council meets quarterly at the Department of Human Services. For more information on PASP, please call **732-745-2587**.

Disability Links

- *ADA Technical Assistance:* www.northeastada.org
- *Alliance for the Betterment of Persons with Disabilities:* www.abcdnj.org
- *Alliance for Disabled In Action:* www.adacil.org
- *Arc of New Jersey:* www.arcnj.org
- *Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services:* <http://cms.hhs.gov>
- *Community Access Unlimited:* www.caunj.org
- *Dept. on Justice:* www.ada.gov
- *Disability Information:* www.disabilityinfo.gov
- *Easter Seal Society of New Jersey:* www.easterseals.org
- *Equal Employment Opportunity Commission:* www.eeoc.gov
- *Job Accommodation Network:* www.jan.wvu.edu
- *National Council on Disability:* www.ndc.gov
- *National Federation on the Blind:* www.nfb.org
- *NJ Association of the Deaf:* www.njad.org
- *NJ Division of Disability Services:* www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds
- *NJ Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:* www.nj.gov/labor
- *NJ Division of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing:* www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh
- *NJ Housing Resource Center:* www.njhousing.gov
- *NJ Protection and Advocacy:* www.njpanda.org
- *NJ Transit Office of Special Services:* www.njtransit.com
- *Social Security Administration:* www.ssa.gov

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