



THE MCBOSSE BUZZ



What's New – What's Now – What's Happening In addition, how it affects you!

DON'T ABANDON YOUR BABY!

Now There's a Safe Haven
for Unwanted Infants

**no shame.
no blame.
no names.**



In New Jersey, the Safe Haven Infant Protection Act allows an individual to give up an unwanted infant with no fear of arrest or prosecution. No names or records are required. The parents or someone acting on their behalf can bring a baby less than 30 days old to any hospital emergency room or police station. Child Protection and Permanency will immediately take the child into custody and place the infant in a foster or pre-adoptive home.

Safe Haven Protection Act

Anonymous Drop-off for Unwanted Infants
1-877-839-2339
www.njsafehaven.org

TELEPHONE NUMBER & MAILING ADDRESS

Many times a NJSNAP, NJ Family Care, WFNJ-TANF or WFNJ-GA customer will miss an appointment or telephone interview with us because MCBOSSE does not have your current mailing address and or current telephone number! Have you notified us of a change in your mailing address or telephone number? To avoid any *future complications with your case* or a hold of benefits, update and verify your mailing address and telephone number as soon as possible. Contact MCBOSSE with your changes and updates by e-mailing our professional staff at mcboss@mcboss.org or by calling 1-800-564-1595.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“Early Intervention Support Services” Urgent Care for the Troubled Mind

Today there is a better understanding of mental illness and effective treatments. Catholic Charities believes in working as a partner with a person experiencing a mental illness to achieve the goals of successful community living, recovery and self-management of their illness and life. The Catholic Charities “Early Intervention Support Services” (EISS) program located on Whitehorse-Mercerville Road in Hamilton provides *immediate care* to those who are experiencing emotional and/or psychiatric distress and in need of *immediate help*, but whose situation does not require that they are admitted to the hospital for care. EISS provides adults with individual counseling, medication prescription monitoring, psychiatric counseling, support groups and referrals to other community resources. All EISS staff have been trained to provide care to individuals in crisis.

When appropriate, clients who are unable to come into the office will be offered in-home services. The EISS office is open and takes calls as well as walk-ins: Sunday-Saturday 8:00am-8:00pm. An appointment or referral is NOT needed.

The Catholic Charities “Early Intervention Support Services” center is located at 1225-1255 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road (Building B, Suite 504-505), Hamilton, New Jersey 08619 and the telephone number is (609) 256-4200.

Not Even For A Second... Never Leave A Child Unattended Around Water!

A child can drown in just a few inches of water and within seconds, often without any splashing or screaming. Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths each year.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Consumer Information-All Programs

(609) 989-4320

Adult Protective Services &

Adult Social Services

(609) 989-4346 or (609) 989-4347

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

(609) 656-6301

Child Support-General Information

1-(877) NJKIDS1 (1-877-655-4371)

Emergency Assistance, Family Planning &

Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Programs

(609) 989-4451

Homeless Hotline

(609) 468-8296

Fraud Tip Line

(609) 989-4400

Work First NJ Case Management Unit

(609) 989-6248

Toll Free Information-All Programs

1-(800) 564-1595

Fax (609) 394-6638



CONTACT INFORMATION

E-MAIL INQUIRY:

Email inquiries may be directed to
mcboss@mcboss.org

ADDRESS:

Mercer County Board of Social Services
200 Woolverton Street
P.O. Box 1450
Trenton, NJ 08650-2099



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday and Wednesday through Friday:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

NEW JERSEY EBT CARD WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.EBT.ACS-INC.COM](http://WWW.EBT.ACS-INC.COM)

NEED TO CONTACT YOUR HMO?

AMERIGROUP 1 (800) 600-4441,

UNITED HEALTHCARE 1 (800) 941-4647,

HORIZON 1 (877) 765-4325,

WELLCARE 1 (888) 453-3534

NJ FAMILY CARE
Affordable health coverage. Quality care.

Keep Children Safe from LEAD! All Children are at Risk for Lead Poisoning

A child may not look or feel sick, but he or she may have lead in his or her blood. Lead is dangerous for children ages 6 and under because it can cause serious health problems such as preventing normal growth and development. Getting a simple blood test is the only way to know if your children have lead poisoning. All children must be tested for lead at: 9-18 months and 18-26 months old and at any age up to 6 years if never tested!

You can protect your child from Lead Poisoning;

- Wash children's hands and faces before meals, before sleeping and after playing
- Wash toys and other things children handle
- Run cold water for one minute before using it for cooking, drinking and making baby formula
- Teach children to play in sand or grassy areas instead of dirt
- Do not store food in pottery or cans as they may contain lead.
- Eat healthy, serve foods high in iron (meats, fish, greens, chicken, dried beans) and calcium (milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream)

Lead Testing for children is usually FREE through private insurance, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare insurance. Uninsured children can be tested FREE at local health departments. Help is just a phone call away. Mercer County Residents can call the NJ Medical Assistance Customer Center at (856) 614-2870. New Jersey residents can also call the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services Home at (800) 356-1561. To apply for New Jersey Family Care call us at 1-(800) 564-1595.

For more information about Lead Poisoning and other dangerous poisons, visit the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System at www.njpies.org.

**Take your child for regular medical checkups
and make sure they are lead tested!**

WELFARE FRAUD

In New Jersey, we use a number of different information systems to monitor the information you put on your application. MCBOSS case managers and investigators will make sure that you: are not collecting benefits from another state, have a valid Social Security Number, not employed and earning income that you did not report and not collecting unemployment. There are penalties for knowingly providing false or inaccurate information, including being ineligible for future benefits: having to pay back to the state any money you were not eligible to receive and criminal charges. To report Welfare Fraud call our Fraud Tip Line at (609) 989-4400.



SUMMER 2018 Holiday Schedule

MCBOSS will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018

For more information, please call 1(800) 564-1595

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