

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

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, 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**.

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Information & Referral:

The Office for the Disabled, located within the County Department of Human 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 is also participating in a modular ramps project with the NJ Division of Disability Services.

Commission For Persons with Disabilities:

The Office provides staff support to the County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, a consumer driven advocacy and advisory group that 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 is conducting screening and outreach for this pilot project which provides a bracelet, equipped with a radio transmitter, to assist persons who wander due to disability or illness.

Disability Statistics: In Middlesex County the disabled population is 15 percent (over 112,000 residents) and expected to rise along with our growing senior population.

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%.

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.

Also, *at least one* handicapped parking space in each parking lot, must be van-accessible with an 8 foot wide space and adjacent striped access aisle at least 8 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 the spaces within 48 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.

