

Somerset County Department of
Human Services

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(908) 541-5756 CommDev@co.somerset.nj.us

Administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs, awarding sub grants to municipalities and private nonprofit organizations in the county for eligible projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. Staffs the CDBG Advisory Committee and the Continuum of Care Committee.

INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER

(908) 704-6304 IDRC@co.somerset.nj.us

As prescribed by Law, any Somerset County resident convicted of an alcohol/drug related traffic or boating offense must attend a 12-hour educational IDRC program prior to having his/her driving privileges restored. Educational lectures, individual evaluations and referral to treatment facilities and AA programs are provided as is information concerning suspension and restoration of driving/boating privileges.

OFFICE OF VETERAN SERVICES

(908) 704-6329 VeteranServices@co.somerset.nj.us

Provides counseling information and referral to county veterans of military service and their families. Assists with the identification and application for benefits from the Veterans Administration, other federal agencies and state and other governmental agencies. Provides general advocacy for veterans and their survivors. Helps complete applications by survivors of entitled deceased veterans for U.S. grave markers. Provides Somerset County markers and U.S. flags for veterans' graves.

**RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
OF SOMERSET COUNTY**

(908) 231-7000 x7520 Somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu

Helps educate the diverse population of Somerset County using science-based knowledge focused on issues such as agriculture and the environment; management of natural resources; food safety, quality and health; family stability; economic security; and youth development. Rutgers Cooperative Extension utilizes volunteers and collaborates with other organizations to provide Agricultural and Resource Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, and a whole host of other services.

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SOMERSET COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

The County of Somerset is committed to excellence and innovation in public service, promoting the well-being of all residents and communities by providing effective, efficient and responsive leadership.

Sponsored by the

**SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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The mission of the Somerset County Department of Human Services is to improve the quality of life of all county residents by promoting the economic, social, emotional, physical, and mental well-being and safety of residents and communities.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS & PLANNING

(908)-704-6300 HumanServices@co.somerset.nj.us

Responsible for planning the Human Services needs of County residents, developing needed programs, administering funding and monitoring and evaluating program performance. Staffs the Human Services Advisory Council, Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee, the Mental Health Board (a statutory body), Municipal Alliance, County Youth Council, and Professional Advisory Committees for Mental Health and for Substance Abuse.

OFFICE ON AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES

(908) 704-6346 or Toll Free (888)-747-1122
OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us

Assesses needs of older persons and plans programs and services to meet those needs. Offers information & referral services, outreach, congregate and home-delivered meals, six multi-purpose senior centers, in-home services, Senior Shopper, Personal Assistance Services Program, home-care planning, housing counseling and assistance with Medicare, insurance and federal and state tax forms. Works with local communities to develop senior housing. Staffs the Aging Advisory Committee. Disability Services provides information and referral resources and advocates for persons with disabilities' works to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act and on Section 504 issues to assure accessibility in building modifications and new construction. Staffs the Advisory Council on Disability Issues.

RICHARD HALL COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

(908) 725-2800 MentalHealth@co.somerset.nj.us

Richard Hall Community Health and Wellness Center is a recovery oriented, person-centered organization that provides a safe and nurturing environment to support self-determination, and a healthy mind, body and spirit. The Center is a leader in integrated health care; providing both behavioral health (mental health services and substance use services) and primary medical and dental healthcare. We are dedicated to building a community that supports opportunities for those individuals receiving services to grow into a fully integrated and healthy life. We provide services to children ages 5 and up through adults in the later years of life. We have a full range of outpatient services including: individual, family, group counseling; psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring; clinical case management; CARE - co-occurring mental health and addictions treatments and recovery supports; OPTIONS for those in domestic violence relationships; Touchstone Intensive Support Services for those stepping down from partial care or partial hospital; programs, Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth program - providing consultation and outreach following a traumatic event or sudden loss in schools and in the community; Supported Employment Program and outreach to the homeless mentally ill through Project Outreach. A sliding fee scale is available for county residents. The center accepts Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurances.

JUVENILE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

(908)-704-6323 Juvenile@co.somerset.nj.us

Responsible for insuring fiscal and programmatic management for juvenile detention and alternative to detention programs for Somerset County youth ages 12 - 18: Programs include: Detention, Home Detention (HDP), Advanced House Arrest (AHA), Advanced Stationhouse Adjustment, Juvenile Justice Intensive Case Management (JJICM), Question and Answer Line (908) 704-6355, and the Fire Watch Program.

OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

(908)-704-6358 VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us

Recruits people of all ages who would like to volunteer their time and talents to assist various county departments and/or programs, and will assist anyone interested in volunteering in general. Oversees the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Conducts the Handyman Project, Money Management Program, Tax Filing Assistance Program, Tutoring Program, Fall Clean-Up Program. Operation Freedom, a free legal-services program for active-duty military personnel and their families. Recruits volunteers for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

(908) 704-6333 youth@co.somerset.nj.us

Assesses and coordinates efforts of government and community agencies that work with at-risk delinquent youth and youth with emotional or behavioral disturbance. Prepares needs-based plans for state and county government and distributes federal, state, and local funds for the development of programs and services to meet these needs. Also responsible for the development of sanctions and services for court-involved youth. Family Crisis Intervention Unit offers 24-hour response, immediate intervention, assessment, and family counseling for youth and their families who are in crisis. Also provides training and education to the community in the area of child abuse and missing children.

GREATER RARITAN ONE STOP CAREER CENTER TRAINING SERVICES

908-541-5780 onestop@co.somerset.nj.us

Provides quality, accessible, and comprehensive employment and supportive services responsive to the needs of job seekers, employers, and the community. Services for residents of Somerset and Hunterdon counties include career and vocational counseling, access to training grants, basic computer and literacy instruction, and employment based case management in conjunction with the Somerset and Hunterdon Boards of Social Services.