

Abilities Solutions

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Employ*

Vocational Assessment, Employee Development Services, and Employment form a package of services that optimizes an individual achieving his / her highest work potential. Through assessment and training, job matches are enhanced. Through transitional employment, individuals with the most challenging situations continue to receive supportive counseling and workplace structure while preparing to move into competitive employment. Our Employment Services staff provide a seamless transition to the community with follow-along coaching and consultation with employers to maximize job retention. Individuals with disabilities are empowered to achieve self-sufficiency. Services within this program are transitioning from a facility to community based model.

VetAbility

Created in conjunction with United Way of Gloucester County, VetAbility provides workforce development services and stabilization supports to help active and inactive military, veterans, and their families achieve greater self-sufficiency. The program aids with transition to the civilian workforce by providing case management, vocational assessment, job seeking support and job coaching. While the ultimate goal is employment, the program also facilitates, either directly or through partnerships, the resolution of non-vocational challenges to employment such as those related to basic needs or mental / physical health. Our veteran to veteran model has been effective in getting services to veterans who are mistrusting of government assistance. Individuals facing issues of hunger, homelessness, clothing needs, transportation, medical needs, psychological stability, and more are provided immediate emergency assistance either directly through VetAbility or through a partner agency.

The Arc Gloucester

Camp Sun 'N Fun

Camp Sun 'N Fun is a respite program that provides a full, outdoor camp experience for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in a safe and enjoyable environment designed to enhance their abilities and increase socialization skills which, in turn, increases their ability to be a productive contributor to their community, regardless of age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and/or ability level. Also, the care needed for an individual with I/DD requires nonstop, day-to-day, 24/7 care. The respite that the camp provides is the only option for many of our families and caregivers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region

Mentoring

The agency (BBBS) provides professionally supported one-to-one mentoring to children in Gloucester County using the BBBS model, designated as an "Evidence-Based Practice" for preventing substance abuse, adolescent crime, anti-social behavior, aggression, and delinquency among mentored youth. In Gloucester County, we offer both "Community-Based" (CB) and "School-Based" (SB) mentoring. With CB mentoring, relationships are year-round; mentors ("Bigs") interact with families, and see child mentees ("Littles") 2-4 times per month on weekends and/or after school; their activities together take place in the community. Bigs and Littles sign up for at least a one year relationship, with many relationships lasting far longer. Within our school based mentoring program, students from Rowan University volunteer and are matched to children from Gloucester County who attend Glassboro Child Development Center's after school program. Matches meet weekly with college Bigs providing Littles with a nurturing relationship, friendship and ongoing support for at least one school year. Throughout the length of their involvement in the program – from the first contact on – Bigs and Littles interact with and receive support from dedicated, trained, professional staff.

Center for Family Services

Mother/Child Residential

The Mother/Child Residential Program (MCR) meets the basic needs of vulnerable women and children, and empowers homeless women to achieve a better life for their families. Upon arrival, residents complete an intake survey to identify their unique needs and develop an intensive case management plan. MCR offers on-site counseling, educational classes focused on parenting, anger management, behavioral health, domestic violence, health relationships, sexual violence, financial empowerment/budgeting, cooking matters, and substance abuse.

Center for People in Transition

Crisis to Career

The Crisis to Career Program assists clients in moving over time from extremely stressful situations of separation, divorce, being widowed, or experiencing the total disability of their spouse, to self-sufficiency. The program works with people in overcoming psychological and physical barriers due to the crisis they have experienced, and helps in choosing career paths and employability, and also assists with resume creation, conducting their job search, sharpening their interview skills, and keeping the job once they get the job.

FamCare

Are You Talkin' to Me?

FamCare will implement “Are You Talkin’ to Me?” (AYTTM) in the Gloucester County community. This program has been successfully implemented in Salem County since 2015. The program is to raise awareness about the importance of parent-child communication, and to strengthen the family’s ability to have an open dialog about sensitive topics. The AYTTM program will employ a part-time coordinator who will provide planning and facilitation at the workshops, and a part-time administrative staff to help with the outreach, logistics of the workshops, and recruitment. We will discuss sexual health and other health trends affecting families and young people. We will also discuss family values/beliefs, provide tools for effective communication, and allow opportunities to practice the newly learned skills. Our goal is to provide 12 workshops to parents and teens throughout the year at convenient times and locations to community participants. The workshops will cover topics like how to communicate regarding relationships, bullying, social media influences, and other teen health topics.

Food Bank of South Jersey

Gloucester County Children’s Health and Meal Program

FBSJ’s Children’s Health and Meal Program provides food services and education to at-risk youth living in Gloucester County which includes:

- School Pantry provides groceries for families through a mobile food pantry site conveniently located at participating Gloucester County schools. Families must register to participate. Once per month, food is distributed by volunteers, and families walk through to select foods they need. Children reached in 2017: 1,644 (up slightly from previous year).
- KidzPack provides a bag of food on Friday afternoons for children and their families who suffer from food insecurity to sustain them through the weekend. There are a variety of items like peanut butter or tuna fish, whole grains, and other nutrient-dense food placed into the bags by volunteers at the Food Bank. Those bags are then delivered to schools or summer sites, and volunteers then hand the bags to children to bring home to their families. Children reached in 2017: 850 (stable from previous year).
- Summer Feeding Program provides nutritious, locally-prepared breakfast, lunch, and snacks to children in need through summer camps and other activity programs. No child is turned away, no registration fees are charged, and (in most cases) pre-registrations are not required. Children reached in 2017: 1,900 (up 35% from previous year).

Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ

Leadership Experience Girl Scouts unleashes the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) in every girl, preparing her for a lifetime of leadership – from taking a nighttime hike under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying the city council with her troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow. Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, with proven results. The inclusive, all-female environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a wide range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves. Our program serves low-income communities where we do not have enough volunteers. There, staff run troops, engage partners, build partnerships, and train volunteers to bring life-changing opportunities for girls to start and support them for a lifetime of leadership. The experiences the program provides for girls focus on core areas of need and interest for girls: 1) STEM – computer science, engineering, robotics, outdoor STEM, and more, 2) OUTDOORS – adventure and skill building, including camping experiences for all age levels, from the backyard to the backcountry, 3) LIFE SKILLS – civic engagement, healthy living, global citizenship, communication skills, and 4) ENTREPRENEURSHIP via The Girl Scout Cookie Program – the largest girl-led business in the world – teaches goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills.

Glassboro Child Development Centers

School Age Care Program

The School Age Program serves three public schools in one location: the Dorothy L. Bullock School in Glassboro during the school year. This program operates before school from 6:30 am and after school until 6:00 pm, every day school is in session, including delayed openings and early dismissals. They also provide limited programming on some school holidays, because our parents work and require extended child care.

Camp Horizon Summer Learning Program is held at Dorothy L. Bullock School for 8-10 weeks during each summer, Monday through Friday (mid-June through mid-August) from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Our School Age Program provides child care and enrichment for children in grades PreK-6 who are from low to moderate income families, during 240-250 service days per year. The agency utilizes the NJ After 3 program model to provide safe, quality care and enrichment with low staff to child ratios, enhanced programming, college-educated staff, linking the school day with out of school time, encouraging parent engagement and supporting kids' academic success.

HollyDELL

Twenty-One Plus

The T.O.P. Program provides adult medical day services for adults who are over 21 years of age with a 1:3 ratio of staff to consumer. Nursing services are an integral part of our daily program. Their day is full of activities that incorporate their cognitive, medical and physical needs in a nurturing atmosphere. Time in the community provides our adults with life experiences that are essential to their continued emotional growth and enhancements of friendships. The T.O.P. program allows individuals to reside at home with the benefits of community outings and on-site program activities. This is the only adult day program in Gloucester County that provides medical services on-site and in the community for all of our clients. Most of the clients have significant medical needs and nursing is an essential service if they are to function outside their home.

Literacy New Jersey

Adult Literacy Programs

By working together with the United Way of Gloucester County, we can make sure that any adult who can't read, write or speak English has the opportunity to learn. Join with us so every parent in Gloucester County can read their child a bedtime story or fill out of job application. Literacy NJ will recruit, train, match and support volunteer tutors to work with adults who are desperate to improve their literacy skills. Tutors will provide free one-to-one and small group instruction throughout the County. With your continued support, we will offer the individualized instruction that is crucial for building skills and confidence. By focusing on the specific needs of each person, we will remove barriers to employment in a competitive job market and improve the quality of life for students and families.

Maryville

Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Intervention

Maryville provides a safe residential environment for the diagnosis and treatment of addictions and co-occurring disorders. Maryville's 76-bed, gender specific, medical detoxification and residential programs provide 24 hour evidence-based treatment, monitoring and observation with medical, nursing and clinical staff for individuals suffering from addictive disease and co-occurring disorders. Maryville educates and counsels, via evidence-based individual and group therapy, those who participate in our programs about addictions and co-occurring disorders, the effects of substance abuse, and relapse prevention skills to maintain abstinence. Maryville maintains the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation and is licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

NewPoint Behavioral Health Care

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NewPoint's Outpatient Services, Center Division, provides outpatient counseling and medication management to individuals, couples, and families to address various behavioral health needs. Program participants receive an array of therapeutic interventions based upon assessed needs. All services are provided by licensed mental health clinicians. Most individuals seek services to address issues related to anxiety, depression, phase of life transitions, treatment follow-up to psychiatric hospitalization, family conflict, school problems, attention-deficit disorder, co-occurring substance use disorders, among others. Counseling interventions typically involve Cognitive-Behavioral interventions, supportive psychotherapy, solution-focused therapy, assessment/referral support, and psycho-educational intervention. All clients who see a therapist are offered a psychiatric evaluation and then medication management if needed by a psychiatrist or Advance Practice Nurse.

Repauno Pre School Day Care

Preschool Program

Repauno provides a high-quality, low-cost preschool program, giving early education and full-time childcare services, providing two nutritious meals and an afternoon snack to at-risk children from low- to moderate-income Gloucester County residents.

Robins' Nest

Older Adult Services

Robins' Nest proposes to continue implementation of an in-home mental health treatment program designed specifically to support older adults (age 60 and over) and their family caregivers. Services will include information and referral, psychoeducation, support groups and one-on-one behavioral/mental health counseling primarily focused on depression, anxiety, stress and coping. Services to be held at any location desired by the recipient or caregiver, with an initial focus on in-home support. Funding will cover the annual salary and benefits of a full time clinician, allowing Robins' Nest to fully expand service capacity without adversely affecting existing programming. The treatment model will also include visits conducted in Robins' Nest Danellie Counseling Center, which will encourage funding beyond year one of the program.

Senior Corps

Medicare Counseling

Insurance counseling program for residents of Gloucester County on Medicare by age or disability. Medicare beneficiaries frequently have questions about benefits, claims and supplement policies (known as Medigap). Volunteer counselors, trained and Medicare-certified in areas of health insurance coverage and benefits that affect Medicare beneficiaries, will provide information, assistance, and conduct appeals for dealing with claims and in evaluating health insurance options. These decisions can have major financial implications, and for some, it is the first time they are making them without the aid of their employer or family to address questions.

Woodbury Child Development Center

WCDC Life

The original charter of WCDC, going back to its inception in 1969, was to provide child care services in the basic sense. The WCDC Life Program was conceived to adapt that concept to the evolving landscape of child care and preschool education. WCDC Life seeks to increase the educational element to child care in our facility for children ranging from 4 months to 5 years. We do not only seek to increase the educational element in our facility, but participate in New Jersey's movement to raise the quality of early childhood education altogether. Through this program, children are exposed to an evidence-based curriculum, which includes exposure to literacy, mathematics, arts, science, technology, and social emotional learning. Program success relies heavily on the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, administration, and parent participation. WCDC Life is expected to prepare children for the other programs offered at the Woodbury Child Development Center for children age 5 through 12 years (before and after school or Summer Camp Academy).

YMCA of Gloucester County

Y-Access Program

The Y-Access Program is a new initiative developed by the YMCA of Gloucester County in 2017, with the help of funding from United Way of Gloucester County. The Y-Access program will provide year-round programming for students experiencing homelessness within the Paulsboro School District. The year round programming will consist of Before and After School Programs for students in grades Pre-K through 6th through our Y'z Kidz licensed child care program. Students enrolled in the Junior and Senior High Schools will have access to our YMCA Teen Center, in Woodbury, which includes enrichment and leadership programs. The teen participants will receive hands-on experience in dealing with the career field of their interest by learning first-hand from adults in that field while continuing to solidify their leadership and life skills. The Summer Day Camp, for grades Pre-K through 10th will be subsidized and, therefore, free of charge to the families and children experiencing homelessness. The Day Camp is a licensed program that provides youth with supervised activities that teach core values, conflict resolution, and leadership skills. Children have fun while building self-confidence, appreciating teamwork, and gaining independence.