

La Casa de Don Pedro

PROGRAM DIRECTORY

(i) Youth, Family & Health Programs

Parent-Child Academy (Eligibility: North Newark Residents)

Nine month parenting and child development program providing early intervention to parents and their children ages 0-3.

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Early Childhood Education Centers (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

255 3 & 4 year olds receive certified, early childhood education, hours of operation 8:30 – 3:00pm. Extended wrap-around services for qualified families are available. Three free daily meals are provided.

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Family Success Centers (Eligibility: North Newark Residents)

Two centers strengthen families and neighborhoods by developing networks of family services with a goal in preventing child abuse and neglect. The centers possess special expertise in health prevention services.

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Family Success Center I: 23 Broadway 973.483.2703

Family Success Center II: 595 North 6th Street 973.482.9002

After School & Summer Enrichment Programs (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Homework assistance, recreation, arts & cultural activities, field trips, and hot meals for children ages 5-12.

Contact: Hazel D'Lugos, 23 Broadway 973.483.2703 ext. 2217 hdlugos@lacasanwk.org

Newark Youth Leadership Program (NYLP) (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Leadership development, community service, college orientation, summer employment, and more for high school students.

Contact: Diana Rojas, 23 Broadway 973.483.2703 ext. 2218 drojas@lacasanwk.org

Youth Empowerment Services (YES) (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Services for youth addressing adolescent development issues, parent/child conflict, academic and other challenges. Incorporates recreation, education, and counseling services.

Contact: Rosemary Sonera: 23 Broadway 973.483.2703 ext. 2206 rsonera@lacasanwk.org

Domestic Violence Advocacy Program (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Bilingual Spanish/English domestic violence advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence in areas such as handling police interviews and medical examinations. Translation and general support at court visits or as requested.

Contact: Rosemary Sonera: 23 Broadway 973.483.2703 ext. 2206 rsonera@lacasanwk.org

HIV and STD Prevention Program (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Outreach and educational workshops targeting Hispanic youth, women, and men to eliminate behaviors that may put them at-risk for contracting sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

Contact: Nelson Hernandez 76 Clinton Avenue 973.624.7212 ext. 7213 nhernandez@lacasanwk.org

HIV/AIDS Intervention Services (Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union, & Warren counties)

Mental health services, medical case management, medical nutrition therapy, home-delivered meals on wheels, and housing services to HIV positive and people living with AIDS.

Contact: Nelson Hernandez 76 Clinton Avenue 973.624.7212 ext. 7213 nhernandez@lacasanwk.org

(ii) Adult Development Programs

Civics Classes (Eligibility: NJ Residents)

Courses for individuals seeking to pass the USCIS Naturalization interview. Classes cover ESL, U.S. History, and government. Classes offered during the day and evening.

Contact: Johanna Murphy 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3302 jmurphy@lacasanwk.org

ESL / ESL Civics Classes (Eligibility: Essex County Residents)

Courses in levels 1 through 3 English as a Second language. Offered during the day and evenings. Registration fee required.

Contact: Julie Rodriguez 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3306 jrodriguez@lacasanwk.org

Financial Opportunity Center (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

A bundle of financial services including financial coaching, asset building, employment search, and assistance to connect to appropriate educational opportunities, income and income supports such as tax credits and food assistance.

Contact: Angela Valdez 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3305 avaldez@lacasanwk.org

Immigration Assistance (Eligibility: New Jersey Residents)

Services for clients seeking assistance on immigration matters. Nominal fees may be required.

Contact: Josefina Leonardo 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3309 jleonardo@lacasanwk.org

GED Testing (Eligibility: New Jersey Residents)

GED testing offered in both English and Spanish once a month. By appointment only.

Contact: Gregory Hodne 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext. 3322 ghodne@lacasanwk.org

Re-Entry Services (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Assistance for adults recently released from incarceration. Services include job search, life skills, and reconnection to family.

Contact: Anna Rivera 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3319 arivera@lacasanwk.org

Welfare to Work Initiative (Eligibility: Essex County TANF and GA recipients)

Job Search, Adult Basic Education, GED, and Low Literacy classes. Must be referred by Workfirst NJ.

Contact: Yolanda Fernandez 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3329 yfernandez@lacasanwk.org

Workforce Learning Link (Eligibility: Newark Residents)

Computer-based classroom offering variety of academic instruction including Adult Basic Education and GED training. Offered Monday – Friday afternoon. Prospective students are tested and evaluated for eligibility.

Contact: Julie Rodriguez 39 Broadway 973.481.4713 ext 3306 jrodriguez@lacasanwk.org

(iii) Community Programs

Home Energy Assistance Programs (Eligibility: Essex County Residents)

Home energy payment assistance for income eligible households through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Universal Service Fund (USF) and to Essex and Hudson County residents the Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) program. Each program has its own eligibility requirements and funding cycles.

317 Roseville Avenue: 973.485.0795/0796

600 Central Avenue, East Orange: 973.485.0795/0796

Weatherization Assistance Program (Eligibility: Essex County Residents)

Assistance for income eligible homeowners, landlords, and tenants with home improvement related energy conservation measures.

Contact: Marisol Santana, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4405 msantana@lacasanwk.org

Senior Citizen's Heating & Cooling Program (Eligibility: Essex County Residents)

Emergency repairs or replacement of heating and oil cooling units for income eligible Essex County residents over age 60.

Contact: Cecelia Aiken, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4414 caiken@lacasanwk.org

Community Outreach & Planning

Community building and organizing engagement with North Newark stakeholders and block associations that address leadership development and empowerment, particularly around crime and safety issues, quality of life, education, and development and implementation of the community plan.

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Greater Newark Neighborhoods/Sustainable Communities

Lower Broadway neighborhood development planning initiative carried out through partnerships with local organizations, businesses, residents, and civic leaders. Efforts leading to goal of planning and implementation of comprehensive community plan.

Contact: Roberto Frugone, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4641 rfrugone@lacasanwk.org

Commercial Revitalization

Business assistance, merchant organizing, and infrastructure improvements for the Lower Broadway Commercial Corridor.

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Affordable Housing and Real Estate Development

Creation and sale of new affordable housing, rehabilitation of foreclosed properties through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and the development of commercial and community facilities.

Contact: Kimberly El-Sadek, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4621 kel-sadek@lacasanwk.org

Foreclosure Prevention Counseling (Eligibility: New Jersey Residents)

Foreclosure prevention counseling and mediation services to residents of Northern New Jersey.

Contact: Sofi Cordero, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4622 scordero@lacasanwk.org

First Time Homebuyer Education Counseling (Eligibility: New Jersey Residents)

First time homebuyer education seminars and counseling to families interested in becoming homeowners.

Contact: Sofi Cordero, 317 Roseville Avenue 973.485.0701 ext. 4622 scordero@lacasanwk.org

Emergency Housing Assistance (Eligibility: New Jersey Residents)

Rental assistance, counseling, emergency budgeting, and advocacy to families facing a housing crisis.

Contact: Rosemary Sonera, 23 Broadway 973.483.2703 ext.2206 rsonera@lacasanwk.org

Traffic Safety Initiative/ Caminos Seguros

Investigation of traffic and pedestrian safety conditions, educational campaigns, and physical improvements.

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