

Family Resources

We understand - raising a family is not easy. Finding the resources you need can be difficult too. At the Passaic County Council for Young Children (PCCYC), we want to make your job a little easier by providing you with a listing of family services available throughout the Passaic County and the state of New Jersey. Consider this a starting point to seek services. We are in this together – we all want the best for our children. If you are in need, reach out to 211 or Central Intake and they will direct you to services that will help with your need.

NJ 211 – If you or your family are in need of services, call NJ 211. The 211 customer representative will take your information and direct you to the services that best fit your needs.

NJ Department of Children and Family Services (NJ DCF) – Start here for a listing of all types of services from health, to education to home energy assistance. It includes:

Passaic County Community Program Directory – A compilation of community programs in Passaic County. For a brief explanation of services, review **this NJDCF flyer about its services**.

NJ Department of Health – Start here for a wealth of health related information. For families, you can find information on early intervention, food safety, immunizations, poison control, primary care providers and WIC, just to name a few. Here are a few items for families with young children:

Early Intervention – Children develop at different paces, but there are developmental milestones that children should reach by certain times during the first three years of their lives. When children fail to reach these milestones, parents and other caregivers should consider contacting Early Intervention for an evaluation.

Want to know more about these developmental milestones? Check here to **Learn the Signs – Act Early**. Materials are available for free and in multiple languages for families and for early care centers. Be sure to ask at your pediatrician's office!

NJ Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women and Children W a/k/a **WIC** – provides wholesome food, nutrition education and community support for income eligible women who are pregnant and post-partum, infants and children up to five years old.

NJ Division of Early Childhood Education and Family Engagement

Part of New Jersey's Department of Education, the DECE offers a number of services for leadership, guidance and promoting healthy practices for families with children from birth to school age. NJ Department of Education offers a number of age specific resources for parents to encourage the happy, healthy development of your child. Here are a few to explore:

[Family Engagement Practices That Help Children Thrive:](#) Provides some great practices for raising children starting from before they are born. Be sure to check the appendix for a listing of agencies that support family and child services.

[Helping Your Child be a Happy Healthy Learner](#) – There is one for each of the various stages from birth to school age!

[NJ Parent Link](#) – This includes many other resources for parents including links for families with children with special needs.

[NJ Statewide Parent Advocacy Network \(SPAN\)](#) – If your child does have special needs, you will want to know more SPAN – this group helps to organize local groups and provides information to educate and empower parents/caregivers to assure their children receive the services they need to succeed.

[Partnership for Maternal Child Health](#) – This is the Central Intake for families in need of services. Start here. Our mission is to meet the healthcare needs of women, infants and children in NJ while coordinating education, outreach and advocacy through regional planning and collaboration. The consortium conducts extensive community outreach and educational programs for the consumers and health care providers in the state of New Jersey.

[Passaic County](#) – Discover Passaic County – its parks, its services, its history. Start here for a list of current events, parks and golf courses.

[Passaic County – Our Municipalities](#) - Want to learn more about what is going on in your town? This is the place to find services in your town, many which are free to residents! Click on your town name to open a link for more information. Your public library is always a wealth of information! Your health department offers a number of services to its residents. Check back often to find out what is happening in your town!

[Passaic County Public Schools](#) – To find out more about the school district in your town, check out these sites. Here, you will find a listing of your Board of Education members and its meetings, a list of schools with contact information, a school calendar, etc. Most have a page exclusive to parents and to students. Parents – there are special parent/teacher groups that you can join to be more active in your schools. Some schools have even created mobile apps for you to follow along!

[Bloomingdale Public Schools](#)

Clifton Public Schools

Haledon Public Schools

Little Falls Public Schools

North Haledon Schools

Passaic Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools

Pompton Lakes Public Schools

Ringwood Public Schools

Totowa Public Schools

Wanaque Public Schools

Wayne Public Schools

West Milford Public Schools

Woodland Park Public Schools