Answering the Call

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners created Monmouth ACTS in 2018 to carry out the recommendations of a Human Services Needs Assessment, *A Call to Action.*

The Needs Assessment recommended Monmouth County needed:

- Community sharing, education and resource navigation
- Innovation and collaboration
- To identify service needs that were previously not being met

Working together, Monmouth ACTS is dynamically moving the Needs Assessment from *report* to *reality.*

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Monmouth ACTS is privileged to work with human service professionals, nonprofit providers, organizations and residents from across the County.

Learn more about Monmouth ACTS at **www.MonmouthACTS.org**

To learn how you and your family can connect with the services you need, call the Navigation System Warm Line at 732-683-8959.

To learn how your organization can get involved, contact Candace Sparks, Monmouth ACTS Coordinator, at 732-683-2102.

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Serving You Better Together

A bold new initiative to enhance your access to County Services.

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What is Monmouth ACTS?

Monmouth ACTS (Assisting Community Through Services) is an innovative public-private partnership - the first of its kind in New Jersey.

Monmouth ACTS brings together County employees, community nonprofits and private organizations to share expertise, resources and distinct perspectives for the common good. It also listens to resident voice, and incorporates resident voice into all phases of service planning.

Together, they are making life better for County residents by finding effective ways to meet today's most pressing human service needs.

Who is part of Monmouth ACTS?

The Department of Human Services and other County agencies are working with community nonprofit and private partners. These partners are from key social service sectors including health care, mental health, child care, addiction services, housing, legal services, food banks, financial institutions, transportation, utilities and more.

Our Goals

- Help County residents learn about the many public and private services that are available - and how to access them
- Provide a more seamless approach to human services by combining strengths and eliminating duplications in public/private programs
- Create and maintain working groups, called Hubs, to address unmet service needs in seven key areas
- To continue identifying and developing solutions to Monmouth County resident challenges
- To grow the network and widen the reach of Monmouth ACTS and coordinate with evolving place-based efforts

Hubs of Opportunity

We identified needs clustered around seven areas, or "Hubs" of Opportunity. Each Hub, made up of County leaders and their community counterparts, examines identified issues and makes recommendations for improvement:

- Early Childhood Success
- Positive Youth Development
- Successful Aging
- Housing & Homelessness
- Transportation
- Financial Empowerment
- Behavioral Health

ACTS in Action

How do we measure success? By listening to residents and helping them achieve their goals and making life better in Monmouth County – and we are already making a difference.

Challenge: Red Bank needed a reliable warming center for Code Blue nights – when temperatures drop to 32° or below.

Solution: Pilgrim Baptist Church partnered with the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, with the support of Monmouth ACTS and social services, to strengthen and rebrand its existing warming center to the JBJ & PBC Hope & Comfort Center.

Challenge: Students struggled with social-emotional learning (SEL) skills due to remote learning during the pandemic.

Solution: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern NJ partnered with agencies through the Positive Youth Development Hub to create programming that boosted SEL skills. Students at Freehold Intermediate School built confidence and learned coping/resilience skills.

Visit www.MonmouthACTS.org to read more inspiring stories of 'ACTS in Action.'