Monmouth ACTS

ASSISTING COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICES

SERVING YOU BETTER. TOGETHER.

As one of New Jersey's most desirable places to live, Monmouth County earns high marks for an outstanding quality of life thanks to its commitment to providing the best possible services for residents and businesses.

But there are residents who require services and support to enhance their lives.

WHAT IS MONMOUTH ACTS?

Monmouth ACTS is a bold new initiative to enhance access to services for County residents. ACTS (Assisting Community Through Services) is an innovative public-private partnership that brings together County employees from the Department of Health & Human Services and community partners in the private sector to better life in Monmouth County.

Together, County government and their counterparts in the private sector are finding effective ways to meet today's human service needs. They are improving Monmouth's access to services in mental health, addiction, aging, housing, childcare, transportation and much more.

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ACTS IN ACTION

Monmouth ACTS is already making a difference for residents of Monmouth County!

When officials at Brookdale Community College noted they encountered students with limited resources that could benefit from County Services, Monmouth ACTS stepped in.

Students didn't know where to turn for housing, food and more. So the Monmouth County Division of Social Services decided to bring our resources directly to the students by having a social worker available to them on campus.

Now Sylvina Mendez, MCDSS social worker, is posted at the Brookdale-Lincroft campus Veteran's Center each Monday and Thursday. She provides students with information on how to access services such as SNAP, Medicaid, homeless and housing services, utility assistance, domestic violence services/support and much more.

"This is a great example of just one of the ways that working with partners like Brookdale Community College can better address the human needs in our community," said County Commissioner Deputy Director Sue Kiley, liaison to Human Services.

Read more success stories at www.MonmouthACTS.org.

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WHY WAS MONMOUTH ACTS CREATED?

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners created Monmouth ACTS in 2018 to carry out the recommendations of a far-reaching Human Services Needs Assessment, "A Call to Action." Monmouth ACTS represents an affirmative response to this "call."

One key finding showed that County service providers do not generally collaborate to offer comprehensive services to residents, that many residents are not aware or not using services, and that many opportunities exist for innovative strategies to better reach and serve residents.

Monmouth ACTS is an innovative response to the Needs Assessment's recommendations to:

- Help County residents learn about services and how to access them through expansive community information sharing, education/ dialogue and resource navigation
- Mobilize impactful use of the County's rich resources through public/private partnerships for integrated human service planning, funding and delivery
- Address unmet service needs through an integrated planning process, and meet larger, long-term challenges through advocacy and new service approaches

HUBS OF OPPORTUNITY

The Needs Assessment identified gaps clustered around seven areas. Monmouth County leaders and their community counterparts have formed "Hubs" around each of these issues. Each Hub examines identified issues and makes recommendations for improvement:

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

These Hubs, which are integrated through the Monmouth ACTS Advisory Council (MAAC), make it their mission to support individual and family success through all stages of life by supporting:

- Strong family relationships and community connection
- Personal safety, equal opportunity and financial security
- Good health and well-being
- High-quality learning and education

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