

Department of Social Services

The Bergenfield based Department of Social Services Provides one-on-one confidential counseling, referral, short and long term problem solving for residents with a variety of concerns. We are dedicated to aiding our neighbors in Bergenfield and supporting local business.

Food and Clothing Pantry

2005 Saw the creation of an on-site food and clothing pantry available year-round to Borough residents working with the department and for emergency circumstances, based on need.

Individualized Professional Case Management

"Se Habla Espanol" - Bilingual Consultation

Emergency Services - Food, Shelter & Clothing

Identify Resources

Assistance with Agency Applications

Pairing Problems and Solutions

Coordinated Effort with Borough Departments and Organizations

Seasonal Projects

- Winter Holiday giving to Borough Children and their families
- Summer School Supply Drive for Fall giving
- Thanksgiving Baskets sponsored by local charities

All projects are made possible through the generous donations of individuals and local charities.
All donations should be made payable to the: Bergenfield Goodwill Fund

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED FUNDS, TIME AND TALENT

Child Health Conference**

A Child Health Conference (CHC, formerly known as Baby Keep Well) is a place where you can bring your child from ages 2 months to 5 years old to receive healthy child check-ups, childhood immunizations, anemia and lead screenings, and other essential health screenings. Services are provided by the Borough physician and the Public Health Nurses.

The CHC is held from 9:00am - 11:00am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, by

appointment only. There is a \$5.00 fee for each visit. Proof of residency is required.

School-Age Immunization Clinic**

The Health Department provides children ages 11- 18 years with vaccines necessary to attend school in New Jersey. These vaccines include Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella, Hepatitis B and Varicella. Tuberculosis screening is available as required by the NJ Department of Health guidelines.

The School-Aged Immunization Clinic is each Monday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:00pm, appointments preferred. Walk-ins will be taken if current immunization records are presented at time of visit. There is a \$5.00 fee for each visit. Proof of residency is required.

**These services are for children who do not have health insurance coverage, OR who are covered by a health insurance plan that does not cover immunizations.

School Audits

The Public Health Nurse is responsible for the auditing of all immunization records for the private, public, parochial schools, and daycare centers in the Borough, in accordance with the NJ Department of Health regulations.

W.I.C. Program

Bergenfield is a registered WIC site. Representatives are here on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to distribute WIC checks. Public Health Nurses assist in screening the mothers and children for height, weight and anemia blood testing. NJ Family Care Insurance representatives are here on the 4th Monday to accept completed applications, and assist participants in completing NJ Family Care applications.

Please call 973-754-4575 or 800-427-3244 for additional information, or to set up an appointment.

Adult Health Services

Blood pressure screenings and adult health assessments are provided on Thursdays by the Public Health Nurses, appointments are preferred. Our focus is on preventative health care to include client teaching regarding diseases, and referrals as needed. Periodic adult health screenings include Skin Cancer, Podiatry, Pap Smear /Breast Exam, Prostate, and Vision/Hearing. Pneumonia and Influenza vaccinations are available.

Communicable Diseases

The Public Health Nurse is responsible for extensive investigation and follow-up, in accordance with the NJ Department of Health regulations, for all communicable diseases. These diseases include Hepatitis B and C, Food-Borne illnesses, Lyme Disease, Pertussis, and

human contact with Rabies. All investigations are completed in full compliance with the HIPAA regulations for confidentiality, and entered into the NJ Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System.

Food Handling and Managing

The Health Department is responsible for conducting routine inspections of Retail Food Establishments in accordance with NJ State law.

In addition, a Food Handlers' Course is offered for anyone who wants to learn about proper food handling procedures and how to comply with Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Sanitary Code which covers retail food establishments.

The course is offered on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30am-12:00pm. The charge is \$15 per person. Applicants need to come to the Borough Hall court room approximately 15 minutes before the start time to register.

A Food Manager's course is also offered a few times each year. This is a more in-depth course which is given in one day from 9am until 4:30pm. There is an exam given at the end of the day. The exam is prepared and graded by the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, a company located in Florida. This is a nationally recognized certification and satisfies the requirement for Food Manager's Certification in Chapter 24. The class is given in English but the exam may be taken in any one of 7 other languages.

The cost of the class and exam is \$75. Pre-registration is required. Call the Health Department to be placed on the list for the next exam. Exams are scheduled when there are enough people interested.