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QUALITY INSTITUTE NEWS & UPDATES

Connect with Statewide Community Partners through our Upcoming Webinar

Looking for programs, resources, or organizations to support your community?

Connect with organizations across NJ on **August 12 from 12-1:30 p.m.** to learn what they offer, who they serve, and how your community can connect with them.

Partners provide support with:

- Mental health resources
- Food security programs
- Healthy aging initiatives
- Grant funding and capacity-building resources

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Register for the Healthy Town Webinar: Prepare Your Application

Thinking about applying for Healthy Town recognition this year?

Join us on **September 15 at 12 p.m.** to review the application, learn about the Healthy Town criteria, and get tips for preparing a strong submission. This year's webinar is taking place earlier to give municipalities more time to review the criteria, gather information, and strengthen their applications before the deadline. Whether you're applying for the first time or renewing your designation, we'll answer your questions and help you get started.

[Register Here](#)

Explore the Children's Mental Health Mapping Report

The Quality Institute's Children's Mental Health Mapping Report examines how children and families move through New Jersey's mental health system.

The report can help communities:

- Better understand barriers to care
- Identify opportunities for local action
- Support conversations with schools, providers, and community partners

Start with the Executive Summary for a quick overview or explore the full report.

[Read the Executive Summary](#)

[Read the Full Report](#)



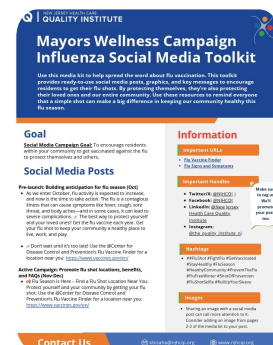
Share Flu Prevention Resources

Help your community prepare for flu season with the [MWC Influenza Social Media Toolkit](#).

The toolkit includes:

- Ready-to-use social media graphics
- Sample social media posts
- Messaging to promote flu vaccination
- Materials to advertise local flu shot clinics

[Access the Influenza Toolkit](#)



Data Tools to Support Community Health Planning

If your municipality is developing a community health plan, identifying local priorities, or preparing a grant application, our recent Maternity Action Plan (MAP) work session offers practical resources to support your work.

During [Data in Practice: Turning Maternal Health Insight into Action](#), experts from the New Jersey Department of Health demonstrated how municipalities and

community organizations can use publicly available data to better understand local needs and inform decision-making. The session featured the Department's [Hunger, Food Security and Maternal Health](#) mapping application, which allows users to explore food insecurity and other social drivers of health by community.

These interactive tools can help municipalities identify areas of need, support data-driven planning, and strengthen funding applications.

[Watch the Webinar](#)

[Explore NJDOH Data Mapping Tools](#)



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Connect Residents to Displaced Homemaker Programs

The Displaced Homemaker Program provides training and employment-related services for individuals who worked in the home for many years and, through the death, disability, or divorce of a spouse, find themselves as the primary source of household income. Displaced Homemaker programs are designed to enhance employability and create new job opportunities. The [Division on Women](#), within the [New Jersey Department of Children and Families](#), administers 22 Displaced Homemaker (DH) programs in 21 counties throughout the state.

[Find a Program Near You](#)

Help Families Access the New Jersey Child Tax Credit

Help families in your community access the [New Jersey Child Tax Credit](#) through [SimpleFile.NJ.gov](#).

The new online tool makes it easier for eligible residents who do not typically file taxes to claim **up to \$1,000 per child under age 6**. The process is free, takes about **15 minutes**, and does not require tax documents. For most families, claiming the credit will **not affect eligibility** for benefits such as SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, or TANF. An Outreach Webinar will be held this afternoon, **July 23, from 1-2 p.m.**

Consider sharing this resource through your municipal website, social media, newsletters, and community partners to help more families access the financial support they qualify for.

[Register for the Outreach Webinar](#)

[Learn More about SimpleFile](#)

Bring Cancer Prevention Education to Your Community

Planning a health fair or community wellness event?

[ScreenNJ](#) offers free community education programs that can:

- Present workshops on cancer prevention and healthy living
- Support health fairs and community events
- Connect residents with Patient Navigators
- Provide educational materials for local outreach

[Request a Community Education Program](#)

Help Residents Find Food Resources

[The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Food Waste Team](#) maintains a statewide directory of food pantries to help residents find food assistance close to home. Share this resource with residents, community partners, and local organizations that connect families to food support.

[View the Food Pantry Directory](#)

Share Heat Safety Resources with Residents

Help residents stay safe during extreme heat. Share information about:

- Cooling center locations
- Heat safety tips
- Resources for older adults, young children, outdoor workers, and other vulnerable populations

[Find Cooling Centers](#)

[View Heat Safety Resources](#)

Share Homelessness Prevention Resources

The [New Jersey Office of Homelessness Prevention](#) provides resources that help residents avoid eviction, access housing assistance, and connect to support services.

Share these resources with residents and community partners who may need assistance.

[Explore Homelessness Prevention Resources](#)

Strengthen Your Community Health Communications with Free Public Health Communications Webinars

Looking for new ways to promote health and wellness in your community?

[The Public Health Communications Collaborative](#) offers free webinars on community engagement, strategic communications, storytelling, media relations, and other topics to strengthen local outreach efforts. Browse their library to find sessions that match your community's needs.

[Explore the Webinar Library](#)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Integrate Health into Your Community's Master Plan with Plan4HealthNJ

Expression of Interest Due: July 29, 2026

Funding Amount: \$20,000

[Plan4HealthNJ](#) helps municipalities integrate health into local planning by supporting the **development of Public Health Elements** or the addition of health strategies to existing Master Plans. Selected communities receive funding, technical assistance, planning expertise, and data tools to advance projects related to housing, transportation, food systems, environmental health, and health care access.

This opportunity is a great fit for communities

Every Land Use Decision Shapes Community Health

Plan4HealthNJ is helping New Jersey municipalities strengthen Master Plans through health-based planning strategies, technical assistance, innovative data tools, and grant funding.

- ✓ \$20,000 Funding Opportunity
- ✓ Public Health Element Support
- ✓ Data & Mapping Resources
- ✓ Planning & Public Health Expertise

APPLY TODAY!
Expression of Interest Due July 29, 2026
plan4healthnj.org

looking to strengthen the connection between planning and public health.

Learn More

Improve Drinking Water in Local Schools with the School Lead Filters Program

The [School Lead Filters Program](#) reimburses eligible New Jersey school districts for purchasing and installing filtered drinking fountains, bottle-filling stations, and filtered faucets to help reduce lead exposure in schools.

While municipalities are not eligible to apply directly, consider sharing this opportunity with your local school district and education partners to help improve access to safe drinking water for students and staff.



LEADFREE Has Your NJ School District Applied?

\$2 MILLION

School Lead Filters Program

Reimbursement for the purchase and installation of

- point-of-use filtered bottle-filling stations and
- filtered faucets

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30

Funding source: NJ Department of Education, pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.76

Contact: leadtesting@doe.nj.gov
More information: <https://www.nj.gov/education/facilities/grants/slf/>

Learn More

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