

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS ARE PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Please inform the Division on Women of available resources that your agency, business, industry, local organization, church or educational institution has which could aid displaced homemakers.

- counseling services
- career planning
- educational opportunities
- job training
- employment opportunities
- other services

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WHO IS A DISPLACED HOMEMAKER?

A displaced homemaker is an individual who:

- has not worked in the labor force for many years but has worked in the home providing unpaid services for family members;
- has been dependent upon the income of another family member but has lost that source of income;
- is receiving public assistance for dependent children in the home and will soon lose that assistance;
- is having difficulty in finding employment or in qualifying for jobs that provide enough income.

HOW MANY DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS ARE THERE IN NEW JERSEY?

A preliminary study indicates that a minimum of 300,000 persons, or 4% of New Jersey's population, fit the description of the displaced homemaker.

U.S. Bureau of the Census reports show that:

- 85% of the women who are now married will be alone at some point of their lives.
- ¼ of all heads of households are female. They are three times more likely to be living below the poverty level than male heads of households.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

The Division on Women is committed to providing displaced homemakers throughout New Jersey with information on services available to help them become economically self-sufficient.

The Division on Women operates a statewide toll-free 24 hour information and referral hot line, **800-322-8092**. This information service provides the displaced homemaker with specific referrals to local resources.

Information is available on:

- counseling on legal, financial, health and other personal matters
- career planning
- educational opportunities
- job training
- employment opportunities
- child care
- laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, education, and credit.



RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Division on Women is mandated under the New Jersey Displaced Homemakers Act (P.L. 1979, C.125) to coordinate and increase availability of services for displaced homemakers who face job discrimination due to their age, sex, and lack of recent work experience. The Division on Women:

- operates a statewide clearinghouse on programs and services available for displaced homemakers.
- offers technical assistance designed to aid public and private social service agencies throughout New Jersey to more effectively meet the needs of displaced homemakers.

NEW JERSEY DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS TASK FORCE

The New Jersey Displaced Homemakers Task Force is a group of over 200 representatives from government and community-based social service agencies, educational institutions, women's organizations, and displaced homemakers themselves. These interested organizations and individuals are volunteering their time and energy to maintain an effective statewide network publicizing the plight of displaced homemakers and addressing their needs. If you would like to become a member of the Task Force contact:

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