

NEW JERSEY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Hope-Healing-Justice

Our Mission

The New Jersey Children's Alliance promotes hope, healing, and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Child Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy, and leadership.

Our Vision:

Every child abuse victim in New Jersey will have access to the hope and healing provided by the full range of quality, comprehensive, coordinated and evidence-informed services offered by Child Advocacy Centers in order to create a world without child abuse.

What we provide:

- Consultation and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers in meeting best practice standards
- Training to multidisciplinary team members and CAC staff to ensure all children have access to evidence-based services
- Advocacy for ongoing funding for CACs
- Educational and informational resources for CAC Clients
- Outreach to communities, child-serving organizations
- Partner agencies to educate on child abuse prevention, intervention, and response
- Know & Tell child abuse prevention education programs

What is child abuse?

In New Jersey, child abuse is legally defined as the physical, sexual, or emotional harm or risk of harm to a child under the age of 18 caused by a parent or other person who acts as a caregiver for the child.

Neglect occurs when a parent or caregiver fails to provide proper supervision for a child or adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, or medical care although financially able or assisted to do so.

What you can do:

There is a continuing wish list which includes some of the following:

- Legislative advocacy for stronger child protection laws
- Host drives for school supplies
- Bag Project needs, toys and more
- Gift cards
- Diapers/wipes
- Reusable water bottles
- Blankets, Childrens jackets, hats, scarves and gloves
- Toiletries, Shampoo
- Monetary donations will help fulfil the continuing needs for the children

Child Advocacy Centers are in every county in the state. Coordinators are there to help you.

I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

The road to dignity

Our Mission:

Through an international network of Affiliates, I Support the Girls collects and distributes essential items, including bras, underwear, and menstrual hygiene products, allowing women and folx experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress to stand tall with dignity.

Together we can make dignity the norm:

In 2015, a moment became a movement. We've been flowing strong all day, every day since.

Working hard for the 50% of population who often suffer most when things go wrong. Because even if all else were equal, biology ensures that it's not.

Who do we support?

- Organizations serving people experiencing homelessness'
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Immigrants and refugees
- Teen mothers
- Incarcerated women
- Schools
- LGBTQIA folx
- Food banks and more!

What you can do:

I Support the Girls (ISTG) New Jersey Affiliates offer many opportunities for collaborative involvement!

- Clubs can collect bras, underwear and menstrual hygiene products
- Sort and prepare donations
- Assemble period kits
- Write thank you cards
- Draw and write inspirational notes to go inside period kits
- Table at events
- Walk in parades representing ISTG
- Do collection drives in their local communities
- ISTG works on a state and local level to advocate for period equity and women's issues, and there may be opportunities to write postcards to local legislators or participate in a "lunch and learn", either in person or virtually.

All these essential volunteer opportunities provide greater equity and dignity to women in New Jersey. We're building a network of love and care. Whether dealing with homelessness, poverty, cancer, menopause, domestic violence, war, natural disaster or.....your compassion goes a long way on the road to dignity.

EMBRELLA

Embracing Families

Mission:

Our mission is to embrace, support, and advocate for children, youth, and families within the child welfare community.

What we do:

Embrella nurtures New Jersey foster children cradle-through-college, via an overlapping network of resources including foster parent training and advocacy, childhood wish-granting, mentoring, emergency funding, and college scholarships.

Monthly support meetings, training and webinars for resources and kinship caregivers.

- Family support advocates
- Training
- Heart to Heart Mentorship
- Life books
- PACES – Pathways to Academic and Career Exploration to Success Coaches
- The New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program-helps youth aging-out of New Jersey's foster care system afford a college education or career technical certification.

What you can do:

- Making calls or writing letters/postcards for any of our advocacy/policy issues,
- Teambuilding activities assembling bags for Bag Project or college care packages
- Running registration, arts and crafts, or games at family events hosted by umbrella
- Hosting small family events for families local to individual clubs
- Roller skating or ice skating, Zoo visits, Zumba class, yoga
- Childhood Wish granting
- Gingerbread house contest with toy giveaway
- Brunch with arts and crafts activity, etc.
- Collect & help distribute toys during annual holiday toy drive
- Assisting at our annual conferences (Kinship; Passport to Education, Peace Summit)
- Holding a workshop/teaching on your area of expertise that will be helpful to the families we serve (in-person or virtual)
- Continue to support college age students with a variety of needed items
- 50th Anniversary Events assistance (planning committee or day of)