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Ocean County Code Blue Program

Overview:

Ocean County's Code Blue Program goes beyond simply providing shelter in cold weather, but also includes major storms and extreme heat conditions as well. The Code Blue Program is initiated when weather poses a threat of serious harm or death to individuals without shelter by providing short term emergency sheltering. The Program exists through a grant from the County that is processed by the Human Services Department who then contracts with the Ocean County Board of Social Services (OCBOSS). The OCBOSS oversees the application of the Program and works in conjunction with the local Salvation Army for implementation. Activation of the Code Blue Program happens as a result of consultation between the County Department of Human Services and the OCBOSS.

Additional Assistance:

As The OCBOSS assists individuals with the Code Blue Program, they will also screen them for other programs at the OCBOSS (GA/TANF/SSI/EA) to ensure that all services the individual may be eligible for are considered, in addition to the Code Blue Program.

Access To The Code Blue Program:

Anyone in need of shelter during a Code Blue is encouraged to go to any of the three OCBOSS locations, Lakewood, Toms River, or Manahawkin Monday- Friday 8:30am- 4:30pm.

Anyone seeking assistance after normal work hours may contact the after hours number for the OCBOSS, listed below under Contact Information.

Code Blue Contact Information:

Ocean County Board of Social Services – 732-349-1500

After Hours Hotline (through CONTACT of Ocean) – 732-240-6100



**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE/
ACCOMMODATIONS
AVAILABLE UPON
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