

## Workforce Investment Board

The Ocean County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is a local partnership of private and public sector representatives that provides coordinated planning, policy guidance and oversight for all workforce readiness programs in Ocean County through the One Stop Career System. The WIB is responsible for:

- Implementing the Workforce Investment Act
- Establishing and overseeing a One Stop Workforce Delivery System to meet the needs of businesses, job seekers and the future workforce.

## Children's Interagency Coordinating Council

The Ocean County C.I.A.C.C. (pronounced like kayak or kai-ak) serves as a mechanism to:

- Advise the County Mental Health Board and the NJ Department of Children and Families in planning for mental health services for children
- Provide the County with a multi-disciplinary forum to review and discuss the system of services for children with special emotional and behavioral needs
- Identify and address barriers to effective service delivery

### Online Resources

American's With Disabilities Act  
[www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

NJ Department of Community Affairs  
[www.state.nj.us/dca](http://www.state.nj.us/dca)

NJ Department of Human Services  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices)

NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
[www.state.nj.us/labor](http://www.state.nj.us/labor)

NJ Division on Mental Health Services  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs)

Ocean County Government Online  
[www.co.ocean.nj.us](http://www.co.ocean.nj.us)

Workforce Investment Act  
[www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia](http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/wia)

### Additional Helpful Websites

[www.oceancountygov.com](http://www.oceancountygov.com)  
[www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)  
[www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)

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## Department of Human Services Overview

The Ocean County Department of Human Services was established to initiate and support program development to address human services needs in Ocean County. The Department aims to develop and sustain productive partnerships with state, county and local organizations; to coordinate service delivery to ensure a comprehensive approach in meeting the needs of the community.

The Department is comprised of the Human Services Advisory Council, the Mental Health Board, the Office for Individuals with Disabilities, the Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, Workforce Investment Board and the Children's Interagency Coordinating Council. Together, each Board and Commission collaborate in the planning, implementation and oversight of programs.

The overall goal of the Department is to coordinate planning efforts, and to facilitate joint program implementation of federal, state, and local programs to meet the diverse needs of individuals, families, and business in the community.

This brochure is designed to provide a general overview of each Board and Commission. If additional information is needed, please contact the Department so that we may assist you.

Visit the Department of Human Services Online

[www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocdhs](http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocdhs)

## Human Services Advisory Council

The Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) is a county-based planning, advisory, and coordinating council dedicated to helping the community meet its human services needs. The HSAC seeks to facilitate, and enhance the delivery of human services through collaborative relationships in the community and between county and state agencies.

The County Human Services Advisory Council is appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to review county-level human service activities; to serve as the primary vehicle for making local recommendations; to assist both county government and the New Jersey Department of Human Services decision making in the areas of:

- Identifying the high priority human service needs for the community
- Coordinating and improving services for target populations, (*children and families in need of services; persons with severe/persistent mental illness; individuals with disabilities; low-income individuals; public assistance recipients; the elderly; homeless individuals & families; under-served populations*)
- Planning, coordinating, and implementing Department of Human Services initiatives at the county level
- Funding priorities and allocations

## Mental Health Board

The Ocean County Mental Health Board is a seven to twelve member public County advisory board responsible for the development of mental health services in Ocean County. The County Mental Health Board is mandated by the New Jersey Community Mental Health Services Act.

The Board makes recommendations, consistent with the County Mental Health Plan, regarding mental health funding and program development in Ocean County to the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the State Division of Mental Health Services. The Board monitors the service delivery and administration of all programs under the Board's jurisdiction and makes recommendations to the State and local government. The Ocean County Mental Health Board's mission is to protect, assist, and empower people with mental illness.

## Office for Individuals with Disabilities

The Ocean County Office for Individuals with Disabilities strives to provide information to individuals with disabilities as well as to their friends and family in order to empower them through knowledge. Community resource information both public and private is made available through an information and referral service, newsletters, a website and through awareness and advocacy activities.

Keeping abreast and apprised of new organizations and programs, aiding in community awareness and American's with Disabilities Act compliance issues are all responsibilities of the Office. All duties of the Office are aimed at the goal of improving the quality of life for all residents of Ocean County and to ensure full and equal participation in all aspects of life.

## Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

The Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women was created by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in October of 1977 under the sponsorship of Ocean County's first woman Freeholder Hazel F. Gluck. The Commission is dedicated to analyzing the needs, concerns, problems and interests as well as identifying services and resources for women in Ocean County.

The Commission's role in Ocean County includes providing the women of Ocean County and their families with both a network and a voice through:

- Information & Awareness - Gathering and updating resource information that is made available to the community through publications, a referral services and awareness activities.
- Collaboration - Coordinates with many organizations and service providers to share information on issues of concern for women and their families.
- Advocacy - Acts as an advocate for women's issues by acting as a liaison providing a bridge to the Board of Chosen Freeholders on matters concerning women in our community.