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  - Community Inclusion Support
  - Pre-Vocational Services
  - Supported Employment - Individual
  - Supported Employment - Small Group
  - Individual Supports

- **Arc of Hunterdon County** 908-730-7827 908-730-7726 Fax 1465 State Route 31S, Suite 23, Annandale, NJ 08801 [www.archunterdon.org](http://www.archunterdon.org)

  - Behavior Modification Program for parents of children with disabilities
  - Family Support Services
  - Saturday Drop-Off Respite Program,
  - Self-Advocacy Program (support groups)
  - Recreation Program
  - Group homes for people with Developmental Disabilities
  - Parenting education
  - DDD funded services
  - DDD Applications Assistance

- **Center for Educational Advancement (CEA)** 908-782-1480 11 Minneakoning Road, Flemington, NJ 08822 [www.cea-nj.org](http://www.cea-nj.org)

  Community Employment & Evaluation/Workplace Readiness/Student Pre-Employment Transition

- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** 5 Veterans Memorial Drive East Suite 101, Somerville, New Jersey 08876-2952

  **Phone:** 908-704-3030

  **Counseling and guidance/information and referral:** VR counselors will offer assistance and coordinate client services consistent with individual employment goals and provide information regarding other available services.

  **Job search skill development:** Guidance in work-search activities, such as resume writing, interviewing, travel, and the job search.
Placement services: Through one-on-one assistance, customers develop job search and interviewing skills, obtain job leads, and receive support during the job search. Depending on the customer’s needs, placement services may include interviewing skills training, soft skills training, on-the-job training (OJT), supported employment (SE), or time-limited job coaching (TLJC).

Time-Limited Job Coaching (TLJC): One-on-one assistance in applying for jobs and/or on-the-job coaching after a job is obtained. Services are time-limited.

Supported Employment (SE): Customers who require an intensive level of job coaching are referred to a supported employment provider for one-on-one assistance in job searching, interviewing skills training, and applying for jobs. The supported employment provider delivers on-the-job coaching to assist the customer in learning job duties and adjusting to the work environment. SE also includes periodic follow-up to make sure the consumer retains his or her job.

Assistive technology evaluations: Assesses an individual’s ability to drive, as well as determines equipment needed to drive safely.

Diagnostic evaluations: Evaluates medical, psychiatric, physiatric, psychological, neurological, or physical barriers to employment to determine eligibility. Evaluations may also be done to determine the client’s needs throughout the rehabilitation process and to provide restorative and accommodation services.

Emotional restoration services: Short-term individual, group, or other counseling to reduce mental health and emotional problems and improve work tolerance and the client’s ability to get and keep a job.

Physical restoration: Satisfies client’s equipment or therapeutic service needs so that the client is able to work. Service addresses physical, occupational, speech therapy, or cognitive therapy needs. Physical Restoration can include helping the client obtain prosthetics or orthotics, such as artificial limbs, braces, special shoes, hearing aids, and eyeglasses (in some instances).

Benefits counseling: Clients who are recipients of SSD/SSI benefits may be referred for Work Incentive Planning and Assistance counseling (WIPA) to determine how working may affect their benefits. Benefits counseling is provided through NJWINS or Full Circle Employment Solutions.

Financial needs assessments: Assesses financial needs of the customer for acquisition of services. DVRS provides "Cost" and "No Cost" services.

Home modifications: Finds home modification services if the modifications are needed for work purposes.

Job accommodations: Employer is advised on worksite accommodations for the employee or provided equipment and assistive technology that will allow an individual to do work tasks more independently, effectively, and safely.

Mobility equipment: Services include referral for evaluation to determine mobility needs and recommended equipment/assistive technology.

Vehicle modifications: Car and van equipment modifications.

College training: Support for participating in a two- or four-year program that leads to a degree. Funding may include tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board, assistive
technology, interpreting services or CART services for the Deaf, and support services, depending on need and financial eligibility. Students are expected to attend school within the State of New Jersey.

**Driver training:** Helps consumers purchase driver training lessons if the lessons are needed for work purposes.

**Skills training:** Vocational school, technology or trade school, and business school training.

**Bilingual services:** DVRS employs vocational counselors who are bilingual Spanish-speaking or fluent in sign language. DVRS also provides interpreting services to assist communication with clients and DVRS staff.

**Interpreting services:** Interpretation services for the Deaf to help with job interviews and new job orientation training. DVRS also provides job coaches who are fluent in American Sign Language.

**Funding startup costs for small business:** Startup costs may be funded for those individuals whose vocational goal is a small business/self-employment. Funding for entrepreneur training may also be provided.

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**Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission**  [www.hunterdonesc.org](http://www.hunterdonesc.org), Fran Leddy, Supervisor  [fleddy@hunterdonesc.org](mailto:fleddy@hunterdonesc.org)

Adult Programs and Services:

- **DDD - Thrive Day Habilitation**  [thrive@hunterdonesc.org](mailto:thrive@hunterdonesc.org)
- **Literacy – Hunterdon County**  [vszymanski@hunterdonesc.org](mailto:vszymanski@hunterdonesc.org), Somerset County  [spettesch@hunterdonesc.org](mailto:spettesch@hunterdonesc.org).
  - Adult Basic Skills
  - High School Equivalency Preparation
  - English Language Acquisition
  - Basic Computer Skills
  - Job Readiness/Resume and Interview Preparation

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**-Progressive Center for Independent Living**  908-782-1055  [www.pcil.org](http://www.pcil.org)

Progressive Center offers Adult Job Readiness Training to help people living with disabilities transition into the working life!

Individuals no longer attending high school in need of pre-employment training would find these services helpful. Individuals are referred to PCIL through their Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Counselor and have an open case through DVRS.

Courses under the A La Carte menu have a comprehensive focus on the development of skills to obtain and maintain competitive employment. DVR counselors can refer you to the following services listed below. Most of the sessions are individual instruction.
Pre-Employment Instructional Support
Rights and Responsibilities: Title I of the ADA
Keys to Obtaining & Retaining Jobs
Working Well with a Disability
Employment Readiness Instructional Support
Community Based Work Experience
Steps in Vocational Planning
Understanding Employee Benefits, Fiscal Compensation & Managing Finances Compensation & Managing Finances
Assistive Technology; Tools to Employment
Employment Job Club
How to Maintain Employment
Time Management and Organization in the Workplace
Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

-StarThrower Group*: 908-655-5234, Mailing address: PO Box 2238, Flemington, NJ 08822, Physical address: 20 Commerce Street, Suite 2013, Flemington, NJ 08822, [www.starthrowergroup.com](http://www.starthrowergroup.com), info@starthrowergroup.com.

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- Speech Therapy (Group/Individual)

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-The Hunterdon County Office on Disability Services:* (908) 788-1361 (VOICE/TDD)

Contact: Barbara Metzger, MSW, LSW, Disability Services Planner

- Information & Referral to Agencies throughout the State
- Advocacy
- Addressing issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), such as discrimination and accessibility
- Planning new or expanded services for people with disabilities when appropriate
- Educational presentations

**Other Resources:** There are also other local, state and federal agencies that serve people with
disabilities; another statewide information and referral resource is the NJ Department of Human Services' Division of Disability Services. This Division can be reached toll-free at 888-285-3036 or 609-292-7800.

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- Individual Supports
- Community Support Services
- Transitional Housing
- Bridges to Employment [www.bridgestoemployment.com](http://www.bridgestoemployment.com) or [www.alternativesinc.org](http://www.alternativesinc.org)

- **The Arc of Somerset County**, 141 S Main St, Manville, NJ 08835-1803, 908-725-8544 [lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org](mailto:lauraz@thearcofsomerset.org)

Adult Employment Services:

- Fostering continued development and growth beyond the school years.
- Center-based and community-based services as well as support for the transition from school to vocational life.
- Center-based adult programs at four facilities in Somerset County to over 200 individuals.
- The focus is to foster positive work attitudes and behaviors while increasing social skill development.
- Assessment, counseling and training, fulfillment and production tasks are offered as a means of developing work skills and earning money while providing business solutions to customers from a variety of industries such as manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, professional services and county organizations. Individuals receive payment for their work in accordance with Department of Labor, Wage and Hour standards.
Community-Based Employment:

- Supported Employment
- Career counseling, evaluation and assessment
- Internships or on-the-job training, and assistance with any job accommodations which may be needed.

Transition Services:

- Transition Services can provide a bridge between school life and working life for individuals with a developmental disability.
- The Arc of Somerset County will attend Individual Educational Plan (IEP) meetings and support the family and the Child Study team in efforts to implement transition plans, visit center-based programs and tour work sites.
- Time limited job sampling and assessments are available throughout the transition year and provide exposure to community work and culture.
- Skills can also be developed to support an individual's efforts to express personal interest.
- Once complete, job development services continue to foster resume creation, interview practice and general employability. After hire, job coaching services assist in acclimating individuals to the work environment and to monitor progress and personal preferences.

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-Office on Aging and Disability Services, Paulann Pierson, Disability Services Coordinator, 27 Warren St, PO Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876 908-704-6346, 908-595-0194

Somerset County Disability Services is and information and referral resource for individuals with disabilities, family members, friends and communities. The goal of the Disability Services is to help improve the quality of life for all residents.

The Somerset County Advisory Council on Disability Issues (ACODI) addresses the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities through educational projects that help to raise awareness, including publications and workshops.

-Matheny School 65 Highland Ave, PO Box 339, Peapack, NJ 07977, 908-234-0011

Adult Service is comprised of two learning centers – one in Hillsborough and the other at Matheny’s main campus in Peapack. The programs are designed to assist our patients in
attaining their highest level of independent functioning while maximizing engagement and satisfaction. This is accomplished by a wide range of disciplines offering a variety of classes, programs and community trips. Additionally, the adult patients are committed to giving back to their community by hosting disability awareness days, guest speaking at elementary schools, creating cards for kids in need, fundraising for local charities and our largest program, Brave Bags, which provides police departments with handmade bags by our patients filled with items that can be provided to children during a crisis situation.

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**VIRTUAL SERVICES:**

- **Disability-Related Job Banks**
  - ABILITY Jobs: [www.abilityjobs.com](http://www.abilityjobs.com)/
  - RecruitABILITY: [www.recruit-ability.com](http://www.recruit-ability.com)/
  - One More Way Foundation: [www.onemoreway.org](http://www.onemoreway.org)/
  - RECRUITDISABILITY: [www.recruitdisability.org](http://www.recruitdisability.org)/
  - Think Beyond the Label: [www.thinkbeyondthelabel.com/job-board](http://www.thinkbeyondthelabel.com/job-board)
  - Talent Acquisition Portal: [www.tapability.org](http://www.tapability.org)/
  - disAbledPerson.com: [www.disabledperson.com](http://www.disabledperson.com/)

- **GettingHired.com**: A place where people with disabilities, employers committed to hiring people with disabilities, service providers, college disability and career services departments, and disability advocacy groups connect: [www.gettinghired.com](http://www.gettinghired.com)
-**Hire Disability Solutions**: Hire Disability Solutions provides comprehensive career services to facilitate employment for people with disabilities, veterans, their family members, and others who face challenges in their lives: [www.hireds.com](http://www.hireds.com)