

**PRE-SCHOOL AND DAY CARE FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

Pre-school for children in out of home placement age 3 to kindergarten is a DYFS requirement and resource parents are responsible for enrollment. There should be a child care liaison in each office that is responsible for assisting the resource parent, child's case worker or Resource Family Support Worker with information on pre-schools and enrollment.

From the policy:

Abbott\* School Districts

In Abbott Districts, full day pre-school and before- and after-care should be free for any child in placement.

Non-Abbott School Districts

**Handicapped:** A child who is classified "pre-school handicapped" by a school district's child study team is eligible for free public pre-school

**Non-handicapped:** A child is eligible for free pre-school if they are considered a protective services case (most pre-school age children in foster care)

Child Care Resource and Referral Centers (formerly Unified Child Care Agencies)

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Centers provide vouchers, pre-school referrals, and resources for children through slots paid for by the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS provides CCR&Rs with a list of child care centers to utilize. Referrals to the CCR&Rs come through the designated "gatekeeper" in each Local Office. There is a CCR&R in each county (go to <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/ucca.html>).

Head Start

The New Jersey Head Start - State Collaboration Project is an early childhood initiative, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services since 1990. The project's purpose is to create multi-agency and public/private partnerships with Head Start programs at the state level. These partnerships are intended to help build early childhood systems, enhance access to comprehensive services for low-income families, encourage collaboration among Head Start and other appropriate programs and services, and facilitate the involvement of Head Start in state policies, plans, processes, and decisions affecting the Head Start target population. In order to qualify for Head Start pre-school, the caregiver must meet the federal poverty index guidelines (100% of the poverty index). Some Head Start programs provide transportation.

\* "Abbott" is the short-hand description of a series of New Jersey Supreme Court decisions growing out of litigation filed in 1981 in behalf of children residing in New Jersey's most economically disadvantaged municipalities.

"Abbott" is the first-named plaintiff, but the name is now used to distinguish the 31 school districts selected by the Court and the Legislature to benefit from state financial assistance and to implement specific remedies mandated by the Court. (<http://www.nj.gov/njded/abbotts/about/>)

**CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTERS (CCR&Rs)  
(FORMERLY UNIFIED CHILD CARE AGENCIES)****Atlantic County**

*Pleasantville Abbott District*  
 Carol Parish, Director  
 Child Care Network  
 201 Shore Road  
 P.O. Box 311  
 Northfield, NJ 08225  
 (609) 646-1180  
 Fax (609) 645-8877  
[www.acwc.org](http://www.acwc.org)

**Bergen County**

*Garfield Abbott District*  
 Linda Kriegel, Executive Director  
 Office for Children  
 One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor  
 Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076  
 201 336-7150 Fax: 201 336-7155  
[www.co.bergen.nj.us/BCDHS/divisions/children.htm](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/BCDHS/divisions/children.htm)

**Burlington County**

*Burlington City, Pemberton Abbott Districts*  
 Silas Townsend, Executive Director  
 Burlington Co. Community Action Program  
 718 South Route 130  
 Burlington, NJ 08016  
 609 261-9222 Fax: 609 835-9879  
[http://www.bccap.org/BCCAP\\_ChildCare.html](http://www.bccap.org/BCCAP_ChildCare.html)

**Camden County**

*Camden City, Gloucester City Abbott Districts*  
 Sister Donna Minster, Program Director  
 Camden County Division for Children  
 Jefferson House, Lakeland Road  
 PO Box 88  
 Blackwood, NJ 08012  
 856 374-6376 Fax: 856 374-5148  
[camdencounty.com/health/healthserv/children.html](http://camdencounty.com/health/healthserv/children.html)

**Cape May County**

Elmoria Thomas, Program Director  
 Educational Information and Resource Center  
 4005 Route 9 South  
 Rio Grande, NJ 08242  
 609 886-5164 Fax: 609 886-6549  
[www.eirc.org/child\\_care](http://www.eirc.org/child_care)

**Cumberland County**

*Bridgeton, Millville, Vineland Abbott Districts*  
 Albert Kelly, Executive Director  
 Judy Weinstein, Program Director  
 Tri-County Child Care Services  
 110 Cohansey Street  
 Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
 856 451-6330 or 8100  
 Fax: 856 455-7288  
[www.tricountycaa.org](http://www.tricountycaa.org)

**Essex County**

*EOrange, Irvington, Newark, Orange Abbott Dist*  
 Barbara Fedoroff, CEO  
 Programs for Parents  
 33 Washington Street  
 Newark, NJ 07102  
 973 297-1114 Fax: 973 297-5976  
 Laura (973 733-4188), Magda (973 733-4133)  
<http://www.programsforparents.com>

**Gloucester County**

Elmoria Thomas, Program Director  
 Educational Information and Resource Center  
 606 Delsea Drive  
 Sewell, NJ 08080  
 856 582-8282 Fax: 856 582-4714  
[www.eirc.org/child\\_care](http://www.eirc.org/child_care)

**Hudson County**

*Harrison, Hoboken, Jersey City, Union City, West New York Abbott Districts*  
 Elnora Watson, CEO  
 Alice DuPlessis, Program Director  
 Urban League of Hudson County  
 253 Martin Luther King Drive  
 Jersey City, NJ 07307  
 201 451-8888 Fax: 201 451-1808  
 or 201 433-4665  
[http://www.ulohc.org/childrens\\_services.htm](http://www.ulohc.org/childrens_services.htm)

**Hunterdon County**

Sharon Giacchino, Program Director  
 NORWESCAP  
 63 Main Street, Suite 206  
 Flemington, NJ 08822  
 908 782-8183 Fax: 908 782-3498  
[www.norwescap.org](http://www.norwescap.org)

**Mercer County***Trenton Abbott District*

Nancy Thomson, Executive Director  
 Child Care Connection  
 1001 Spruce Street, Suite 201  
 Trenton, NJ 08638  
 609 989-7770 Fax: 609 989-8060 or 7770  
[www.childcareconnection-nj.org](http://www.childcareconnection-nj.org)

**Middlesex County***New Brunswick, Perth Amboy Abbott Districts*

Mary Jane DiPaolo, Director  
 Catholic Charities  
 103 Center Street  
 Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
 732 324-4357 ext 107 Fax: 732 826-4136  
<http://www.ccdom.org/ucc.asp>

**Monmouth County***Asbury Park, Keansburg, Long Branch, Neptune Twp. Abbott Districts*

John Yaecker, Director  
 Child Care Services  
 3301C Hwy. 66  
 Neptune, N.J. 07753  
 732 918-9901 Fax: 732 918-9902  
[www.ccsmc.org](http://www.ccsmc.org)

**Morris County**

Kathy Ross, Director  
 Child and Family Resources  
 111 Howard Boulevard  
 Mount Arlington, NJ 07856  
 973-398-1730 Fax: 973-398-0319  
[www.childandfamily-nj.org](http://www.childandfamily-nj.org)

**Ocean County**

Gwen Forte, Supervisor  
 CHS Child Care  
 761 River Avenue, Suite B  
 Lakewood, NJ 08701  
 732 905-6363 Fax: 732 905-4489  
[www.chsofnj.org](http://www.chsofnj.org)

**Passaic County***Passaic City, Paterson Abbott Districts*

Mary Ann Mirko, Executive Director  
 North Jersey 4Cs  
 101 Oliver Street  
 Paterson, NJ 07501  
 973 684-1904 Fax: 973 684-0468  
[www.nj4c.com](http://www.nj4c.com)

**Salem County***Salem City Abbott District*

Lisa Ford, Program Coordinator  
 Tri-County Child Care Services  
 14 New Market Street  
 Salem, NJ 08079  
 856 935-7739 Fax: 856 935-0920  
[www.tricountycaa.org](http://www.tricountycaa.org)

**Somerset County**

Mary Jane DiPaolo, Director  
 Catholic Charities  
 94 Grove Street  
 Somerville, NJ 08876  
 908 927-0869 Fax: 908 927-9653  
<http://www.ccdom.org/ucc.asp>

**Sussex County**

Sharon Giacchino, Program Director  
 NORWESCAP

186 Halsey Road, Suite 1  
 Newton, NJ 07860  
 973 383-3461 Fax 973 383-8222  
[www.norwescap.org](http://www.norwescap.org)

**Union County***Elizabeth, Plainfield Abbott Districts*

Patricia Mennuti, Executive Director  
 Community Coordinated Child Care  
 225 Long Avenue, Bldg 15  
 Hillside, NJ 07205  
 973 923-1433 Fax: 973 923-1311  
[www.cccunion.org](http://www.cccunion.org)

**Warren County***Phillipsburg Abbott District*

Sharon Giacchino, Program Director  
 NORWESCAP  
 350 Marshall Street  
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
 908 454-1078 Fax: 908 454-3117  
[www.norwescap.org](http://www.norwescap.org)