

STRONGER IN THE LIGHT

Survivor Resource Directory

Atlantic County, New Jersey

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This directory is a work in progress and will be verified and updated on an ongoing basis. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Mission & Scope

Stronger in the Light is a resource directory intended to serve survivors of:

- Childhood sexual abuse
- Adult sexual assault
- Incest
- Grooming
- Ritual abuse
- Sex trafficking
- Sexual exploitation
- Online sexual exploitation
- Child sexual exploitation
- Sexual abuse occurring in institutional, familial, faith-based, educational, athletic, residential, or other settings

Each entry below follows a consistent format so survivors, family members, and professionals can quickly identify who a resource is for, what it actually helps with, and how to reach it — not just a phone number. This edition covers Atlantic County, New Jersey, and is part of a directory intended to expand to every county in every U.S. state over time.

A note on accuracy: every entry has been cross-checked against at least one, and in most cases multiple, publicly available sources (organizational websites, state agency directories, and court/prosecutor records) as of the verification date listed. Organizations occasionally change phone numbers, hours, or program names — please confirm details directly with the organization when using this directory for an urgent need.

Atlantic County, New Jersey Resource Directory

AVANZAR (formerly The Women's Center / Atlantic County Women's Center)

Category: Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Crisis Center (County Rape Crisis Program)

Address: 927 North Main Street, Building D, Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Phone: (609) 601-9925 (office)

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-286-4184 (24-Hour Hotline); (609) 569-5437 (24-Hour Text Line)

Website: <https://avanzarnow.org/>

Counties Served: Atlantic County (primary); statewide for Dream Free human trafficking program (see separate entry)

Services Offered: 24-hour crisis hotline and text line; hospital, police, and court accompaniment for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors; individual and group counseling; emergency and confidential shelter; legal advocacy; children's counseling; prevention education and community outreach; bilingual (Spanish) services.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County (adults, teens, children, family members, or professionals) who has experienced sexual assault, incest, or domestic violence and needs crisis support, counseling, shelter, or advocacy through the hospital, police, or court process.

Languages: English, Spanish (bilingual staff)

Hours: 24/7 hotline and text line; office hours Monday-Friday for scheduled services

Cost: Free / no-cost

Referral Needed: No — self-referral, walk-in, or professional referral all accepted

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: avanzarnow.org; womenslaw.org NJ Local Programs directory; NJCASA Find Help county directory; NJ DCF Hotlines page

AVANZAR — Dream Free Program

Category: Human Trafficking Survivor Services (Statewide, Youth-Focused)

Address: 927 North Main Street, Building D, Pleasantville, NJ 08232 (administrative base; services delivered statewide)

Phone: (609) 601-9925

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-286-4184 (24-Hour Hotline)

Website: <https://avanzarnow.org/programs-and-services/human-trafficking/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Crisis response and trauma-responsive counseling for survivors of any form of human trafficking (sex and labor); system/legal advocacy; safe and protective shelter coordination; in-community outreach and prevention education; survivor mentoring.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Youth and young adults (age 21 and under) who are current or former victims of sex or labor trafficking, or professionals/family members seeking to connect a young survivor to services.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: 24/7 hotline

Cost: Free / no-cost

Referral Needed: No — self-referral, law enforcement, or professional referral

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *avanzarnow.org Dream Free program page; NJ State Police Human Trafficking Resources page*

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office — Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy

Category: Governmental Victim Advocacy Unit

Address: 4997 Unami Boulevard, Suite 2, P.O. Box 2002, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 909-7860 (main); (609) 909-7800 ask for Victim Advocacy Unit

24-Hour Hotline: N/A (after-hours: leave a message)

Website: <https://www.acpo.org/unit/80>

Counties Served: Atlantic County

Services Offered: Case-specific support and information for victims and witnesses moving through the criminal justice system; referrals to community services; assistance with Victims of Crime Compensation applications; notification of court dates and case status; courtroom accompaniment.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Crime victims (including sexual assault and abuse survivors) who have a case moving through the Atlantic County criminal justice system and need help navigating it, or who want to learn what services and rights are available to them.

Languages: English; interpretation available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free / no-cost

Referral Needed: No — victims may contact directly, though most are connected via an open criminal case

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *acpo.org; NJ OAG County Victim/Witness Coordinators list; NJ Courts VW Portal help desk directory*

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office — Special Victims Unit & Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program

Category: Law Enforcement Investigative Unit / Forensic Medical Program

Address: 4997 Unami Boulevard, Suite 2, P.O. Box 2002, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 (satellite office in Atlantic City)

Phone: (609) 909-7800

24-Hour Hotline: Call 911 for immediate danger; contact local police or hospital ER to activate SANE response

Website: <https://www.acpo.org/>

Counties Served: Atlantic County

Services Offered: Investigation of child abuse and sexual assault allegations; forensic interviewing; coordination of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) forensic medical exams following a sexual assault; trial preparation and case coordination with local police departments.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Survivors of sexual assault (adult or child) who are reporting to police, or who go to a local emergency room and need a trauma-informed forensic medical exam performed by a specially trained nurse.

Languages: English; interpretation available on request

Hours: 24/7 for emergency SANE response via hospital ER; business hours for the unit office

Cost: Free — sexual assault forensic exams are provided at no cost to the patient in New Jersey

Referral Needed: No — accessible directly through any local emergency room or police department

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office 2023 Annual Report (public.powerdms.com); [acpo.org](https://www.acpo.org)

Atlantic County Child Advocacy Center

Category: Child Advocacy Center (Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Response)

Address: 4997 Unami Boulevard, Suite 2, P.O. Box 2002, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 909-7929

24-Hour Hotline: N/A — coordinate through Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office or Child Abuse Hotline 1-877-NJ-ABUSE

Website: <http://acpo.org/>

Counties Served: Atlantic County

Services Offered: Coordinated, child-friendly forensic interviews for children alleging abuse; medical evaluation coordination; multidisciplinary team case review (law enforcement, prosecutors, DCP&P, medical and mental health professionals); family advocacy and referrals to counseling.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Children and non-offending family members involved in a child sexual abuse or physical abuse investigation, and professionals (teachers, doctors, clergy) who need to coordinate a report.

Languages: English; interpretation available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, business hours (case coordination); accessible 24/7 through the Prosecutor's Office for emergencies

Cost: Free / no-cost

Referral Needed: Typically initiated by law enforcement, DCP&P, or a mandated reporter, but families and professionals can call directly

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: NJ Children's Alliance CAC directory (Cape-Atlantic ResourceNet); NJ DCF Child Advocacy Centers page; NJCA CAC-MDT Advisory Board roster

Atlantic County Sheriff's Office — Domestic Violence Unit

Category: Law Enforcement Unit

Address: 4997 Unami Boulevard, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 909-7200

24-Hour Hotline: Call 911 for immediate danger

Website: <http://www.acsheriff.org/services/units/domestic-violence.asp>

Counties Served: Atlantic County

Services Offered: Service of temporary and final restraining orders; weapons seizure related to domestic violence cases; safety planning coordination with victim services.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County who has obtained (or needs to enforce) a restraining order connected to domestic or sexual violence.

Languages: English; interpretation available on request

Hours: Business hours; 911 for emergencies at any time

Cost: Free / no-cost

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *acsheriff.org Domestic Violence Unit page*

South Jersey Legal Services — Atlantic County Office

Category: Free Civil Legal Aid

Address: 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Mezzanine Floor, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 348-4200; central intake (800) 496-4570

24-Hour Hotline: N/A

Website: <https://sjlslaw.org/>

Counties Served: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem counties

Services Offered: Free civil legal representation and advice for eligible low-income survivors, including restraining orders, family law/custody matters connected to abuse, public benefits, and housing protection.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Low-income survivors of sexual assault, incest, or domestic violence in Atlantic County who need help with a restraining order, custody matter, or related civil legal issue and cannot afford a private attorney.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, business hours

Cost: Free for income-eligible clients

Referral Needed: No — call central intake line to apply

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *womenslaw.org NJ Legal Assistance directory; njrestrainingorderlawyers.com Atlantic County page*

Legal Services of New Jersey — PROTECT Anti-Human Trafficking Legal Program

Category: Free Civil Legal Aid (Human Trafficking, Statewide)

Address: P.O. Box 1357, Edison, NJ 08818-1357

Phone: 1-844-576-5776

24-Hour Hotline: N/A

Website: <https://www.isnjlaw.org/Victims-of-Crime/Human-Trafficking/Pages/default.aspx>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Holistic, free civil legal services for survivors of sex or labor trafficking regardless of age or immigration status, including immigration relief (T-visas, VAWA), benefits access, and record clearing.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Survivors of any form of human trafficking in Atlantic County who need civil legal help, including undocumented survivors.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, business hours

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *Isnjlaw.org PROTECT program page; NJ State Police Human Trafficking Resources page*

Atlantic County Superior Court — Family Division, Domestic Violence Unit

Category: Court / Restraining Order Filing Office

Address: Civil Courts Building, 1201 Bacharach Blvd., West Wing, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 345-6700

24-Hour Hotline: After hours, weekends, and holidays: contact local police, who can reach an on-call judge

Website:

<https://www.njcourts.gov/self-help/domestic-violence/temporary-restraining-orders-contacts>

Counties Served: Atlantic County

Services Offered: Filing of Temporary and Final Restraining Orders (TROs/FROs) under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and the state's non-domestic 'stranger loophole' law; domestic violence case hearings.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Survivors in Atlantic County who need to file for, or attend a hearing for, a restraining order against someone who has abused or assaulted them, including in non-domestic relationships since 2023.

Languages: English; court interpreters available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free to file

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *NJ Courts TRO county contacts page; njrestrainingorderlawyers.com Atlantic County restraining order information; njfamilylawllc.com Atlantic County Family Court page*

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Category: Mental Health Support

Website: <tel:18009506264>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Category: Legal Resources

Website: <https://www.nsvrc.org/>

Services Offered: Legal information and resources

New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO)

Category: Governmental Financial Assistance Program (Statewide)

Address: Statewide office; applications also available through the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Victim/Witness Unit

Phone: 1-877-658-2221

24-Hour Hotline: N/A

Website: <https://www.njoag.gov/vcco/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Financial compensation (up to \$25,000, or \$35,000 for catastrophic injury) for crime victims, including sexual assault and abuse survivors, to help cover counseling, medical bills, lost wages, and relocation costs.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Any Atlantic County survivor of a reported crime — including sexual assault, incest, or trafficking — who has out-of-pocket costs related to counseling, medical care, or safety needs.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available on request

Hours: Monday-Friday, business hours

Cost: Free to apply

Referral Needed: No — victims apply directly; Victim/Witness Advocates can assist with the application

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *njoag.gov VCCO Contact Us page; njoag.gov VCCO Victims page; OVC Help for Victims NJ state page*

RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline

Category: Crisis Hotlines

Address: National (operated by RAINN)

Phone: 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE)

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-656-4673, 24/7; online chat at hotline.rainn.org

Website: <https://www.rainn.org>

Services Offered: 24/7 confidential support for survivors of sexual assault; automatically routes callers to a local affiliate crisis center; online chat option for those who prefer not to call.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone who wants an immediate, anonymous option (phone or online chat) before or instead of contacting a local agency directly.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available by phone

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *rainn.org; widely cited as the national sexual assault hotline operator and NJCASA's national partner*

Start Anew Project

Category: Empowerment & Support

Website: <https://www.startanewproject.org/>

Services Offered: Skills & resources to build independence

The Network/La Red Hotline

Category: LGBTQ+ Survivor Support

Website: <https://www.tnlr.org/en/24-hour-hotline/>

Services Offered: Support for LGBTQ+, kink, and polyamorous survivors

WomensLaw Safety Planning

Category: Safety Planning

Website: <https://www.womenslaw.org/safety-planning>

Services Offered: Practical safety planning information

New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) — Child Abuse Hotline

Category: Governmental Child Protective Services (Statewide)

Address: Statewide central registry; local Atlantic County DCP&P office assigns cases by area

Phone: 1-877-NJ-ABUSE (1-877-652-2873); TTY 1-800-835-5510

24-Hour Hotline: 1-877-NJ-ABUSE, 24/7

Website: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Intake and investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse; child safety assessment and, when necessary, protective placement; connection to family support and treatment services.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County — including mandated reporters (teachers, doctors, clergy) and family members — who has reasonable cause to believe a child is being abused or neglected, including sexually abused, and needs to make a report.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available on request; TTY for deaf/hard of hearing

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No — reports can be made anonymously

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: NJ DCF Hotlines and Helplines page; NJAAP Child Abuse and Neglect Guidance booklet

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) — Statewide Hotline & Referral

Category: Statewide Sexual Violence Coalition

Address: Statewide advocacy organization; routes calls to the closest county rape crisis center (AVANZAR for Atlantic County)

Phone: 1-609-631-4450 (office)

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-601-7200, 24/7

Website: <https://njcasa.org/find-help/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey); calls from Atlantic County are routed to AVANZAR

Services Offered: 24-hour confidential hotline connecting callers to their nearest county-based rape crisis center; statewide advocacy, training, and prevention education; directory of culturally specific sexual violence programs.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County unsure of where to start after a sexual assault, or who prefers to speak with a statewide hotline before being connected locally.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available

Hours: 24/7 hotline

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *njcasa.org Find Help page; NJ DCF Hotlines page; NJ OAG Hotlines page*

New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline

Category: Statewide Crisis Hotline

Address: Statewide hotline

Phone: 1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-572-7233, 24/7

Website: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/women/hotlines/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Confidential crisis intervention, safety planning, information, and referral for domestic violence victims and their families; bilingual and TTY-accessible.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County experiencing domestic violence alongside or separate from sexual abuse who needs immediate crisis support or referral to local shelter and services.

Languages: English, Spanish; TTY accessible

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: NJ DCF Hotlines page; NJ OAG Hotlines page

New Jersey Human Trafficking 24-Hour Hotline

Category: Statewide Crisis Hotline

Address: Statewide hotline

Phone: 855-END-NJ-HT (855-363-6548)

24-Hour Hotline: 855-363-6548, 24/7

Website: <https://www.nj.gov/njsp/division/operations/human-trafficking.shtml>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Anonymous 24-hour hotline for reporting suspected human trafficking or seeking help as a survivor; connects to NJ State Police Human Trafficking Unit and local victim services.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone in Atlantic County who suspects trafficking activity (a known hot-spot area given Atlantic City's tourism and casino industry) or who is a survivor needing help.

Languages: English; interpretation available

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: NJ State Police Human Trafficking Resources page; WHYY news coverage of NJ State Police Human Trafficking Unit

Covenant House New Jersey

Category: Human Trafficking & Homeless Youth Services (Statewide)

Address: Statewide call center; physical youth shelter located in Atlantic City, NJ

Phone: South Jersey line: 609-348-4070

24-Hour Hotline: 24/7 Call Center: 862-240-2453

Website: <https://www.covenanthousenj.org>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), with a dedicated South Jersey/Atlantic City site

Services Offered: 24/7 call center support, case management, and case coordination for survivors of human trafficking of any age and housing status; emergency shelter and long-term housing for homeless and trafficked youth in Atlantic City.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Homeless, runaway, or trafficked youth and young adults in or near Atlantic County who need emergency shelter, case management, or trafficking-specific support.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: 24/7 call center

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *NJ State Police Human Trafficking Resources page; covenanthousenj.org*

New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SAFE-NJ)

Category: Statewide Human Trafficking Coalition & Referral Directory

Address: Statewide coalition

Phone: 201-903-2111

24-Hour Hotline: Referrals via National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Website: <https://www.safernj.org/survivor-resources>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: Statewide coalition of over 180 organizations; maintains a searchable survivor-resource database by county, community education, and coordinated advocacy efforts.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Survivors, family members, or professionals in Atlantic County looking for a broader directory of anti-trafficking resources beyond the primary hotlines.

Languages: English; varies by referral partner

Hours: Business hours for coalition office; refer to 24/7 hotlines for crisis needs

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *safernj.org homepage and Survivor Resources page*

After Silence

Category: Empowerment & Support

Website: <https://www.aftersilence.org/>

Services Offered: Online support community

Crisis Text Line

Category: Mental Health Support

Website: <sms:741741>

Services Offered: Text HOME to 741741

FORGE

Category: LGBTQ+ Survivor Support

Website: <https://forge-forward.org/>

Services Offered: Resources and support for trans and non-binary survivors

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Category: Safety Planning

Address: National (operated by Polaris Project)

Phone: 1-888-373-7888; Text 233733

24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-373-7888, 24/7; TTY 711

Website: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en>

Services Offered: 24/7 confidential hotline for reporting a trafficking tip, requesting a referral, or reaching out for crisis-related services such as emergency shelter or crisis response.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Anyone who suspects trafficking, or a survivor of sex or labor trafficking who needs immediate crisis support or referral to local services.

Languages: English, Spanish, and multiple languages via interpretation

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: humantraffickinghotline.org; NJ State Police Human Trafficking Resources page

NJ 2-1-1

Category: Statewide General Social Services Referral Line

Address: Statewide referral service

Phone: 2-1-1

24-Hour Hotline: 2-1-1, 24/7

Website: <https://www.nj211.org/>

Counties Served: Statewide (New Jersey), including Atlantic County

Services Offered: General referral line connecting callers to local social services of all kinds, including emergency shelter, food assistance, mental health services, and crisis lines; can help identify additional Atlantic County resources not listed here.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Survivors or family members in Atlantic County who need help identifying practical support (housing, food, transportation, mental health referrals) alongside abuse-specific services.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation available

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: [nj211.org](https://www.nj211.org/); NJ OAG VCCO Other Resources page

RAINN Online Hotline

Category: Crisis Hotlines

Website: <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

Services Offered: Chat with a trained support specialist

VictimConnect

Category: Legal Resources

Website: <tel:18554842846>

Services Offered: Legal and support resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Category: Crisis Hotlines

Website: <tel:18007997233>

Services Offered: Available 24/7

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

Category: Crisis Hotlines

Address: National (operated by Childhelp)

Phone: 1-800-422-4453 (4-A-CHILD)

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-422-4453, 24/7; text 1-800-422-4453

Website: <https://www.childhelp.org>

Services Offered: 24/7 crisis intervention, information, and referrals for children, adult survivors of childhood abuse, and concerned adults; professional crisis counselors available by phone or text.

Who This Resource Is Best For: Children currently experiencing abuse, or adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse or incest who want to talk to someone anonymously outside the local system.

Languages: English, Spanish; interpretation in 170+ languages

Hours: 24/7

Cost: Free

Referral Needed: No

Last Verified: July 2026

Verification Sources: *childhelp.org; widely cited national child abuse hotline*
