

## UPDATE - NOTICE TO CARC'S CLIENTS AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

We are experiencing very challenging times with the reality of the Covid-19 in our country. During this time, Community Affairs and Resources Center (CARC) is continuing to provide services to the community to the best of our ability.

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines and decrease the risk of exposure and spread of the Covid-19, CARC's offices will be closed to "walk-ins" from members of the public. We will only allow a very limited number of clients in the building for one-on-one appointments, and they need to be pre-registered and pre-screened for any Covid-19 symptoms. Clients will only be seen if they have an appointment made over the phone in advance. Staff and clients will wear masks at all times while in the office.

CARC staff will otherwise continue to provide our BILINGUAL services via phone and electronic communications every day from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. CARC's office phone number 732-774-3282 will be answered daily between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. All staff can also be reached by email.

- Rental assistance eligibility screening will continue by phone 732-774-3282 every day between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. Applications for the Covid-19 Pandemic Relief program, and for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing programs, will be filled out over the phone, and appointments made by pre-registration only for clients to come in to sign and provide supporting documentation.
- For assistance with food insecurity through our Covid-19 Pandemic Relief program, please call 732-774-3282 to be screened for eligibility. CARC also has a Free Farmer's Markets on Fridays that you can call to pre-register for. Call 732-774-3282 and ask for Dana.
- Our program "Building Resilience in Children and Families during the Covid-19 Pandemic" is offering online workshops every Thursday, in Spanish 9.30-10.30 am and 12-1 pm, and workshops in English 1-2 pm. Call CARC at 732-774-3282 to sign up.
- The Hispanic Women's Resource Center and the Empowerment Center are assisting all of our clients via phone calls and emails to apply for unemployment, or also in some cases, to find employment. Our Empowerment Center offers online Job readiness and Motivational workshops online every Friday at 1 pm. Please contact us at 732-774-3282 or email [pmarin@carcnj.org](mailto:pmarin@carcnj.org).
- The Pathways program will continue online.
- We are offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes online. Email [aholmscheller@carcnj.org](mailto:aholmscheller@carcnj.org) for more information.
- CARC's Hispanic Women Resource Center's Support groups are available online every Friday at 10 am and 2 pm. We are also offering Post-partum Depression Workshops for pregnant women on Thursdays. Contact [pmarin@carcnj.org](mailto:pmarin@carcnj.org) for more information.
- For Emergency Domestic and Family violence cases please call us at 732-774-3282. You can also call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 at 1-800-799-7233.
- The Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program is conducting eligibility screening over the phone and making appointments for inspections and applications. Please call CARC at 732-774-3282 or email [aholmscheller@carcnj.org](mailto:aholmscheller@carcnj.org) if you are interested in enrolling.
- The "Eat Healthy - Be Active" workshop program is offered online in English and Spanish and is available for collaborations with community partner agencies. If your agency would like to offer this program to your clients, or if you would like to join the online classes, please call 732-774-3282 or email [euter@carcnj.org](mailto:euter@carcnj.org)
- The Just 4 Senior Program is contacting every client on a weekly basis, regarding their physical and mental health. We are here for our seniors whom we know are the most affected population. Fridays at 12 pm we will have a group call via google duo for those of our seniors that can attend. Please call 732-774-3282 and ask for Ana to register.
- CARC staff is also providing extensive education and outreach to educate the community on the 2020 Census, as well as assisting them in filling it out.

CARC will continue to share culturally and linguistically responsive information with our communities in both English and Spanish. See our Facebook page for daily updates of relevant information in English and Spanish.