

# Homelessness MATTERS



NEWS & NOTES

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Sharing resources and knowledge helps us all do better — if you run across any gems you think would be a good read for your peers, please let us know at [info@NJCEH.org](mailto:info@NJCEH.org).

## RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

### For NJ's Family Shelters – NJ Children's System of Care Overview Presentation

A training for leadership staff at NJ shelters

**Wednesday, May 15th at 2pm**

The presentation will be 1.5 hours, and will include a Q & A.

**Zoom Link** Meeting ID: 161 862 5851

### Free Naloxone Training – Presented by the NJ Harm Reduction Coalition

Please Keep in mind this training is only accepting a maximum of 30 participants

**Thursday, June 27th at 12pm.**

**Register in advance** for this meeting:

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

### Upcoming Trainings –

**June: Mental Health 101 Part 1 (June 18th)**

**July: Mental Health 101 Part 2 (Date TBD)**

**August: Suicide Prevention (Date TBD)**

***Details on how to register coming soon!***

### FREE PPE and Covid Test Kits Available for Homeless Service Providers

The Coalition has FREE Covid-19 rapid test kits and PPE ready for distribution. We also offer free infection control consultations for homeless service providers at no cost. Complete the form below to place your order and/or express interest in a consultation for your organization today!

[PPE/Test Kits](#)



## [There's a Push in NJ to Build Affordable Housing in Backyards Here's What Towns Are Doing](#)

*NorthJersey.com*

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are becoming popular solutions for addressing the affordable housing shortage across the country, allowing for more housing options on single-family properties. Proposed legislation in New Jersey aims to incentivize towns to allow ADUs and provide funding for homeowners to build these units, potentially offering a solution to the housing crisis in the state.



## [NJ Ranks as the Worst for this Hot Housing Trend](#)

*NJ 101.5.com*

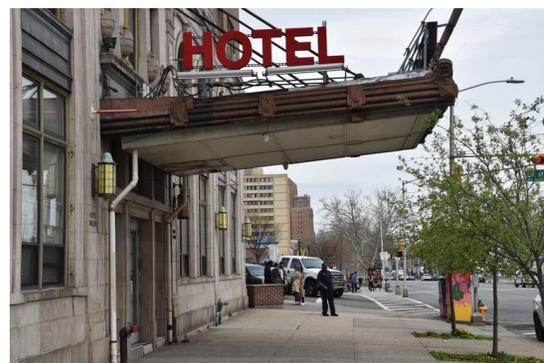
New Jersey, despite being the most densely populated state in the country, ranks dead last for tiny house living due to government regulations and restrictions on housing and building. While the state's conditions are suitable for the tiny house trend, the complex rules, and regulations, along with Pinelands regulations, hinder the development of tiny houses in New Jersey.

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## [Newark OKs 5.89M in Homeless Funding Amid Questions on Shelter Condition](#)

*TAP into Newark*

The Newark City Council has allocated \$5.89 million in federal funding for homeless sheltering services, prompting questions about shelter provider operations, particularly at the Hotel Riviera. Concerns about conditions at the shelter have led to calls for improved quality of services and code compliance, with further scrutiny and discussions requested from shelter operators by council members.



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## [What Use to Be Public Housing Is Becoming Affordable Housing](#)

*VPM*

Public housing authorities are embracing new approaches to address the increasing demand for housing assistance amid limited federal

support, advocating for mixed-income, mixed-use housing communities to provide comprehensive support and opportunities for families in need. Affordable housing managers are championing modern affordable housing



### [How Do You Help Patients Who Show Up in the ER 100 Times a Year](#)

*NJPR*

Larry Moore's remarkable recovery from addiction and homelessness to stability and sobriety highlights the profound impact of the Camden Coalition's integrated care approach, providing essential medical attention, addiction treatment, and secure housing. Moore's success story underscores the key lessons learned in healthcare interventions, emphasizing individualized, ongoing support, enhanced investment in social services, streamlined coordination among providers, and a shift in defining success to effectively address multifaceted health and social challenges.



### [US Top Court May Penalize Homelessness in NJ, Other States](#)

*NJ Spotlight News*

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether it is cruel and unusual punishment to fine, ticket, or jail homeless individuals for sleeping outside on public property when they have nowhere else to go. Housing advocates argue that criminalizing homelessness only perpetuates the issue and that individuals need access to safe, affordable housing to truly address the problem.

**We love to share news about Homelessness Service Agencies' accomplishments, events and noteworthy activities with Coalition members — If you or your organization has something to share, please send it to us at [info@NJCEH.org](mailto:info@NJCEH.org)**





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