
**GREATER BERGEN
COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.**



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GBCA Is Still Providing Services Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Hackensack, NJ – While Greater Bergen Community Action Inc. (GBCA) buildings are temporarily closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federally-designated anti-poverty agency of Bergen County, which also provides services such as Head Start and Early Head Start to the cities of Paterson and Jersey City, says its commitment to help the most vulnerable population in those communities, remains.

For more than a half-century, GBCA has worked towards its mission to reduce poverty in the communities it serves by addressing the causes and conditions of persistent economic insecurity, making it not only adept at responding during crisis, but also a trusted resource for assistance ranging from homelessness prevention, to energy payment assistance, and much in between.

In adherence to federal mandates and guidance from the CDC, GBCA's programs and services are now functioning according to the below protocol adjustments.

- **Head Start/Early Head Start:** Free Quality Preschool Ages 0-5
Available in: Bergen County, Jersey City, and Paterson, NJ
Status: Schools are temporarily closed but enrollment is still open
Have Questions? Call Monday to Friday, 9a.m. to 1p.m. at (844) 472-4453
- **Education & Training Center:** Citizenship Classes, English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency
Available in: Bergen County, Passaic County, Hudson County
Status: Classes are temporarily suspended but enrollment for future classes is open
To Start the Enrollment Process: Call Monday to Friday, 9a.m. to 1p.m. at (973) 685-0005
- **Financial Assistance Residential & Energy Services**
Available in: Bergen County
- **Utility Payment Assistance**
Status: Offices are closed to the public but applications are still being processed
To Apply for Assistance: email completed applications and supporting documentation to Sharon.Williams@GreaterBergen.org.
- **Homelessness Prevention**
- **Financial & Housing Counseling**
- **Tenant/Landlord Assistance**
Status: Offices are closed to the public but assistance is being provided via phone and email.
To Learn More About These Programs: click on the program names above

To Apply for Assistance: call Crystal Harrington at (201) 968-0200 ext. 7166 or email Crystal.Harrington@greaterbergen.org

- **Home Weatherization**

- **Lead Remediation** (also available in Cities of Paterson & Passaic)

Status: Offices are closed and work inside home is on hold until further notice however applications are still being processed.

To Start the Application Process: call (201) 488-5100 and press 6 for Weatherization or 7 for Lead Remediation

- **Community Housing in Partnership (Chip):** Low Income Housing

Status: Offices are temporarily closed.

Rent Checks and Applications Must Be Mailed To: 392 MAIN ST, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601 (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

For All Other Inquiries: call 201-968-0200 Ext 7799 or email PROPERTY.MGMT@GREATERBERGEN.ORG

- **Banking:** 1st Bergen Federal Credit Union

Status: The credit union is operating on temporary Bank Hours. Schedule is as follows: Mondays—9a.m. to 1p.m., Wednesdays—9a.m. to 1p.m., Fridays— 9a.m. to 1p.m.

To Speak to a Representative: call (201) 968-0202 and leave a detailed message including your name and phone number and we call you back during normal business hours.

Reminders: Online banking, mobile app, and ATM network are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please note that at this time there will be a temporary withdrawal limit of \$1,500 per person, per day.

- **CAREERS AT GBCA**

To see what positions GBCA is hiring for go to <https://www.greaterbergen.org/job-listings>.

To Apply: email application and resume to humanresources@greaterbergen.org or Fax to (201) 342-9339

- **DONATIONS**

To help support the programs and services of Greater Bergen Community Action email Cynthia.Arone@greaterbergen.org.

For more information about any of the above programs and services, [click here](#).

ABOUT GREATER BERGEN COMMUNITY ACTION

Greater Bergen Community Action (GBCA) is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit Community Action Agency. Established in 1967, Greater Bergen is part of a nationwide network of poverty-fighting enterprises which were established as part of the nation's effort to address the intractable and persistent problem of poverty in America. For more information about GBCA, go to www.GreaterBergen.org.