

# NJ Children's System of Care

## RESIDENCY AND CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### Developmental Disability Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for Developmental Disability Eligibility, you or your child must be a US citizen or permanent resident and a resident of New Jersey. You only need to provide the proof for yourself, or the child you are applying for, not both.

#### How can I Prove US Citizenship?

Proof of child or parent's citizenship can be documented by any one of the following:

- US Birth certificate (issued from any state in the USA)
- US Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship

#### How can I Prove Permanent Residency?

Certain non-citizens are also eligible to apply. If you are not a US citizen, please provide a copy of your:

- Permanent Resident Card, also known as a Green Card.

Depending on when the Permanent Resident Card was issued, it may not actually be green; however, it will always have a photo on it and look similar to a driver's license. If you are a non-citizen but do not have a Permanent Resident Card, unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply.

A Social Security card by itself does not prove citizenship or permanent residency.

#### Proof of New Jersey Residency

After determining US citizenship or permanent residency, the second step is to provide proof that you and the child live in the state of New Jersey.

Any one of the following documents with your name and address included can be provided to show residency:

- Copy of deed to home or lease for a rented home
- Current rental receipt, mortgage statement, tax or utility bill
- W2 wage earning statement
- NJ Driver's License
- NJ Voter Registration Card

#### Special Circumstances

For Military families, New Jersey residency is established if your Home of Record is in New Jersey.

If your child is placed in New Jersey from another state and that placement is funded in any part by a public or private agency in another state, that child is **not** considered a resident of New Jersey. You should contact your state of residence for Development Disability eligibility.