



# Displaced Homemakers Network

Representing the interests of over 750,000 displaced homemakers in New Jersey

## Legislative Updates

2018 started off on the right foot for women in New Jersey. As his first official action, Governor Phil Murphy signed an executive order supporting equal pay for women. According to the Census Bureau, women are earning about 80 cents for every dollar earned by men.

This legislation and Governor Murphy's executive order aim to break the cycle of lower wages. According to the Star-Ledger "The lawmakers who joined Murphy promised to reintroduce legislation in the upcoming session that would make the rule state law, and on January 9th Senator Loretta Weinberg and her colleagues, Senator Stephen M. Sweeney and Senator Sandra B. Cunningham, did just that!"

[http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/S0500/104\\_S2.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/S0500/104_S2.HTM)

S104, concerning Equal Pay and Employment Discrimination, was read in the Senate Labor Committee on March 5th and in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 13th. Senator Weinberg and her colleagues have certainly been busy on behalf of an act that will change the lives of Displaced Homemakers throughout the state!

New York City and Massachusetts already passed similar legislation in 2017. In addition to New Jersey, seven other states are considering similar legislation—Illinois, Maine, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Bill A2186 was introduced into legislation on 2/01/2018. This bill prohibits the restraint of prisoners during and immediately after childbirth. [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/A2500/2186\\_I1.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/A2500/2186_I1.HTM)

## Save the date

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative & Awards Reception**  
**May 10, 2018**  
**More information to follow**

## Join Us

The Displaced Homemakers Network of New Jersey, Inc., a proud partner of the *Time Is Now Action Coalition*, is a non-profit (501c3), non-partisan coalition created to advocate for the needs of displaced homemakers.

The Network is a partnership of services providers, supporters, and displaced homemakers focused on expanding services, fundraising, and advocating for displaced homemakers. If you're looking for services or if your organization provides help or sponsorship, please reach out to us. You can **email:** [displacedhomemakersnj@gmail.com](mailto:displacedhomemakersnj@gmail.com)  
 Visit: [www.dhnj.org](http://www.dhnj.org) or [facebook.com/dhofnj](https://www.facebook.com/dhofnj)

## Who is she?

Displaced homemakers are women who have worked in the home for a number of years and due to divorce, separation, death, or disability of a spouse or partner, now find themselves as the primary source of household income. Throughout the state, DH centers are helping women upgrade their skills and improve their self-esteem so they can enter and succeed in the workplace.

For more on the DH Network of NJ, visit [dhnj.org](http://dhnj.org)

## News and Events

☞ **February 23, 2018:** The Displaced Homemakers Network, in partnership with New Jersey NOW (Northern and Middlesex Chapters), A Partnership for Change and Women Aware hosted a viewing of the ***Equal Means Equal***, at the Monroe Township Library.

☞ **March 11, 2018:** New Jersey NOW Celebrated Women's History month with an afternoon of Suffragist music performed by the *Herstorians* and singer-songwriter *Lindsey Wilson*. The event was co-sponsored by the Displaced Homemakers Center @ the Bergen One-Stop. Assemblyman Gordon Johnson attended (seen here with Laura Troy, Program Coordinator).



☞ **March 20, 2018:** The Displaced Homemakers Center @ the Bergen One Stop, co-sponsored by Northern New Jersey NOW, will host a special screening of the award winning film, ***Equal Means Equal***, **7 PM at the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County, 687 Larch Avenue, Teaneck, NJ. How Can You Help Make Equal Mean Equal? Urge your representatives to co-sponsor SJ 5 and HJ 53 to eliminate the deadline for ratification of the ERA.** To find out more about the ERA: <http://www.equalrightsamendment.org/>

☞ **April 23, 2018:** Twenty-nine (29) displaced Homemakers attended the Cumberland County College Workforce Department Allied-Health Programs Graduation Ceremony. Graduates included 4 Certified Clinical Medical Assistants, 13 Certified Nurse Aides, 7 Dialysis and 5 Phlebotomy Technicians. Congratulations!!

**SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS:** Kathy was 54 years old, without a car and was staying with friends from her church after years of enduring abuse by her alcoholic husband. Her friends referred her to one of New Jersey's 16 Displaced Homemaker Centers. There Kathy was able to put the pieces of her life back together and build the confidence needed to identify and pursue a career. Center staff helped her to find housing, negotiate NJTransit, obtain local One Stop funds to enroll in a training program, and successfully navigate life as a student. In February, Kathy graduated from a community college Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program and eagerly accepted one of several offers of employment she received while in training. Kathy thanks the Displaced Homemaker staff and, with their continued support, is now pursuing admissions to an associate's degree program in the health professions. Congratulations to Kathy and so many others who are working hard to achieve success! ☞

## Network Members

### Atlantic

The Women's Center Home To Work Program  
609.601.9925 x 1014

### Bergen

The Displaced Homemakers Center @  
The Bergen One-Stop  
201.329.9600 x 5533

Women's Rights Information Center  
201.568.1166

### Burlington

Women's Opportunity Center  
609.543.6200 x 224

### Cumberland

Cumberland Community College  
856.691.8600 x 2385

### Essex

The Linda & Rudy Slucker  
NCJW/Essex Center for Women  
973.994.4994

### Gloucester

The Center for People in Transition  
856.415.2264

### Hudson

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark  
Hispanic Women's Resource Center  
201.325.4801 or 201.325.4836

### Hunterdon

NORWESCAP Career & Life Transitions Center  
for Women  
908.788.1453

### Middlesex

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County  
Women in Transition  
732.777.1940

### Monmouth

Brookdale at Long Branch  
Displaced Homemakers Services  
732.739.6020

### Morris

The Women's Center at County College of Morris  
973.328.5025

### Ocean

Displaced Homemakers Program  
of Ocean County  
Career, Employment and Counseling Services  
732.255.0400 x 2297

### Passaic

Women in Transition  
973.694.9215

### Sussex

Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County  
Displaced Homemaker Program  
973.940.3500

### Warren

NORWESCAP Career & Life  
Transitions Center for Women  
908.835.2624