

## *Safety Planning*

Participants of the Address Confidentiality Program may need to develop a safety plan. This involves examining different aspects of their lives and determining what may compromise their safety. An important thing to remember is that the ACP is only one part of a safety plan.

When developing a safety plan one may consider:

- Talking with the local domestic violence program. They will be able to provide you with information on community resources as well as ideas to help you establish a safety plan.
- Limiting the number of people who are aware of their actual address.
- Including strategies to address technology including Caller ID and the Internet, which could be used to obtain information about their location.
- Changing their name and/or Social Security number.



*To locate Your Local  
Domestic Violence Program  
Please Call 24 Hours A Day  
7 Days A Week*

1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

609-392-2990 TTY

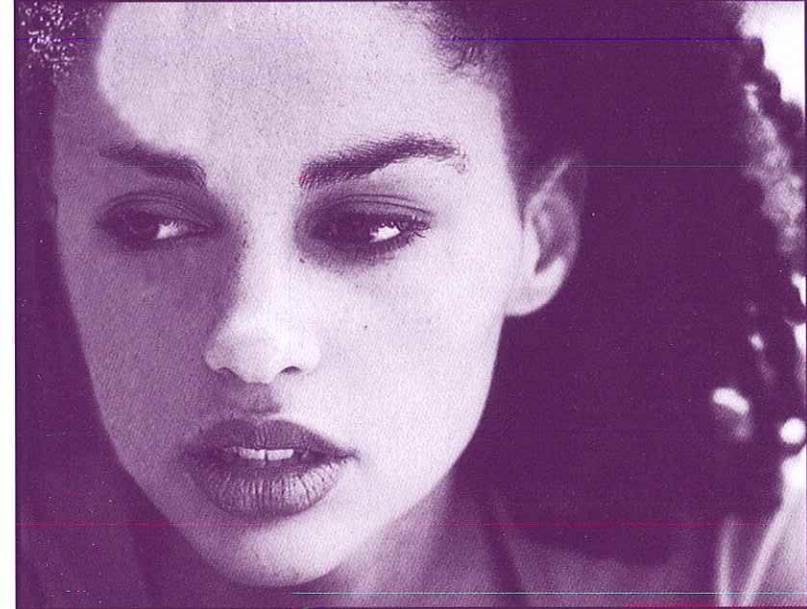
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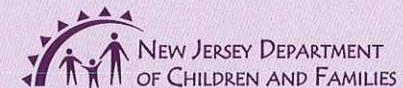
## THE NEW JERSEY ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM



*Increased Safety  
for Victims of  
Domestic Violence*

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OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

# The New Jersey Address Confidentiality Program

## Program Description

The New Jersey Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) was designed to assist individuals who, as a result of domestic violence, have relocated for their safety. Abusers use many strategies to locate victims of domestic violence. In many cases they use public records to get the new address of the person they have abused. This program limits the ability of an abuser to access information that would reveal the new location of an ACP participant.

ACP provides eligible victims of domestic violence with a substitute mailing address, which has no connection to their actual location. This substitute mailing address may be used when creating new records with state or local government agencies. The ACP will forward the participant's first class mail FREE OF CHARGE. The use of a substitute address will limit the number of people who know the actual address of the victim of domestic violence.

In addition, the ACP Act enables state and local government agencies to limit access to the public records of program participants.



## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the New Jersey Address Confidentiality Program individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a victim of domestic violence who has relocated to an address unknown to the abuser.
- Must be at least 18 years of age, or an emancipated minor, or a parent/guardian acting on behalf of a minor or an incapacitated person.
- A report related to domestic violence must have been made to the Court and/or a law enforcement agency.

## Application Process

Individuals interested in participating in the ACP must contact a local Domestic Violence Program. The local Program will assist applicants in completing their ACP application in person.

The ACP will process the application immediately. Upon a determination of eligibility, the ACP will issue an ACP authorization card, which serves as proof of participation. This authorization card must be produced upon request by a state or local government agency.

**It is recommended that ACP participants keep their authorization card with them at all times.**

