

## Help in Hard Times offers information

As the unemployment rates rise and an additional 27,000 people in our state are added to the number of those currently looking for work this month, [NJ 2-1-1](http://www.nj211.org) answers the call for help. The organization has dedicated a section of its Web site at [www.nj211.org](http://www.nj211.org) to addressing the changing needs in communities.

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(<http://nj211.org/hardtimes08.cfm>) includes in-depth information on: avoiding foreclosure; food and nutrition programs; utility assistance; and living through a layoff. New sections will be added each month to include information about health insurance needs and living on a limited budget. Also available is a 36-page Utility Assistance Guide that can be downloaded at the site.

United Way of Sussex County provided funding in 2008 for 211 services as well as emergency utility assistance that is being processed through Norwescap’s Home Energy Assistance Program. Sussex County residents can apply through Norwescap for Universal Service Fund (USF) assistance. Call (973) 209-7549 or (973) 383-6020.

