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**Mercer County WIC Program to Participate in
Trenton Summer Food Service Program**



Trenton, NJ (August 06, 2015) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Mercer Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program has partnered with the City of Trenton's Summer Food Service Program to provide age-appropriate nutritious lunches for Mercer WIC participants and the greater community from June 29 through August 29, 2015. Children age 2 through age 18 from low-income families are eligible for free lunches Monday through Thursday, from 11:30am – 12:30pm at 416 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton.

For many low-income families, school lunches are the only nutritious meals available to their children. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Summer Food Service Program ensures healthy lunches for those children when school is not in session. During the 2015 summer, the USDA plans to serve over 200 million free, nutritious meals to children at approved Summer Food Service Program sites, such as the Mercer County WIC program.

If you or someone you know would like more information about the Mercer County WIC program or the FNS Summer Food Service Program, contact Mayra at 609-498-7755. The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Mercer WIC program is sponsored by The Children's Home Society of New Jersey.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by

ensuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey’s Mercer Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program

The Mercer County WIC Program provides supplemental nutritious foods to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five who live in Mercer County, NJ and meet the WIC program’s income guidelines. WIC services include issuance of checks for free food, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion and support, immunization screening, and health care referrals. Enrollment is open to all eligible applicants, and U.S. citizenship is not required to receive program benefits. If you already receive food stamps or Medicaid, you may automatically qualify for WIC. Call 609-498-7755 to schedule an appointment, or visit www.wicmercercer.org to learn more.

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