Unemployment and the Coronavirus

Federal Resources during COVID-19

USA.gov - Unemployment Benefits and the Coronavirus - website providing up to date information regarding unemployment during COVID-19.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) - provides information about the stimulus check, expansion of unemployment benefits, federal student loan relief, home loan relief, and small business loans.

Full text of the CARES Act here.

Check the status of your Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check)

Help with paying your bills - provides resources for those who need help with paying their bills during the pandemic. Includes information regarding telephone services, medical bills, prescription drug costs, welfare and temporary assistance for families, and home energy services.

Food Assistance - resources for food assistance
- Call the USDA National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273). Information is available in English and Spanish. The hotline operates Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time.

State Resources during COVID-19

New Jersey - New Jersey state information.

COVID-19 New Jersey Information Hub - government website with the most up to date information regarding New Jersey residents and the response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Hiring Portal - the New Jersey website provides information about companies hiring during the pandemic.

Ideas for programming post-reopening
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (maybe more than one meeting a week, if they have the resources)
- Classes on applying for jobs (book a librarian specifically for job hunting)
- Maybe find a way to encourage local businesses to send us information about open positions that we can keep a running tab on
- Keep a running list of job seeking websites (indeed, monster, etc)
- Job fair