

WHO WE ARE

The mission of the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center is to be a witness to the caring concern of Christ by providing social services, childcare, youth programs, educational support, and ethical and spiritual guidance to meet the needs of the Elizabethport community.



“The Center and the Presbytery can take pride in the role each has played in Elizabethport’s residential and commercial revitalization. They never lost faith in the residents of our City and they are being rewarded for their faith.” -

Mayor J. Christian Bollwage,
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THE ELIZABETHPORT PRESBYTERIAN CENTER

Supporting children and families since 1965



Welcome to our new Center!

Health Center

(operated by the Neighborhood Health Center Elizabeth) is located on the second floor.

Infant and Toddler Center

is located on the first floor

Children, Youth, and Family Programs

are located on the lower level

Please contact us at 908-351-4850 for additional information.



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Established in 1965 with support from community members and the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center is one of the oldest non-

profit agencies in Elizabeth. Annually, the Center serves more than 1,500 children and families in need. We are located in one of the poorest communities in Union County and for decades we have helped children and families break the cycle of poverty through our faith-based social services and educational support services.

We owe our existence to faithful members in the Presbyterian community, community leaders, government partnership, and partners in the private sectors. We have dedicated staff and volunteers who oversee the daily operations of our programs. Our committed board members are representatives from the Elizabethport community local Presbyterian churches, and the surrounding suburban community.

Elizabethport Presbyterian Center's Primary Programs:

Infant and Toddler Program

The Elizabethport Presbyterian Center operates two licensed early care centers. The infant and toddler center serves infants and toddlers from 15 months to 3 1/2 years old. The Early Childhood Center serves preschoolers ages 3 –6 years. This center has 10 years of national accreditation from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services and is one of the model programs in the state that partners with parents in the development of young children. There are a total of 67 infants and toddlers enrolled in our programs.

Children/Youth Programs

The Center operates programs for children and youths ages 5—17 year-round.

After School Program provides homework, tutoring, music, crafts, and cultural projects. The Central Presbyterian Church coordinates a weekly tutoring/mentoring program in Summit, New Jersey for 30-50 students in our after school program who are at risk of failing in school.

Summer Programs include summer camp and an academic enrichment youth program. Many of the children in summer camp who are not eligible for government subsidies are sponsored by benevolent members from local Presbytery Churches.



"I learned that I can pay attention when someone is teaching me. Now, in school I know what the teacher is teaching me because we are taught the same thing in the program. My patience has improved." Ebony G., 14

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Scholarship Fund is a vital resource in a community where very few people have a college degree. We support economically disadvantaged high school graduates in pursuing their career goals.

Social Service Programs

At Senior Club, our seniors meet several times a month for social and health activities and a meal. We recently started a Spanish speaking club that also meets several times a month.



Senior Outreach Program is a life saving program where staff conduct home visits to

home-bound seniors and present programs to seniors at local senior centers. The program serves more than 400 low-income/no-income seniors annually by helping them apply for health benefits, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other local resources. Approximately 70% of the clients are Hispanic.

Diabetes Outreach Program is a program the Center has operated for two years that has educated and/or screened hundreds of people at risk for diabetes. We will expand this program in 2012 to include mental, physical, and spiritual wellness activities.

Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution serves everyone in need of food assistance and clothing. Most of our clients are either laid off, disabled, elderly or underemployed. The pantry is open on the last week of every month on Wednesdays and Fridays.