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### **LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER SPANS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FOOD STAMP, CHILD REMOVAL AND EXPUNGEMENT ISSUES**

EDISON— Details for low and moderate income New Jerseyans about four new crime categories covered by the state’s domestic violence law are among the wide-ranging topics in the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” is accessible at [www.lsnjlaw.org](http://www.lsnjlaw.org) by clicking on the “publications” tab and also is available at all LSNJ offices.

The latest issue notes that in addition to the 14 enumerated crimes covered by the domestic violence law, four new categories have been added. They are criminal coercion, robbery, contempt of a domestic violence order and any other crime involving risk of death or serious bodily injury.

The other focus points in the latest newsletter issue are:

- The rights of parents when confronting child abuse or neglect allegations by the State Division of Child Protection and Permanency.
- Major changes expanding when criminal records may be expunged.
- New limits on adults without dependents continuing to qualify for SNAP (food stamp) benefits.

”Looking Out For Your Legal Rights” on civil matters is published 10 times a year by LSNJ.

*Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of six independent non-profit corporations and is beginning its 50th year of providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in 2.36 million cases.*