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**LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON CHILD CUSTODY SITUATIONS WHEN ONE PARENT WANTS TO MOVE OUT OF STATE**

EDISON — Details for low- and moderate-income New Jerseyans about the often-thorny issue of what happens in child custody matters when one of the parents wants to move out of state are provided in the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” is accessible online at <http://www.lsnjlaw.org> and also is available at all New Jersey Legal Services offices.

The newsletter notes there is nothing preventing a noncustodial parent from moving out of state. However, if it is the custodial parent intending to move the child away, then state laws require the move be approved by the courts. Essentially, a parent may relocate with a child to another state only if the other parent agrees or if a judge consents to the move based on what is deemed to be in the best interests of the child.

Actually, it is a crime to withhold a child from the other parent during court-ordered parenting time in shared custody situations.

Meanwhile, on another matter the newsletter explores situations when even after a family moves out of a municipality, a child still might be permitted to remain in the same school district from which the move occurred.

The publication also provides an index to all of the issues explored in last year’s “Looking Out” newsletters.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state’s Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for more than 50 years. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.4 million cases.