## How Cuts to Medicaid Funding Will Impact New Jersey's Most Vulnerable Citizens

In 2024, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton provided 3,984 individuals life-saving care that was funded through Medicaid. These services included:

#### **Residential Supports**

There are currently 330 men and women receiving housing support from Catholic Charities. This includes individuals with developmental disabilities, severe behavioral health diagnoses and those with cooccurring chronic medical conditions. They live in group homes or apartments, with support levels ranging from 24/7 supervision to periodic case management services.

Without these housing services, residents are at risk of homelessness or institutionalization in a psychiatric facility or developmental center.

#### Integrated Behavioral Health Services

Catholic Charities' Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic provides 24/7 crisis response, counseling, medication management, substance use treatment, medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders, case management and coordination with healthcare and social service providers.

Without this program, residents of Burlington and Mercer counties would lose access to critical crisis support and mental health care services.

Cuts to Medicaid will have a detrimental impact on the quality of life for low-income individuals, people with disabilities and those who have behavioral health concerns. Cutting Medicaid funding will increase demand for more costly services.

## Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

In Mercer and Burlington counties, teams of psychiatrists, nurses, case workers and peer advocates provide intensive mental health services to 256 individuals with severe behavioral health conditions, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

The individuals served live in the community and receive support from the PACT team for medication management, transportation to medical appointments and regular check-ins.

Without this support, PACT participants are at risk of hospitalization in a psychiatric facility, incarceration or homelessness.

#### **Partial Care**

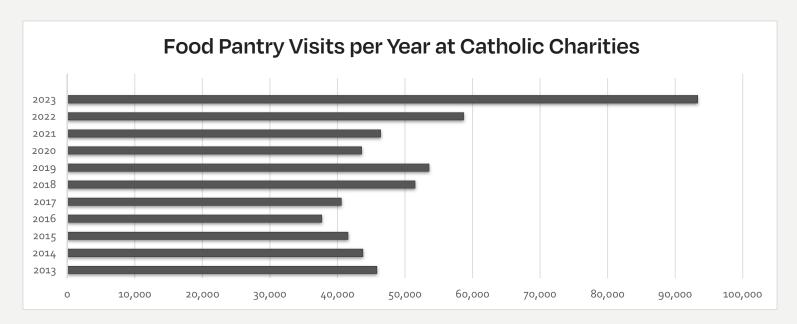
Since 1971, our Partial Care program has provided a wide range of psychiatric rehabilitation groups for individuals in Burlington and Mercer counties who have severe behavioral health conditions and require intensive support. Participants also have access to Supported Employment Services.

Without this program, participants would lose access to vital care and their community, placing many at risk of hospitalization in a psychiatric facility.



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# How Cuts to Federal Funding Will Impact New Jersey's Low-income Population



#### **Housing Assistance Programs**

There is currently an affordable housing shortage across the country. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates New Jersey needs more than 200,000 additional affordable units to ease its current housing crisis.

Last year, our Community Services team helped more than 1,500 individuals and families obtain permanent housing through programs like the Homelessness Prevention Program, Rapid Re-Housing and the Returning Citizens to the Community Program.

Cuts to HUD funding initiatives will put individuals and families struggling with the cost of housing at risk of becoming homeless.

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP)

Last year, Catholic Charities helped more than 4,000 people enroll in the SNAP program. The agency currently operates three food pantries. Over the past two years, the number of visits to these pantries has increased dramatically.

Without access to SNAP, many families would be forced to rely on food pantries or go hungry.