

# Housing Instability Is **NOT** Child Abuse or Neglect!



According to state and federal law, children can be removed from their parents because of **abuse** or **neglect**. A pending eviction or any form of housing instability is **NOT** a reason for removal.

Removals due to housing instability and poverty are both devastating and preventable. At LSNJ we are committed to supporting families to help them remain together, notwithstanding poverty concerns.

If you are facing a possible child welfare removal due to housing instability or have questions about your rights, please contact LSNJ's Family Representation Project by completing our online hotline application, at <https://lsnjlawhotline.org>, or by calling 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).