

# Poverty Is **NOT** Child Abuse or Neglect!



According to state and federal law, children can be removed from their parents because of abuse or neglect. However, in New Jersey and across the country, many removals of children from their parents take place due to housing instability and poverty.

**Children should **NOT** be removed for conditions created by poverty.**

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 poverty concerns 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).