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**LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON
THE FEDERAL EVICTION LAW MORATORIUM**

EDISON — The latest newsletter from Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) highlights the eviction moratorium under the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) that affects tenants in rental properties involved in a federal assistance program or subject to a federally-backed mortgage loan.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” is accessible online at www.lsnjlaw.org.

The newsletter reviews the eviction moratorium under the federal law, which prevents landlords from filing evictions until certain conditions have been met. Most notably, New Jersey landlords must certify compliance with the CARES Act before filing any action for eviction in the state. Specifically, the certification must be filed before any pretrial/settlement conferences or trials are scheduled, a potential lengthy process essentially delaying immediate evictions of renters.

In another article, the publication, citing a recent State Police report that arrests of online sex predators of children went from 143 in 2015 to 384 last year, offers parents and children advice on what to do and how to handle such situations. Additionally, LSNJ’s new service focusing on such issues may be reached at LSNJ PROTECT at 1-844-576-5776.

Other topics covered in the publication include what victims need to know and expect as

witnesses in criminal cases, what court records are accessible to the public, and how to prepare and handle a Social Security disability hearing by phone during Covid-19.

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.

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