



# A ♥ HEART

## Welcome Informational Packet

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Welcome to AHEART! We are happy to help you become a better you for the sake of your infant. We are pleased that you have opted to seek help for yourself and your baby.

AHEART stands for All Hearts Educating, Advocating, Restoring and Transforming. Our mission at AHEART is to provide emergency assistance to infants in crisis, prevent out of home placement, decrease infant mortalities by providing essential infant items, and partnering with community members and organizations to advocate for the lives of infants and their families. AHEART is comprised of all volunteers and donated goods and is free for those that are in serious need of assistance.

### **Who can receive aide?**

AHEART is open to families with infants and children under age 2 that are in serious need. We do not enroll infants at the age of two. The infants services will stop when they turn 2 and are therefore able to receive assistance from the state and other local agencies. Anyone 21 and under will automatically be qualified to enroll. The mother and father of the child are both allowed to receive assistance separately or collectively once every 30 days. **Participants must bring in their child and a referral to receive assistance.**

### **Who can write referrals?**

AHEART accepts referrals written on letterhead from agencies like DYFS, hospitals, partnered churches, partnered social service agencies, and doctor offices. Without a referral from one of these organizations, a participant can only receive emergency assistance once, but must have their child present on their visit.

### **What can I receive?**

AHEART gives out any items that relate to infants, but only what we have in stock. This includes but is not limited to diapers, wipes, clothing, bedding, hygiene products, cribs, car seats, shoes, blankets, hats, diaper bags, medical kits, coats, swing sets, pack and plays, and pacifiers. Non-emergency items will only be given to those who faithfully attend classes.

### **How often can I receive aide?**

At AHEART, a participant will be allowed to receive assistance in the form of necessary infant clothing, formula, diapers, wipes, bottles, and other basic essentials once every 30 days. Furniture such as cribs, high chairs, car seats, swing sets, etc will be given out first come first

serve as long as participants have completed one class within 30 days. Participants must make an appointment with the receptionist to come in and **must bring in their child to receive aide.**

### **What type of classes must I take?**

AHEART will provide educational classes on a variety of topics such as alcohol & drug abuse, smoking prevention, math, reading, resume writing, as well as crafting (and more). Our aim is to build our participants up and not just be a family service agency that gives "hand outs". In order to continue receiving aide, participants **MUST** attend one class within 30 days.

### **Can I receive aid while pregnant?**

Aid is given to women two weeks before their child is born. AHEART representatives will pack a baby bag with basic needs such as formula, wipes, diapers, blankets, bibs, bottles, clothing, and more. The mother or a family member is responsible for picking up the bag. An application must be filled out prior to receiving the items.

### **Are there other ways I can receive aide through AHEART?**

Periodically, AHEART will host mass giveaways for the public. These events are open to anyone in need with an infant 2 and under. All items related to infants will be given away regardless of enrollment in our agency, income, or prior aide given. If a participant is near their appointment for receiving assistance, we reserve the right to ask that they hold off until the event, however diapers and wipes will be given at their scheduled appointment. This event also requires all participants to bring in their child to receive assistance.

### **How does AHEART receive help?**

AHEART receives donations from the community through baby showers and individual donations. We partner with different businesses to obtain product donations in mass amounts through sponsorships. We host fundraisers periodically to help with costs such as printing, copying, and distribution.

### **Other Programs**

Exchange Program: Anyone with clothing that their infant can no longer fit or use can exchange them for a size that their infant can fit and use. If a participant brings in 5 shirts and 5 pants, then they are able to receive 5 shirts and 5 pants of the current size of their infant. **Participants must bring in their child to receive aide.**

## **AHEART Important Numbers and Information**

### **Atlantic City Office**

27 Gordon's Alley,  
Atlantic city NJ 08401

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1pm-5pm

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### **Vineland Office**

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