



THE COMMUNITY ID CARD

 **Mercer County Area Community ID Card**

Name: Jane Doe
Address: 123 Street Ave.
City / State: Trenton, NJ 08609
DOB: 12/12/95



Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
F	Brown	Brown	110	5' 3"

Endorsed by: **ID No.** 001 *Issue* Feb. 2011 *Expiration* Feb. 2013

**Mercer County Sheriff and Prosecutor, Police Departments of:
Ewing, Plainsboro, Princeton Borough and Township, Trenton, West Windsor**

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ID CARD?

This card extends symbolic recognition as members of the community to certain traditionally excluded populations, allowing them access to basic services and facilitating the work of law enforcement and emergency responders when encountering victims of accident or crime.

The Mercer County Area Community ID Card is intended to act as a widely recognized token of membership in a common endeavor, that of accepting each other as human beings, interdependent, co-responsible for our own and our neighbor's well being, so that together we can build a better community for ALL.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE COMMUNITY ID CARD?

We all do. The Police, Fire and EMS personnel now have contact information for anyone who requires assistance and cannot speak for themselves due to injury or language barrier. Health and Public Safety will be strengthened when ALL members of our community feel included, and have a stake, in the social fabric.

WHO ISSUES THE CARD?

The card is issued by the Latin American Legal Defense & Education Fund, a nonprofit advocacy group, in partnership with local civic, social services, and faith-based groups throughout the region. The cards are issued by arrangement at places of worship, or social service agencies, and on a regular basis on Wednesdays between 5 and 7 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 331 Hamilton Avenue (back entrance off Whittaker Ave) in Trenton, and every Saturday, from 10 and 12 PM in the basement of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. No appointment is necessary. **Visit our website (www.LALDEF.org) or call (609) 688-0881 for more information.**

The Tremendously Trenton and the One Community Coalition,
c/o LALDEF, PO Box 80, Princeton NJ 08542 608.688.0881

Quick Facts

1. This card is not issued by any city, state or federal agency, but is endorsed by the Mercer County Sheriff and the Mercer County Prosecutor's office and the police departments of six municipalities (so far) in the Mercer County Area: City of Trenton, Ewing, Plainsboro, Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, and West Windsor.
2. This is a privately distributed photo identification card for residents of the Mercer County Area. Cards are issued by arrangement at local places of worship, social service agencies, and civic organizations, and on a regular basis in the LALDEF offices in Princeton and Trenton. There is a \$10 fee (\$5 for youth) per card to cover expenses. Fees are waived in cases of economic hardship.
3. The card is available to any resident of the Mercer County Area. It is a useful form of secondary ID which contains personal identifying data, address, emergency contact information and medical risk factors. This information would assist first responders prioritize and better attend to people in need of assistance in an accident, fire, crime scene or during a natural disaster.
4. To address any privacy and confidentiality concerns, none of the personal data will be retained in digital or paper form. All cardholder information will be erased once the card is issued.
5. This Photo ID may be used at social service agencies, schools, clinics, parks, post offices, and libraries for purposes of access to basic municipal or health services by immigrants, the elderly, youth or persons without a permanent home who may be unable to obtain other kinds of ID.
6. It may be used as a form of customer identification by check cashing companies, banks, pharmacies, retail stores or other establishments.
7. A formal protocol is used to confirm identity and domicile. Examples of combined documents required to obtain the Community ID Card are: passport, driver's license, or consular card, AND a lease, or utility/phone bill.