Emergency and Financial Services (EFS) provides comprehensive support to people in crisis. The EFS department offers services and programming with the goal of helping clients increase financial literacy and reach financial self-efficacy. Eighty-nine percent of people who attend EFS workshops report learning something new about managing their money.
How do people access these services?

Screening, the entry point to EZRA, provides anyone interested in EZRA services an interaction with a staff member so that they can be matched to the appropriate services.

What services are available?

Clients can work with EFS Case Managers to get connected to benefits, resolve a crisis, or obtain one-time financial assistance. Additionally, EFS provides budgeting and housing search workshops, housing waitlist sign-up events, April Money Smart month programs, and resource fairs, all of which are free and open to the public. Throughout the year, EFS pinpoints opportunities to enrich the community through outreach to shelters, a Chanukah toy drive, and a back to school event.

How can I get involved?

If you have financial expertise that you would like to share with our clients, we would love to talk to you about leading a workshop. We also have opportunities for volunteers to help with the collection and distribution of items for our annual toy and backpack drives. For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, contact Allison Lewis at 773.467.3851 or AllisonLewis@juf.org.

The Dina and Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center is dedicated to Tikkun Olam, or “repairing the world,” and helping our community members live with dignity through advocacy and compassionate, collaborative care for those experiencing a crisis or isolation.