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FCP Community Program Directory

The Family and Community Partnerships' Community Program Directory provides public access to statewide resources that are designed to support family success and keep children safe. The programs and services listed are funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Family and Community Partnerships (FCP). FCP is built on and comprised of best-practices and technical-assistance teams committed to building partnerships with the goal of developing a robust network of prevention support and services that are culturally responsive, strength-based and family-centered. This directory is updated regularly and available online at www.nj.gov/dcf

Family Support Services

Family Success Centers

Family Success Centers are community-based, family-centered, neighborhood gathering places where any community resident can go for family support, information and services. Centers are designed to enrich the lives of children by strengthening families and neighborhoods; provide integrated, locally-based services; reduce isolation and promote connections among family and community; and provide services in a warm and welcoming environment.

Kinship Navigator Program

The Kinship Navigator Program aids caregivers, such as grandparents, other blood relatives, and family friends who have taken on the responsibility of taking care of children until age 18 or (21 if the child is disabled), maneuver through various government networks to find formal and informal supports and services, including providing referrals for child care, support groups, medical coverage, legal services and housing assistance. Kinship caregivers can qualify annually for $500 per household wraparound funds. Caregivers can call 2-1-1 to locate the agency providing assistance in their area.

Domestic Violence Services

A network of domestic violence programs, at least one in every county, is funded through FCP to provide core services for domestic violence victims and their families including: emergency shelter; 24-hour hotline; counseling; general, financial, housing and legal advocacy; children's services; and community education and networking.

PALS Programs (PEACE: A Learned Solution)

PALS is a research-based intensive therapeutic program that provides comprehensive services for children exposed to domestic violence using creative arts therapies. PALS also provides counseling, advocacy and case management for their non-offending parents.

Early Childhood Services

Home Visitation Programs

FCP oversees the implementation of an array of evidence-based home visiting services to provide early support to families with infants and young children across the state. Eligibility criteria for HV services vary by model, but typically programs begin working with families during pregnancy and continue until the child is age two or three.

Home visitors provide pregnant women and new parents with health information, parenting education, and linkages to other resources that support child and family well-being. The directory provides information on all DCF-funded HV models that include:

- Healthy Families (HF-TIP) – pregnancy/birth to age three
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) – first-time pregnancy to age two
- Parents As Teachers (PAT) – pregnancy/infancy to preschool
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – age three to five

In addition, we have included federally funded Early Head Start programs that provide home-based services to families from pregnancy to age three. For a directory of NJ's Head Start programs go to the Head Start Locator at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices.

Strengthening Families: A Protective Factors Framework

Strengthening Families is an evidence-based approach that provides training and guidance to child care providers, who in turn engage and support parents/families of infants and young children who are enrolled in the child-care/family-child care setting.

The Child Care Resource Referral agencies (CCR&R) in each county are the trainers who work with the child-care/family-child care providers to incorporate the five Protective Factors and seven program strategies in the program's daily activities. The child-care providers learn new approaches on how to partner with parents and families in protecting, educating and caring for young children while promoting their social and emotional development.

For more information on Strengthening Families in your county, contact the Strengthening Families trainer(s) under the Early Childhood Services section in the directory.

Early Childhood Services

County Councils for Young Children

All 21 counties have established a County Council for Young Children (CCYC) to strengthen collaboration between parents, families, and local community stakeholders with health, early care and education, family support, and other service providers. This shared leadership philosophy includes parents as active partners with service providers and community leaders helping to identify the needs, concerns, aspirations and successes of our collective efforts to positively impact the health, education and well-being of children from pregnancy/birth to age 8. CCYC participants work together using a Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework to develop mutually-established goals and recommend creative strategies/solutions that respect the views and priorities of diverse families in the community.

Each CCYC has a local lead agency and designated project coordinator who guides and supports the planning process, committee and workgroup structure, and implementation to address priorities and advocacy efforts. The CCYC works closely with the local Central Intake to provide input/feedback about the availability, responsiveness and effectiveness of the service array within the community; and makes recommendations to strengthen local program coordination and integration.

Central Intake

Central Intake provides families and providers with easy access for resource information and referrals to local community services that promote child and family wellness. The range of services include—prenatal care, infant/child health, family planning, nutrition/WIC, home visiting (Healthy Families, Parents As Teachers, Nurse-Family Partnership), Head Start/Early Head Start, child care services, preschool programs, Family Success Centers, early intervention, special child health services, behavioral health, domestic violence support, financial needs/public assistance services, substance use/addiction treatment, and much more.

This county-level hub is a single point of entry that helps to simplify the referral process, improve care coordination, and ensure an integrated system of care. Central Intake staff remain up-to-date on the local array of available services, and works closely with families and provider partners to ensure that referrals best match the needs of the family based on program eligibility, language/culture, lifestyle, and other family needs.

School–Linked Services

School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP)

School Based Youth Services Programs (SBYSP) are located in all counties in or near schools in the community. The programs provide services before, during and after school and throughout the summer and are open to all youth ages 10 -19 enrolled in any school that hosts a SBYSP. Major services include: mental health and family services; health services; substance abuse counseling; employment services; pregnancy prevention programs; learning support services; referrals to community based services; and recreation.

Other school-linked programs include the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, Parent Linking Program, Family Empowerment Program, Newark School-Based Health Centers and Family Friendly Centers.

Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency Programs

Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency is a school-based program that has incorporated elements of the U.S. Department of Justice's delinquency prevention program and collaborates with: students ; parents/ caregivers; local law enforcement such as in the police Station House Adjustment program; probation; municipal and county crisis intervention units; community based juvenile conference panels; and juvenile justice programs in schools or communities.

The goal of these collaborations is to support students who have displayed behaviors that can or have caused them to become involved in the juvenile justice system. As a result, students are provided with the counseling, training, and community support necessary to deter risky behaviors in order to succeed in school, gain employment and strengthen their community as a whole.

NJ Child Assault Prevention Project

The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Project (CAP) is a statewide program that trains children, parents and teachers to prevent assaults by peers or adults and stranger abduction. CAP staff work closely with local school districts, parent/teacher associations, home school groups and other community groups to deliver the training.

Statewide Youth Helpline 1-888-222-2228

The NJ Statewide youth helpline, 2NDFLOOR, is available 24-hours, seven-days-a-week, in English and seven-days-a-week from 4:00 -10:00 p.m. in Spanish to children and young adults ages 10-24. Youth can either call the helpline, 1-888-222-2228, or access the interactive Web site www.2NDFLOOR.org. Calls to the 2NDFLOOR youth helpline are anonymous and confidential except in life threatening situations.

Bergen

Family Support Services

Family Success Center

Englewood/Teaneck Family Success Center
44 Armory Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
201-694-1891

Meadowlands Family Success Center
100 Washington Avenue
Little Ferry, NJ 07643
201-464-4714

Kinship Navigator Program

Care Plus, NJ
17-07 Romaine Street
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
(201)797-2660 or (201) 398-9110

Domestic Violence Services

Shelter our Sisters
PO Box 217
Hackensack, NJ 07602
(201) 498-9247 (office)
(201) 944-9600 (24 hour hotline)

Alternatives to Domestic Violence
1 Bergen County Plaza
2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07602
(201) 670-2922 (office)
(201) 336-7575 (24 hour hotline)

Peace: A Learned Solution

Shelter our Sisters
PO Box 217
Hackensack, NJ 07602
(201) 300-6666 ext. 21

Early Childhood Services

Home Visitation

Healthy Families - TIP
Care Plus NJ, Inc.
611 Route 46 West, Suite 100
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604
(201) 478-4174

Nurse-Family Partnership
Parents As Teachers
Partnership for MCH of Northern NJ
One Ottilio Terrace
Paterson, NJ 07502
Phone: (973) 942-3630

HIPPY
Bergen Family Center
44 Armory Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
201-568-0817

Strengthening Families

Bergen County Office for Children
One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 336-7150

County Councils for Young Children
Care Plus NJ , Inc.
610 Valley Health Plaza
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 265-8200

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School Linked Services

School Based Youth Services Programs

Dwight Morrow/Academies @ Englewood
274 Knickerbocker Road
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 862-6283

Hackensack High School
Hackensack Drop in Center, Rm. 161
First and Beech Streets
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 646-0722

Teaneck High School
100 Elizabeth Street
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 833-5136

Family Friendly Centers

Jackson Avenue Elementary School
421 Jackson Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 646-7990

Child Assault Prevention

NJ Child Assault Prevention Network
Partnership for Community Health, Inc.
140 Route 17 North, Suite 104
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 357-3114

County Welfare Agency

Bergen County Board of Social Services
216 Route 17 North
Building A
Rochele Park, NJ 07662
(201) 368-4200

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