

Community Program Directory

DCF's Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships

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New Jersey Department of Children and Families

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A man visiting a small town notices a lot of activity on the street. He goes over to the stream that runs through town to find scores of people working furiously. Babies are floating downstream and the townspeople are pulling them out of the water. The stranger learns that the townspeople have been at this process day and night. He is asked to join them but refuses, and the townspeople become indignant.

“How can you not help us in this crisis?” they ask. “Don’t you have any compassion? Don’t you care?”

The stranger answers quietly, but emphatically. “You can continue to pick up these babies all you like. But it strikes me that your efforts are ultimately inadequate. Obviously, somebody keeps putting these babies in the stream. I’m going to go upstream, find the source, and put an end to it once and for all.”

This Community Program Directory represents an ongoing commitment by Governor Jon S. Corzine and the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) to increase access to resources that are designed to strengthen families and prevent child abuse or neglect. The services identified in this Directory are funded by DCF's Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships (DPCP), a grant-making and best practices team committed to strengthening New Jersey's families.

The work of New Jersey's child protective and permanency services through the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) remains ever important to ensuring New Jersey's children are safe and supported. DCF also has a responsibility to invest in programs that prevent abuse and strengthen families in our communities. DPCP has significantly expanded services for children, youth and families in the last several years. This Directory will be continuously updated online at www.nj.gov/dcf as additional resources for families become available.

DPCP is committed to provide the resources and technical assistance needed to grow a robust network of public/private partnerships and programs. Schools and community-based organizations are two prime locations for prevention and intervention services, as you will see throughout this Directory.

The DPCP's goal is to build a continuum of child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered, with a strong emphasis on primary child abuse prevention.

Family Support Services

Family Success Centers

New Jersey now has one of the country's only statewide systems of publicly supported Family Success Centers. These centers are neighborhood-based gathering places where any community resident can find family support, information and services. The purpose of the Family Success Center is to enrich the lives of children by making families and neighborhoods stronger. There is no cost to access services provided by Family Success Centers. Some of the services include: employment, information and referral, parent education, health care, parent-child activities, home visiting, life skills training, advocacy and housing.

Outreach to At-Risk Youth

Outreach to At-Risk Youth is a new initiative that is part of Governor Jon Corzine's crime prevention plan. It is designed to prevent crime and deter gang involvement by providing enhanced recreational, vocational, educational, outreach or supportive services to youth, ages 13 to 18, with the option to serve youth until age 21. Programs are located in communities with demonstrated high crime and gang violence.

Domestic Violence Services

Domestic Violence: Sanctuary and Advocacy

DPCP is a primary funding source and oversight agency for 24 domestic violence programs and the New Jersey Coalition of Battered Women. There is at least one DCF designated lead domestic violence program in each county, including a shelter with a 24-hour hotline and response. Programs offer information and referral, counseling, support groups, financial, legal services, housing and general advocacy, children's services and community education.

PALS Programs (PEACE: A Learned Solution)

DPCP oversees PALS programs in counties for children who have witnessed domestic violence. PALS is an intensive program that provides counseling and creative arts therapy for children who have witnessed domestic violence. The program serves children primarily aged four to twelve.

Statewide Youth Helpline 1-888-222-2228

The NJ Statewide youth helpline, 2NDFLOOR, is available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week 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.

Early Childhood Services

Home Visitation Program

The Home Visitation Program provides services to families challenged by complex health-related and/or social problems. This program focuses on young families who are at risk for abuse and neglect with primary prevention and early intervention services for pregnant women and children up to age five.

Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education

The Strengthening Families Initiative (NJ SFI) is an approach to preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening families through early care and education. The Center for the Study of Social Policy developed the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education Framework. The fundamental principle is that certain protective factors contribute towards family resiliency and strength. Early Care and Education Centers play a prominent role in building these protective factors among the families they serve. Through seven key strategies, centers become well positioned to help families build these protective factors that have proven to be effective in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Children's Trust Fund

The Children's Trust Fund supports various child abuse prevention programs throughout New Jersey. Examples of such programs include parenting education for fathers and teens, culturally specific prevention education for the Latino and Haitian communities and training for teachers on identifying and referring families for assistance.

Funding for the Children's Trust Fund comes from a variety of sources, including voluntary state income tax check-off contributions; surcharges on birth, divorce, or death certificates; line item state appropriations; interest from the Trust Fund; corporations and private foundations; and individual contributions.

School-Linked Services

School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP)

The School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP) sites are located in each of the 21 counties in or near schools in urban, rural and suburban communities. The programs are open to all youth ages 10 -19 enrolled in the school that is home to the SBYSP, and provide services before, during and after school and throughout the summer. 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.

School-Linked Services *continued*

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiative uses education, counseling and health services to reduce the birth rate among teens in high school. Any youth, at-risk or not, enrolled in the school that is home to the APPI program is eligible for services. Risk factors include sexual abuse or neglect at home, low school achievement, poverty, substance abuse or living in a home where siblings or relatives gave birth during their teen years. Referrals can come from peers, family members, guidance counselors, or foster families. Students also may enroll themselves.

Parent Linking Program

The Parent Linking Program is designed to ensure the development of life skills and graduation of teen parents. It is also a collaborative effort with Prevent Child Abuse NJ to prevent abuse and neglect of young children, providing parenting education and on-site child care for teen parents enrolled in the School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP).

Family Empowerment Program

The Family Empowerment Program (FEP) is a unique intervention program that targets students and families with intergenerational distress related to substance abuse. It provides a comprehensive intervention that integrates direct family system and adolescent development services with school and community resources. Related issues include substance abuse, mental health, academic performance and attendance, violence, gangs and juvenile justice involvement. The goal of the program is to maintain the student in school, while facilitating positive change that reduces risk factors in both student and family.

Newark School-Based Health Centers

Newark School-Based Health Centers provide comprehensive health services specifically for children and youth ages 0-21. Centers are conveniently located in neighborhood schools. Services include: well baby checks; physicals, immunizations; behavior and learning concerns; mental health services; dental and vision care.

Family Friendly Centers

Family Friendly Centers (FFC) offer a wide range of services to enhance after-school programming for elementary and middle-school students and their families. FFCs collaborate with their host schools and communities to provide services in the core areas of education, recreation, social services and enrichment. This comprehensive program stresses parental participation as well as partnerships among school and community stakeholders to meet the particular needs of the students and parents.

NJ Child Assault Prevention Project

The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Project, known as CAP, is a statewide prevention program. CAP trains children, parents and teachers to prevent peer assault, stranger abduction and known adult assault. CAP staff work closely with local school districts, parent/teacher associations, home school groups and other community groups. CAP has a threefold educational approach to prevention which includes staff in-service, parent programs and individual classroom workshops for children and teens.

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Family Support Services

Family Success Centers

Babyland 3 Family Success Center
200 South Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 623-8016

Managing Agency:
Babyland Family Services, Inc.
775 S. Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 623-8016

East Orange Family Success Center
60 Evergreen Place
Suite 307
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 395-1442

Managing Agency:
Independence: A Family of Services, Inc.
179 Van Buren Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973)-589-0959

Focus Family Success Center
441-443 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 624-2528 ext. 105

Managing Agency:
FOCUS Hispanic Center for
Community Development, Inc.
Contact information same as above

Ironbound Family Success Center East
29-31 Cortland Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973) 589-3353

Managing Agency:
Ironbound Community Center
179 VanBuren Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973) 589-3353

Ironbound Family Success Center West
317 Elm Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973) 465-0555

Managing Agency:
Ironbound Community Center
Contact information same as above

Irvington Family Development Center
50 Union Avenue
Suite 403
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 372-4353

Managing Agency:
Northern NJ MCHC
Contact information same as above

LaCasa's Family Success Center I
23 Broadway
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 483-2703

Managing Agency:
LaCasa de Don Pedro
75 Park Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 482-8312

LaCasa's Family Success Center II
595 N. 6th Street
Newark, NJ 07107
(973) 482-9002

Managing Agency:
LaCasa de Don Pedro
75 Park Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 482-8312

Newark Emergency Services for
Families Success Center
982 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 643-5727

Managing Agency:
Newark Emergency Services for Families
Contact information same as above

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Family Support Services cont.

North Ward Center Family Success Center
286 Mt. Prospect Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 485-5723

Managing Agency:
The North Ward Center, Inc.
346 Mt. Prospect Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 481-0415

Outreach to At-Risk Youth

Boys & Girls Club of Newark
1 Avon Avenue
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 824-8500
Serves Newark

Family Connections
395 South Center Street
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 673-3817
Serves Orange, East Orange, Irvington & Newark

Unified Vailsburg Services Organization
495 Sanford Avenue
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 374-2725
Serves Newark

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.
45 Academy Street, Suite 303
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 624-1520
Serves East Orange

Domestic Violence Services

Family Violence Program
755 South Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 484-4446
(973) 484-1704 (24 hour hotline)

The Safe House
PO Box 1877
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 759-2378
(973) 759-2154 (24 hour hotline)

Peace: A Learned Solution

Family Connections
395 South Center Street
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 673-3817

County Welfare Agency

Essex County Department of Citizen Services
Division of Welfare
18 Rector Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 733-3000

Essex County Department of Citizen Services
Division of Welfare
50 South Clinton Street
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 733-3000

Essex County Department of Citizen Services
Division of Welfare
465 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 733-3000

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Early Childhood Services

Children's Trust Fund

Nurturing Parenting Program
106 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
(973) 275-1570

This is a parenting program for parents with children ages 0-18. The program focuses on increasing parents' knowledge of child development use of alternatives to physical punishment and the development of nurturing behaviors.

Assuring Better Children - ABC's of Parenting Program
50 Union Avenue, Suite 403
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 372-4353

This parenting program targets 3-6 year olds who are about to enter kindergarten and their parents. Families are recruited from the local community as well as Abbott pre-school centers in Irvington.

Home Visitation

Essex Valley VNA
Healthy Families
274 South Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 412-2023

Northern NJ MCH Consortium
Healthy Families
17 Arcadian Avenue
Suite 204
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 843-7400

Youth Consultation Service
Nurse Family Partnership
284 Broadway
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 395-5500 ext. 301

Strengthening Families

Township of Orange School District
451 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4015 ext. 6057

School Linked Services

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives

Barringer High School
90 Parker Street
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 497-4793

Irvington High School
PO Box 153
1233 Clinton Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 399-7797

Newark Tech Career Center
91 West Market Street
Newark, NJ 07103
973-662-1100 ext. 4010

Orange Middle School
(Located at YMCA of Essex & West Hudson)
400 Central Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 672-9500 ext. 222

University Middle School
255 Myrtle Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 372-4962

Child Assault Prevention

NJ Child Assault Prevention Network
Mental Health Assoc. of Essex County
33 South Fullerton Ave
Montclair, NJ 07042
973-485-9018

Parent Linking Program

Barringer High School
90 Parker Street
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 350-8583

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School Linked Services

Family Friendly Centers

13th Avenue School
359 13th Avenue
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 399-3400 ext. 142

Avon Avenue School
237 Avon Avenue
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 399-3400 ext. 142

Boylan Street School
15 Boylan Street
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 374-2490

Dr. E. Alma Flagg School
150 Third Street
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 399-3400 ext. 142

East Orange YMCA
100 North Arlington Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07017
(973) 673-5588

Franklin Elementary School
42 Park Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 483-2703

Hawkins Street School
8 Hawkins Street
Newark, NJ 07105
(973) 465-4920

Mildred Barry Garvin School
181 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 266-5876

Family Friendly Centers (continued)

Mount Vernon School
142 Mt. Vernon Place
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 374-2090

Newton Street School
150 Newton Street
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 242-7934

South 17th Street School
619 South 17th Street
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 374-5252

Speedway Avenue School
26 Speedway Avenue
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 374-2740

William H. Brown Academy
695 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 733-9457

School Based Youth Services Programs

Barringer High School
90 Parker Street
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 497-5751

University Middle School
255 Myrtle Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 399-7797

Irvington High School
PO Box 153
Irvington, NJ 07111
(973) 399-7797

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School Linked Services

School Based Youth Services Programs

Columbia High School
17 Parker Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040
(973) 762-5600 ext. 1188

Essex County Technical Career Center
91 West Market Street
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 662-1100 ext. 4081

Mount Vernon School
142 Mt. Vernon Place
Newark, NJ 07106
(973) 374-2090

Orange High School
400 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4050 ext. 5019

Bloomfield High School
160 Broad Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 680-8600 ext. 4156

Maplewood Middle School
7 Burnett Street
Maplewood, NJ 07040
(973) 378-7660 ext. 3175

Newark School Based Health Centers

Barringer High School
90 Parker Street
Newark, NJ 07104
(973) 268-5125

Dayton Street School
226 Dayton Street
Newark, NJ 07114
(973) 733-8781

George Washington Carver School
333 Clinton Place
Newark, NJ 07112
(973) 705-3810

Malcolm X. Shabazz School
80 Johnson Avenue
Newark, NJ 07108
(973) 623-8592

Quitman Community School
21 Quitman Street
Newark, NJ 07103
(973) 824-0806