



FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER MODEL

Bidders Conference

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Family Success Centers (FSC)

- **Target Population:** Residents of Asbury Park and adjacent communities
- **Funding:** Up to \$240,000
- **Level of Service:** A minimum of 250 registered participants annually

STAFFING

The FSC is required to employ 3 full time staff including:

(1) Program Director

(1) Family Partner

(1) Volunteer and Community Partnership Coordinator

Full-time is defined as a minimum of 35 hours per week.

Two part-time staff cannot be hired in place of a full-time position. All FSC staff must be located at the Family Success Center.

Network of State-funded FSCs

- Fifty-four Family Success Centers.
- At least 1 in each County.
- Created 20 new Family Success Centers in the past 5 years.
- Served nearly 55,000 individuals in 2015.

Defining Prevention

- Primary Prevention targets the general population and offers services and activities before any signs of undesired behaviors become present; there is no screening.
- Secondary Prevention is directed at those who are “at risk” of possibly maltreating or neglecting children. Secondary prevention efforts and services are provided before child is abuse or neglect occurs.
- Tertiary Prevention provided after maltreatment has occurred, to reduce the impact of maltreatment and to avoid future abuse

Family Success Center Model

Family Success Centers (FSCs) are neighborhood gathering places where any community resident can go for support, information and services.

The design and delivery of services are guided by parents' and individuals' voice and choice through a Parent/Community Advisory Board.

The model strives to create an environment where ultimately you have neighbor helping neighbor.



Arts and Crafts @ Meadowlands FSC



Youth Leadership Summit @ Winslow FSC



Fatherhood Leadership Meeting @ Winslow FSC



International Music & Food Night @ Norwescap FSC



Sandy Waveriders @ Meadowlands FSC



Homework Club @ Meadowlands FSC



Auto Repair Workshop @ Glassboro FSC



Grand Opening @ Riverview FSC

What does a FSC look like?

- They are usually set in actual homes or create home like environments inside the building.
- FSCS have family friendly spaces that resemble homes, most of the meetings take place in the living room or the kitchen area.
- They only have 3.5 staff members and rely heavily on volunteers.

Family Friendly Spaces



Camden Promise Neighborhood FSC



Camden Promise Neighborhood FSC



Palisades FSC



Arts & Crafts @ Palisades FSC

Little Ferry, New Jersey





Family Success Center Approach

- It is a collaborative, strength-based method of organizing resources, supports and services to support the growth and development of families.
- Embraces families and partners to achieve their aspirations for the future.
- It strives to help families build upon those strengths through community involvement and shared-decision making with families.

Holistic and Strength Based



Grand Opening @ Meadowlands FSC



Healthy Nutrition @ Palisades FSC



Family Fun Day @ Meadowlands FSC



ESL for Beginners @ Palisades FSC

Family Success Center Approach

- Reduce isolation and promote social connections among family and community.
- Support activities and provide services in a friendly, safe and non stigmatizing location.
- FSC work is driven by the trustful relationship between the FSC staff and family.

Promoting Social Connections



Family Fun Day @ Palisades FSC



Halloween Arts & Crafts @ Palisades FSC



Statewide FSC Conference



Family Fun Day @ Meadowlands FSC

Family Friendly Activities

- Family success goes beyond the predominant view of prevention.
- Family success focus on creating, promoting and supporting situations that allow well-being to flourish and ensures positive outcomes for individuals and families.
- Family success breaks away from the traditional targeted , time –constrained, casualty based interventions.

Family Friendly Activities

- Parenting Groups (evidenced based parent education),
- Support Groups for Young Parents (Mom's Group-New Babies, New Emotions, Kiddie Academy-Emotional Coaching),
- Computer Labs (Job Search, Resume Writing, Financial Literacy Workshop, etc.),
- Breast Feeding Support Groups, Prenatal Nutrition Classes, Adult Literacy Programs,
- Grandparents Support Groups,
- Parent & Me-Arts and Crafts Activities,
- Fatherhood Enrichment Activities (father-daughter dance, movie night, play with dad, exercise with dad, etc.),
- Girls Empowerment Groups, Tutoring, Gardening Clubs,
- Group exercise: Yoga, Zumba, Walking Clubs.

Moms to be, baby and Me Fair!

Promoting Emotionally Healthy Families

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Family Health Center

200 South Street

Morristown, NJ 07206

Come and Join Us:

- Receive gifts for you and your baby
- Learn ways to relax and take care of yourself emotionally during and after giving birth
- Listen to ways to create a healthy attachment with your baby
- Learn information about programs in your community

For more information call:
973-268-2280 x155

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Family Health Center**



CLASSROOM RULES
Join us for a fun **FREE** event to help children of all ages prepare to go back to school! Make your very own Notebook and pencil case holder!

BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST 21, 2014

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



The Morris County Family Success Center, a program of the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern NJ, is supported by funding from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.



Job Fair

Wednesday, August 26, 2015
11:00am-3:00pm

Featuring Businesses along the

**PURCELLAND-EASTWEST
COMMUNITY SHUTTLE**

Where: **COURTYARD by Marriot**
325 Rowan Blvd.,
Glassboro NJ 08028



Free 2 hour Parking will be available at the Rowan Boulevard Parking Garage

Full time, Part time and Temp positions including:

- * Warehouse Support * Forklift Operators
- * Clerical Support * Customer Service
- * Class A CDL Drivers * Quality Control
- * Accounting * Managers and Supervisors
- * Insurance Producers * Maintenance
- * Professional Office * General Laborers
- * Restaurant /Banquet Services

And more!!!!

Visit the Purcelland EastWest Shuttle website for route information.
<http://www.drivewest.com/PurcellandEastWestShuttle.html>

RSVP before Monday August 24th to either:

Glassboro Family Success Center
856-347-4338
fxgfoucoester@gmail.com

Woodbury Family Success Center
856-848-7150
djjudge@hispanicfamilycenter.com

Family Success Center Difference

- Provide a defined set of activities for parents, families and individuals to strengthen their families.
- Families are “at the table” in all decisions that affect their lives. FSCs recognize that families possess the inherent strengths and knowledge they need to succeed given the opportunity, support and resources.
- Intended to be catalysts for transforming the way families, communities and resources connect.

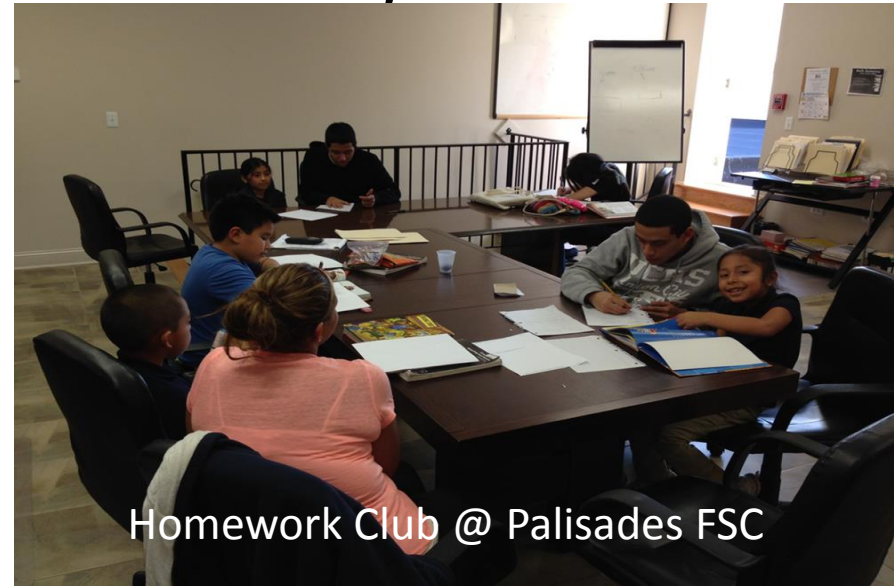
Family Success Center Difference

- FSCs are not traditional social service agencies. FSC staff are not case managers.
- Family involvement is 100% voluntary and open to everyone in the community.
- Family Success Centers are not equipped to provide direct service to families in crisis or case management services.

Out of the Ordinary



Promise Neighborhood FSC



Homework Club @ Palisades FSC



Promise Neighborhood FSC



Halloween Arts & Crafts @ Palisades FSC

Different Perspectives of Success



Grand Opening @ Meadowlands FSC



Statewide FSC Conference



International Music & Food Night



Season of Service @ Meadowlands FSC

Hallmarks of Successful FSCs

- Shared leadership with the community,
- Thriving Parent Advisory Board,
- Robust volunteer network,
- Warm, welcoming and homelike atmosphere with a separate identity and location from the managing agency.

Hallmarks of Successful FSCs

- Recognition that true primary and secondary prevention can only occur if families choose to come to the center and are excited to get involved.
- Caring and committed staff that treat all people with respect and dignity and see the strength and potential in everyone.

Hallmarks of Successful FSCs

- Provide opportunities for growth on the families' terms,
- Valued, respected and trusted by the community,
- Strong collaborative relationships with all the sectors that make up a community: schools, faith-based organizations, health centers, local businesses, etc.

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Thank You!

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