ABOUT DCF

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families is the state’s first Cabinet-level agency devoted exclusively to serving and supporting children and families. DCF is comprised of approximately 6,300 staff who are focused on and committed to assisting and empowering residents to be safe, healthy and connected.

This is done with an array of evidence-based, family-centered programs and services that are provided through a robust network of community providers using work-practices that incorporate racial equity, are healing centered and utilize a protective factors framework.

Collectively, the DCF and its partners are working to: increase kinship placements and family connections; prevent maltreatment and promote strong families; advance race equity among staff and families served; integrate consumer voice in all programs and services; cultivate a culture of accountability; maximize federal revenue; provide an integrated and inclusive system of care for youth; safeguard staff and promote professional satisfaction.

DCF is comprised of the following divisions and offices:

- **Central Office of Administration**
- **Division of Child Protection and Permanency**
- **Division of Children’s System of Care**
- **Division of Family and Community Partnerships**
- **Division on Women**
- **Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging**
- **Office of Education**
- **Office of Family Voice**
- **Office of Licensing**
- **Office of Monitoring**
- **Office of Resilience**
- **Office of Staff Health and Wellness**
- **Office of Training and Professional Development**
- **The Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit**
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Services focus on preventing violence and strengthening families across the lifespan by:

- Improving parenting knowledge and skills
- Building relationships and reducing social isolation
- Promoting children’s social and emotional development
- Increasing individual resilience
- Providing access to supports for every-day needs
- Creating a more equitable environment for women and men

### Early Childhood Services
- **34,090 families & individuals served**
- These programs serve pregnant women and families with infants and young children, ages 0 to 8 years. They also provide training and services to parents, providers, and community members.

### School-Based Youth Services
- **30,373 individuals served**
- These programs serve school-aged youth and their families, operating in 90 NJ schools.

### Family Support Services
- **50,779 families served**
- These programs provide services to parents, children, young adults, and seniors to strengthen families and enrich their communities.

### Sexual Violence Services
- **15,566 individuals served**
- These services include programs for survivors of sexual violence and primary prevention programs. Services are open to all genders and ages, with special focus on young adults. The sexual violence hotline received **12,003 calls** in CY 2021.

### Domestic Violence Services
- **42,849 individuals served**
- These programs serve all individuals affected by domestic violence, including women, men, and children. Domestic violence hotlines received **91,893 calls** in CY 2021.

### Employment and Training Services
- **5,831 individuals served**
- These programs assist NJ residents to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment readiness, focusing on displaced individuals who have lost their primary source of income and Hispanic women by enhancing their workforce development and readiness skills.

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Division of Family and Community Partnerships (FCP)
and Division on Women (DOW)

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Division of Children’s System of Care (CSOC)
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CSOC Youth In-Home and Out-of-Home*

- Youth Served In-Community: 96%
- Youth Served in Out-of-Home Treatment Settings: 4%

Mobile Response Stabilization**

- Successfully stabilized youth in home: 98.8%
- Unable to stabilize youth in home: 1.2%

58,631†
Youth received help for themselves and their families through CSOC.

132,416†
Calls CSOC received from families for support, assistance, and services.

30,385**
Mobile Response Services dispatched to families with requests for urgent assistance with a youth’s behavior.

26,854*
Youth active with CSOC.

14,390†
Active CSOC youth eligible for supports and services for an identified developmental disability.

1,960††
Active CSOC youth with an identified substance use issue.

†Data from Perform Care population report
* Quarterly Data - Point in Time from February 2022 - Youth Open (Less DD Eligible only youth)
**Data from Mobile Response Stabilization Services - Dispatch
††Substance Use Involvement - Point in Time from December 2021 CIACC Report
The State Central Registry (SCR) received 144,753 calls in 2021. Among those calls, there were 52,964 reports generated to investigate the need for child protection services (CPS) and 7,701 referrals for child welfare services (CWS).

125,488 children received investigation, case management, prevention services, or adoption support by CP&P in 2021.

Most children are served safely in their own homes.

The number of children entering foster care decreased by 59% in the last five years (2017 - 2021).

1,000 children were reunified with their biological parents in 2021.

On December 31, 2021, there were 3,213 children in out of home placement, 46% of which lived with Kin.

14,309 children currently receive adoption or kinship legal guardianship subsidies as of February 28, 2022.
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DCF Offices
- There are 60 DCF offices serving children and families in New Jersey.
  - 46 Local Offices
  - 9 Area Offices
  - 5 IAIU Offices

DCF Regional Schools
- There are 19 DCF regional schools serving children in New Jersey

Family Success Centers (FSC)
- There are 57 Family Success Centers serving families in New Jersey

DCF Footprint in New Jersey

DCF Staff
- There are 6,334 DCF employees working in New Jersey.

Resource Homes
- 3,132 Licensed resource homes serving children.

Childcare Centers
- 4,038 Licensed childcare centers serving children.

Keeping Families Together
- 649 Families receiving supportive housing thru DCF.