

## Major Service Areas

### *Child Abuse Prevention / Family Stabilization Services*

Services are designed to strengthen individual and family functioning, improve parenting skills, prevent abuse and neglect, stabilize families in crisis and enable families to remain intact.

### *Child & Family Permanency Services*

Services are designed to provide contact for parents, children and siblings separated by foster care, assess strengths of parents for child permanency plans and possible family reunification, assess and support foster, adoptive and kinship families, and place children in adoptive families or other permanent homes.

### *Individual / Group / Couples and Family Counseling*

Services are designed to assess and strengthen individual and family functioning, prevent abuse and neglect, prevent delinquency and promote positive self-esteem and individual development for children, youth and adults.

## Who We Serve

Family & Children's Services serves individuals of all ages and diverse families of all income levels. We place special emphasis on vulnerable, at-risk, disadvantaged, under-served and other individuals and families who may not otherwise have access to human services. Of special concern are children in need of protection, foster care or adoption and families in need of crisis intervention or reunification. Our programs address the needs of individuals and families who have experienced one or more of the following: abuse or neglect, family disruption, crisis or conflict, domestic violence, mental health problems, substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, truancy or other school-related problems, homelessness, job loss or other crises.



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Strengthening Families, Building Futures Since 1893

## Services Overview

Family & Children's Services carries out its mission by providing a comprehensive range of services, including therapeutic, educational, case management, home-based support and basic needs services.

Our agency's service continuum allows clients access to a variety of services within the agency. Our agency services are client and family-centered, individualized, strength-based and culturally sensitive, and are always voluntary, with inherent respect for the diversity, dignity and right to self-determination of all clients.

Services are provided at times in home-based and community-based locations accessible to clients and their families. Where applicable, fees may be charged on a sliding scale. No client is denied access for financial reasons. Service hours are flexible to accommodate client needs.

## *Giving to Family & Children's Services*

### *Contributions*

Individual and family financial gifts to Family & Children's Services have a positive impact on the lives of at-risk and abused children, needy families and those facing personal tragedy and crisis. Since 1893, friends of Family & Children's Services have helped us improve the lives of thousands of families and children.

Family & Children's Services also receives support from civic, professional and community associations, foundations and trusts and from the United Way of Greater Union County. Family & Children's Services is able to improve the lives of the families and children we serve through the generosity of its supporters. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Your gift truly makes a difference. If you wish to mail your contribution to Family & Children's Services, please use the following address.

**FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
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### *Planned Gifts*

Planned gifts, including bequests and endowment contributions, have provided the foundation for our greatest periods of growth, as well as financial stability to protect agency services during tough economic times. These types of gifts are especially valuable to Family & Children's Services because they also offer opportunities for new and innovative programs, including prevention and early intervention efforts to protect children and preserve families.

The concept of planned gifts is simple, although there are many variations to suit donor preferences. These gifts can benefit the giver, as well as the designated charity. In exchange for donated assets, whether cash, stocks, bonds or property, the donor may receive a tax benefit, as well as an income for a specified number of years.

Please consider including Family & Children's Services in your estate planning. Your gift will provide needed funding for services to benefit clients well into the future and will stand as a clear declaration of your commitment and values.

## *Our Mission...*

**Family & Children's Services**, a non-profit multi-service agency based in Elizabeth and serving Union County and the surrounding areas, strengthens families and individuals by providing comprehensive personalized behavioral health and social services with a priority on serving those most vulnerable.

### *Goals*

- Protecting children, vulnerable individuals and families
- Preventing child abuse and neglect
- Educating and supporting parents and caregivers
- Preserving and strengthening relationships and families
- Promoting family permanency for children
- Enhancing individual capacity and self-esteem
- Participating in public education and advocacy for children and families
- Collaborating with institutions and communities to provide services, resources and opportunities for children, youth, adults and families.

### *History*

Founded in 1893, Family & Children's Services began as the Charity Organization Society. It was joined in 1898 by the Elizabeth Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Our commitment to these two organizations continues today with particular emphasis on disadvantaged families and vulnerable children, as we continue to provide a wide array of innovative and professional quality child welfare, mental health and family services to children, youth and adults of all ages in Union County and surrounding areas.

### *Credentials and Qualifications*



United Way  
Certified

**Family & Children's Services** is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services, certified by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services and licensed by the Division of Mental Health Services and is a certified partner of United Way of Greater Union County.



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## *Gifts in Kind*

Each year, hundreds of families in our community benefit from food, clothing, books, toys and housewares donated to Family & Children's Services during the holiday season. Your donations help families in need make ends meet each day and help make holidays more special.

## *Giving the Gift of Time*

We are always looking for volunteers who are interested in:

- "Done in-a-day" projects (painting, washing windows and beautification projects)
- Seasonal volunteers to assist with the annual Holiday Drive
- Planning and facilitating special events
- Committees of the Board of Trustees

Family & Children's Services also welcomes the time and professional services donated by individuals and companies in direct support of the families and children we serve.

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