

Our mission...

Family & Children's Services is a non-profit multi-service agency based in Elizabeth and serving Union County and the surrounding area. Our mission is to strengthen 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 organizations 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 area.

Credentials and Qualifications

Family & Children's Services employs a diverse, multi-disciplinary team of skilled, experienced staff who individually meet respective professional licensing and certification requirements where applicable. The agency staff has extensive experience working with children, youth, adults and families who may need a continuum of services.

Family & Children's Services is state licensed to provide mental health and adoption services and is a certified partner of the United Way of Greater Union County. We provide therapeutic, case management, education and support services to children, youth and adults of all ages.



United Way
Partner

Client Population

Family & Children's Services serves individuals of all ages and diverse families of all income levels. We place special emphasis providing services to at-risk, disadvantaged and under-served 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 challenges of life.



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Service Locations

MAIN OFFICE	MID-TOWN ELIZABETH
40 North Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208 908-352-7474 908-965-3227 (fax)	16 Jefferson Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07201 908-372-1007 908-372-1018 (fax)

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HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM



Strengthening Families, Building Futures Since 1893

Homeless Prevention Program

Program Overview

The program's goal is to provide comprehensive therapeutic, evaluative, and case management services to families at risk for homelessness.

According to a study conducted by the National Coalition for the Homeless, families comprise 40% of the homeless population in the United States.

Our agency is dedicated to working with these families and providing services to make sure these parents and children receive the resources needed to ensure a better tomorrow.



Objectives

Our agency focuses on the person-centered needs that have to be addressed.

These needs include but not limited to:

- **Emergency shelters**
- **Food**
- **Transitional Housing**
- **Mental Health Treatment**
- **Counseling**
- **Budgeting**
- **Employment**
- **Housing Searching**
- **Life skills**

Through case management, our agency can connect families with an array of resources throughout Union County.

For more information about our programs, please contact us at 908.352.7474 or e-mail us at info@facsnj.org.

We're on the web: www.facsnj.org

Service Activities

- To strengthen the family unit by providing comprehensive evaluative services.
- To offer therapeutic counseling services to children and their families.
- To provide intensive case management and linkages to needed resources.

