

## 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 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.*

*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.*



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# 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

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## Family & Children's Services

# UNION FIRST PROGRAM



Strengthening Families, Building Futures Since 1893

# Union First Program

## Program Overview

The Union FIRST, family reunification program, provides services to parents and their children.

Our primary goal is to enhance a family's progress towards reunification.

Our professional staff works with families to assess their needs, facilitate family visitations, and offers the families support in reaching their goals.



## Services

Our clinical and case management staff can provide many comprehensive services to our families which include:

- Family assessments
- Frequent visitations
- Family therapy
- Case management services
- Team meetings
- Post-reunification family support
- Transportation

For more information about the Union First Program, please contact us at 908.372.1007 or e-mail us at [info@facsni.org](mailto:info@facsni.org)

We're on the web: [www.facsni.org](http://www.facsni.org)

## Objectives

A family's motivation to work toward reunification is assessed as are their individual needs and strengths. The purposes of the program are to enhance movement to family reunification, facilitate frequent family-friendly visits to re-build relationships and to engage families, staff and the family's support system in the process of organizing an ongoing support network to reinforce reunification.

All services will be based on the family's individual service plan and may vary significantly by location, frequency, duration and intensity as the family moves toward reunification.

