

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.



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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AT-RISK YOUTH COUNSELING SERVICES & YOUTH COUNSELING SERVICES



Strengthening Families, Building Futures Since 1893

At-Risk Youth Counseling Services

The At-Risk Youth Counseling Services program provides counseling services to children ages 9 through 14, at no cost to their families. Children who reside in Union County and are at risk for entering the Juvenile Justice System due to problems with peers, trouble in school or family conflict can receive 10 free counseling sessions.

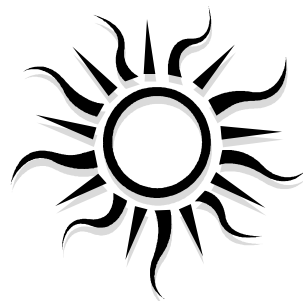
Referral to the program can be made by parents/guardians, schools, community agencies, or faith-based organizations.

Services are provided by experienced counselors in one of Family & Children's Services Elizabeth office locations.

40 North Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

16 Jefferson Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

At-Risk Youth Counseling Services and Youth Counseling Services



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

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



Youth Counseling Services

The Youth Counseling Services program provides in-home or community based counseling services to youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who are involved in one of Juvenile Justice Commission's Points of Continuum (Diversion, Disposition, Detention, or Re-Entry).

Services are provided in the home or other designated community locations by experienced counselors for approximately 12 sessions (dependent on point of continuum). The goals of the program are to prevent further delinquent behavior, improve the youth's ability to get along with family members, and to help the youth to function optimally in all areas of life.

Referrals to this program can be made by the Union County Court, Juvenile Conference Committee, the Family Crisis Intervention Unit, Juvenile Referee, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program, Law Enforcement, Detention Facilities, Detention Alternative Programs, Parole and Probation Departments and the Youth Services Bureau.

For more information, to obtain services or to make a referral: Contact Marissa Mansueto at 908-372-1007, Ext. 205.