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The New Jersey Department of Children and Families funds and administers a statewide Network of Family Success Centers (FSCs) operated by nonprofit agencies as neighborhood-based places where any community resident can access family support, information and services, and specialized supports that vary depending on the needs and desires of the community in which they are located. The function of FSCs is to provide resources and support before families fall into crisis.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2007
- Year joined NFSN: 2016
- Network type: Public Funder-Coordinated

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Securing/raising funds that are distributed to Members
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Shared data management system



Highlights

- With funding from the federal government, FSCs provided over 12,600+ households with infant formula in response to the national shortage from Dec 2022-December 2025.
- The Office of Family Support Services (OFSS) in collaboration with the department's evaluation unit continued developing a program fidelity evaluation tool to assess the health and progress of program sites during site visits. This tool will be completed on all 57 sites for the first round of assessments by June 2026. Our research team will then analyze the results to make a determination of frequency, based on scoring.
- OFSS partnered with Be Strong Families to train Master Trainers throughout the state to complete Virtual and In-Person Parent Cafes.
- OFSS holds Regional and Statewide meetings to bring the network together for collaboration, trainings, and best practice.
- Two FSC directors will be presenting with parent leaders at the Stockton University- 2nd Biennial Mid-Atlantic Intergenerational Conference: Intergenerational Approaches for Living, Learning, and Growing in June 2026 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- OFSS completed updating the FSC manual which was translated into an online asynchronous training. This training was completed by all staff by fall 2024 and now is used regularly for policy across the network. Booster Service Activities are completed with the FSC Directors at Regional and Statewide meeting to cement the knowledge of the Program Model.
- FSCs have begun partnering with our Kinship Navigator Program (KNP) to provide critical support and resources to kinship families to deliver enhanced support services and strengthening family connections.

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Network Mission Statement:

To support the development, growth, and continuation of these services by providing technical assistance, training advocacy, resources and networking opportunities.

Members

- Number of Members: 57 (Including 4 Anchor + Outreach sites)
 - 54 Community-Based FRCs
 - 3 County/City Facility-based FRCs
- Individuals served:
 - 81,219 unique Individuals
 - 37,617 unique families
- Funding: \$14.3M
- Funding sources:
 - Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP): \$1.1M
 - State government: \$13.2M

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success & Job Readiness Activities
- Educational Activities
- Health /Wellness Activities
- Intentional Intergenerational Engagement Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities



Outcomes

- 50,626* families received support
- 46% Hispanic/Latinx
- 18,339* individual and group sessions were held, primarily for information and referral to food, clothing, family health, and advocacy
- FSCs were involved with 5,150 public events, with 125,404* individuals in attendance.
- 23,984 wellness checks were completed.

**Items marked with * could be duplicated from our above-mentioned registered individuals and families*