Preserving Connections
Preventing Child Abuse
During COVID-19

Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer
NJ DCF is a family serving agency

New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families is the state’s designated family serving agency focused on and committed to assisting and empowering residents to be safe, healthy and connected through an array of programs and services that incorporate racial equity, family voice and a protective factors framework.
APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PREVENTING ABUSE ISN’T A PROFESSION. IT’S A MORAL IMPERATIVE.

During these uncertain times of social distancing MANY children are at-risk.

#bridgethegap

It IS your business. Everyone in NJ is a mandated reporter.

Call 1-877-652-2873 to report suspected abuse or neglect. Be a hero to a child in need!
Reports of Child Abuse & Neglect are Down

Reports of Child Abuse & Neglect are called in to the State Central Registry for concerns of Child Protective Services or Child Welfare Services.

• In March 2019, there were 7,501
• In March 2020, there were 5,234
  • 30% reduction
• When students are not in school or seen by coaches, healthcare workers or law enforcement, there is a reduction in reporting.
• Incidents, however, tend to increase
Social Distance Shouldn’t Mean Social Isolation  #Bridge the Gap

Ensure social connections. Check on and offer remote support to families you know:

- with infants and young children
- that have children with special needs
- with a history of substance abuse
- who are under extreme stress due to unemployment, food insecurity or housing instability
- with a history of violence
- with a history of mental illness
"The African American representation among fatalities is about 50% higher than the state's population," said Gov. Phil Murphy.

Of the first 3,564 deaths the state has complete information on, 49.9% of victims are white, 22.2% are black, 16.6% Hispanic or Latino, 5.5% Asian, 5.8% designated as "other."

The state's overall population, according to the census, is 54.9% white, 20% Hispanic or Latino, 15% black, 10% Asian

*Data as of 4/21/20*
COVID-19

SOCIAL DISTANCING SHOULDN’T MEAN SOCIAL ISOLATION.
If you or someone you know is suffering, call for help.

**Domestic Violence Hotline**
1-800-572-7233

**Child Abuse Hotline**
1-877-652-2873

**Children’s System of Care**
1-877-652-7624

**NJ Mental Health Cares**
1-866-202-4357

**Crisis Text Line**
Text NJ to 741741

**2nd Floor Support for Youth**
1-888-222-2228
Family Success Centers
Preventing Maltreatment

Jenira A. Hill
Family Success Centers (FSC)

FSCs:
- **Family focused** organizations that serve all members of the family.
- Encourages and uplifts parent and community voice.
- A **community hub**, ensuring families are referred to the most effective programs.
- Increase **social connections** within communities.
- Engages the **general public** to reinforce and bolster the **Protective Factors** of families throughout the state.
Statewide Network of FSCs

57 FSCs across the state.

25+ sites opened in the last 5 years.

50,000 individuals served annually.
COVID-19

Virtual Calendars: Greenway FSC

Greenway FSC Online Programs

Programs are free and open to all families!

Registration is required for all programs

Stronger Together Program event

April 2020 Calendar

Check out our calendar of Online Programs for April
Call us at 732.768.8049 to register or ask questions!

#greenwayfsc #greenwaygoesvirtual #onlineprograms #freeactivities #staysafe #unathome

Ivette Astudillo and Brenda Crespo like Most Relevant this

5 Shares 1 Comment

Erin Markan Could you remind me what Active Parenting is?

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1 Reply
Staying Connected During Pandemic

The US Census is taken every ______ years.
Home Visitation
Safe, healthy families

Lenore Scott
Central Intake

New Jersey has a statewide network of central intake hubs in all 21 counties.

Central intake provides pregnant women, families, and provides easy access to resource information and referrals to community services that promote child and family wellness.

Central intake’s focus is to facilitate linkages from pregnancy to age five.
Quarterly Prevention of Care Meeting

- Central Intake Specialists
- Early Childhood Specialists
- Community Health Workers
- Home Visitors
- Doulas
- Partners
## Local Central Intake Hubs

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Evidence-Based Home Visitation

The overall mission of the New Jersey Home Visiting Initiative is to improve the physical and emotional well-being of infants, children and their families in New Jersey by providing community-based education and in-home support to parents. Eligibility criteria for EBHV services vary by model, but typically programs begin working with families during pregnancy and continue until the child is age two or three.

Home visitors provide pregnant women and new parents with health information, parenting education, and linkages to other resources that support child and family well-being. DCF-funded EBHV models include:

- Healthy Families – TANF Initiative for Parents (HF-TIP) – pregnancy/birth to age three
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) – first-time pregnancy to age two
- Parents As Teachers (PAT) – pregnancy/infancy to preschool
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – age three to five
All EBHV Programs

All Home Visiting Programs are continuing to operate under guidance put forth by each of the models. All programs are providing virtual home visits until it is safe to resume in-person visits.

All programs are continuing to accept referrals through PRA-SPECT.

All programs are permitted to facilitate virtual enrollments to support families within their service area.
Home Visitor Working With Families Virtually
Dropping Off Supplies to Families