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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.





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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



COVID-19 Race Disparity

"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](#)



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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

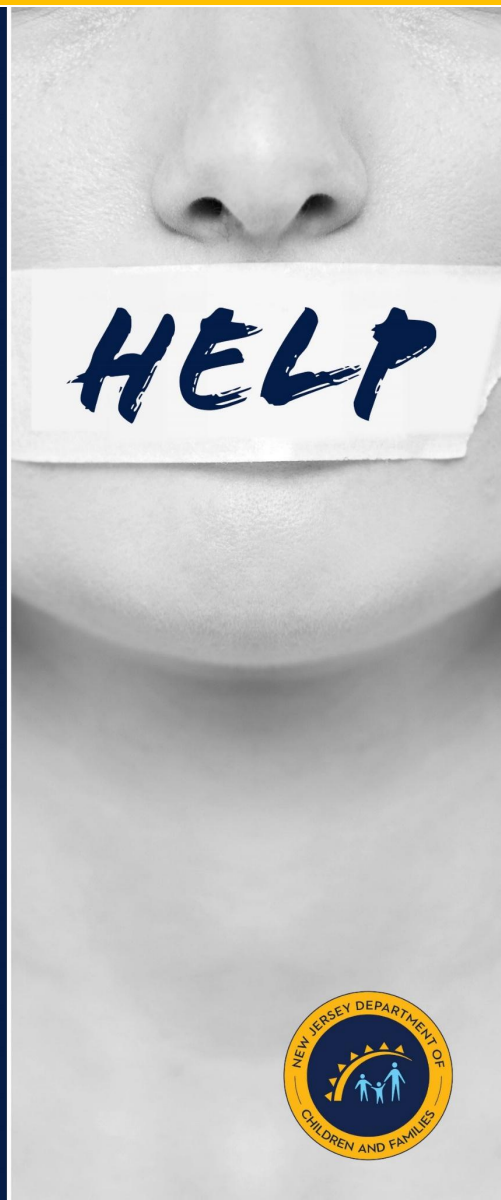
1-866-202-4357

Crisis Text Line

Text NJ to 741741

2nd Floor Support for Youth

1-888-222-2228



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Family Success Centers Preventing Maltreatment



Jenira A. Hill



Family Success Centers (FSC)

FSCs:

- ❑ **Family focused** organizations that serves 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.



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Virtual Calendars: Greenway FSC

 Greenway FSC Online Programs <p>Programs are free and open to all families!!</p> <p>Registration is required for all programs</p> <p>STP Stronger Together Program event</p> <p>April 2020 Calendar</p>					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Census Day Trivia Time 3:30pm-4:30pm 	2. Financial Peace University 5:30pm-7:00pm 	3. Creative Movements (age 3-5) 3:30pm-4:30pm 	4. 
6. Milestone Monday Check our FB page for activity ideas!	7. 	8. Active Parenting 3:30pm-5:00pm 	9. Women's Club Coffee & Conversation 5:30pm-6:30pm 	10. Creative Movements (age 3-5) 3:30pm-4:30pm 	11.
13. Re-think Your Drink Nutrition Workshop 3:30pm-4:30pm 	14. Dads Hang Out 5:30pm-6:30pm 	15. Active Parenting 3:30pm-5:00pm 	16.	17. Make a Bird Feeder! 12:30pm-1:30pm  Family Bread-Making 3:30pm-4:00pm 	18. 
20. Milestone Monday Check our FB page for activity ideas!	21.	22. Active Parenting 3:30pm-5:00pm 	23. 	24. Make Your Own Ice Pops! 3:30pm-4:00pm 	25.
27.	28. 	29. Active Parenting 3:30pm-5:00pm 	30.	Remember to complete your Census form! my2020census.gov/ 	

Call us at 732.768.8049 or follow us on Social Media!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreenwayFamilySC
Instagram: [@greenwayfamilysuccess](https://www.instagram.com/greenwayfamilysuccess)

Photos from Greenway Family Success Center's post in Timeline Photos


 **Greenway Family Success Center** · April 1 · 🌐

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 #funathome

Ivette Astudillo and Brenda Crespo like this. Most Relevant ▾

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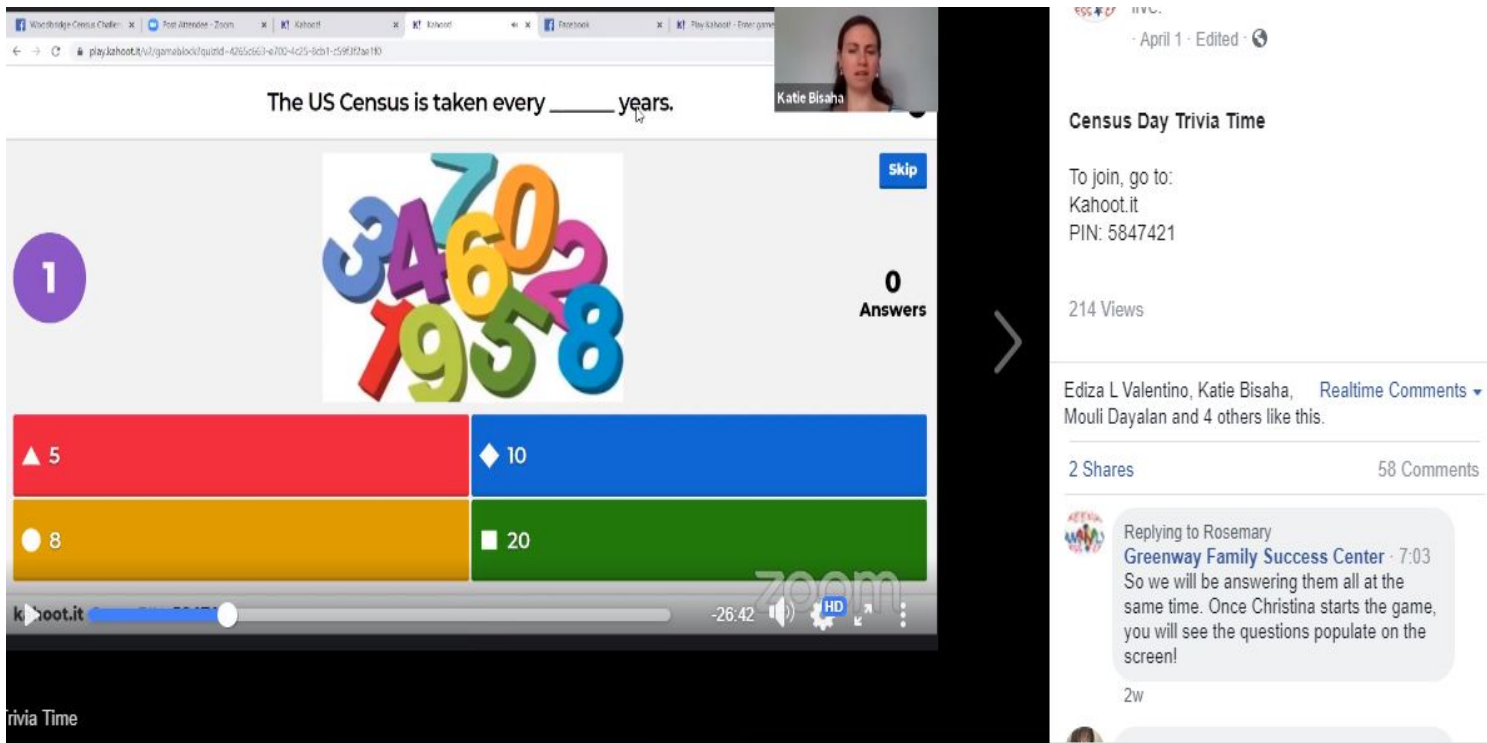
 **Erin Markan** Could you remind me what Active Parenting is?

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1 Reply



Staying Connected During Pandemic



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting window. On the left, a Kahoot! trivia game is in progress. The question is "The US Census is taken every ____ years." The game interface shows a timer of 1 minute, a "Skip" button, and a score of 0 answers. Below the question, there are four answer choices represented by colored bars: a red bar with a triangle icon and the number 5, a blue bar with a diamond icon and the number 10, an orange bar with a circle icon and the number 8, and a green bar with a square icon and the number 20. A "zoom" watermark is visible over the game interface. On the right side of the Zoom window, a video feed shows a woman named Katie Bisaha. To the right of the Zoom window, a Facebook post titled "Census Day Trivia Time" is visible. The post includes the text "To join, go to: Kahoot.it PIN: 5847421" and shows 214 views. Below the post, there are comments and shares, including a comment from Ediza L. Valentino and a share from Greenway Family Success Center.

Census Day Trivia Time

To join, go to:
Kahoot.it
PIN: 5847421

214 Views

Ediza L. Valentino, Katie Bisaha, Realtime Comments
Mouli Dayalan and 4 others like this.

2 Shares 58 Comments

Replying to Rosemary
Greenway Family Success Center · 7:03
So we will be answering them all at the same time. Once Christina starts the game, you will see the questions populate on the screen!

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Family and Community Partnership Programs

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

PROGRAM DIRECTORY LINK
<http://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/dcfcp/>

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Statewide prevention resources designed to support family success and keep children safe

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

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FAMILY SUCCESS CENTERS (FSC)

- At least 1 FSC in every New Jersey County
- Free services that encourage family interaction
- Activities and linkages to services like life skills, family health, employment, parent education, and much more

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KINSHIP NAVIGATOR (KNP)

- Helps relatives and/or family friends who care for non-biological children navigate through government networks
- Also covers children with special needs up to age 21
- Call 2-1-1 to locate local agencies providing KNP

AGES: 0-5



HOME VISITATION (HV)

- Families are partnered with HV professionals to receive early support
- Multiple HV models
- Voluntary and free services to eligible families
- Services include child development, healthy parent-child interaction, and importance of early learning/school readiness

AGES: 0-5



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES (SF)

- A Protective Factors (PF) approach on training and guidance to childcare providers
- Providers learn how to incorporate the PF in their partnerships with their parents and families
- Training provided by Child Care Resource Referral Agencies (CCR&R)

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COUNTY COUNCILS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Local social service planning councils for families with young children
- Located in all counties
- Made up of local parents and community members
- Members receive training and technical assistance in parent leadership and shared leadership models

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CENTRAL INTAKE (CI)

- Statewide network hub
- Resource information and referrals to local services that promote child and family wellness
- Service range includes prenatal to child care services, behavioral health, domestic violence support, public assistance services, substance abuse treatment, and much more

ABOUT The programs and services listed are funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Division of Family and Community Partnerships (FCP) and available to all qualifying families with children in the listed age ranges. FCP is built on and comprised of best-practices and technical-assistance teams committed to building partnerships. Our goal is to develop a robust network of prevention support and services that are culturally responsive, strength-based, and family-centered.

Learn more about your county specific services in the FCP Program Directory or click on the program title to access the program's DCF description page online. Eligibility ages listed may vary by county and should be confirmed individually.

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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

#	County	Lead Agency	Name of County Central Intake	Central Intake #
1	Atlantic	Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative	The Connection	800-611-8326
2	Bergen	Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern NJ	Bergen Central Intake	973-942-3630 x11
3	Burlington	Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative	The Connection	800-611-8326
4	Camden	Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative	The Connection	800-611-8326
5	Cape May	Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative	The Connection	800-611-8326
6	Cumberland	Acenda Integrated Health	CGS Connect	856-431-4180
7	Essex	Prevent Child Abuse NJ	Essex Pregnancy and Parenting Connection	973-621-9157
8	Gloucester	Acenda Integrated Health	CGS Connect	856-431-4180
9	Hudson	Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern NJ	Hudson Central Intake	201-876-8900 x221
10	Hunterdon	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium	Family Connections Central Intake	888-551-6217
11	Mercer	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium	Family Connections Central Intake	888-551-6217
12	Middlesex	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium	Family Connections Central Intake	888-551-6217
13	Monmouth	Children's Home Society	Children's Home Society Central Intake	877-352-7843
14	Morris	Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern NJ	Morris Central Intake	973-343-2650
15	Ocean	Children's Home Society	Children's Home Society Central Intake	877-352-7843
16	Passaic	Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern NJ	Passaic Central Intake	973-942-3600 x14
17	Salem	Acenda Integrated Health	CGS Connect	856-431-4180
18	Somerset	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium	Family Connections Central Intake	888-551-6217
19	Sussex	Project Self-Sufficiency	Project Family Connect	844-807-3500
20	Union	Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern NJ	Union Central Intake	201-876-8900 x221
21	Warren	Project Self-Sufficiency	Project Family Connect	844-807-3500

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.

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Home Visitor Working With Families Virtually



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Dropping Off Supplies to Families

