

Family Success Centers (FSC)

Mission

Family Success Centers (FSCs) are community-based, family-centered neighborhood gathering places where area residents can receive family support, information, referrals, and access to services at no cost. The goal of FSC is to strengthen families and empower individuals to acquire to lead successful families and raise healthy and happy children

Structure

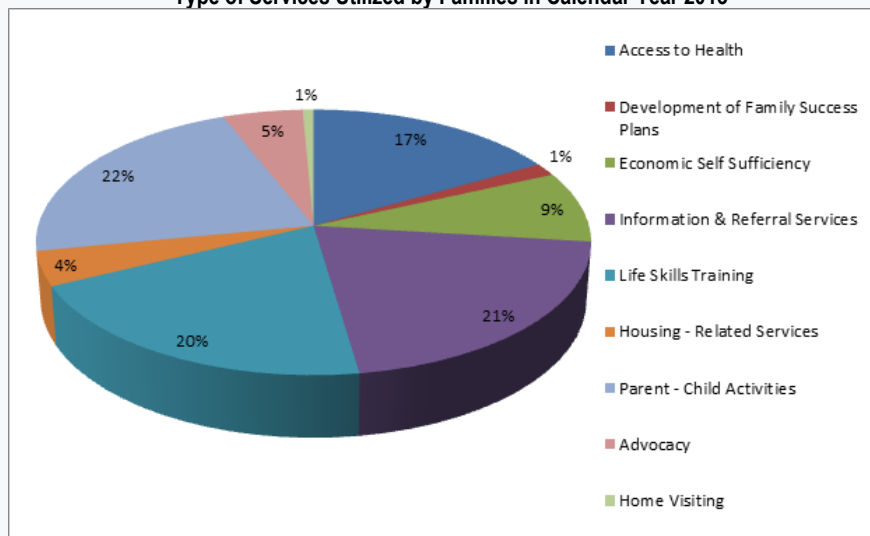
Through the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the State funds a network of FSCs as "one stop" sites that provide wrap-around resources and supports for families before they find themselves in crisis. A key element of each FSC is its Parent Advisory Board, an effective way for parents to become stewards of their respective communities by helping develop services unique to the geographic area. Parents and community members share the governance of each center and aid in its development.

Services

FSCs offer primary and secondary child abuse prevention services to families and bring together concerned community residents, parents, leaders, and community agencies to address problems that threaten the safety and stability of families and the community. Core services provided through FSCs include:

- Access to child, maternal and family health services
- Development of "Family Success" plans
- Parent education
- Employment related services
- Life Skills training (budgeting, nutrition, etc.)
- Housing related services
- Advocacy and related support
- General information and Referral/Linkages

Type of Services Utilized by Families in Calendar Year 2013



Top three utilized services in 2013 were parent child activities, information and referral and life skills.

Quick Facts

DCF began developing a network of FSCs in 2007

- DCF has a total of 51 FSCs, at least one in each of the 21 counties
- FSCs focus on providing primary and secondary prevention services
- FSCs are committed to the practice that all prevention efforts must be family-centered
- From January 20, 2010 to December 31, 2013 DCF created 15 new Family Success Centers around the State
- Family Success Centers served over 51,000 families in calendar year 2013