



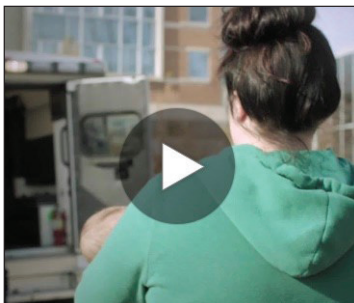
DCF Newsletter

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Murphy Administration Safe Haven Awareness Campaign



On February 13, 2019 First Lady Tammy Murphy, DCF Commissioner Christine Beyer, Gina Petrone Mumolie, Senior Vice President at Capital Health and Assistant Commissioner for DCP&P, Carmen Diaz-Petti held a news conference to announce a Statewide promotional push to raise awareness around NJ Safe Haven. Additional coverage for this news conference is available at <https://www.nj.gov/...>



New Jersey's Safe Haven Infant Protection Act allows an individual to give up an unwanted infant safely, legally and anonymously. The parents - or someone acting on their behalf - can leave an unharmed baby fewer than 30 days old with staff at any designated Safe Haven. The NJ DCF then ensures that the infant is placed with a foster or pre-adoptive home. Since September 2018, NJDCF has worked to saturate digital/social media with static, audio and video ads, garnering over one million unique hits among

its target audience of 18-30 year old residents in New Jersey.

#NurtureNJ - Promoting Maternal and Infant Health

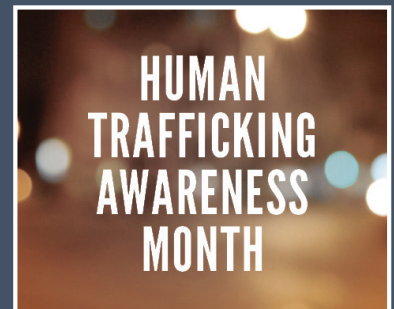


At DCF, we're dedicated to making sure that all New Jersey residents have an opportunity to be safe, healthy and connected.

And we understand that safe infants and healthy families first begin with safe, healthy mothers. We offer a multifaceted continuum of services around maternal and early childhood health. The common thread through all of the DCF services is that they are provided early, protect women and infants, promote positive outcomes all to prevent tragedy. [More...](#)



Dr. King's story is rich with action that challenged the status quo by fighting for race-equality, economic and employment opportunities, education equity, housing fairness and, general civility among people. He exhibited incredible insight, wisdom and a fearless conviction for what was right. I'm proud of the work we do at DCF to strengthen and empower families through programs and services that help to prevent ACEs, to protect children and to promote resilience. I believe that we share Dr. King's dream for a better tomorrow. [More...](#)



DCF has made it a priority to work with experts in the field to equip staff with the resources and practice guidance they need to meet the needs of affected youth. Through coordinated efforts with our Children's System of Care, treatment and other related services are accessed to support impacted youth and their families. In addition, CP&P routinely partners on a statewide community-based program specializing in providing trauma competent support to survivors of human trafficking. Engaging and educating youth around prevention really has been vital in our approach. [More...](#)

A Message on Human Trafficking in New Jersey



Dawn Roane, statewide administrator on Human Trafficking talks about the issues surrounding Human Trafficking in New Jersey and our efforts to combat and stop it.

If you believe you are a victim of trafficking or may have information about a potential trafficking situation, please contact the New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline at 855-END-NJ-HT (1-855-363-6548) or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

Governor Murphy's Announcement Regarding Opioids



Through our work in the Department of Children and Families, we are all too familiar with the impact that substance use has on struggling families. Every day, our staff work with families in which addiction is responsible for robbing children of a meaningful relationship with their parents, families struggling to raise a teen with an addiction, and families in which a parent's addiction is placing their child in harm's way. While each person's pathway to substance use is different, we know that adversity in childhood increases the likelihood for substance use in

adulthood – essentially creating a generational cycle of addiction, maltreatment, and adversity. [More...](#)

JetBlue Provides DCF with 50 'First Night' Bags



Sometimes children face imminent danger and we must act quickly to bring them to safety, but we don't have time to pack a bag of essentials. That's why JetBlue has helped provide 50 'First Night' bags to protect our children.

#THANKYOU for keeping NJ kids #SafeHealthyConnected

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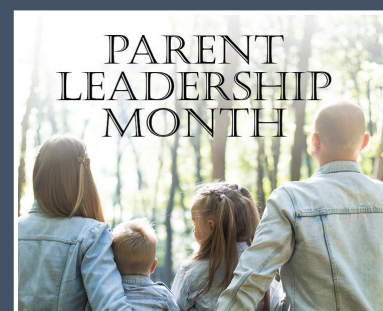


According to the CDC Nationally, 7.5 million people are stalked every year. Approximately 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men have experienced stalking at some point in their lifetime. [More...](#)

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The National Dating Abuse Helpline is a 24/7/365 text/phone/live chat service. If you believe you need help, or want to help someone you know, call 1 866 331-9474 or visit [loveisrespect.org](#)



Each year parents are developing vital partnerships with service providers, policy makers and key stakeholders to shape policy and build stronger, safer communities for children in New Jersey. DCF recognizes, honors and celebrates parents for their leadership roles in their homes and communities.

