



NJ Community Resources that Support Positive Childhood Experiences

+ Family Success Centers (FSC)

Warm and welcoming, neighborhood-based gathering places that create home-like environments for community residents with the goal of strengthening families, providing family support, and preventing child abuse and neglect.

+ Kinship Navigator Program

Helps caregivers (grandparents, blood relatives, family friends) who have taken on the responsibility of taking care of children until age 18 or (21 if the child is disabled) maneuver through various government networks to find formal and informal supports and services.



+ School Based Youth Services Program

Located in host schools and coordinates with existing resources in the community. All youth are eligible to participate. Services are provided before, during and after school and include: Mental Health Counseling; Employment Counseling; Substance Abuse Education/Prevention; Pregnancy Prevention; Primary Medical Linkages; Learning Support; Healthy Youth Development; Recreation; and Information/Referral.

+ Family Friendly Centers (FFCs)

FFCs are located in host schools to enhance afterschool programming in elementary and middle schools. FFCs provide constructive academic, recreational, and social enrichment activities to students and their families.

+ Parent Linking Program (PLP)

Located in host high schools to enhance the services and to collaborate with FCP-funded School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP). PLP works to minimize/eliminate barriers expectant and parenting teens (including young fathers) face that can prevent them from completing their education.

+ NJ Resilience Coalition

A virtual community whose mission is to promote collaboration among NJ residents seeking to prevent, protect against, and help families heal from the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). People living and working in NJ can come together to help prevent ACEs and create a healthier, happier state. This site serves as a conduit for info about the work happening under the NJ ACEs Action Plan, released in Feb 2021.

For more information on these programs and a complete list of community programs available, please visit:
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/dfcp/>

