

For too long, family policy, funding and practices in New Jersey and across the nation have focused on reacting to family distress *after* the fact, instead of *proactively* investing in opportunities for positive family and community outcomes. The "status quo" is eroding family success instead of enabling it.

We are a group of human service professionals, parents, advocates and community members who unite around a common cause – **helping families succeed and thrive!** 

We promote transformational thinking and action, and support a top-to-bottom change in policy with a focus of INVESTING in SUCCESS, and DIVESTING from DISTRESS.

### **Our Vision**

For every family and community to successfully raise their children from birth to young adulthood and beyond.

## **Mission Statement**

To assure that all families have what they need to succeed as a right, not a privilege.

The Family Success Institute is proud to work hand-in-hand with several New Jersey legislators in order to introduce and shepherd key pieces of legislation that support family success for all.

# Children, Youth & Families Bill of Rights (S1726/A3323)

- This bill establishes the "Children, Youth & Families Bill of Rights" to recognize and protect the rights of those groups, which for too long have been enjoyed as a privilege only for some.
- If passed, this bill makes NJ the first state in the nation to offer every family access to the resources, opportunities and supports needed to successfully raise children from birth to adulthood. Its companion bill (\$2887/A4819), provides the framework with which to do this.

## Community Recovery & Family Success Act (\$2887/A4819)

- This bill launches a transformational shift in state policy, funding and practice by establishing a state-wide Council for Community Recovery and Family Success and 21 county-level councils, each charged with organizing community-based family success service networks.
- The bill also appropriates \$772.6 million to invest in these holistic, community-driven service networks to ensure that all New Jersey families have the resources and opportunities to succeed.

#### More information

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