



For too long, family policy, funding and practices in New Jersey have focused on *reacting* to family distress, instead of creating opportunities for positive family and community outcomes. The “status quo” is eroding family success instead of enabling it.

The Family Success Institute (FSI) is working to build a brighter future *now*. We are a group of parents, advocates, community members and professionals who unite around a common cause – **helping families succeed and thrive!**

We promote transformational thinking and action, and support comprehensive change by 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.

Our Mission

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

How?

- **Community Action Forums** – Together with partner organizations throughout the state, we have convened spaces for parents, teens and community members to come together and talk about the challenges they face and the opportunities and supports they need in order to succeed. They know what they need to succeed – we only have to listen. What we have heard from the people of New Jersey in these Forums has directly influenced our legislative efforts.
- **Learning Community** – We have brought together a collaborative group of thought leaders – everyone from parents, grandparents and community organizers to elected representatives, nonprofit leaders and state agency officials. This group develops policy recommendations and goals to support New Jersey families now and in the future.
- **Legislation** – We have proudly worked with legislators to introduce two Family Success bills to the New Jersey Legislature. Our state can codify this transformational shift in thinking about family success by embracing these two bills.

Read more
about our mission:



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

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, including:

Community Recovery & Family Success Act (A4365/S3301)

- 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 funding to invest in these holistic, community-driven service networks to ensure that all New Jersey families have the resources and opportunities to succeed.

Children, Youth & Families Bill of Rights

- This bill, pending introduction, 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 by some.

Family Success in Action

Across the state, community-based service networks are promoting family success:

- **Monmouth ACTS (Assisting Community Through Services)** brings together County employees and community leaders to find effective ways to meet today’s human service needs. Launched in 2018, Monmouth ACTS improves residents’ access to services in mental health, addiction, aging, housing, child care, transportation and more. In 2024, Monmouth ACTS launched a streamlined Navigation System to help residents to connect with services across the County, all while being guided by a qualified social worker, ensuring no one is lost or overlooked.
- The **Middlesex County Alliance for Child and Family Success “Little Hands, Big Futures”** initiative is a network of high-quality service providers offering complete, integrated care management for under-resourced families with children ages 0-5. A Community Resource Line is staffed by a bilingual Care Manager, who can make referrals and connect the caller to services, including developmental screenings, housing resources, medical care, immigration/citizenship assistance, counseling, food assistance and more.

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