

What Families Say About FPS

“Our FPS counselor was the best, very understanding without judging, she was very informative.”

“Thank you for all your help. Your methods will stay with us ... it’s made our family happier.”

“Our counselor taught my children how to establish and respect rules and regulations.”

“My FPS counselor has a very caring approach to counseling.”

“I think FPS could benefit every family in one way or another.”



What Professionals Say About FPS

“FPS is definitely a family saver... a new approach, a breath of fresh air. It is a much needed break with traditional crisis intervention.”

“FPS taught the family I referred some practical ways to effectively discipline their children.”

“FPS offers an intensive in-home service to families that cannot be found in other community programs.”



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Family Preservation Services

FPS provides intensive, in-home, crisis intervention & family education to families whose children are at risk of out-of-home placement or to families whose children are scheduled for reunification.

Program Goals

Child Safety

Family Stabilization

Placement Prevention

Improved Family Functioning

Linkage to Community Resources

Program Features

Quick Response & Intensive Services

Initial visits with the family are conducted within 24 hours of referral, and families receive 5 to 20 hours of direct face to face contact each week.

Immediate Accessibility

Families can contact FPS staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Family Centered & Strength Based

Services are designed to engage all family members, to empower them, and to build on their strengths.

Goal Directed & Skill Based Interventions

Goals are developed with the family to address the problems that led to crisis, and skills are taught in positive ways to improve family functioning.

Time Limited & Thorough Follow Up

Families receive 4 to 8 weeks of intensive service, and receive a follow up evaluation at 3, 6, and 12 months after completion of the FPS intervention.

FPS at Work

FPS workers teach families new skills, such as anger management, problem solving and parenting, to help them cope with the problems that led to the risk of placement. Because FPS workers are available around the clock, they are able to work with families in their homes during actual crises.

Here's an example:

The Cojare family was experiencing a great crisis which put 8 year old Deshai and 13 year old Nibelkey at risk of placement. Mrs. Cojare used excessive corporal punishment which left Nibelkey with bruises on her body. Nibelkey had become disrespectful towards her mother and did not listen to her. Mr. Cojare puts his wife down and calls her names in front of the children. FPS intervention focused on teaching skills related to parenting, communication, and compliance. As a result of the FPS intervention, Mrs. Cojare used assertive parenting skills and refrained from using corporal punishment, Mr. Cojare stopped insulting his wife in front of the kids, and Nibelkey began to listen to her mother and be more respectful. Mr. and Mrs. Cojare were referred to couples counseling. The FPS intervention was successful in helping to keep the family safely together.

Referral Process

DCPP is the only referring agency for FPS.

Required Forms: FPS Referral Form and DCPP SDM Assessment Form.

Process: DCPP Local Office RDS will screen referrals for appropriateness.

Criteria:

- The child can remain safely in the home with intensive services.
- The family has agreed to participate.
- Other less intensive services will not reduce the risk, or are unavailable.

FPS IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM NJ FPS County Based Programs

Atlantic County

856-881-8689

Bergen County

201-797-4501

Burlington County

609-518-5470

Camden/Gloucester County

856-309-5300

Cape May County

609-465-6031

Cumberland County

856-696-1233

Essex County (The Bridge)

973-371-3771

Hudson County

201-271-4801

Hunterdon County

908-782-7905

Mercer County

609-393-1626

Middlesex County

732-646-4160

Monmouth County

732-544-4544

Morris County

973-586-5243

Ocean County

732-349-3535

Passaic County

973-754-3184

Salem County

856-881-8689

Somerset County

908-722-1881

Sussex County

973-383-4464

Union County (The Bridge)

973-372-8079 or 908-272-8472

Warren County

908-454-2074