

FAMILIES WORK PROGRAM

Northeast Parent & Child Society's Families Work Program (FWP) is a home- and community-based family preservation program that provides services to all family members. Staff help prevent children from being removed from their homes, work with parents who have children who are currently in placement, help reunite children with their families, and provide therapy and support to recently reunited families.

There is no cost to families for FWP services.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Specific services offered by the FWP master's level clinicians include but are not limited to the following:

- Therapy and support from master's level clinicians
- Comprehensive assessment of the family's history, current functioning, reason for referral, key risk factors, safety issues, strengths, and needs
- Individualized treatment plans
- Assistance with issues regarding housing, budgeting, household management, and transportation
- Couples, individual, and/or family therapy
- Trauma-informed care, particularly through the Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency (ARC) Model
- Parenting skills training including child development
- Anger and stress management training
- Domestic violence education and safety planning
- Fully supervised, clinician-coached, partially supervised, and unsupervised visit check-ins conducted as needed to enhance successful reunification
- Court documentation and testimony relative to the child's safety and permanency
- 24-hour on-call phone support from professional staff

BENEFITS

- Reduced risk of placement of children outside the home
- Introduction of a permanent living situation for the child, whether reunification with birth family, adoption, or independent living
- Safer home environments
- Parents empowered to take charge of their household and family
- Increased child safety and stronger family units

Who can access services? FWP receives referrals from the Schenectady Department of Social Services, including the Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) unit, for families where children are identified as being at risk of placement or who have already been placed outside of the home with a permanency planning goal of reunification with parent.

How are services accessed? Contact Kelly Martin, MA, Program Coordinator, at 518.346.1285, ext. 7516, or Kelly.Martin@nparentchild.org; or Schenectady County Department of Social Services for more information.

When are services available? Day and evening sessions are available Monday through Friday, as well as 24-hour on-call phone crisis support.