

BUILDING A 21st CENTURY CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

FAMILY VOICE

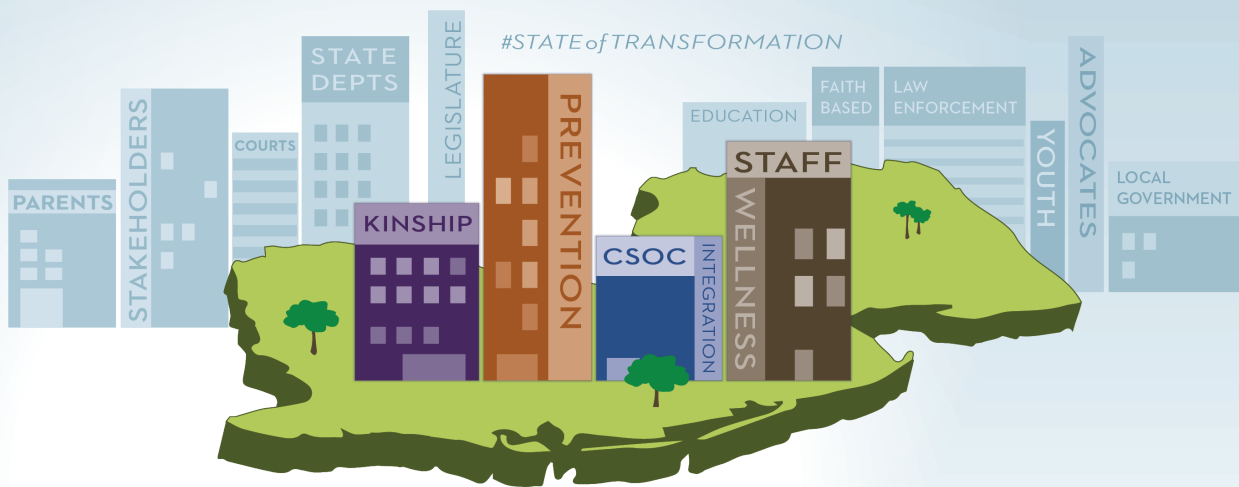
RACE EQUITY

HEALING CENTERED

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

COLLABORATIVE SAFETY

VISION: EVERYONE IN NJ IS SAFE, HEALTHY & CONNECTED



BUILT ON THE VALUES OF: EVIDENCE - FAMILY - COLLABORATION - EQUITY - INTEGRITY

The Department of Children and Families has a vision to keep NJ residents **safe, healthy and connected**. To advance this notion and to align with Governor Phil Murphy's platform of a stronger, fairer New Jersey, DCF is undergoing a transformation that is informed by evolving national best practice, ongoing self-evaluation of the Department's performance, and advances in science, and staff and consumer voice. Its new strategic plan encompasses initiatives that promote evidence-based, outcome-oriented, family-centered programs and services that are provided through work-practices that incorporate racial equity, healing-centered actions, family voice and a protective factors framework.

REPORT CHILD ABUSE

If you are - or someone you know is - experiencing verbal, emotional or physical abuse, including neglect

Please call:
1-877-NJABUSE
 (1-877-652-2873)
 TTY 1-800-835-5510

If you are in immediate danger, call 911



For more information on how and when to report child abuse, visit: nj.gov/dcf/reporting/how/index.html

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Report Child Abuse! Every person in the State of New Jersey is a mandated reporter.

State law (N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10), requires "Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse shall report the same immediately...by telephone or otherwise...." **State Central Registry - NJ Child Abuse Hotline 877-NJ ABUSE**

DCF at a glance

In 2019, each month, approximately:

- 40,000 children and their families received services from DCPD to keep their family together, at home
- 37,000 children and their families received behavioral health or I/DD services through CSOC
- 15,000 families received subsidized adoption/KLG
- 10,900 children and youth participated in DCF-funded school-based youth services
- 5,600 constituents received DCF-funded rape prevention programming
- 5,000 children and youth were in foster care placements
- 3,700 families received evidence-based home visiting services
- 2,600 families are served at one of 57 Family Success Centers
- 1,200 constituents received domestic violence related services
- 670 constituents were supported to enter the job market through displaced homemaker services
- 1,027 children were educated in a DCF school

NJ Child welfare system at a glance

New Jersey's children are maltreated half as often as in the US on average. NJ's child abuse victimization rate is 4/1,000 children, compared to 9/1,000 for the US on average (2018)

New Jersey uses family separation as a safety intervention less than half as often as in the US on average. NJ's removal rate is 2/1,000 children, compared to 4/1,000 in the US on average (2017)

New Jersey's foster care census is half the size of the national average. In NJ, 3/1,000 children are living in foster care, compared to 6/1,000 in the US on average. (2018)

New Jersey uses short foster care stays more often than in the US on average. 16% of children exiting NJ foster care were in care for <30 days, compared to 9% in the US on average. (2018)

Children in NJ foster care are about as likely to achieve permanency within 12 months as children in the US on average. 42% of children entering NJ's foster care system in 2017 achieved permanency within 12 months, compared to the national performance standard of 43%.

New Jersey uses congregate care placement and treatment settings less than half as often than in the US on average. 6% of children in the NJ foster care system are in congregate care, compared to 13% in the US on average.

Children leaving NJ's foster care system are more likely to re-enter foster care than in the US on average. Of the children who entered foster care in 2017, 11.9% leaving NJ's foster care system re-entered foster care within 12 months of reunification, compared to 8.1% in the US.