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**Join us – where hope  
meets possibility**

# Who We Are and What We Do

Far too many people and families in our communities **struggle with serious challenges** – from trauma and mental illness to substance use, domestic violence, and child abuse. Family Connections is here to make sure no one has to face these challenges alone. We are one of New Jersey's leading social service organizations, **known for excellence and always reaching higher**. We pride ourselves on living our mission every day and on our commitment to **diversity, equity, and inclusion**. Centering our services on **the needs of our communities**, we deliver dozens of counseling, skills-building, training, and prevention programs rooted in cutting-edge research, including:



- **Advocacy and Training Services**
- **Domestic Violence Services**
- **Early Childhood Services**
- **Family Support Services**
- **Housing Services**
- **Mental Health and Substance Use Services**
- **Older Adult Services**
- **Veterans Services**
- **Youth Services**



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# Why Choose to Support Us?

**Communities thrive** when everyone is invested in each other's wellbeing. Your financial support helps us set the standard for excellence and makes our programs available to more children, families, and other community members who need them most. **Build a connection** with us and build a stronger, safer, and healthier New Jersey.

**What we do really works.** We rigorously track data across programs, so we know that we increase social and coping skills, school success, and employability, while decreasing child abuse, drug abuse, gang involvement, and crime.

“ **I am learning how to communicate my feelings and cope with my past trauma in a safe environment.** ”

**-Family Connections Client**

Our programs save money by preventing the need for severe and costly interventions in the future. **Every dollar invested in our services today saves taxpayers nearly fifty dollars down the road.**

So please give. Give because it's in **your power** to lift up your neighbors as they face their toughest challenges. Give and rest assured that every dollar will be spent carefully. Give because **we're a good investment** in the health and safety of your community.

# Our Impact

At Family Connections, we approach our work with strong values, big hearts, and the latest science. **No one of these is enough without the other two** and our success comes from our dedication to all three. Whether we're working with a toddler, teen, parent, family, veteran, or older adult – and whether we're delivering mental health care or supportive housing, linkage to concrete services or skills-building education – we succeed by leveraging our **core values**, our **deep empathy**, and the **best science-based practices**.

**Over 4,000 people across Northern New Jersey benefit every year from our specialized services.**

**Why do they come to us? Because:**

**We're leaders in our field.** We partner with state government to pilot innovative new services and present at conferences around the country to advance innovation and excellence.

**Our clients are the experts.** We center our work on their lived experiences and listen with respect, always. Complex challenges call for creative combinations of techniques, including evidence-based clinical practices, peer support groups, creative arts therapies, field trips and service learning, mindfulness meditation and yoga.

**Our strict quality improvement program ensures we're always reaching for excellence.** We track outcome data to systematically evaluate, reflect on, and enhance our work. Our exceptional rankings in consumer satisfaction AND staff satisfaction surveys are a clear measure of succeeding in our mission.

“ Family Connections has helped me have a steady home for my family. They have programs to help me learn how to develop financially, mentally and physically.”

-Family Connections Client



## Many Ways to Give

Giving options include one-time gifts, sustained giving (monthly, etc.), donations of stock, in-kind and tribute gifts, planned giving, corporate matching, and donating on your tax return. To discuss alternatives with us, please email us at [giving@familyconnectionsny.org](mailto:giving@familyconnectionsny.org). You can also visit us in person and follow us on social media [@familyconnectionsny](https://www.instagram.com/familyconnectionsny).

**Volunteer with us.** Invest your knowledge, creativity and heart in Family Connections and **you'll make a difference**—changing lives and strengthening your community. For more information, connect with us at [volunteer@familyconnectionsny.org](mailto:volunteer@familyconnectionsny.org).

For more information on giving, please visit us at [familyconnectionsny.org](https://www.familyconnectionsny.org) and click on *Support Us*.

# Connect With Us

**Connect with us to build a stronger, safer, and healthier New Jersey.**

For anyone seeking services, please call our Main Number and Directory: **973-675-3817**

For more information on specific services, as well as employment and volunteer opportunities, visit our website at: **[familyconnectionsny.org](http://familyconnectionsny.org)**

## **Administration**

7 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 101, East Orange, NJ 07017

## **Locations**

395 South Center Street, Orange, NJ 07050

7 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017

122 Irvington Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079

48 13th Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07504

## **School-Based Programs**

- **The Space** at Orange High School
- **The Zone** at Orange Preparatory Academy
- **The Loft** at Columbia High School
- **The Hub** at Maplewood Middle School
- **The Den** at Bloomfield High School

## **In-Home, In-Community, and Training Services**

Operating throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties



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