

# FAMILY SERVICE HISTORY

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## 1960's

**1962**- Family Service Incorporated

**1968** - Volunteer counseling services offered in donated space

## 1970's

**1971**- Receive first United Way grant

**1974**- Receive NJ Division of Youth & Family Services grant for abused children

**1976**- CETA funds create opportunities for agency outreach & expansion

**1972**- Receive funding from Burlington County Freeholders

**1975**- Strengthening Families Through Social Services opens

**1978**- Partial Care program funded by NJ Division of Mental Health (NJDMH) opens as a community-based alternative to prolonged psychiatric hospitalization

## 1980's

**1981**- Family Service engages in long range planning to examine unmet needs within the community

**1984**- Employment needs of recurring mentally ill adults addressed through job training & placement

**1986**- Day programs open for adults with developmental disabilities

**1988**- Young Adults in Transition Program offers day treatment services ♦ Laurel Landing Group Home opens offering kids transition from psychiatric hospitalization

**1983**- Family Learning Center opens for children at risk of abuse ♦ Funding approved for adoption support services

**1985**- Stepping Stone Group Home opens for teenage girls with history of abuse

**1987**- Florence Klemmer House opens offering children awaiting adoption a stable home ♦ NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities funds co-ed group home for dually diagnosed adults

# 1990's

**1990**- Adult Case Management services offered

**1991**- Human Services Advisory Council awards contract to Family Preservation Services

**1992**- New Horizons program offers day treatment services to adults ♦ mentoring services offered to kids through FLEX ♦ Holly House Group Home opens for adults with developmental disabilities

**1993**- Courage to Change program opens combining mental health & substance abuse services ♦ On My Own opens for young adults moving toward independent living ♦ Supervised apartments offered to adults on the road to recovery ♦ Access Center 1-800-963-3377 provides single point of entry for community members

**1994**- Family Preservation Services grows supporting families with children in the court system ♦ FOCUS offers family therapy for kids with history of psychiatric hospitalization ♦ Family Service Center opens in Mount Holly

**1996**- Medford Meadows Group Home opens for adults with mental illness ♦ Visions provides partial care services for dually diagnosed adults

**1997**- The R.I.T.E. Center a consumer run, self-help center, opens residential, short-term crisis stabilization services for adults with developmental disabilities ♦ Integrated Case Management Services opens to provide help to adults with serious & persistent mental illness

**1999**- HOPE Group Home opens in Vineland, NJ ♦ HAVEN opens offering stabilized living arrangements for adults with special needs

# 2000's

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- 2000**- Gentle Harbor Group Home opens for children who experienced many placements, abuse, neglect & numerous hospitalizations ♦ First Step opens to serve young children who cannot function in a traditional pre-school environment ♦ Our foster care program, PACE, grows to a network of 20 homes ♦ Family Service partners with Burlington City School District offering the School Based Youth Services Program to help teens stay in school
- 2003**- OASIS opens on the grounds of Ancora Hospital serving 15 adults with dual diagnoses
- 2004**- Resource Family Foster Care Recruitment program begins in Camden and Cumberland Counties ♦ Family Service matches fundraising goal of 1.8 million dollars for The Charles Yates Center for Children & Families
- 2005**- The Charles Yates Center for Children & Families opens in Lumberton ♦ Moreland House opens serving adults with physical handicaps, developmental disabilities and mental illness
- 2006**- Florence Klemmer Alternative House & Stepping Stone refocus efforts to serve adolescents for short-term, behavioral interventions ♦ OASIS receives funding for individuals transitioning from psychiatric hospitals to independent living
- 2007**- Family Service Food Pantry & Free Store opens to provide hunger relief to consumers in need ♦ Housing Department developed to expand supportive, affordable housing for individuals with special needs ♦ Specialized Foster Care & Treatment Homes launches the Got Love? campaign to recruit new foster parents ♦ Family Service Supervised Visitation program is created to move toward the ultimate goal of reunification
- 2008**- The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs & the NJ Purchase Bureau awards Family Service a three year, 1.5 million dollar contract for the Veterans Haven housing program for homeless vets ♦ Supportive Housing expands to nine different townships throughout Burlington County ♦ Family Service celebrates 40 years of offering hope through excellent care.