



Office of Children and Family Services

Status Report

March 2021

Community-Based Prevention Programs

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Healthy Families NY

<https://www.healthyfamiliesnewyork.org/>

Programs On Operating During a Pandemic:

"We're seeing more family enrollment; families are saying, 'we're in a pandemic, I need more support.'"

"Being able to come through for them is helping them to build the initial trust, and us having the connections in the community to resources is a way we are building trust."

Supporting Families Right From the Start

Healthy Families New York (HFNY) is an evidence-based home visiting program offering services to **expectant and new parents**, beginning weekly and decreasing over time, until the child starts school or Head Start. **HFNY** is open to first-time parents, as well as **parents with multiple children**, who are pregnant and/or have **at least one child less than 3 months old**.

HFNY is **relationship-based, trauma-informed, culturally humble, family centered, and strength-based**. Home visitors develop healthy relationships with families and **partner with parents** to support them in responding in a sensitive and in a nurturing manner to their young children through various program activities.

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"I like that I can have somebody I trust to confide in whenever I need to and I love how I feel cared about."

--Parent who received services

Strengthening Families and Communities

OCFS also funds additional **community-based child abuse prevention programs**. These include Family Resource Centers, home visiting programs, parenting education programs, and clinical family support programs that are **evidence-based or evidence-informed**.

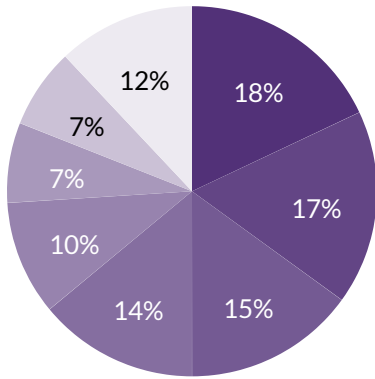
They **work in partnership with other community agencies** and parents to **assist families** in their caregiving roles, **strengthen informal supports**, offer resources directly or through **referrals**, and **promote community investment**. These services build on **protective factors** that research shows can **reduce child abuse and neglect**.

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Data from March 2021

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Service Referrals

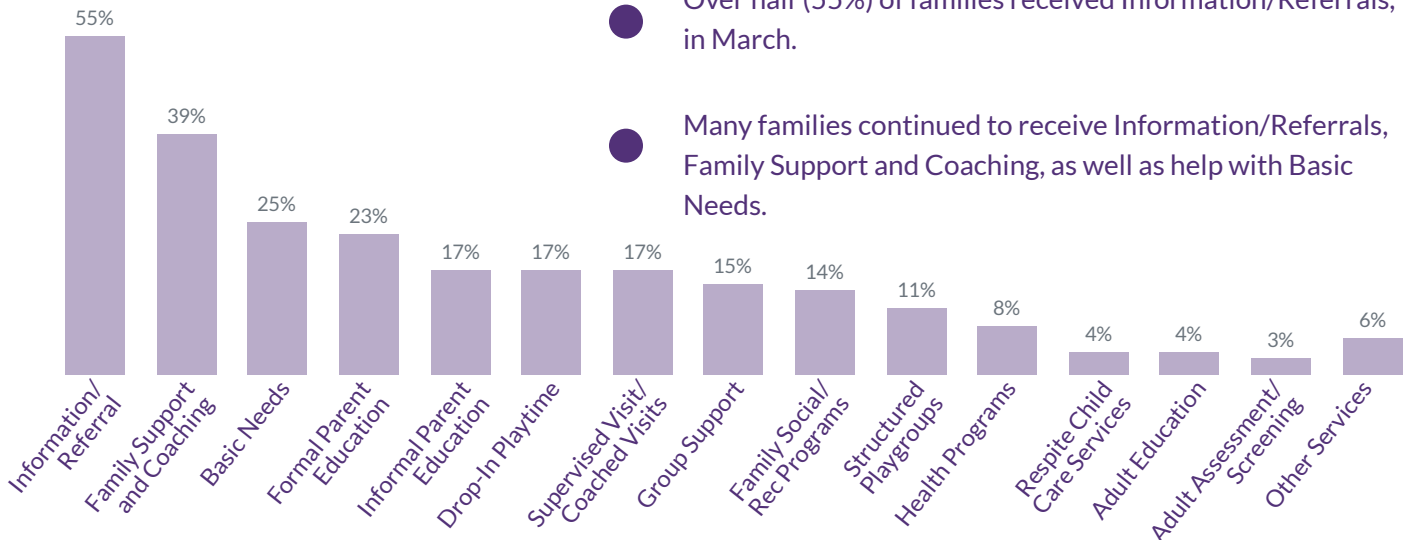


- Counseling / Support Services (18%)
- Health Care (17%)
- Concrete Services (15%)
- Family/Social Support Services (14%)
- Nutrition (10%)
- DSS / HRA (7%)
- Employment, Training and Education (7%)
- Other Services (12%)

- By the end of March, home visitors completed 254 Parent Surveys, with 67%, or 170 new families enrolled in services.
- Home visitors completed over 6,300 home visits during this time.
- 66% of visits lasted more than 45 minutes.
- 34% of visits lasted 30-44 minutes.
- The 338 home visitors received over 2,000 hours of supervision, with an average of over 6 hours per worker for the month of March.
- By mid-May, 59% of the referrals made in March resulted in families receiving services or had services pending.
- Counseling/ Support Services and Health Care referrals continue to make up the largest portions of total referrals in March.

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Services Provided



- In the month of March, these 22 community-based programs served 613 people.
- Over 4,580 services were provided to participants.
- Over half (55%) of families received Information/Referrals, in March.
- Many families continued to receive Information/Referrals, Family Support and Coaching, as well as help with Basic Needs.