



Office of Children and Family Services

Status Report

Community Based Prevention Programs

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Healthy Families NY

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

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.

Other Prevention Programs

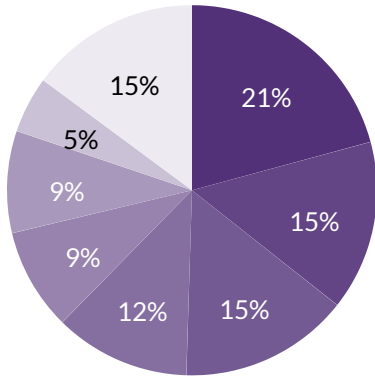
Strengthening Families and Communities

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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Service Referrals

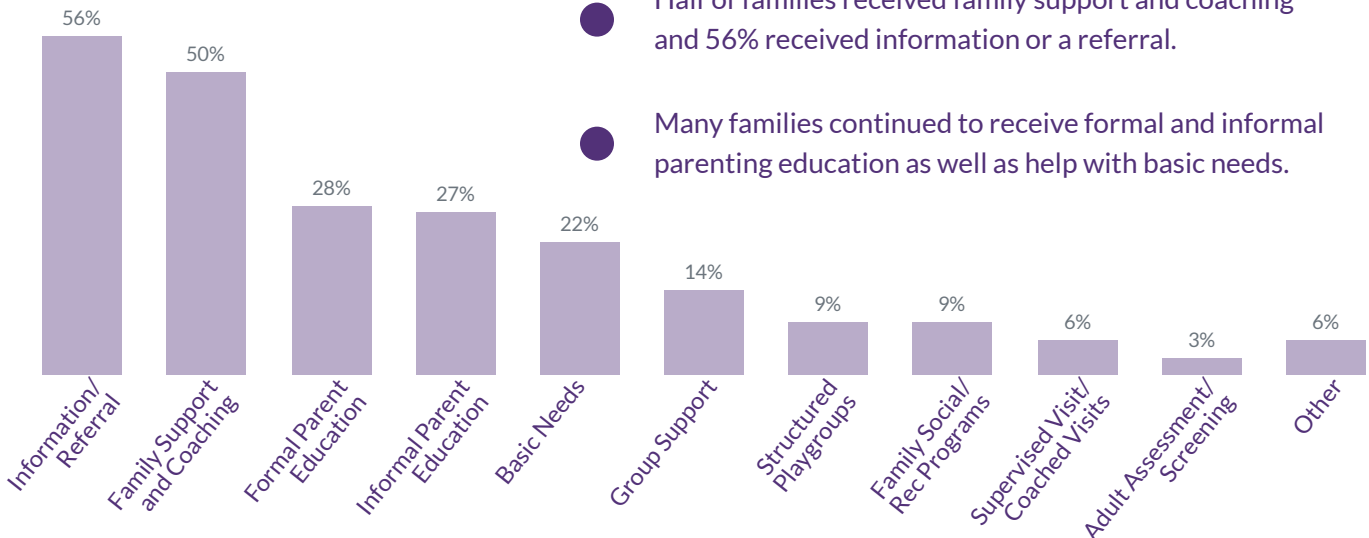


- Nutrition (20.79%)
- Health Care (14.85%)
- Counseling / Support Services (14.85%)
- Concrete Services (11.88%)
- Family/Social Support Services (8.91%)
- DSS / HRA (8.91%)
- Employment, Training and Education (4.95%)
- Other Services (14.85%)

- By the end of May, home visitors completed 187 Parent Surveys, with 138 new families enrolled in services.
- Home visitors completed over 4,400 home visits during this time.
- 55% of visits lasted more than 45 minutes.
- 45% of visits lasted 30-44 minutes.
- Home visitors provided nearly 2,700 referrals.
- By mid July, 58% of the referrals resulted in families receiving services or had services pending.
- Nutrition-based service referrals accounted for 21% of the referrals in May, with Health Care and Counseling/ Support Service referrals accounting for 15% of the referrals each.

Other Prevention Programs

Services Provided



- In the month of May, these 35 community-based programs served over 740 people.
- Over 4,200 services were provided to participants.
- Half of families received family support and coaching and 56% received information or a referral.
- Many families continued to receive formal and informal parenting education as well as help with basic needs.