



# Office of Children and Family Services

## Status Report

## Community-Based Prevention Programs

# April 2021

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## Healthy Families NY

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

"I am so impressed with the Healthy Families of America approach and I've used it with my clients as an FSS and I will continue to use it as a supervisor. The relationship based, culturally respectful, family-centered and grounded in parallel process is the way to yield positive results. It is obvious to me that the relationship a supervisor has with an FSS will support positive relationships within our client families and further promote positive relationships with clients and their children."

--HFNY Supervisor

## Hoyt Trust Fund & CBCAP Prevention Programs

"I love the fact that I can learn to be a better mom and person to my kids. I love the way they teach me. It's a lot easier to see and understand situations and easier to fix them."

--Parent who received services

"Our family would just like to say thank you for, throughout the global pandemic, continuing to provide safe ways for families to connect for support and friendship."

--Parent who received services

## 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.

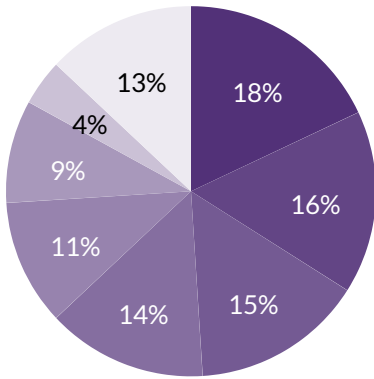
## Strengthening Families and Communities

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**.

## Healthy Families NY

Service Referrals

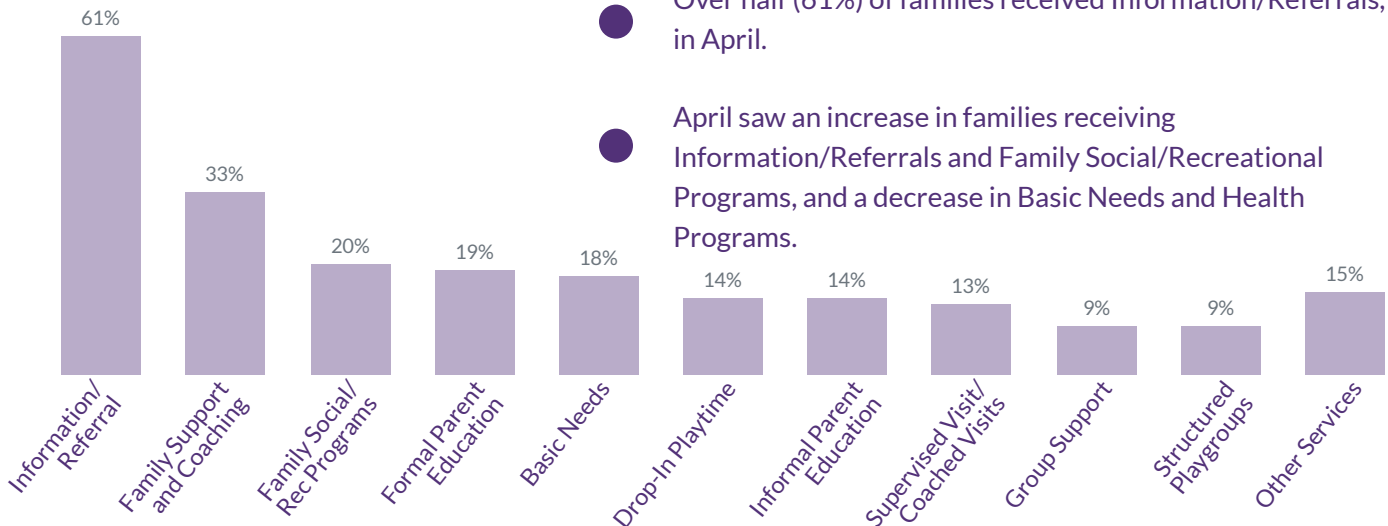


- Counseling / Support Services (18%)
- Health Care (16%)
- Concrete Services (15%)
- Family/Social Support Services (14%)
- Nutrition (11%)
- DSS / HRA (9%)
- Employment, Training and Education (4%)
- Other Services (13%)

- By the end of April, home visitors completed 211 Parent Surveys, with 86% (92% of positive Parent Surveys), or 181 new families enrolled in services.
- Home visitors completed over 5,900 home visits during this time.
- 66% of visits lasted more than 45 minutes.
- 34% of visits lasted 30-44 minutes.
- The 328 home visitors received over 1,800 hours of supervision, with an average of 5.5 hours per worker for the month of April.
- By mid-June, 58% of the referrals made in April 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 April.

## Hoyt Trust Fund & CBCAP Prevention Programs

Services Provided



- In the month of April, these 22 community-based programs served 770 people.
- Over 4,025 services were provided to participants with an average of 5 services per participant.
- Over half (61%) of families received Information/Referrals, in April.
- April saw an increase in families receiving Information/Referrals and Family Social/Recreational Programs, and a decrease in Basic Needs and Health Programs.