

# "Help Today. October 2024 Strength Tomorrow"

Journey Family Success Center @ Project Self-Sufficiency-127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860-973-940-3500

# **Community Events**

#### Career & Health Fair

Local employers and healthcare organizations joined forces to offer opportunities for on-the-spot job interviews, as well as flu and Covid shots, eye exams, workshops, and more at a free Career & Health Fair.









#### **Back-to-School Fair Helps Parents & Children**

Parents and children received valuable tips about preparing for the new school year, attended workshops, and received backpacks brimming with new school supplies at the annual Backto-School Fair at the annual at the Journey Family Success Center. Stylists provided free haircuts, too!









## Services for Families

## **Support Groups**

#### Women's Support Group

Women are invited to share experiences and get tips on time management and meeting everyday challenges.

## **Parent Support Group**

Parents gain insights, address frustrations, and share success stories.

## Father's Support Group

Dads meet to discuss challenges and coping strategies with others.

## **Breast Cancer Support Group**

Breast cancer survivors share their stories, discuss coping strategies, and obtain valuable information in a supportive setting.

## Career Help

## Workforce Wednesday

Family Success Center staff leads participants through resumewriting, interview skills, job preparation, and more.

#### Health & Wellness

#### **Motivation Monday**

Guest speakers address stress reduction, mindfulness, and managing complex emotions.

#### **Health Equity**

Participants discuss disparities in healthcare and learn how to advocate for themselves and their families.

#### **Child Sexual Assault Prevention**

Participants learn to recognize and prevent child sexual abuse and discuss safe practices for potential victims.

#### **Child Development Tools & Tips**

## **Ages & Stages Information Session**

Parents discuss developmental milestones for young children and learn how to access the online Ages & Stages Questionnaire to connect with resources for support.

## Family Fun Nights Help Parents & Children

The Journey Family Success Center hosts monthly events for families at the Little Sprouts Early Learning Center.



# **Career Development**

# **Employment Skills Training Program for Women**



Women learn computer skills and receive assistance with resume development, workplace etiquette, and interview skills during the Higher Opportunities for Women and Summer Office Skills employment skills training programs.

## **High School Equivalency Program**

Young adults, ages 16—25, are working towards their high school diploma through the New Jersey Youth Corps at Project Self-Sufficiency. Classroom instruction is supplemented by community service projects; three course credits at the neighboring community college are now available. Graduates move on to college, a career or the military.

## **Bridges to Employing Youth**

Pregnant and parenting young adults, ages 18—24, get help with parenting skills, as well as academic and counseling support, transportation, childcare, and training and certification in a variety of fields. Students can also work towards their driver's license!

## **Computer Classes & Career Seminars**

Family Success Center participants learn Microsoft Office applications, and attend seminars designed to enhance their workplace experience.

## Connections Matter & Understanding ACES

Families and educators meet to discuss the prevention of trauma and adverse childhood experiences while learning how caring connections can serve as a primary buffer in the negative effects of trauma. The interactive workshops cover intensive ACEs education and address its impact physical and neurological development. Participants walk away with tips and strategies for building resiliency. Presentations are offered virtually and in-person; separate workshops are available in English and in Spanish.

# **Help for Parents**

## Parenting Workshops & Discussion Groups

Workshops and discussion groups aimed at parents, caregivers, and educators help boost self-confidence, reduce stress, and teach anger management. Courses are available on site, at community locations, and online.

## Legal Advice & Education

Volunteer attorneys advise individuals in need via video chat and telephone. Virtual seminars about family law, bankruptcy, elder law, and landlord-tenant issues are held regularly.

## Home Visits Help Parents of Young Children

Women who are pregnant or parenting a young child receive regular consultations from a family support worker at home or in a public place through one of the three home visitation programs offered by the Family Success Center. The visiting professionals provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioral, and self-sufficiency issues.



#### "Mommy Parties"

Pregnant women and mothers of young children come together to share an activity, receive valuable tips about parenting, household safety, or health and wellness at in-person gatherings on the campus or at a nearby venue.

#### Mobile Services Available

PSS Journey visits municipalities in Sussex, Northern Morris, and Northern Warren Counties on a rotating basis and makes pop-up appearances at local attractions. Those in need are invited to check out the free food, internet access, computer classes, and other resources available on board.

Special Mommy Party events in Hackettstown are popular!

## Coming Soon ...

- ⇒ Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- ⇒ Season of Hope Toy Shop