HISTORY & OVERVIEW

Child & Family Services has been servicing the community since 1843. We are a comprehensive agency offering a wide range of counseling and community support services. These include specialty clinics, individual, group and family therapy, psychological testing, psychiatric consultation, adoption services and community youth support.

Child & Family Services’ commitment is to serve the community with the highest respect and professionalism.

CARING NETWORK

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CARING NETWORK

The Caring Network program provides support to children between the ages of 4-14 who have witnessed or experienced violence in their home, school, or community.

Our team provides weekly psycho-educational groups that last approximately 8-10 weeks long. Through group discussions and activities, our goal is to help children identify safe people and places as well as learn appropriate coping skills.

Caring Network can also help facilitate with referrals to other victim service providers, professionals, advocate for the family, and facilitate with victim compensation.

All services are confidential and are free to families.

HOW DO GROUPS HELP

- Provides children a safe space to talk about their fears.
- Supports children through group sessions during or after school.
- Helps families connect with resources in their community.

Caring Network groups cover many topics including:

- Appropriate expression of feelings.
- Manage the anger they may feel.
- Learn better ways to solve conflicts.
- Define abuse, bullying and violence.
- Help children identify safe people and places.
- Improve their self-image.
- Reduce any feelings of isolation and shame they may feel.

REFERRAL INFORMATION

Anyone can refer a child between the ages of 4-14 who have witnessed or experienced violence.

Groups are held at local schools, our Outreach Office, and community settings. If a group is not currently being offered at your child’s school, they may still access Caring Network through after school in-person or virtual groups. During the summer, groups are provided at our Outreach Site as well as in the community.

For more information, please contact the Program Director (508) 742-3915 or visit our website at www.child-family-services.org

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