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.

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Child & Family Services’ mission is “...to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families.”
ADOPTION FROM FOSTER CARE
This program provides services for children who are in the custody of the Department of Children and Families and who have the goal of adoption. These children are often older, members of a sibling group or of a particular ethnic group. They may have special needs to include physical, emotional and/or medical difficulties. The program assesses the children’s needs and identifies the type of family best suited to meet their needs.
The adoption staff also recruit, train and provide ongoing support to pre-adoptive families. Home study and MAPP (Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) training is provided free of charge to families interested in providing a permanent home to waiting children.

ADOPTION JOURNEYS
POST ADOPTION SERVICES
Adoption Journeys provides post adoption services to families throughout Massachusetts. This effort is the result of a collaboration between the public and private sector, adoptive families and child welfare agencies. In today’s ever changing world, Adoption Journeys recognizes that partnerships are the best way to support families. Partnerships with human service agencies enhance adoption competency. Partnerships with families gives them added support in meeting the unique challenges of adoption. Supportive services are provided in a family centered manner with all services being consumer driven. A family should not feel alone when confronted with perplexing or worrisome issues. Families need not wait until a major problem has occurred before asking for assistance.

IN-HOME THERAPY (IHT)
In-Home Therapy is a structured, strength-based therapeutic relationship between a clinician and the youth and family for the purpose of treating the youth’s behavioral needs. The goal also includes improving the family’s ability to provide effective support for the youth to promote his/her healthy functioning within the family.

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM
The Parent Mentor Program works with families at risk for child abuse and/or neglect to bring about constructive change through support, guidance, instruction and treatment. The ultimate goal is to maintain children safely at home in order to spare them the trauma of separation. These services are provided in the family’s home as well as in community settings.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)
An early childhood home visiting program designed to teach parenting, support your child’s development, and help with the challenges of family life. For parents of children up to age 5.

THERAPEUTIC MENTORING
Therapeutic Mentoring offers structured one-to-one, strength-based support services to youth (under the age of 21) for the purpose of addressing daily living, social, and communication needs.
The services are provided in any setting where the youth resides, such as the home (including foster homes) and in any community settings such as schools, child care centers and respite settings.

YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT (YPS)
YPS, the Young Parents Support program provides help to pregnant and parenting teens. The goal of the program is to prepare young parents become healthy, well informed individuals, capable of making responsible decisions regarding pregnancy & parenting.

YPS has experienced staff to assist with the many aspects of parenthood including health care, education and family relationships. Services are free, confidential, and available to parents under the age of 24.

MENTAL HEALTH
Our Fall River site also offers mental health services for both children and adults including individual, family, and couples therapy.

Our clinic is also open on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 1:00PM for your convenience.