

Leading the way since 1908...

One Hundred Years Ago a small group of caring individuals shared the common beliefs held by the community that it is our duty to help those in need. The Social Services League was formed to provide relief to individuals and families living in poverty and to raise awareness of the root causes of such life crises. Our community has changed from rural and agrarian to urban and high tech, but the fact that poverty is still a critical problem has not faltered. Physical or mental illness, job loss, divorce, or catastrophe can plunge a person or family into crisis. It is our goal to continue the work started by our Founders and provide the support, encouragement, and hope that is needed more than ever.

In its early years the League expanded rapidly to include foster care, adoption, child advocacy, juvenile justice, and many forms of direct relief. In an effort to better reflect modern terminology and the expanded services, the League changed its name to the Family Services Agency in 1959, but the spirit never changed.

In 1959, Family Services won an award for championing the first community assistance program for the unemployed. In its recent history, the organization was the first in Maryland to undertake prevention of child abuse and neglect through the nationally recognized Healthy Families Montgomery (HFM) program. Other Family Service's firsts for the community include Early Head Start education and Montgomery Station, a pioneering program in psychiatric rehabilitation. The face of the organization changes, but the spirit lives on in each new program.

Continuing the Work...

Today, Family Services features an array of child and family support programs, as well as a wide range of mental health services. We employ a diverse workforce that reflects the needs of the community, placing emphasis on prevention and early intervention services. As long as there are people whose lives can be improved with support and collaborative programs, we will be here for them. We continue to evolve, adapting the programs and services we offer to address people's most critical needs.



Support Children and Families, Support your Community

Our work is made possible through donations of time, talent and money as well as the support of volunteers, community partnerships and staff. Our community is continuously changing and the number of individuals and families who need our help has grown. In order to continue to meet their needs and strengthen the bonds of families, **we need your help.**



Invest in the future of your community: make a donation or volunteer today

Family Services, Inc. is helping individuals, children and families thrive in Montgomery County and throughout the state of Maryland. Make a donation or volunteer today and reach out to those in need. To learn more about Family Services, contact us at (301) 840-3211 or visit our website at www.fs-inc.org.



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Strengthening families and communities
through innovative education, child development
and behavioral health services

Partnering with Individuals, Families and the Community

Family Services, Inc. promotes well being in the home, school, and community. Its programs are grounded in the latest research and designed to produce optimal outcomes. They are offered to a culturally rich and diverse community by an equally diverse staff. Our programs and services:

- Protect children from the harm associated with abuse and neglect
- Promote healthy child development in a positive and nurturing environment
- Partner with parents to help increase their knowledge and participation in their child's education
- Enable children of diverse backgrounds to come to school ready to learn
- Empower individuals with mental illness to live productive lives
- Empower individuals and families experiencing emotional stress to reach their full potential and contribute fully to the community

Our Mission. Our Vision.

Our mission is to foster strong and healthy individuals and families through innovative education, behavioral health, child development and social services that address needs in the home, school and community.

Family Services, Inc. vision will be at the forefront in the development and delivery of services that meet the needs of a culturally diverse and evolving community.

"This has been the most informative, life-changing and wonderful experience I have ever participated in, other than the birth of my children!"

– Kristen, Parent Leadership Institute (PLI) Maryland Graduate

"I started in 1999 and counselors and the day program helped me build structure, confidence, and mental strength."

– Clint, Montgomery Station Resident

Protecting and Nurturing Children...

- Strengthen family bonds and attachment by teaching young families about infant care and development.
- Prevent child abuse through regular home visits to high risk families, enhancing family functioning and communications.
- Foster healthy child growth and development through early interventions and partnerships with community resources.

Committed to providing programs that are culturally and linguistically diverse to reflect the needs of the community

Learning and Growing Together...

- Strengthen families and increase parent confidence by teaching communication and problem solving skills in workshops for the whole family.
- Provide a solid foundation for school success to children of diverse backgrounds through nationally accredited, research based child development programs.
- Promote high quality child care programs by offering training opportunities for early care professionals.
- Connect new Americans to the local community by supporting their educational goals and access to resources.

Coping with Life's Challenges...

- Offer a comprehensive range of mental health support and counseling services. Licensed therapists and doctors provide outpatient counseling, medication assessments, and support for children, adults, couples and families with life challenges.
- Assist clients with mental health issues to develop and master skills needed for independent living and provide housing and support services to clients who might otherwise be homeless.
- Assist clients dealing with mental illness to assess and develop their inherent strengths and to move forward in their recovery by finding and holding competitive employment.

At Family Services we believe in the intrinsic worth of every child, adult, and family and the quality of life in the community is dependent on the opportunity for all to succeed regardless of life's challenges or crisis. We offer each person the dignity, compassion, and understanding that we would hope to have for ourselves when confronted with the inevitable challenges in life.

Your generosity helps Family Services continue to provide programs to over 16,000 people in Montgomery County each year, and thousands more throughout the state of Maryland. The health and well-being of our community is the driving force for our work, but there's still much to be done.

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