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.

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.
By the end of July, home visitors completed 222 Parent Surveys, with 136 new families enrolled in services.

Home visitors completed over 4,800 home visits during this time.

60% of visits lasted more than 45 minutes.

40% of visits lasted 30-44 minutes.

The 329 home visitors received over 1800 hours of supervision, with an average of 5.5 hours per worker for the month of July.

By mid-September, 60% of the referrals resulted in families receiving services or had services pending.

Nutrition referrals are decreasing compared to March, April, May, and June, returning to pre-COVID levels, with Concrete Services, Health Care, and Other Services referrals increasing in July.

In the month of July, these 35 community-based programs served 743 people.

Over 2,500 services were provided to participants.

Half of families received information/referrals, while over a third of families received Family Support and Coaching (36%) in July.

Many families continued to receive formal and informal parenting education as well as help with basic needs.

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