



Office of Children and Family Services

Status Report

Community-Based Prevention Programs

July
2020

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Healthy Families NY

<https://www.healthyfamiliesnewyork.org/>

Supporting Families Right From the Start

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.

Other Prevention Programs

Strengthening Families and Communities

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**.

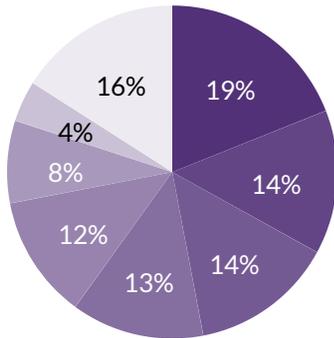
They **work in partnership with other community agencies** and parents to **assist families** in their caregiving roles, **strengthen informal supports**, offer resources directly or through **referrals**, and **promote community investment**. These services build on **protective factors** that research shows can **reduce child abuse and neglect**.

July

Data from July 2020

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Service Referrals

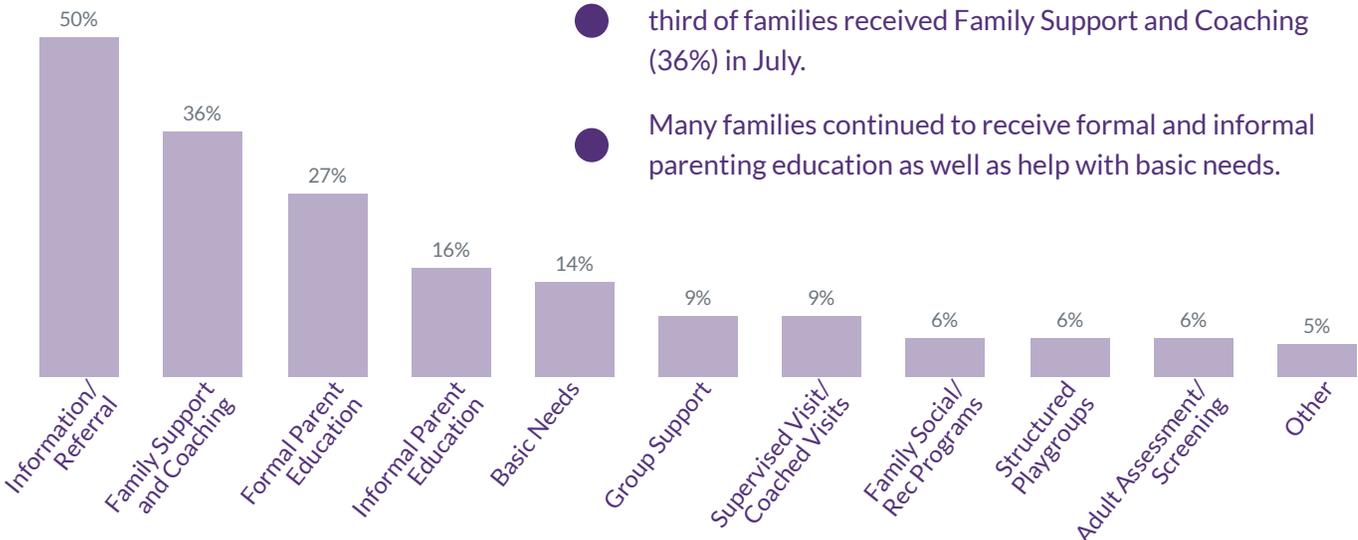


- Concrete Services (19%)
- Health Care (14%)
- Family/Social Support Services (14%)
- Nutrition (13%)
- Counseling / Support Services (12%)
- DSS / HRA (8%)
- Employment, Training and Education (4%)
- Other Services (16%)

- 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.

Other Prevention Programs

Services Provided



- 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.