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Second Year

Audrey Hepburn Children’s House
Loving Arms Shaken Baby Prevention and Education Program
12 Second St.
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-336-8056

Barbara Giz, L.C.S.W.
Program Coordinator
Grant: $85,000
Type: Parenting Education
Service Area: Bergen County

The Loving Arms Shaken Baby Prevention and Education Program of the Audrey Hepburn Children's House (AHCH) at Hackensack University Medical Center is a child abuse primary prevention program. The target population is parents of newborns. At the time of their child's birth in the hospital, parents are provided prevention education on the dangers of shaking an infant and how to cope with normal infant crying. Reinforcement of prevention education is provided at follow-up visits scheduled in coordination with pediatric health care visits at 1 month, 2 months, and 4 months of age, and then a follow-up telephone contact at 6 months of age. Participant knowledge, skills, attitude and behavior are evaluated throughout the program. The program is an extension of a model program endorsed by the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey
Helping Caring Families with Special Needs Children
635 South Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08611
609-695-6274

Donna Pressma
CEO
Grant: $85,000
Type: Respite, Education, Consultation & Guidance, & Support Group
Service Area: Ocean County

Helping Caring Families with Special Needs Children will be offered to Ocean County parents who have children with special needs those who are medically fragile. Services may include respite child care, referrals, crisis intervention, and parenting support groups. Parents may choose one or several of the offered services. The program goal is to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect among families with very young (ages 0 to 12) children with special needs. Program objectives are to: give caretakers and parents a rest to improve their parenting and stress management skills, to enrich their capacity to nurture, and to promote and protect the health and well-being of their children and themselves. A network of 51 trained family child care providers is available to care for children with special needs. Referrals for concrete services and supportive family counseling will be provided by a trained professional.
Family and Children’s Services
Confident Parenting Program
16 Jefferson Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
908-372-1007

Family and Children's Services will be providing the Confident Parenting Program (CPP) for parents of children ages 2 to 12. CPP consists of ten two-hour sessions for groups of 10 to 15 parents. CPP was adopted by the Center for Improvement of Child Caring as a social learning theory approach to parenting skill-building. CPP emphasizes social consequences to children's behavior and incorporates the following five basic methods to manage the consequences of children's behaviors: Behavior-Specific Praise, Mild Social Disapproval, Time Out, Ignoring, and Special Incentive Systems. Depending upon the type of behavior and desired outcome, parents learn to employ the various aforementioned methods. Individual consultation, weekly homework and regular contact by instructors between sessions are incorporated into the program. A concurrent psycho educational group is available for eligible children of parents enrolled in the CPP. Agency case management and therapeutic services will also be available.

Family Intervention Services
Nurturing Parenting Program
106 Valley Street
South Orange, NJ 07079
973-275-1570

Family Intervention Services (FIS), through its Center for Family Success, proposes the implementation of eight Nurturing Parenting Program groups for parents of children ages 0-18. In collaboration with the Ironbound Community Corporation and other local community based agencies, FIS will conduct eight parenting groups in the Ironbound section of Newark, using the Nurturing Parenting Program curriculum. The goals of the program are to:

- Increase parents’ knowledge of child development,
- Expand their knowledge and use of alternatives to physical punishment,
- Display more age appropriate and nurturing behaviors in their interactions with their children, and
- Discuss more nurturing and empathic attitudes towards their children.

Collectively, these goals will strengthen families and help prevent child abuse and neglect in families served by the Nurturing Parenting Program.
Third Year

Center for Family Resources, Inc.
Father & Child Together
12 Morris Road
Ringwood, NJ 07456
973-962-0055

Elaine V. Ruhl
Executive Director
Grant: $85,000
Type: Parenting Education
Service Area: Passaic County

Father and Child Together will target fathers with children enrolled in Head Start classes. Implementation of three cycles of a 12 month father education series: 24/7Dad from the National Fatherhood Initiative will be supported with incentives, home visits, newsletters and educational materials. The father-child bond will be further enhanced with special monthly Head Start classrooms “Special Guy Days” and nine “Me And My Special Guy Saturdays” which utilize excerpts from the Dare to be You model program.

International Institute of New Jersey
Project An Campe (Rising Together)
One Journal Square Plaza, 4th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-653-3888

Rupa Khetarpal
Director
Grant: $83,357
Parenting Education
Service Area: Trenton

Project An Campe (Rising Together) is a unique, multifaceted child abuse prevention project created by and for the Haitian community. Utilizing ethnic radio as a tool for public education and outreach, Project An Campe broadcasts short radio plays highlighting real-life parenting concerns of Haitian families on Creole language radio with an audience of over 30,000. Project An Campe will host a kickoff event to invite the Haitian community in Trenton, New Jersey to participate in a 6-week parenting workshop using the Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) curriculum. Sessions will be led by a Haitian social worker at the Haitian Center at St. Anthony’s Parish in Trenton. A minimum of 50 people will participate. In addition, a group of 5 parents will be trained in the model to become peer educators, co-leading groups in the second year, and leading their own groups in the third year of the grant. Intervention occurs at multiple levels: the media, direct services, and capacity-building.

Irvington Family Development Center
A program of Northern NJ Maternal/Child Health Consortium
Assuring Better Children - ABC’s of Parenting Program
50 Union Avenue, Suite 403
Irvington, NJ 07111
973-372-4353

Marielle Pratts, MPH
Program Manager
Grant: $85,000
Type: Parenting Education
Service Area: Irvington

The ABC’s of Parenting Program in Irvington targets 3 to 6 year olds who are about to enter kindergarten and their parents/caregivers. Families are recruited from the local community as well as from Abbott Pre-School Centers in Irvington. Weekly sessions take place at the Irvington
Family Development Center (IFDC). Parents and children meet concurrently in separate groups with trained facilitators. Sessions are 2 hours in duration and take place in the early evening when most parents are available to attend.

In seven sessions, families will learn how to: establish discipline through family rules, rewards, negotiation and alternatives to spanking and yelling; praise their children and themselves; express anger and stress in a healthy manner that does not harm their children or themselves; establish personal empowerment to make healthy choices and develop problem solving skills; and promote school success through relationships with teachers.

Project Self-Sufficiency
*The Parenting Center*
127 Mill Street
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-5129

Deborah Berry-Toon
Executive Director
Grant: $85,000
Type: Parenting Education
Service Area: Sussex and Warren Counties

*The Parenting Center* offers parenting skills education and support classes to all interested Sussex and selected northern region residents of Warren County. *The Parenting Center* provides intensive services to at-risk, low income teen, single parent, and two parent families using nationally recognized Nurturing Parenting Programs. *The Parenting Center* addresses the complex and interrelated needs of its client families, and incorporates case management, counseling, home visits, parenting education, group support, early childhood development education, and family activities into a service delivery model which also addresses this low-income population’s need for economic self-sufficiency services. *The Parenting Center* addresses the specific needs of both teen parents and chemically dependent mothers by administering programs especially designed for them, and reaches out to the entire community, offering parenting classes for the public.