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JFCS Jewish Family &
Children's Service
OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

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WHO WE ARE

Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) has been dedicated to helping people overcome life's challenges for more than 78 years. We are a non-profit social service agency that proudly serves people of every age, faith, and background. Each year, we provide quality, affordable, and accessible services to thousands of vulnerable individuals living in Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties.

WHAT WE DO

JFCS offers a wide array of programs and resources that transform people's lives. We help individuals and families of every faith live to their full potential. Our experienced staff brings integrity and compassion to their work in five core areas: Counseling & Support Groups, Disability Services, Family Assistance, 60+ Senior Services, and Volunteers. Guided by our Jewish values, we are committed to caring for each client with dignity and respect.

JFCS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and is a member of the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (NJHSA). We are proud to be an agency of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey.

WHERE TO FIND US

Main Office

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Rhona Fischer Family Assistance Building

Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantry

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Phone: (856) 433-8225

Disability Services Department

Weinberg Commons

1721 Springdale Road · Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

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OUR CORE SERVICES

- **Counseling & Support Groups**
Adult, Couples, Child, and Family Mental Health Counseling · Support Groups · Domestic Abuse Support · LGBTQ+ Support · Suicide Awareness & Prevention · Addiction Awareness & Prevention
- **Family Assistance & Food Pantry**
Kosher Food Pantry · Crisis Intervention · Emergency Financial Assistance · Financial Literacy and Legal Consultations · Domestic Violence Support · Resource Referrals · Veterans Assistance
- **60+ Senior Services**
Social Work Assessments · Case Management · Caregiver and Grief Support · Kosher Catered Home-Delivered Meals · Holocaust Survivor Support · Mental Health Counseling · Volunteer Services · Patient Partners Medical Advocates
- **Disability Services** (*High School Age and Older*)
Supported Employment · High School Transition Services · Life Skills Training · Enrichment Day Program · Social, Recreational, & Athletic Programs · Soups and Sweets Culinary Training Program · Project SEARCH Vocational Program · Self-Hired Respite
- **Volunteers**
Food Pantry Assistance · Friendly Visitors · Grocery & Meal Delivery · Transportation · Patient Partners Medical Advocates · Disability Services Program Support



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OUR IMPACT

We support people in South Jersey through life's evolving challenges and changes.

In Fiscal Year 2022, we...

- Provided **\$2.04 million** in support to local Holocaust Survivors, offering solutions for their daily needs and hosting programs that foster social connection and individual well-being
- Brought food and peace of mind to **8,264 individuals** through our Betsy &
Peter Fischer Food Pantry (South Jersey's only Kosher food pantry)
- Supported more than **1,800 older adults** with crucial services that enabled them to age in place in their homes with dignity and grace
- Provided **\$365,000** worth of volunteer services to support agency clients and programs
- Nurtured the mental health of more than **140 clients** through our Faye
Manger Counseling Program
- Educated **3,385 teens and tweens** through engaging community outreach programs addressing suicide, addiction, anxiety, and building healthy relationships
- Helped **282 adults** with disabilities reach for their highest potential through our
Disability Services programs



SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

Our highly knowledgeable JFCS professionals and licensed clinicians are available for interviews, panel discussions, and presentations on a variety of topics, including:

- Addiction Awareness and Prevention
- Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia
- Anxiety and Depression
- Building Self-Esteem
- Caregiving
- College Campus Dating Violence and Sexual Assault
- Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Domestic Abuse
- Eating Disorders and Body Image
- Family and Couples Therapy
- Food Insecurity and Hunger
- Healthy Relationships for Teens
- Holocaust Survivors
- LGBTQ+ Concerns
- Life Transitions and Aging Issues for Older Adults
- Mental Health Conditions and Treatments
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Teen Issues (Social Media, Stress Management, Bullying)
- Veterans Issues and Advocacy



CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

"I would like to pass along my appreciation for all the help you have given me these past few months. The fresh produce has been life changing. My previous diet consisted of too much bread, too many simple carbs, and too many salty processed foods that are a mainstay at many food pantries. As a result, I became borderline diabetic. But given the opportunity to have fresh produce and homemade soups from JFCS, I am happy to say that my last blood work shows normal A1C and glucose values. Another tangible result is in my bone density. I have not drunk milk for many years, and I could not afford almond milk. That deficiency resulted in osteoporosis. Now that I am able to get almond milk from your pantry, my bone density test show that I am back into age-appropriate osteopenia instead of osteoporosis. It really is true that *you are what you eat!*"

—Susan, client of the Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantry

"Battling cancer is a double-edged sword. On one side you are dealing with medical care and its debilitating side effects. On the other side is what I call life: keeping a roof over one's head, putting food on the table, and attending to basic human needs. It's bad enough to fear for your health but financial stress is a whole other kind of fear. A fear that keeps you awake at night. A fear that no "pill" can cure. I learned about JFCS through my social worker and was genuinely humbled by how they were able to help me make a rent payment through their cancer funds. I had exhausted all options before JFCS stepped in and literally saved me. They reached out to my property manager and got my rent paid. I was overwhelmed with emotion. When you battle cancer, especially a serious diagnosis, you can feel very depressed, all alone, and like you're a burden to others. JFCS is a little ray of sunshine and hope in a dark time for people like me. "

—Brian, client of the Financial Assistance for Cancer Patients Program

"My therapist explained the game plan for my treatment while instilling a sense of ease and comfort. She wanted me to fly on my own, so she helped me build my wings, one coping skill at a time. I learned the power of positive self-talk and slowly began to change my inner narrative. I began to understand that it's okay to say 'no,' even though it may disappoint someone else. I learned how to listen to myself."

—Cara, client of the Faye Manger Counseling Program

* Client names have been changed to protect their privacy.



OUR HISTORY

JFCS has had a long and rich tradition of serving the community. Our story is one of change and flexibility, reflecting a single goal: bringing help to those members of the community who need it. JFCS is proud of its past, enthusiastic about its future, and in keeping with its long tradition of flexibility and change, has evolved into an agency that looks very different from its early days.

Our roots began during World War I, when the Camden section of the National Council of Jewish Women met the “welfare and relief” needs of Jewish “indigents” in Camden County. The Great Depression in the early 1930s gave rise to the Hebrew Ladies Charity. Subsequently, the Hebrew Welfare Society carried on much of the same work until the early 1940s. In the mid-1940s, the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey employed its first professionally trained social worker, which marked the beginning of today’s counseling service. In December 1949, the name was changed to Jewish Family Service to be more aligned with the changes in philosophy and thus the nature of the work being carried out by the Agency. Jewish Family Service then became an official Federation department. In October 1993, the Agency officially changed its name to Jewish Family and Children’s Service (JFCS).

The evolution of JFCS reflect our society’s changing ways of dealing with economics, social problems, and emotional challenges that families have faced for generations. Acceptance of the concept of public responsibility for basic economic need and the establishment of social insurance and public aid as integral parts of the American social service structure represent cultural changes that have allowed family service agencies to change their focuses. As a result of this evolution, family agencies focus less on meeting financial needs and more on developing services to deal with personal and social adjustment issues. Immigrants have always played a large part in Jewish family agencies. Our agency has helped every wave of immigrants since World War II. Today, JFCS bears little resemblance to our humble beginnings in the early twentieth century.



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