



**New Jersey Alliance
for children, youth & families**



who we are



The New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families (the Alliance) is a membership organization representing human service agencies from around the state.

“ The Alliance connects us to other member agencies who share a common goal – to advocate for an improved quality of life for children in New Jersey whose voices are not always heard. ”

Maureen F. Walsh, Executive Director, Devereux NJ Treatment Network

our beliefs

ADVOCATING FOR YOUTH

We believe youth are our nation's most valuable asset, and we must educate policymakers and encourage the public to protect and nurture the citizens of tomorrow.

ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

We believe local communities are most aware of the needs of youth in their area. Partnerships between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors can create innovative community resources to meet local needs. We encourage volunteers to join us and recognize the important role they play.

SHARING INFORMATION

We believe quality services for youth – nationally, regionally and locally – depend on sharing information, coordinating services and offering mutual support. We are committed to strengthening networking activities at all levels.





what we do

SPEAK with one voice on legislative and administrative policies on local, state and national levels.

PROMOTE cooperation with state government to ensure a comprehensive system of quality services for vulnerable youth and families.

EDUCATE policymakers, consumers and the public.

PROVIDE a support network to strengthen member agencies – sharing information, exchanging ideas, offering staff development and training opportunities.

SHARE our knowledge and experience with those providing services to at-risk children, families and individuals.

IMPROVE and develop services for youth and families and uphold high standards of care and treatment.

CONTRIBUTE to the efforts and activities of other state and national advocacy organizations.

GIVE college scholarships to eligible students participating in member agency programs.



our members

All too often, youth can't function adequately at home, while in foster care, in the community or at school. Many have had multiple placements, a history of psychiatric hospitalization or involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Many have experienced neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Some are so severely disabled they require 24-hour treatment and care.

Member agencies work to give youth the kind of stability and comfort every child should experience growing up at home. Alliance agencies provide:

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS: structured services for youth with significant behavior disorders. Many provide on-site schools.

TRANSITIONAL-LIVING PROGRAMS: longer-term residential services to older homeless youth, helping them make a successful transition to self-sufficient living.

GROUP HOMES: for 12 or fewer youth who are able to function in a community-based setting.

TREATMENT HOMES: a safe environment for meeting the social, educational and emotional needs of vulnerable children and their families.

SHELTERS: short-term care prior to a return home or another placement.

MATERNITY AND MOTHER/CHILD PROGRAMS: services to adolescents who are pregnant or caring for their babies.

ADOPTIONS: bring children into permanent homes, providing them love to help them heal and flourish.

OUTPATIENT COUNSELING: help with substance abuse, anger management, parenting skills, mental health and other issues that keep people from meeting their full potential.

INDEPENDENT-LIVING PROGRAMS: teaching the skills residents will need to live independently.

CASE MANAGEMENT: a full range of treatment and support services to children with the most complex needs.

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAMS: street-based outreach and education to youth on the streets who have been, or are at risk of being, abused and/or exploited.

“ The New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families creates a vehicle for us as leaders to learn about important state and federal changes that affect our ability to care for our children and keep our agency fiscally solvent. ”

*Eileen M. Henderson
Vice President
Center for Family Services*





how members impact your community

“To be a member of the New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families is to be part of the community of professionals dedicated to the care and treatment of our most vulnerable citizens.”

*Jim Halfpenny, Director of Youth Services
Atlantic County Youth Services*

Alliance members have a cumulative operating budget of \$376 million, 6,500 employees, 500 board members, 1,769 volunteers and serve more than 300 communities in 335 locations. Alliance member organizations also have more than 100,000 individual donors. In all, more than 192,000 individuals participate in Alliance member services annually.





how members benefit

- Participate in policymaking to help improve your field
- Meet with your government representatives to increase awareness and support
- Network with your colleagues to share ideas and solutions
- Continue learning and expanding your skills at meetings and seminars
- Stay up-to-date with regulations affecting your agency, your job, and the individuals you serve
- Learn about national changes and trends, so you can do the best job possible for the individuals you serve

“Being a member of the Alliance gives us a voice in Trenton on the issues most relevant to providing services. It gives us up-to-date information about developments and the opportunity for straightforward discussions. Most of all, it gives us a forum to learn from each other.”

Susan C. Buchwald, President/CEO, Community Treatment Solutions

alliance members

Anchor House
Atlantic County Youth Services
Bonnie Brae
Cape Counseling Behavioral Healthcare Services
Capital Academy Residential Treatment Center
Carrier Clinic
Catholic Charities (Metuchen Diocese)
Center for Family Services
Children's Aid and Family Services
The Children's Home
Collier Youth Services
Community Access Unlimited
Community Treatment Solutions
CPC Behavioral Healthcare
Crossroads Programs
Devereux NJ
Lester A. Drenk Behavioral Health Center
Family Service
Hope House
Hunterdon County Youth Facility

Hunterdon Youth Services
IEP Youth Services
Isaiah House
New Jersey Mentor
Middlesex County Youth Shelter
Morris County Youth Shelter
Ocean's Harbor House
Plaid House
Ranch Hope
Robins' Nest
St. Peter's Village
Somerset Hills Residential Treatment Center
Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children
Tri-County Youth Services (Father English)
Trinitas Hospital
UIH Family Partners
Volunteers of America
Willowglen Academy
Youth Consultation Service



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