

2018-2019 Annual Report

Connecting





Message from the 2019 Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We can each remember a time when we felt isolated and alone. Maybe we hunkered down in our house, reached out to a friend, or just went shopping in order to talk to another person. Research tells us that all humans want to feel valued and loved and that social connections, or bonds, improve health and longevity.

Establishing secure parent-child attachment is the first 'connection', and most fundamental task of human development, supporting healthy physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth. The interactions that infants and young children have with their caregivers build a foundation for later development. Secure attachment acts as a protective factor against current and future adversities and risk factors, especially for children whose families have experienced high levels of stressful life events. Promoting secure attachment, regardless of the age of the children, is central to achieving our mission that all families be safe and nurturing places where children can succeed.

Building quality relationships with others is also fundamental to our successful operation. Family CT was born out of the belief that services that are coordinated will be most effective, and each day we connect with other providers, each community's natural supports, our funders and our friends. Our formal and informal partnerships strengthen and diversify the services we offer to families and enrich all of us.



Cheryl Burack, M.S.
Executive Director

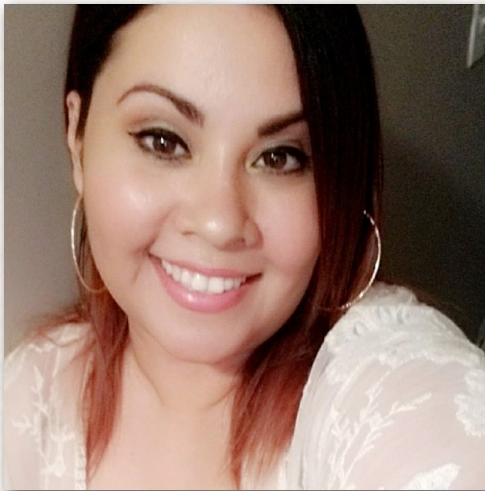


Meghan Dahlmeyer
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the Board of Directors

Honoring the Nurturing Families Network

After 14 years of prevention work with first-time parents, The Nurturing Families Network at Family CT has come to an end. Over the years we shared the joys and challenges of young parents who were eager to learn new skills to support their children's development. They told us "You prepare me for things before they happen", "I often don't know what's next and learning what to expect helps me and my husband prepare." and "Amazing for first time parents – Resourceful – Respectful."

The program funder, the CT Office of Early Childhood, is working to align the home visitation system across the state and utilize federally approved evidence-based programs. We are proud that Family CT, in collaboration with Children's Community Programs of CT and The New Haven Health Department, has been funded to bring an evidence-based program model to CT known as ® Family Check -Up and Everyday Parenting. This is a strengths-based, family-centered intervention for parents of children ages two-six designed to promote positive child outcomes by improving parenting and family management practices. While the program has been successfully implemented in other states, we are pleased to announce that it will be the first program of its kind in Connecticut.



Evelyn Padilla

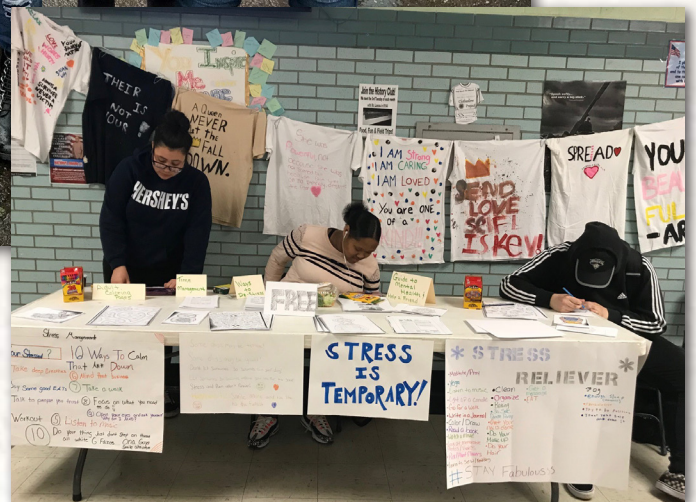
As we look forward to beginning this new venture, we had to say goodbye to a valuable employee and wonderful coworker in Evelyn Padilla. Evelyn embraced her job and the families she served with an open mind and heart and gave her all, each and every day.

Whatever comes next for Evelyn, one thing is sure... those she works with and for will be the lucky ones.



TOP IS ON THE MOVE!

The Teen Outreach Program (TOP) has called Barnard Environmental Magnet School our home in New Haven for the last four years. We are grateful to the students and staff at Barnard and will remember the positive relationships we formed there, as we look forward to starting a new partnership with Wexler Grant Community School. Wexler Grant is a neighborhood school in the heart of Newhallville. Aside from meeting with each group twice a week, the opportunity to work with youth who are all from the same neighborhood will enrich our community service-learning projects and help to foster positive youth development.



FAMILY CT AMBASSADORS WILL SPREAD THE WORD

A small group of young professionals have come together to help Family CT fulfill its mission and sustain program services to families through the development and implementation of networking and fundraising events. These “Ambassadors” will encourage philanthropy and social activism and bring attention to the social justice issues that impact women and children. We thank our Family CT Ambassadors for making new connections on behalf of children and their families.



*Pictured from left to right:
Jamie Erdman, Michaela Blain, Trisha Erdman
Missing from photo: Coury Brown*

WHY WE WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Kellie Jones first joined the Family CT Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence after her sister Patrice Edwards was found murdered on May 5, 2003. Patrice was 19 years old at the time of her death, a week shy of her 20th birthday. Kellie states “Once I researched Family Centered Services of CT, I decided I would like to do more. Team Pretty Pat was originally formed of close family and friends who knew Patrice and wanted to honor her memory. When Family Centered Services created Patrice’s Angels Emergency Fund, this assisted in our efforts to grow. People were able to give directly to the fund and receive information regarding how the funds are used. We also thank Eli Amor jewelry for making gifts for our contributors every year.” Regular team members include the following:

Joseph Jones	Dayna Travers
Sade Heard	Raman & Tiffany Deberry
Lauren Stokes & family	Leroy Deberry
Kimberly Artis & Family	Maria Linares
Katisha Brown & family	Daquanna Gamble
Jacquelyn Gamble	Selina Hobby
Jaja Layo	Casey Jones
Ashley Jones	Yvonne Jones
Warren Leach	Maureen Alves & Family
Shannel Evans	Patricia Tucker
Andrea Miller	Maurine Edwards

Thoughts of You Forever Bloom

Henry Green, a Facilitator for the Teen Outreach Program, was a gifted teacher, mentor, actor and artist. He had a natural and genuine way of connecting with people, and everyone just liked being around him. He earned the respect of his students and let them know that he cared deeply about them and wanted them to care about their community. Henry, whose remarkable life was chronicled in the film *I Am Shakespeare (The Henry Green Story)*, was smart, funny, engaging and caring. When he died last year from complications from his second intestine transplant, the students wanted a way to remember him. Henry's legacy and our thoughts of him will now continue to blossom in the memorial gardens created by TOP students.





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We are grateful for the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations, community groups, foundations and funders. If anyone has inadvertently been left off this list, please accept our apology and let us know.

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8th Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence

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Our 2018-2019 Outcomes



132 students in the Teen Outreach Program performed over 2100 hours of community service learning



100% of children with special health care needs had a primary care doctor and 99% saw their doctor in the last year



95% of parents with a psychiatric disability reported being able to deal more effectively with daily problems



92% of placed children were succeeding in the same foster home or reunified with their families at discharge



80% of children in the Nurturing Families Network age 3 and older were attending a licensed, quality, early education program



90% of mothers who completed intimate partner violence services reported that they and their children felt safer



100% of parents or caregivers receiving multisystemic therapy reduced substance use and had no new reports of abusive or neglectful parenting



78% of parents in the Positive Parenting Program reported a decrease in child behavior problems



100% of Family-Based Recovery families were satisfied with services

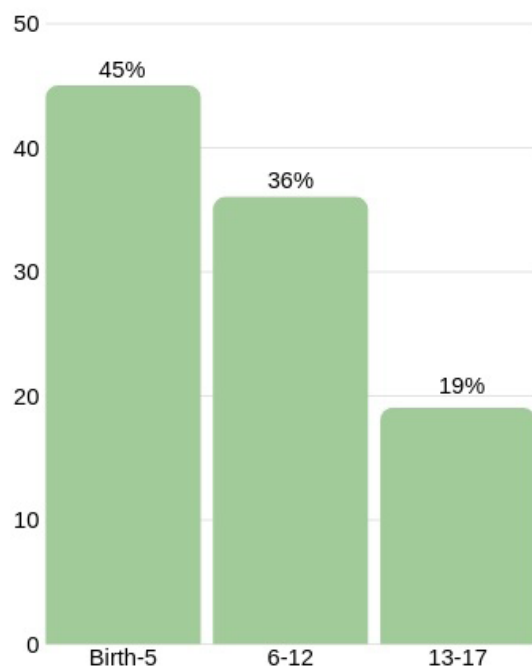
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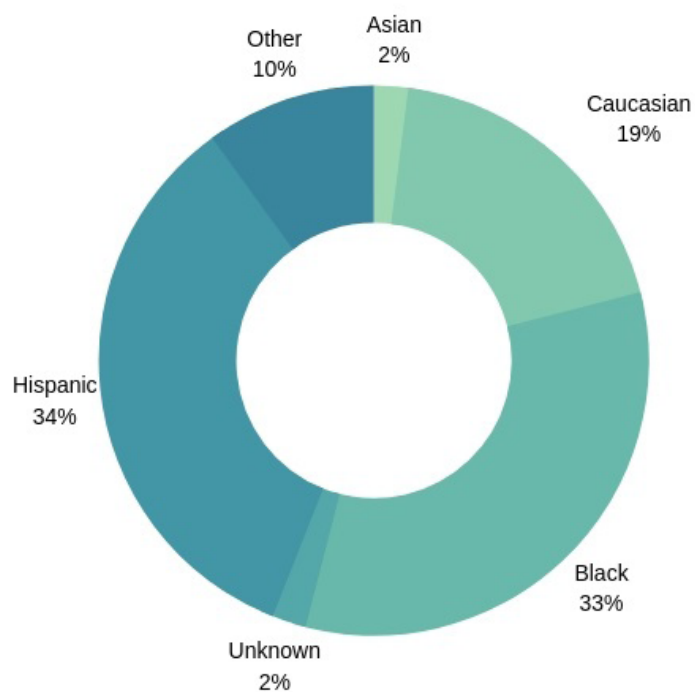
1 Year



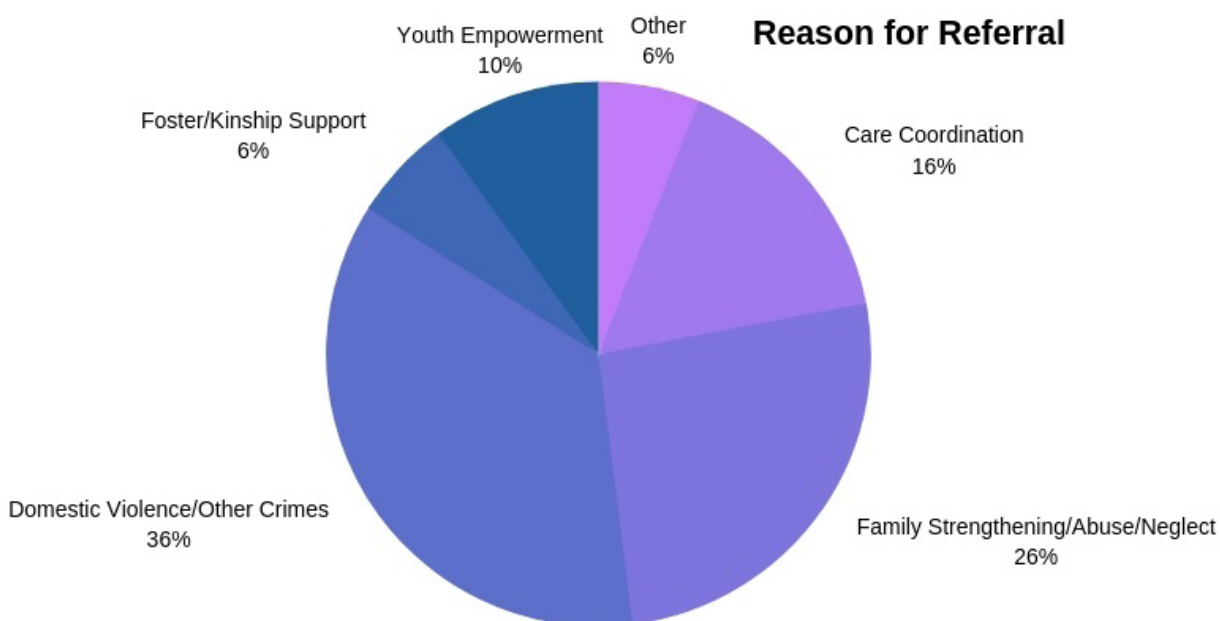
1,568 Families Served



Children's Ages



Ethnicity



Reason for Referral

Fiscal Year Ending 6.30.2018 Income and Expense (Unaudited)

Income

CT Department of Children and Families	2,675,370.00
CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services	73,324.00
CT Department of Public Health	275,367.00
CT Department of Social Services	227,135.00
CT Office of Early Childhood	352,945.00
CT Office of Victim Services	433,092.00
New Reach	80,851.00
Foundations	18,500.00
Restricted	4,000.00
Fundraising and Special Events	18,946.00
TOTAL	4,159,530.00

Expenses

Salaries	2,467,509.00
Fringe Benefits	565,508.00
Program Supplies, Travel, Training, Communications	445,745.00
Subcontractors	381,444.00
Facilities	138,406.00
Administrative Expenses	159,168.00
Fundraising and Special Events	1,750.00
TOTAL	4,159,530.00

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Our Mission

Family Centered Services works with families to ensure they are safe and nurturing places where children can succeed.



Our Vision

We envision a world of healthy families, where children grow up to be confident and caring adults and contributing members of their community



Our Values

We believe all children have the right to live in a safe, nurturing environment, free from violence, abuse, and neglect.

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