

2025 Annual Report

On the Front Lines



A message from the Executive Director and 2025 Board Chair

Dear Friends,

For the past forty-eight years, Family Centered Services of Connecticut, Inc. has been on the front lines serving some of the most vulnerable families in the Greater New Haven area. This year, we proudly celebrated the 15th anniversary of our annual Walk to Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence. As we prepared for this milestone event, I reflected on the many ways FamilyCT has served as an innovator in the development and implementation of home-based services and in building coordinated systems of care.

FamilyCT was founded in 1977, at a time when child abuse and neglect were just beginning to be recognized as critical public health issues. Services for children and families were often fragmented and isolated, making comprehensive support difficult to achieve. In response, FamilyCT began as a group of hospital volunteers who formed a multidisciplinary case consultation team—our first program. In 1978, we expanded our services to include a Parent Aide and Family Advocate program.

In 1989, recognizing the strong connection between domestic violence and child abuse, FamilyCT became the first family support agency to integrate domestic violence services into child abuse prevention efforts through the creation of the Family Violence Outreach Program (FVOP). In 1998, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognized FVOP as an Emerging Program for Battered Mothers and Their Children and included it in the landmark publication known as the *Green Book*.

FamilyCT continued its legacy of innovation in 1996 by launching the Neighborhood Victim Advocacy (NVA) program in partnership with the New Haven Police Services. This program addressed a critical gap in services by ensuring that survivors of domestic violence received immediate support and connection to resources following police response. In 2002, FamilyCT was awarded a contract to Implement the Parenting Support and Parental Rights Initiative (PSPRI), the first program in Connecticut funded by a state agency to help parents understand their mental illness and its impact on their children.

Today, FamilyCT brings nearly five decades of trauma-informed direct service experience to children, youth, and adults impacted by intergenerational poverty, child abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, substance misuse, psychiatric disability, homelessness, community violence, and other complex challenges. We offer a continuum of free, home-based, and community-centered services, including victim-centered intimate partner violence counseling and advocacy, parenting education, kinship caregiver support for foster families, intensive care coordination for children and youth with special health care needs, school-based youth empowerment and leadership initiatives, and educational and empowerment groups for youth and adults.

With your continued support, we will sustain and strengthen our commitment to creating safe, nurturing environments where children can grow, and succeed.



Jacquelyn Farrell, LCSW
Executive Director



Mark DiPaola
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

15 Years of Walking for Domestic Violence Awareness

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, more than 100 community members gathered in East Rock for the **15th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence**, marking a milestone in at FamilyCT.



“Still on the Front Lines: A Call to Action” reflects our deep roots in this work and the fact that, 15 years later, the need is still urgent. Domestic violence continues to impact families every day, and our programs respond to it head-on in the community. This walk is a powerful reminder that meaningful change happens when we show up together—on the front lines. The event brought survivors, families, partners, and supporters together to mark 15 years of advocacy and awareness—and the people who make this work personal.

We’re thankful to the team fundraisers and groups, whose commitment to this annual event reminds us exactly why we show up. Tracey’s Butterflies and Team Pretty Pat once again led the way, fundraising in honor of loved ones and community members whose lives have been forever impacted by domestic violence.



In a close finish, Team Pretty Pat emerged as this year’s top fundraising team, raising critical funds that directly support the families we serve in our community.





We were proud to honor two **Changemakers** whose work strengthens the front lines of domestic violence response in our community.

Brian Reilly of the Connecticut Police Academy was recognized for his many years in the field and his leadership in law enforcement training. Through his work at the Academy, Brian has opened the door for our NVAP team to be part of recruit trainings, reinforcing the importance of compassion, understanding, and survivor-centered response.

His commitment helps ensure future officers are better prepared to work with victims with dignity, empathy, and respect.

We also recognized **Christie Cianciola**, Court Victim Advocate, who accepted the award on behalf of the Connecticut State's Attorney's Office in New Haven. We are grateful for our strong partnership and for the dedicated advocates we work alongside every day. Their commitment and collaboration strengthen our shared efforts to support survivors in our community.



Thank you to our **staff planning committee** for the months of coordination and preparation behind this event.

We're also grateful to the volunteers who showed up, stepped in wherever needed, and helped the day run smoothly.



To everyone who walked, fundraised, and stood with us — your involvement matters. Your support strengthens our ability to raise awareness, build meaningful partnerships, and continue showing up for survivors across our community.

Intimate Partner Violence-Family Assessment and Intervention Response IPV-FAIR

The Intimate Partner Violence–Family Assessment Intervention Response (IPV-FAIR) program works with families experiencing intimate partner violence, with a focus on safety, stability, and healing. Family CT was the first family support agency in the state to develop domestic violence services within a child abuse prevention framework—recognizing early on the strong connection between intimate partner violence and child well-being. IPV-FAIR continues to build on that foundation by helping caregivers increase safety, reduce trauma, and create more stable home environments while strengthening family relationships.

In 2025, IPV-FAIR clinicians provided steady support to families facing elevated stress and uncertainty across the community. Through ongoing collaboration, the team strengthened its internal practices and shared expertise across cases. One meaningful outcome of that collaboration was the creation of a structured safety planning tool.



As a home-based program, safety is layered and constantly evolving—for both the clinicians and family navigators entering family homes and the parents working to create safer environments for their children. This tool helps guide clear conversations around safety planning, build stronger connections to resources, and support thoughtful decision-making in real time. It reinforces our work while keeping services responsive to each family’s needs within a home-based model.

The structured safety planning tool strengthened how the team partners with families—enabling more proactive conversations, clearer next steps, and shared understanding around risk and protection. Program results show 100% participation in safety planning, including ongoing, personalized strategies and completed individualized safety plans for all identified victims of abuse.

By grounding the work in thoughtful, consistent safety planning, IPV-FAIR helps families move beyond immediate crisis toward greater stability, predictability, and peace in their homes.



Parenting Support and Parental Rights Initiative PSPRI



Parenting Support Parental Rights Initiative (PSPRI)

This voluntary, confidential, and home-based program is designed to support parents living with mental health conditions. PSPRI aims to help parents achieve greater stability, strengthen their caregiving role, and preserve family unity.

We believe that with the right support, education, and advocacy, parents can manage their mental health while maintaining safe, nurturing, and meaningful relationships with their children.

- Services are FREE!
- Services are individualized to your unique needs
- Self referrals welcome
- Ofrecemos servicios en español



As a Family Specialist, Evelyn plays a critical role in ensuring families feel welcomed, understood, and supported.

The program centers on meeting families where they are and helping them build sustainable networks of care beyond PSPRI. Each session

intentionally closes with dedicated time for *family self-care*—creating space for reflection, resilience, and hope within the realities of parenting and mental health.

The program maintains ongoing services for enrolled families while **welcoming new referrals in 2026**, ensuring that parents and children continue to receive compassionate, practical, and lasting care.



Family CT's Parenting Support and Parental Rights Initiative (PSPRI), established in 2002, remains a trusted source of support for families in the community. It was the first program in Connecticut funded by a state agency to help parents understand their mental illness and its impact on their children, while also developing guardianship plans to ensure stability during times of hospitalization.

In 2025, PSPRI continued to grow and adapt to better meet families' needs. In October, a group of clients graduated from the program, marking an important milestone in their continued growth and connection to support. These families moved forward with appropriate mental health care, engaged in community supports, and equipped with strategies and parenting tools developed through their work with PSPRI. Across different life stages, parents gained the confidence and support needed to strengthen positive relationships with their children and navigate family life with greater stability.

PSPRI's work remains highly individualized and relationship-based, adapting to families across changing life stages and needs. In 2025, the program also continued to utilize helpful online tools and resources, giving families more immediate and flexible access to support beyond in-person sessions.



Program Overview

Program Goals

- Strengthen parenting confidence and child development knowledge
- Improve mental health outcomes through education and connection to treatment and supports
- Increase awareness of mental health symptoms and coping skills
- Help families plan for temporary guardianship when needed

Eligibility

To participate in PSPRI, you must:

- Live in New Haven or the surrounding areas
- Be pregnant or have at least one child residing with you
- Have a mental health diagnosis
- Want to improve your parenting skills and family relationships
- Want to engage with mental health treatment and/or supports in your community

Program Services

Services include a weekly/biweekly meeting with a

Family Specialist who will support you with:

- Understanding parental rights and responsibilities
- Parenting education and child development
- Mental health psychoeducation and coping strategies
- Case management and care coordination
- Advocacy around medical, legal, and environmental needs
- Development of temporary guardianship plans
- Referrals to additional resources

For more information or to submit a referral:

203-624-2600

PSPRI@familyct.org

<https://www.familyct.org/parents-support-and-parental-rights-initiative>



Scan to visit our website

Wyman Teen Outreach Program (TOP)

The Wyman Teen Outreach Program (TOP) is a national, science-based youth development model first developed in 1978 to prevent risk factors linked to school dropout, academic failure, teen pregnancy, and other negative behaviors among adolescents ages 12–17. Through weekly facilitated discussions and youth-led community service initiatives, TOP helps young people explore their values, strengthen relationships with peers, and build practical life skills such as communication, decision-making, and goal-setting.

Family CT operates TOP in New Haven and Bridgeport, CT. Family CT's TOP sites include Park City Magnet School in Bridgeport, where the program has been established for over a decade, and East Rock Community Magnet School in New Haven, now in its second full year at this site.

As students meet consistently throughout the year, they build trust, strengthen collaboration, and begin to take collective ownership of their service-learning work.



Projects are selected and executed by the group, allowing young people to practice leadership, teamwork, and accountability in real time. Students launched the year with campus clean-ups to create visible impact in their school communities, created handmade cards for hospital patients, and designed adaptive athletic stations for Special Olympics integrated sports.

As cohesion deepened, students chose projects aligned with their interests, including volunteering with the Humane Society in Bridgeport and supporting the New Haven Mobile Food Pantry.

This steady engagement translates into meaningful outcomes.

At Park City, teens led the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting Bridgeport Rescue Mission, collecting

1,184 pounds of food and \$179 in donations — a project fully organized and executed by the group!



Across both sites, over 90% of participants attended at least 75% of sessions, nearly all students completed the 20-hour service-learning benchmark, and 100% of participating teens avoided early pregnancy or parenting. These results reflect not only participation, but sustained commitment to the group and its goals.

Each year, TOP also presents the “Top Humanitarian Award” to a student who exemplifies the core values of the program. This recognition is not based solely on attendance or participation, but on initiative, integrity, and the ability to positively influence peers. The award signifies that a young person has stepped into leadership — bringing ideas forward, following through on commitments, and modeling responsibility within their school community. For the student selected, it reflects meaningful growth, confidence, and a clear understanding that their voice and actions have impact.

For more than a decade in Bridgeport and now firmly established in New Haven, TOP continues to show that when young people are given structure, trust, and meaningful responsibility, they rise — not only meeting benchmarks, but contributing in tangible ways to their schools and communities.



To learn more about any of our programs, please visit: www.familyct.org/programs or follow the QR Codes

Baby&MeCT



**Neighborhood Victim
Advocacy Program**



**Parenting Support & Parental
Rights Initiative**



Parenting Support Services



ConnectiKIN



**Multisystemic Therapy—Building
Stronger Families**



**Intimate Partner Violence—
Family Assessment Intervention**



**South Central Medical Home Initiative
for Children and Youth with Special
Health Care Needs**



Wyman Teen Outreach Program



2025 Financial Supporters

We are grateful for the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations, community groups, foundations and funders who pledged support to FamilyCT during 2025.

If anyone has inadvertently been left off this list, please accept our apologies and let us know!

General Support, Unrestricted

Ashley Amaro
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Grants and Foundations, Unrestricted

The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven
United Way of Greater New Haven
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Marcia Ciskowski
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Fundraisers

Custom Ink Platform: Shirt Fundraiser
Double Good Popcorn
TADA Bingo Event
Simple Generosity: Target Circle

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Connoisseur Media/WPLR
Carbutti & Co., Realtors LLC

The Great Give 2025

In partnership with The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven

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The 15th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence: October 4, 2025

Made possible by our generous sponsors :

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Champion Sponsor (\$1,000)

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Angel City Data
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Our fundraising teams once again led the way in making a difference!

- ◇ **Team Pretty Pat/Patrice's Angels**
- ◇ **Tracey's Butterflies**
- ◇ **Walking Warriors**

& all who walked, raised awareness, and joined us in 2025!

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Walk to End Domestic Violence

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BeYOUphotoboosts
Bridgeport Islanders
Caffe Bravo
Erica Fulton
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Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Excursions
Flirt Boutique
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Pebbles Toys & Gifts
Pistachio Cafe
Saybrook Point Inn
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Starbucks-Westville
The Clay Date
The Melting Pot
Willoughby's Coffee & Tea

Holiday Donation Program

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Connex Credit Union
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Our Results in 2025

Who We Served

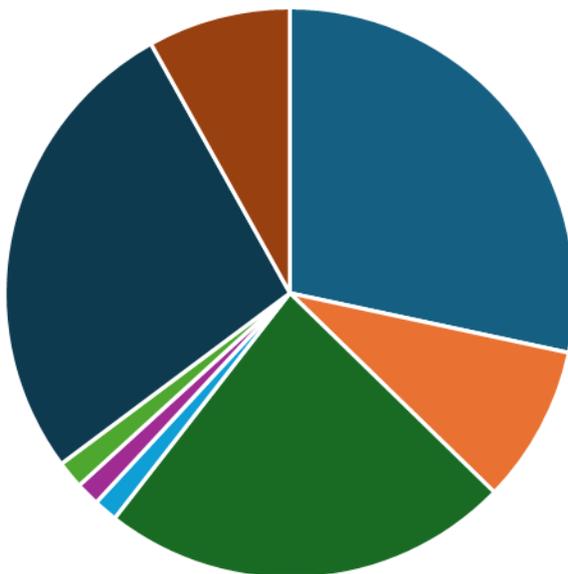


1216 Families



253 Child Clients

Primary Reason for Referral



- Domestic Violence (273)
- Kinship Support (86)
- Parenting (224)
- Mental Health & Parenting (13)
- Racially Affirming Counseling (13)
- Substance Abuse & Parenting (15)
- Care Coordination (261)
- Pregnancy Prevention (78)

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Income & Expenses (Unaudited)

Income	
Department of Children and Families	2,981,706.00
Department of Public Health	284,510.00
Department of Mental Health/Addiction Services	84,953.00
Department of Social Services	179,820.00
Office of Victims Services	398,318.00
Office of Early Childhood	1,590,619.00
Misc Income/Other grants	148,231.00
Foundations	2,728.00
Unrestricted/Restricted donations	10,982.00
Fund Raising & Special Events	35,418.00
	\$5,712,285.00

Expenses	
Salaries	3,366,634.00
Fringe Benefits	778,077.00
Program supplies, travel, training, Phone & Network	135,513.00
Subcontractors	1,074,912.00
Facility Costs	177,285.00
Administrative Expenses	171,203.00
Fund Raising & Special Event Expenses	8,661.00
	\$5,712,285.00

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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.

Dedicated Staff 2025

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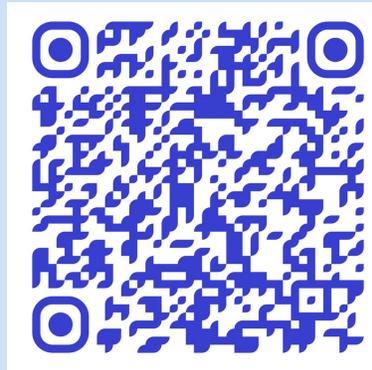
Parenting Support Parental Rights Initiative

Evelyn Santiago, BS

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community in 2025**



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