

# Support

Family Connections was created to serve as a single point of access for families trying to navigate through existing services.

Family Connections "connects" families with needed existing services and helps fill any unmet needs so that clients can improve their lives.

Family Connections is one of four programs within Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. The non-profit agency has been serving the community for over 35-years as a privately funded non-profit. The agency has evolved in direct response to the needs of the community helping thousands of children, families and adults in Worcester County. A large number of Family Connections clients are helped by multiple programs within the agency.



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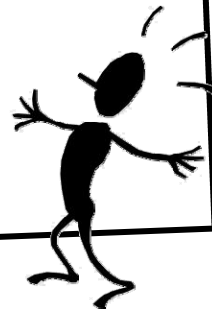
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# Independence

With the motto, "A Hand Up NOT a Hand Out", Family Connections links families with needed resources by joining forces with many sectors of the community including faith-based and civic organizations, non-profit agencies, business leaders and interested community members. The program acts as a safety net to families with multiple needs. These families would otherwise be left in grave circumstances.

During fiscal year 2010, Family Connections served a total of 2,862 families who received a total 2,957 referrals to needed services.



"We work to connect local families with needed resources while providing comprehensive care and promoting self sufficiency."  
- Lori Carson  
Director, Family Connections

Over the past three years, the number of families served has increased by 500%. The services provided by Family Connections are imperative as families and individuals cope with the challenges of today's economy.

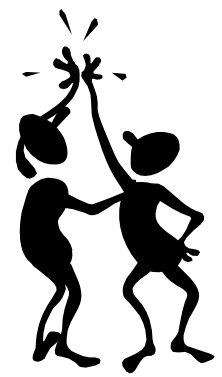
# Solutions

Family Connections works to address the issues that are creating obstacles for the family.

Our goal is to empower the family toward self sufficiency. We do this by addressing the immediate needs of utilities, food, clothing and housing AND by teaching

- ♦ life skills
- ♦ budgeting
- ♦ job search assistance
- ♦ counseling

to create a **stronger, self supporting family unit.**



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Services are FREE to All Worcester County Residents.

