

FCS provides 14 programs and services that assist vulnerable people and help to strengthen, protect and preserve the dignity and independence of those in need. The agency serves over 8,500 people annually, addressing homelessness; neglect, abuse and exploitation; health and respite care; financial instability due to physical, developmental or mental disabilities; childhood literacy and obesity; Medicare counseling; and long-term care assistance. FCS is also a leading volunteer organization. Our programs and services are provided regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, language spoken, physical or mental ability, or financial status. While FCS partners with many organizations and government agencies, in many cases, the agency is the sole county-designated provider of unduplicated services and the last hope for individuals, families and seniors in crisis.



***Mission:***

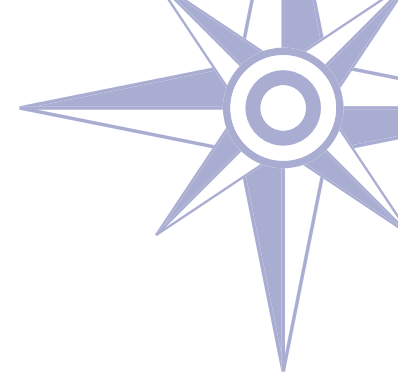
*Family & Children's Service provides compassionate care, intervention and education to support people during challenging times in their lives.*

***Vision:***

*Family & Children's Service strengthens, protects and preserves the dignity and independence of people in need.*

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# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Adult Protective Services (APS)** investigates reports of suspected abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of vulnerable adults residing in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.

**Healthy Buddies** pairs specially trained volunteers with at-risk elementary school children in the classroom to promote healthy behaviors and fight childhood obesity.

**Home Care Service** provides certified home health aides and supportive care aides to seniors and people with disabilities to assist with an array of services that allow them to continue living at home with dignity.

**Home Care Grant Assistance** provides home care assistance to qualified frail, elderly and disabled residents of Monmouth County, and caregiver relief for those providing care to a relative or friend.

**Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC)** provides a range of in-home services as an alternative to nursing home placement that enable eligible individuals to remain at home.

**Medicaid Application Assistance Program (MAAP)** provides support and application assistance to eligible individuals seeking Medicaid benefits to meet their long-term care health-related costs.

**Operation Sleighbells** provides toys, books, clothing and infant necessities to hundreds of children and their families during the holiday season.

**Reading Buddies** pairs specially trained senior volunteers with at-risk elementary school children in the classroom to advance early readers' literacy skills and build confidence.

**Representative Payee (Rep Payee)** manages the finances of adults who are unable to manage a budget due to physical, mental health or developmental disabilities.

**Statewide Respite Care** provides eligible Monmouth County residents with assistance to support those caring for an elderly or disabled relative or friend.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** coordinates the deployment of more than 300 senior volunteers to nonprofit organizations throughout Monmouth County, including FCS.

**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** places specially trained volunteer counselors in locations throughout Monmouth County to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the complex Medicare insurance system.

**Telephone Reassurance Program** offers weekend telephone safety checks to frail and vulnerable seniors in Middlesex County who have made a choice to remain living independently at home.

**The FCS Thrift Boutique** provides men's and women's clothing and accessories at deeply discounted prices and distributes free clothing to those with immediate, emergency needs.