

COMING TOGETHER

COLLABORATION

In early 2011 community leaders throughout Atlantic County came together to map out collaborative ways to address the needs of families who were truly struggling in western Atlantic County. Parents and family members were an integral part of the group.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network is to improve parents' abilities to effectively raise their children and be self-sufficient.

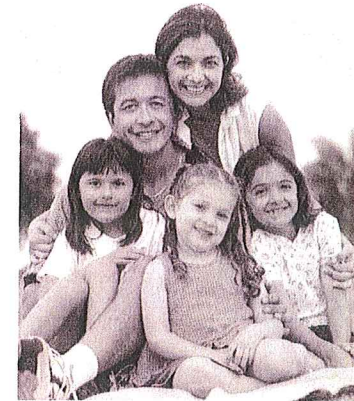
BELIEF

The Network believes that children are best raised by two loving adults. The Network's strategies support this premise.



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THE WESTERN ATLANTIC PARENT-FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK



Supporting
parents and families
in their efforts to
effectively raise their
children and live
self-sufficiently.

The Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network is a partnership of parents, families, community members, non-profit providers, churches, schools, businesses, government, civic associations, and other local and state leaders. Funding provided by the Pascale Sykes Foundation and community donations.

“COMING TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES”

EMPOWERING FAMILIES



The Network is a community-involved, social service program that provides support to parents and children in families living in Western Atlantic County New Jersey. The long term goal of the Network is to empower families to be self-sustaining and not reliant on government programs.

ADVISORY BOARD

The Network is overseen by a parent and community-driven Advisory Board. The Advisory Board ensures that the Network works collaboratively with the larger community to address the needs of all families.

CASE MANAGEMENT

The Network provides individuals and families the opportunity to develop additional tools to help them cope with issues in their lives. The Network also provides assessment and advocacy for individuals and families by connecting them with community resources. Parents are encouraged to create informal supports networks that will enable them to sustain change.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Network provides concrete services such as transportation, life skills groups, and counseling services as well as linkages to community services such as health care, employment, and financial assistance. The Network also offers educational services such as homework help, parenting groups, and literacy services to support parents in their efforts to effectively parent and advocate for their families. The support services are offered by providers throughout Atlantic County who work collaboratively.



ALLIANCE

Family Service Association leads the partnership that includes Atlantic Human Resources, Inc. Richland First Baptist Church, Mizpah Inland Human Services, Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization, CASA for the Children of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, Literacy Volunteers Association Cape Atlantic Inc., Money Management International, and the Spanish Community Center.

NETWORK VALUES

The Network's goals include

- Preventing child abuse and neglect;
- Teaching and empowering parents;
- Providing family driven, culturally appropriate services
- Requiring specific behavioral changes to determine outcomes.

Parents and other adult caregivers are vitally important to all aspects of the Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network.

