

If It Takes A Village, Here's How Schools Can Help



What can I do if I think a family may be struggling?

- Children are chronically tardy, don't seem prepared to learn
- Its hard to reach parents
- Child seems depressed, seems to be conflict at home
- No specific allegations of maltreatment
- They may be homeless, it may be an economic issue
- I don't know who they rely on, they seem isolated
- **Now may be the right time to reach out**

Pivot To Prevention: An Expanding Network of State and Community Partnerships Which Provide Supports to Families When and Where They're Needed

- DCYF is focusing its work on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention to increase the safety, health and well-being of Rhode Island's families
- While one of our mandates is to assess the safety of children when reports of possible maltreatment are made to our Child Abuse Hot Line, our role involves much more.
- The Department works with communities and families to ensure the safety and well-being of children by ensuring the stability and well-being of families
- The Department funds and supports some of the Prevention Services in your community and partners with the providers of those services to ensure that families who are struggling have immediate access to individualized services to meet a wide spectrum of child and adult needs which include, but are not limited to: physical and behavioral health, economic supports, housing and advocacy

How do I do that? Is it my role? Should I call DCYF?

- The well-being of children is the priority for each of us who works with children and families
- All families experience some sort of crisis at some time
- The families who succeed at managing the crisis not only have resilience but they have also have resources; friends, family; stable natural supports to turn to during those times of crisis
- Not all families are so fortunate
- But all families live in communities
- Those communities can come together to build those natural supports where they don't exist and support those that do

So where do I find those supports in my community? The Family, Community Care Partnerships. The FCCP

- What is an FCCP?
- The Department recognizes that all families struggle from time to time and need supports they can turn to when they need assistance. These supports range from basic needs to improving family relationships and creating and maintaining safe environments.
- Our Family Care Community Partnership (FCCPs) agencies, part of DCYF's network of prevention-focused providers, help families identify the supports they need then assist them in accessing and navigating those services
- All families in Rhode Island are eligible and do not need to be open to DCYF, or referred by DCYF

What will they do for the family?

- The FCCP representative will meet with the family at home or in the community to assess what the family identifies as problematic, and work with them to establish goals and how they will be achieved
- They use a Wraparound Practice Model based on family voice and choice and identify both formal services and informal supports to help make and sustain positive changes
- The family develops a Wrap Plan with the FCCP and depending on the service, funding is provided through insurance, community-based resources and flex funding. No one is denied services due to lack of ability to pay.
- The goal is to resolve the crisis at hand and to connect the family to supports to turn to in the future to avoid crisis
- The services are comprehensive, and of course, voluntary
- Each lead agency is part of a network of formal and informal community services

Municipalities

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