



FAMILY SERVICE

Stronger today. Brighter tomorrow.



Family Strengthening Programs



BUCKS COUNTY FAMILY CENTER

The Bucks County Family Center offers family-friendly activities and services that strengthen family relationships and connect families with vital community resources. The Family Center hosts Family Nights throughout the year and an annual Family Fest each spring.

The Family Center is located at 2 Canal's End Road, Suite 201G, Bristol, PA.

LINKS TIME-LIMITED FAMILY REUNIFICATION

LINKS staff work with parents to reunify families within the first fifteen months of a child being placed in foster care through provision of clinical case management, in-home mental health counseling and parent education. Parents are also connected with other community resources that can support them in maintaining long-term stability and preventing re-placement of their children.

Parents receiving reunification services typically have significant issues to overcome in order to be reunited with their children. These issues may include substance abuse, domestic violence, mental illness or inappropriate housing.

NURTURING PARENTING

Nurturing Parenting provides in-home parent education and case management services designed to build nurturing skills as alternatives to negative parenting attitudes and practices. Trained Facilitators use evidence-based assessment tools and curriculum materials to identify “high risk” parenting practices and beliefs that could potentially put a child at risk. Facilitators customize the curriculum to build on parents’ strengths and address weaknesses in order to reduce or eliminate the need for future intervention.

PARENTING TOGETHER

Parenting Together offers co-parenting classes for parents or caregivers experiencing problems with communication. Classes are designed to help parents work together effectively to promote the best interests of their children following separation, divorce or other conflicts. Classes do not need to be attended as a couple. Parents, grandparents, foster parents and any other individuals who co-parent with another to provide direct care for a child can participate.

Group and private classes are available. There is a fee for this service, and all participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Parents as Teachers is an evidence-based Early Childhood service that assists families with parenting, promotes child health and development, prevents child abuse and prepares children for kindergarten. Participating families and their preschool-aged children receive personal visits from a Certified Parent Educator, health and development screenings and a network of resources.

With the exception of Parenting Together, services are free of charge and open to families throughout Bucks County. Families may enroll in multiple programs based on needs and interests.

These programs are offered in partnership with the Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, the Children’s Trust Fund and United Way of Bucks County.



ABOUT US

Family Service Association of Bucks County is a nonprofit social service organization with locations throughout Bucks County, PA. For 65 years, we have been improving the lives of children and families, doing whatever it takes to help them overcome obstacles and reach their full potential.

We offer a variety of programs and services focused on improving family relationships, building nurturing parenting skills, preventing child abuse and preparing children and adolescents for the future. We serve people in their homes, in their communities and in our offices.

Our mission is to listen, care and help. Every day.

CONTACT US

For more information, contact our Family Strengthening Programs Coordinator at **215.757.6196, ext. 225.**



We are a member of United Way of Bucks County and we are accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services, Inc. Our agency is licensed by The State of Pennsylvania to provide both outpatient mental health, and drug and alcohol services.

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