

Family Preservation Services

Program Report | FISCAL YEAR 2018



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Executive Summary

Family Preservation Services

Fiscal Year 2018 Program Report

(JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018)

Across the United States, jurisdictions are experiencing significant increases in the rate at which they rely on child protective removals of children from families in order to keep children safe. Since 2012, the number of children in foster care has increased each year nationally, and grew by 2% in 2016, the last year for which national data is available. In New Jersey, however, despite experiencing significant increases in caregiver opioid use, the use of out-of-home placement as a safety intervention has decreased during this period. The census of children in foster care in New Jersey has declined each year since 2014 – a testament to the strength and impact of New Jersey’s prevention and behavioral health care services for children and families, including Family Preservation Services.

Family Preservation Services (FPS) is an intensive, in-home crisis intervention and family education program primarily used for families with children at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, or out-of-home placement. Other families eligible for FPS include those preparing to be reunified with their children, and resource parents in need of assistance to stabilize children in their family’s care. Referrals to FPS are made by NJ’s Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) local offices. Families remain under DCP&P supervision while receiving FPS services. The program’s goals are to:

- Ensure the safety of children
- Stabilize families
- Improve family functioning
- Prevent unnecessary out-of-home placement
- Link families with appropriate community resources

Families enrolled in FPS receive an array of services to meet their needs, starting with a child and family assessment, skill-based interventions, counseling and related support, linkages to community resources, and limited financial assistance. Services typically are provided in the family’s home and family participation is voluntary. FPS staff are available to families 24 hours a day, seven days a week for up to eight weeks. Interventions are intensive, providing each family five to 20 hours of direct face-to-face service per week, depending on the nature and severity of the situation and presenting needs. All services build on family strengths and respond to family circumstances.

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) funds each county’s FPS program. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2018:

- Contract funding for FPS services was approximately \$10.5 million dollars.
- Nearly 950 families and more than 2,180 children received FPS services.
- Forty-nine percent of children who received FPS services were six years of age or younger.
- Within the families that completed full interventions, 96-percent of children were able to remain safely in their home, avoiding the need for a child protective removal.
- Eighty-nine percent of children that received the full FPS Program were residing in their target home one year after discharge.

FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES

FISCAL YEAR 2018 PROGRAM REPORT

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SECTION I: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) funds Family Preservation Services (FPS) in each of the state's 21 counties. DCF contracts with eight community-based provider agencies, six of which operate programs in multiple counties. During Fiscal Year 2018, funding for FPS services increased to approximately \$10.5 million dollars. The increase in funding allowed for providers to hire and retain staff, ultimately serving more families (from approximately 900 in Fiscal Year 2017 to 950 in Fiscal Year 2018). It also expanded the Step Down program from six counties to all 21 counties.

THE FPS MODEL

Family Preservation Services (FPS) is an intensive, in-home crisis intervention and family education program primarily used for families with children at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, or out-of-home placement. Other families eligible for FPS include those preparing to be reunified with their children, and resource parents in need of assistance to stabilize children in their family's care.

FPS services are delivered by specially trained staff that provide a combination of counseling and concrete services to meet each family's needs. As specified in the enacting legislation (N.J.S.A. 30:4C-74), direct service staff carry a caseload of no more than two families at any time, except during the last week prior to discharging a family, during which staff may begin work with a third family.

Services typically are provided in the family's home and in accordance with the established program model set forth in the New Jersey Family Preservation Services Manual and the enacting statute.

Staff are available to families 24 hours a day, seven days a week for up to eight weeks. Program interventions are intensive, providing families no less than five and no more than 20 hours of direct face-to-face service each week depending on the nature and severity of their situation. More specifically:

- Initial visits with the family are conducted within 24 hours of referral, often teaming with the DCP&P case manager.
- Initial and final assessments of family functioning are conducted using the North Carolina Family Assessment Scales.
- Goal-directed interventions are developed in consultation with the family and DCP&P to address the reason(s) for the risk determination and to identify services and/or activities.
- Using a behavioral/cognitive approach and building on family strengths, trained staff provide instruction and model skills to improve family functioning in areas including, but not limited to, parenting, stress management, communication, and crisis management.
- Concrete services are provided to families, as needed. Services may include, but are not limited to, emergency financial assistance, food, clothing, transportation and housing assistance.
- Follow-up family evaluations are done at three, six, and 12-month intervals after discharge for those families who received the full intervention (28 days of service).
- Step Down services provide a community-based continuum of care for families that successfully complete a primary FPS intervention. Step Down services are based on an aftercare model and focus on enduring issues that impact family functioning and well-being.

SECTION II: SERVICE STATISTICS

This section provides aggregate data on program utilization rates and service delivery at each county-based site between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

REFERRALS

DCP&P is the sole referral source to FPS programs. Families are eligible for FPS when there is a presenting crisis that places at least one child at risk of abuse or neglect or a child protective removal, or when a child is returning home from out-of-home placement. Additional eligibility criteria include: the family is participating in an open DCP&P services case; the child can remain safely at home with intensive services; the family has agreed to participate; and other less intensive services will not sufficiently reduce the risk of removal or are unavailable.

FPS programs occasionally receive referrals that do not meet program criteria and must “turn back” or return cases to the referring DCP&P office. This determination is made within 72 hours of receiving the referral. FPS program standards note that cases may be returned to DCP&P when:

- The risk of placement is not imminent and the child can benefit from less intensive services
- The family declines FPS services
- There is a lack of available program slots
- Substance abuse or mental illness of a caregiver exists to such a great extent that it impedes a family’s ability to engage and learn skills
- There are safety concerns for FPS staff
- The child entered foster care prior to FPS intervention or during 72-hour assessment period

Table 1 provides a statewide summary of FPS referrals and the rate at which referrals were returned without service completion during Fiscal Year 2018.

**TABLE 1: NUMBER OF FPS REFERRALS & RATE OF RETURN
WITHOUT SERVICE, BY COUNTY**

COUNTY	TOTAL FAMILIES REFERRED	% OF TOTAL RETURNED TO DCPP WITHOUT SERVICE
Atlantic	64	16%
Bergen	76	32%
Burlington	110	15%
Camden	83	6%
Cape May	52	13%
Cumberland	59	17%
Essex	91	22%
Gloucester	54	0%
Hudson	38	24%
Hunterdon	29	28%
Mercer	44	16%
Middlesex	62	24%
Monmouth	40	28%
Morris	42	33%
Ocean	65	9%
Passaic	45	16%
Salem	58	19%
Somerset	29	10%
Sussex	32	13%
Union	42	21%
Warren	33	12%
TOTAL	1,148	17%

Of the 1,148 cases referred to FPS during FY 2018, 17% (n=200) were returned to the referring local office without service. As in prior years, the primary reason for returning a case is the family's unwillingness to participate in the program (82%).

TABLE 2: REASONS FOR RETURN WITHOUT SERVICE (N=200)

REASON FOR TURN BACK	NO. OF FAMILIES	PERCENTAGE
Family Declined FPS services (unwilling to participate) or is unavailable	163	82%
Other	18	9%
Child placed prior to FPS intervention or during 72 hr. assessment period	11	6%
Child not at risk of placement	3	2%
Substance abuse or mental illness exists to such a great extent that it impedes a family's ability to engage and learn skills	2	1%
No Slots available	1	1%
Safety concerns for FPS staff	1	1%
Active Domestic Violence*	1	1%
Total	200	100%

*Prior to the release of the FPS RFP in 2017, FPS cases could be turned back if there was an incident of domestic violence within the previous 6 months. This was removed as a turnback criteria starting in FY2018.

Table 3 lists the number of families and children who entered FPS programs during the reporting period.

TABLE 3: FPS SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

COUNTY	FAMILIES	CHILDREN
Atlantic	54	125
Bergen	52	103
Burlington	94	202
Camden	78	192
Cape May	45	101
Cumberland	49	139
Essex	71	185
Gloucester	54	121
Hudson	29	57
Hunterdon	21	36
Mercer	37	104
Middlesex	47	95
Monmouth	29	60
Morris	28	60
Ocean	59	127
Passaic	38	96
Salem	47	112
Somerset	26	61
Sussex	28	43
Union	33	93
Warren	29	78
Total	948	2,190

TABLE 4: AGE OF CHILDREN SERVED

	0-6 Years	7-12 Years	13-18 Years	19+ Years	Total
Number	1,080	737	373	0	2,190
Percentage	49%	34%	17%	0%	100%

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CONCERNS AND DETERMINATIONS

Of the 948 families that entered FPS programs, the most frequently cited identified source of risk was child neglect (72%). Table 5 lists the child protective services' determinations that led to DCP&P involvement and the family's eventual referral to FPS.

TABLE 5: SOURCE OF RISK (N=948)

SOURCE OF RISK	NO. OF FAMILIES	PERCENTAGE
Neglect	683	72%
Physical Abuse	176	19%
Emotional Abuse	67	7%
Sexual Abuse	22	2%
TOTAL	948	100%

Families involved with DCP&P experience many challenges (acute, chronic, or cumulative) that impact their ability to ensure child safety and provide a stable home environment. Table 6 lists the stress factors identified among the 948 families that participated in FPS programs. The top three factors contributing to a family's stress include financial (47%), parent mental health (43%) and housing challenges (40%).

TABLE 6: FAMILY STRESS FACTORS

FAMILY STRESS FACTORS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES
Financial	442	47%
Mental health (parent)	406	43%
Housing related	375	40%
Mental/behavioral health (child)	288	30%
Substance abuse (parent)	269	28%
Domestic violence history	252	27%
Physical health (parent)	66	7%
Disability (parent)	64	7%
Physical health (child)	61	6%
Delinquency	54	6%
Disability (child)	50	5%
Substance abuse (child)	13	1%

Each child under DCP&P supervision has a case goal that drives the delivery of FPS services in their target home. Table 7 shows DCP&P case/service goals for the 2,190 children whose families participated in FPS.

TABLE 7: DCP&P CASE/SERVICE GOALS (N = 2,190)

Case/Service Goal	Children	Percentage
Stabilize in Home	1,944	89%
Reunification	223	10%
Stabilize in Placement	23	1%
TOTAL	2,190	100%

SERVICE INTERVENTIONS

A referral becomes an intervention when the family and FPS program agree FPS services are appropriate. While the method and focus of FPS service interventions varies from family-to-family, the service categories listed below are a broad picture of the assistance FPS provided to families (see Table 8). The primary focus of FPS is providing parenting skills (55%) and stress management (43%).

TABLE 8: TYPES OF FPS SERVICES PROVIDED

SERVICES	UNITS PROVIDED	PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES
Parenting skills	518	55%
Stress management / Coping	405	43%
None (Interrupted Intervention)	356	38%
Concrete services*	248	26%
Daily routines / Time management	217	23%
Communication skills	199	21%
Household management	199	21%
Access resources	182	19%
Behavior management	181	19%
Anger / Conflict resolution	149	16%
Support mental health treatment	134	14%
Budget / Finance management	133	14%
Safety Strategies	115	12%
Support substance abuse treatment	107	11%
Support health / medical care	91	10%
Employment assistance	45	5%

*Concrete Services may include emergency financial assistance, food, clothing, transportation, and housing assistance

FPS does not provide services for substance abuse, mental health, or medical needs; however, staff do work with families to reinforce and complement specialized care and treatment plans from a family systems perspective and link families to services, as appropriate.

FPS service interventions span four to eight weeks, depending on a family's needs and case goals. A family receives no less than five and no more than 20 hours per week of direct services.

Programs are required to record time spent on each case and to categorize hours into Direct and Indirect Service Hours. Direct Service Hours include face-to-face contact between the FPS worker and the family. Indirect Service Hours include all other time spent on behalf of the family, including but not limited to, documentation, advocacy, collateral contacts, case consultation, supervision, and travel.

Table 9 lists the duration and frequency of FPS services provided to participating families.

TABLE 9: DURATION AND FREQUENCY OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES

COUNTY	NO. FAMILIES SERVED	AVG. LENGTH OF STAY (Weeks)	DIRECT SERVICE HOURS PER FAMILY (Avg. per Week)	INDIRECT SERVICE HOURS PER FAMILY (Avg. per Week)	TOTAL SERVICE HOURS PER FAMILY (Avg. per Week)
Atlantic	54	3.8	5.1	10.6	15.7
Bergen	52	4.9	5.4	7.3	12.7
Burlington	94	4.1	4.7	2.9	7.6
Camden	78	4.4	9.2	10.1	19.3
Cape May	45	5.1	5.4	10.0	15.5
Cumberland	49	4.4	7.6	7.3	15.0
Essex	71	5.5	6.7	10.6	17.3
Gloucester	54	4.1	9.4	11.6	20.9
Hudson	29	6.6	5.6	4.4	10.0
Hunterdon	21	5.5	6.5	6.9	13.4
Mercer	37	5.6	3.2	9.1	12.4
Middlesex	47	4.5	6.3	8.6	14.9
Monmouth	29	4.5	4.7	9.7	14.5
Morris	28	4.5	4.4	6.4	10.8
Ocean	59	5.0	6.1	7.6	13.7
Passaic	38	5.4	6.9	4.2	11.1
Salem	47	4.9	6.0	9.6	15.6
Somerset	26	4.8	7.7	7.5	15.2
Sussex	28	6.5	3.7	3.6	7.3
Union	33	5.3	6.7	11.0	17.7
Warren	29	5.0	6.1	5.6	11.7
TOTAL	948	4.9	6.1	7.8	13.8

FPS programs provide very limited financial assistance to help families overcome barriers to success and to reinforce the therapeutic process. Assistance may be used to:

- Address concrete needs that jeopardize the family's stability
- Strengthen and promote family relationships
- Reward progress or goal attainment

Not every family FPS serves receives financial assistance. Disbursements are made at the discretion of the program based on the family's needs. Allowable expenses may include essential household items, engagement activities, skill building aids (e.g. books, videos, and games), and low-cost "reinforcement" to reward achievement. Table 10 describes the financial assistance families have received.

TABLE 10: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	
Total No. of Families Served by FPS	948
Percentage of Families that Received Financial Assistance	51%
Total Amount of Financial Assistance Distributed	\$25,812.58
Average Amount per Family	\$53.66

The FPS Model has clear standards regarding a family's termination or discharge from the program. FPS is a short-term intervention, so discharge planning begins early with the goal of linking families to other community-based services and supports.

FPS is a voluntary program and families can withdraw at any time, however every effort is made to maintain their engagement. When families choose to discontinue their participation, FPS informs the DCP&P case manager, provides linkages to other relevant services and closes the case.

Termination can occur when families destabilize and safety concerns become too great for children to remain at home. FPS remains actively involved with families that experience short-term out of home placement for seven days or less. During this time, FPS works to facilitate the child's timely return, when possible. FPS must close the case when a placement exceeds seven days.

When FPS cases are closed and services terminated, interventions are classified as either:

- Full Intervention: FPS services last a minimum of 28 days or all case goals are achieved
- Interrupted Intervention: FPS services end prior to 28 days as a result of the family discontinuing FPS services or another reason beyond the control of FPS

Table 11 shows intervention status of closed FPS cases by county.

TABLE 11: INTERVENTION STATUS (CLOSED CASES)

COUNTY	TOTAL FAMILY INTERVENTIONS	% FULL INTERVENTION	% INTERRUPTED INTERVENTION
Atlantic	54	67%	33%
Bergen	52	85%	15%
Burlington	94	80%	20%
Camden	78	86%	14%
Cape May	45	93%	7%
Cumberland	49	88%	12%
Essex	71	83%	17%
Gloucester	54	74%	26%
Hudson	29	90%	10%
Hunterdon	21	86%	14%
Mercer	37	84%	16%
Middlesex	47	68%	32%
Monmouth	29	79%	21%
Morris	28	89%	11%
Ocean	59	78%	22%
Passaic	38	87%	13%
Salem	47	83%	17%
Somerset	26	88%	12%
Sussex	28	89%	11%
Union	33	76%	24%
Warren	29	83%	17%
TOTAL	948	82%	18%

Treatment goals are formed within 10 days of the initial FPS assessment. Goals are set through a collaborative process that includes the family, the referring DCP&P worker, and FPS staff. Goals are developed to address the reasons for the risk determination that precipitated the referral and the information obtained during the assessment. All treatment goals are specific to each family, clearly delineated and achievable within the duration of the FPS intervention. Table 12 provides a summary of the extent to which participating families attained their respective treatment goals at discharge.

TABLE 12: STATUS OF TREATMENT GOALS AT DISCHARGE (N=948)

Individualized Treatment Goals	Total	Percentage
All Treatment Goals Met (100%)	347	37%
Significantly met (50% - 99%)	360	38%
Partially Met (20% - 49%)	76	8%
Minimal or No goals Met (0%- 19%)	165	17%
TOTAL	948	100%

*Includes 172 interrupted interventions which by definition, includes families that did not complete the program or achieve all of their respective treatment goals.

FPS programs track the whereabouts of all children from when a case is accepted through discharge. Table 13 details the placement disposition of every child who received services in FY 2018 and whose case was closed by FPS during the reporting period.

TABLE 13: LOCATION OF CHILDREN SERVED AT DISCHARGE

Housing Location at Discharge	Total	Percentage
In Home	2,009	92%
Foster care	111	5%
With relative	29	1%
Other family-like setting	16	0.73%
Shelter	6	0.27%
Other	5	0.23%
Group home	4	0.18%
Unknown*	4	0.18%
In-state residential	3	0.14%
Incarcerated / detention	1	0.05%
Ran away	1	0.05%
Substance abuse rehab	1	0.05%
Total	2,190	100%

*The "Unknown" term describes the inability to provide the child's location at discharge. The majority of these children discharged as "interrupted interventions" causing FPS to be unable to complete full interventions with them.

Table 14 provides a broad overview of the levels, programmatic delivery, and impact of FPS services statewide.

TABLE 14: SUMMARY OF FPS SERVICE INTERVENTIONS

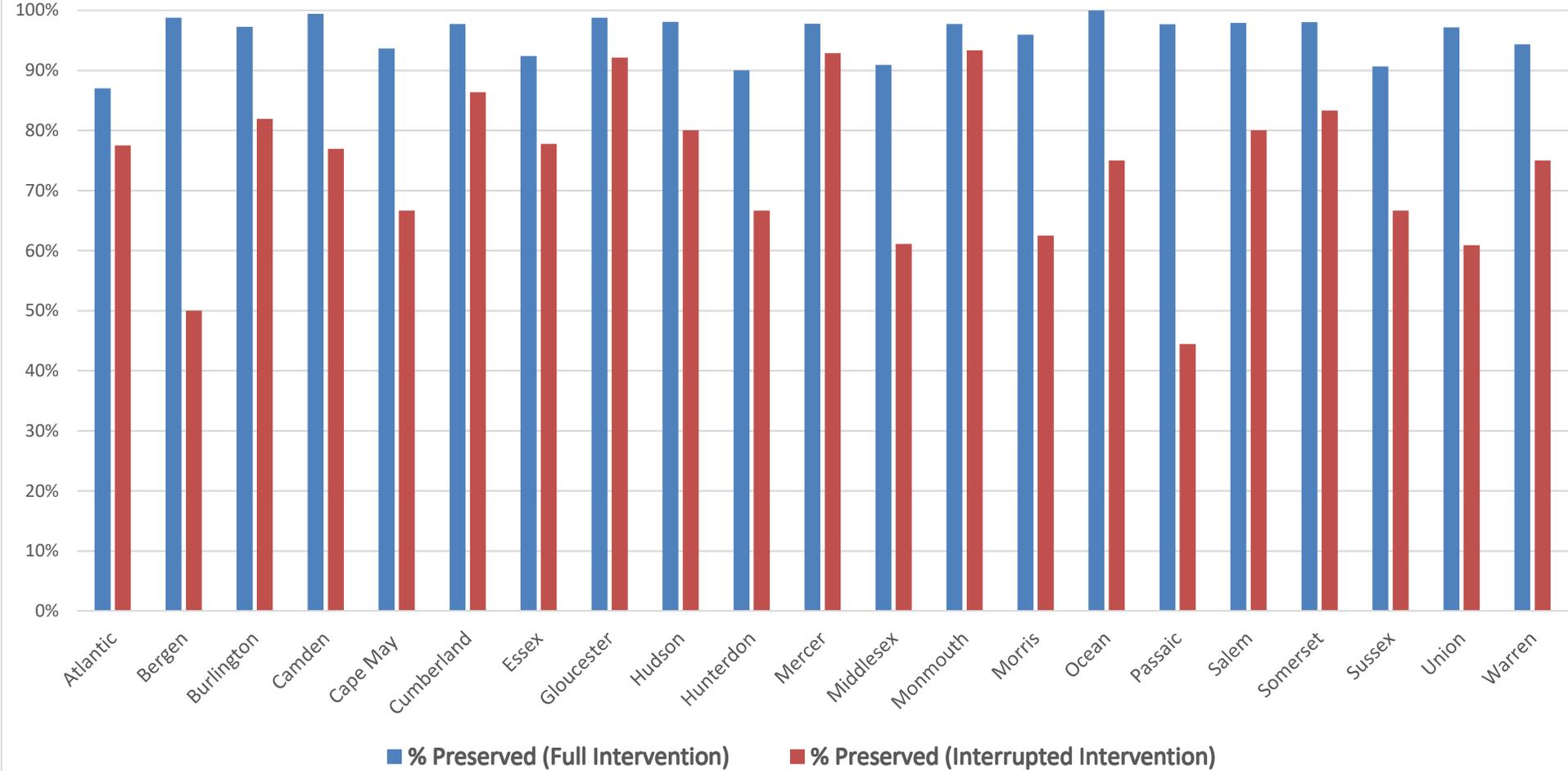
COUNTY	Clients Served		FPS Services Provided				Child's Status at Discharge*			% PRESERVED Full Interventions	% PRESERVED Interrupted Interventions
	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	LENGTH OF STAY (Week)	DIRECT SERVICE HOURS (Avg. per Week)	FULL INTERVENTION	INTERRUPTED INTERVENTION	PRESERVED	PLACED	OTHER		
Atlantic	54	125	3.8	5.1	36	18	106	3	16	87%	78%
Bergen	52	103	4.9	5.4	44	8	94	0	9	99%	50%
Burlington	94	202	4.1	4.7	75	19	186	2	14	97%	82%
Camden	78	192	4.4	9.2	67	11	185	4	3	99%	77%
Cape May	45	101	5.1	5.4	42	3	93	2	6	94%	67%
Cumberland	49	139	4.4	7.6	43	6	134	1	4	98%	86%
Essex	71	185	5.5	6.7	59	12	166	5	14	92%	78%
Gloucester	54	121	4.1	9.4	40	14	117	0	4	99%	92%
Hudson	29	57	6.6	5.6	26	3	55	0	2	98%	80%
Hunterdon	21	36	5.5	6.5	18	3	32	1	3	90%	67%
Mercer	37	104	5.6	3.2	31	6	101	0	3	98%	93%
Middlesex	47	95	4.5	6.3	32	15	81	3	11	91%	61%
Monmouth	29	60	4.5	4.7	23	6	58	0	2	98%	93%
Morris	28	60	4.5	4.4	25	3	55	4	1	96%	63%
Ocean	59	127	5.0	6.1	46	13	122	4	1	100%	75%
Passaic	38	96	5.4	6.9	33	5	88	1	7	98%	44%
Salem	47	112	4.9	6.0	39	8	107	5	0	98%	80%
Somerset	26	61	4.8	7.7	23	3	59	0	2	98%	83%
Sussex	28	43	6.5	3.7	25	3	39	0	4	91%	67%
Union	33	93	5.3	6.7	25	8	82	0	11	97%	61%
Warren	29	78	5.0	6.1	24	5	69	6	3	94%	75%
TOTAL	948	2,190	4.9	6.1	776	172	2,029	41	120	96%	77%

*Child's Status at Discharge: "Preserved" means the child remained in the target home; "Placed" means the child was in a DCP&P out-of-home placement setting; "Other" means the child voluntarily relocated or was residing in an alternative living arrangement not related to child protective services.

% Preserved (Full Interventions) is based on families who successfully completed the FPS program.

% Preserved (Interrupted Interventions) is based on families who did not fully complete the program and who had less than 28 days of service intervention.

NJ FY 2018 Family Preservation Services Children Preserved at Discharge



STEP DOWN SERVICES

EXTENDED FPS CASES (FY 2018)

The goal of Step Down services is to empower and assist families in maintaining a safe and stable home environment. Consistent with the principal FPS model, Step Down programs seek to ensure child safety, prevent out of home placement, improve family functioning and link families with appropriate community resources. The nature and scope of Step Down services are an extension of the social, educational, counseling, and case management supports provided by primary FPS programs. All services are coordinated, individualized, goal-oriented, and adapted to each family's changing needs and circumstances. Participating families receive three to nine months of services provided at differing levels of intensity according to their unique needs and rate of progression in achieving case goals. All referrals for Step Down services are made by primary FPS programs and family participation is voluntary. DCP&P must keep the case open while the family is receiving Step Down services.

TABLE 15: FPS Step Down SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

COUNTY	FAMILIES	CHILDREN
Atlantic	24	56
Bergen	3	7
Burlington	9	18
Camden	6	16
Cape May	3	4
Cumberland	11	39
Essex	13	28
Gloucester	10	17
Hudson	0	0
Hunterdon	1	3
Mercer	0	0
Middlesex	11	34
Monmouth	2	3
Morris	2	6
Ocean	7	14
Passaic	1	3
Salem	3	7
Somerset	1	3
Sussex	1	2
Union	10	33
Warren	1	1
TOTAL	119	294

SECTION III: FOLLOW-UP DATA

CASE FOLLOW-UP (FY 2017)

For families that received the full FPS intervention, follow up evaluations are completed at three, six, and 12-month intervals, after they are discharged from the program. The number of children that remain with their families one year after receiving services is tied to the overarching goal of preventing placement and is considered an indicator of success for FPS agencies.

Table 16 displays information regarding 12-month follow up results for children who received the full FPS intervention between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 (FY 2017).

TABLE 16: 12-MONTH FOLLOW-UP RESULTS FOR CHILDREN SERVED IN FY 2017

County	No. Children Eligible for Follow-Up	% Contacts Made	Preserved	Placed	Other*	% Preserved**
Atlantic	116	100%	99	17	0	85%
Bergen	108	100%	106	0	2	98%
Burlington	190	100%	173	13	4	91%
Camden	125	100%	112	13	0	90%
Cumberland	97	100%	83	14	0	86%
Essex	86	100%	63	20	3	73%
Gloucester	117	100%	100	17	0	85%
Hunterdon	53	100%	49	3	1	92%
Middlesex	88	100%	76	12	0	86%
Salem	67	100%	59	8	0	88%
Somerset	39	100%	39	0	0	100%
Union	35	100%	34	1	0	97%
Warren	74	100%	65	9	0	88%
TOTAL ***	1,195	100%	1,058	127	10	89%

*Other means the child voluntarily relocated or was residing in an alternative living arrangement not related to child protective services.

**% Preserved is calculated based on the number of contacts made.

***This table is missing data from Cape May, Hudson, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic and Sussex Counties due to changes in contracted providers.

More specific information regarding the status and housing location of children served one-year post-discharge is shown in Tables 17 and 18.

TABLE 17: STATUS OF CHILDREN SERVED IN FY 2017

Follow-Up Status	Total	Percentage
Preserved: Remains in home	1,003	83.9%
Placed by DCP&P safety reasons	108	9.0%
Preserved: Reunified with family	42	3.5%
Preserved: Stabilized in foster home	13	1.1%
Remains in Placement (Reunification Service Goal Only)	11	0.9%
Brief placement & reunified w/in period	8	0.7%
Other	5	0.4%
Voluntary move or relocation	3	0.3%
Other placement non-safety reasons	2	0.2%
TOTAL	1,195	100.0%

TABLE 18: HOUSING LOCATION OF CHILDREN SERVED IN FY2017 AT 12-MONTH FOLLOW-UP

HOUSING LOCATION AT 12-MONTH FOLLOW-UP	NO. OF CHILDREN
In Home	1,050
Foster care	125
With relative	7
Group home	6
In-state residential	2
Other family-like setting	2
Shelter	2
Incarcerated / detention	1
TOTAL	1,195

SECTION IV. CONCLUSION

In Fiscal Year 2018, New Jersey invested \$10.5 million in contract funding for FPS services, reaching nearly 950 families and more than 2,180 children. Forty percent of children who received services were six years of age or younger. Ninety-six percent (96%) of the children in families that completed full interventions remained safely in their home at the end of the intervention, and nearly 90 percent of children that received the full FPS Program were still residing in their target home one year after discharge. New Jersey's Family Preservation Services succeeds in providing intensive support to families in crisis, so that child protection removals and foster care placements can be safely avoided, and families can remain together while they work through struggles associated with poverty, behavioral and physical health, and other social and economic challenges.