

Did you know....

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns appreciation.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.



For more information:

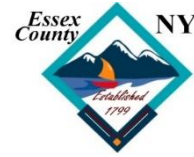
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Preventive Program

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Preventive Services



Providing the support
you need,
when you need it

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Preventive Services

Provides support and assistance to empower families with children who struggle due to family and/or social challenges.

Services strive to help strengthen the family unit.

Services are voluntary unless ordered by the courts and can be dis-continued upon the completion of family goals, or at the request of the parent at any time.

Services are completely confidential. Information may be shared on a need-to-know basis, and only with parents' specific written consent.



What can Preventive help with

Children who:

- Struggle with attending school
- Behave in a way that is beyond the control of a parent, guardian, or lawful authority
- Struggling with substance abuse
- Requires supervision or treatment
- Would benefit from The Youth Advocate Program

Families

- Budgeting
- Organization
- Assist with school communication and relationships
- Attend school meetings
- Make referrals
- Provide respite services
- Community connections
- Parenting education

What Preventive Services offers

Case Management Services

A caseworker will meet regularly with the families, provide referrals, advocacy, personal support, and create goals with the family.

Parent Aide/Homemaker

A parent aide provides support for the parents and information regarding parenting issues.

Assistance with budgeting, shopping, and household organization.

Youth Advocate Program

Strength based program that works as a team with families and other supports to develop achievable goals, with a focus on community engagement and positive experiences.

Respite

Provides short term respite in a certified home.

