JAFCO Family Strengthening Program

What we do:

- Strengthen and empower families to address and overcome challenges that are impacting the family’s level of functioning
- Provide highly individualized and intensive support to families who are experiencing overwhelming challenges
- Guiding and Supporting families through difficult transitions such as divorce, death, illness, incarceration
- Improve access to services by helping families navigate systems, linking them to needed resources and advocating for their needs
- Coordinate the family’s care by collaborating with all involved providers
- Offer 24-hour availability and support to families in times of crisis

Who we serve:

Families who have a child under the age of 18 living in the home. The parent/relative caregiver must be the legal guardian of that child in order to consent to services. JAFCO proudly serves all families regardless of their religious affiliation.

We serve families dealing with one or more of the following challenges:

- Families raising children with special needs including autism and other developmental disabilities
- Families in which a parent or child has a mental health diagnosis
- Families in which a parent or family member is struggling with addiction
- Families dealing with complicated divorce or custody issues
- Families who have or are at-risk of involvement with Child Protective Services
- Grandparents or relatives who are caring for a child on a permanent or temporary basis
- Single parents

Where we provide services:

Currently serving the greater Philadelphia community (Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, and Delaware Counties) and Southern New Jersey.

How we are unique:

- Free services regardless of income or insurance
- After initial intake, all services are provided in the client’s home for convenience and accessibility
- Immediate response: referrals are scheduled within 24 hours of initial call
- Can provide services for as long as necessary and as often as necessary
- Highly intensive and personalized support based on each family’s unique needs
- Master’s level clinicians
How we help in various areas:

In-home services to address Family Functioning/Behavior Issues:
- Create behavior plans to decrease negative behaviors
- Create individualized family plans to improve overall level of functioning
- Teach parenting skills and discipline techniques
- Create Safety plans to decrease risk factors
- Facilitate family meetings
- Assist with home organization
- Link to therapist, psychologist, psychiatrist or any other needed services

Improving access to services/Navigating the system
- Linkage and referral to needed services
- Assist with making appointments
- Accompany families to appointments
- Assist with paperwork and applications
- Advocate for discounted services
- Coordinate and collaborate with other providers to ensure continuity of care

School Issues:
- IEP guidance: answer questions, explain IEP
- Advocate for the child’s needs in school
- Accompany parents to IEP meeting
- Help parents navigate the school system
- Link to educational advocates
- Transition planning
- Assistance with school placement

Financial issues
- Assist with Budgeting
- Apply for grants for services
- Secure scholarships for camp or other services
- Job support/resume building
- School and supplies/clothing assistance

Legal issues (Custody, Family Court, Guardianship):
- Supervised visitations
- Link to lawyers
- Advocate in court
- Accompany to court hearings