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Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (ECCSI)



*...Because every
child deserves a childhood.*

Astor Services for Children & Families promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs.

Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (ECCSI)

ECCSI is a Dutchess County funded program intended to facilitate collaboration between families and service providers in order to meet each family's unique needs. The goal of the ECCSI is to prevent out of home placement of children between the ages 0-18.

ECCSI can assist families involved with multiple services and agencies (social services, medical, education, behavioral health, probation, etc.) by coordinating these services and linking to additional resources.

Until the family is connected to community services, the ECCSI team can temporarily provide families with support services, care coordination, advocacy, and parent infant education services.

Dutchess County service agencies work directly with ECCSI to assist in meeting the family's individual needs if barriers occur.



Pregnant Women are also eligible. Families must reside in Dutchess County and ECCSI services are provided at no cost to the families. Family members can directly self-refer and must be involved with more than one community service.

Caretakers and youth who have criminal charges pending and/or are already involved in DCFS Preventive Programming are ineligible.

ECCSI Goals include:

- Increasing each individual family's knowledge, access, and participation in community-based services
- Assisting families to navigate successfully multiple systems and providers.

Examples include:

- Social services
- Education
- Behavioral health
- Probation

What is a Network?

A Network Meeting is when the family joins with ECCSI staff, their own service providers, and community agencies to create an individualized family plan. The family will be offered resources and support connecting to community linkages.

During the Network the team and family will:

- Recognize and appreciate the strengths of the family;
- Explore the current family concerns and barriers regarding the children's safety and;
- Collaborate to develop a Family Plan for connecting the family to resources.

After the network meeting:

The ECCSI team and family's providers stay in contact with the family to encourage, assist and respond to any barriers in completing the tasks on the Family Plan.



ECCSI Objectives:

- To increase individual family's knowledge, access and participation in community based services to meet the family's unique needs;
- To decrease referrals to social services system;
- To identify gaps and barriers to services in the current system of care.

How does your family get involved with ECCSI?

Contact the ECCSI Coordinator
Katie Castell, LCSW-R
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- Family members can call directly
- Service providers are required to fax or email a referral and release of information to (845) 554-1376.

A comprehensive guide to Dutchess County resources called **Helping Our Families** can be located at:

<https://www.astorservices.org/resources/dutchess-county-helping-our-families-guide/>