

Contact Us

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Everyone
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More*

What is ECCSI?

ECCSI is a county process to partner with families and providers to prevent the out of home placement for ages 0-18.

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

Family support services, parent infant education services and advocacy can be provided until the family is connected to the community service.

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

Who will benefit from ECCSI?

Referrals are accepted for any pregnant woman or family with children, ages 0 to 18; who are involved with more than one service and strive to keep the family together in the community; thus preventing out of home placement.

This can include wanting to prevent removal, hospitalization or strengthening the family when children are returning from placement.

Children ages 5 - 18 cannot have criminal charges pending.

What is a Network?

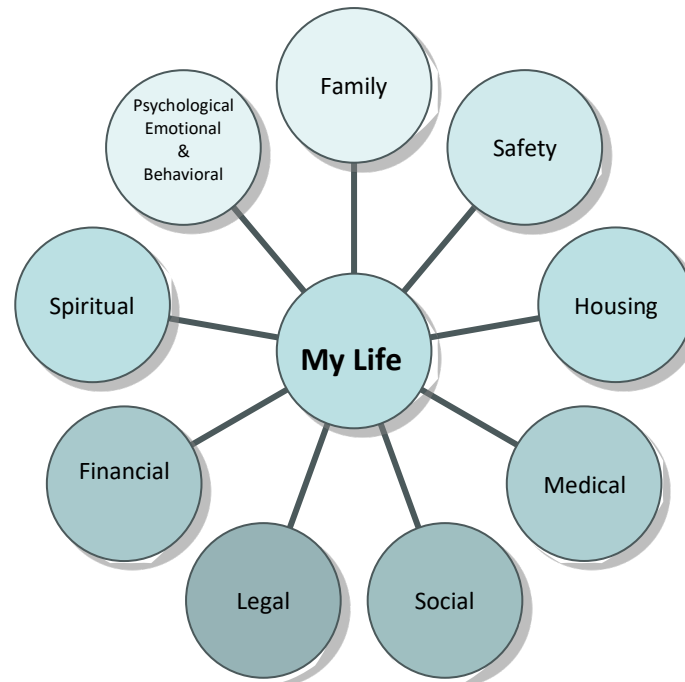
A Network Meeting is when the family joins with ECCSI staff, their own service providers and community agencies to create an individualized family plan. The family will be offered resources and support connecting to community linkages.

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.



Goals of ECCSI:

- 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 decrease out of home placements, when safe to do so; and
- To identify gaps and barriers to services in the current system of care.

**If the PLAN doesn't work
change the plan
but never the GOAL**

How does your family get involved with ECCSI?

Contact the ECCSI Director
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- Family members can call directly
- Service providers will be 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/>