### FAMILY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION OF ESSEX COUNTY

Peers Engaging & Encouraging Resilience

# **ABOUT US**

Family Support Organization of Essex County is a familycentered, family-driven nonprofit that provides peer support, education and advocacy for parents of children who have emotional, behavioral, mental health, substance use, intellectual and developmental challenges.

We hire parents of children with these challenges who are uniquely able to provide one-to-one peer support to families in similar situations. We offer monthly workshops and weekly support groups to aid families.

Our goal is to empower families to take control of their lives by building on their strengths and supporting them as needed. We encourage public and private agencies to work with us and with each other to strengthen families with the goal of keeping children safe and healthy in their homes and communities.

Providing services to parents of children with emotional, behavioral, mental health and developmental challenges.

# WARMLINE

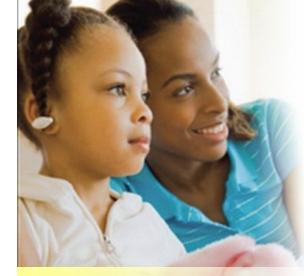
We offer telephone support, information and referrals through our Warmline. Warmline is a community resource for anyone seeking information and referral to address an individual or family need. Our Warmline staff listens to your situation, helps you identify practical next steps, and offers referrals that may address your needs.

# **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Our support groups provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet regularly for mutual emotional support in matters relating to their child's emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges. Members of our support groups share their personal experiences and offer one another emotional comfort and moral support.

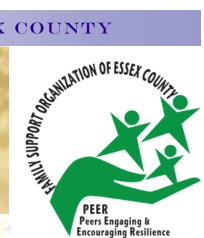
## When Parents do better, Children do better !





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# January 2016 Calendar of Events



Tuesday, 5th 6:30pm-8pm Open Forum -Ivette Garcia-Bradford, Bilingual Outreach Specialist

Tuesday, 12th 6:30pm-8pm "Stress Management Techniques" FSOEC Parent Leaders Team

*Tuesday, 19th* 6:30pm-8pm "Family Fun and Game Night" – FSOEC Parent Leaders

## Thursday, 21st

10:30am-12pm Grandparent Support Group: Drug and Alcohol Use, Partnership for Drug Free New Jersey

## Tuesday, 26th

6:30pm-8pm Drug and Alcohol Use, Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey

Thursday, 28th 10:30am-12pm *Bilingual Parent Support Group*: Drug and Alcohol Use, Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey

#### PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING

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