



## YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The **FOCUS** Youth and Family Development Division offers innovative programs to youth and families with significant need for assistance. The Division provides quality educational services for children before and after school, as well as during the summer months. Counseling sessions are provided on an individual basis and for families as a group. Parenting workshops and referral services are also available to those families requiring temporary or permanent assistance. The objective of the Division is to provide youth and families with enriching experiences that broaden perspectives, improve socialization and enhance skills to improve the overall quality of life.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Summer Enrichment - Project Shadow

**FOCUS** Project Shadow (FPS) is a six-week summer program designed to blend academic learning and youth development. Participants engage in activities that promote development of the following skills: academic, leadership, communication, decision making, conflict resolution, and job readiness. The program is open to youth ages 11 to 16. Contact Piedad Vasquez at (973)624-2528 ext. 125 or e-mail at [pvasquez@focus411.org](mailto:pvasquez@focus411.org)

#### Youth Development Program

**FOCUS** Youth Development Program provides comprehensive family support and youth remedial educational services. The youth development program seeks to improve the lives of youth by meeting their basic physical, developmental, and social needs and by helping them to build the abilities needed to become successful adults. Contact: Piedad Vasquez at (973)624-2528 ext. 125 or e-mail at [pvasquez@focus411.org](mailto:pvasquez@focus411.org)

## 21st Century Community Learning Centers

**FOCUS** 21ST CCLC Program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating students.



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### FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### FOCUS Family Success Center

**FOCUS** Family Success Center (FSC) is a family-centered neighborhood gathering place where any community resident can receive family support, information, referrals and services. **FOCUS** FSC aims at enriching the lives of children and adults by making families and neighborhoods stronger and empowering all families to succeed. Contact: Piedad Vasquez at (973)624-2528 ext. 125 or e-mail at [pvasquez@focus411.org](mailto:pvasquez@focus411.org)



## Emergency Assistance

Limited temporary assistance is given to individuals facing an emergency or crisis. Individuals who qualify receive food vouchers, food packages, rent, and/or utility assistance. Contact: Alexa Baez at 973-624-2528 Ext. 131 or e-mail [abaez@focus411.org](mailto:abaez@focus411.org)



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Initiative represents **FOCUS'** activities that underwrite and support the Human Development Initiative. Its objective is to explore more dependable sources of income, so that the organization as a whole can become self-sufficient.

### PROJECTS

#### FOCUS-Rutgers Wellness Center

**FOCUS**-Rutgers Wellness Center provides direct primary and preventive care for Newark residents. The center also offers educational programs such as bilingual workshops on nutrition, preventing domestic violence and cyber-bullying, after-school programs, programs for senior citizens and counseling services.

The center serves as a training ground allowing health professionals and students from various disciplines to learn how to work as a team while making valuable contributions to patient and family care. Contact: 973-732-6040.



### SERVICES

#### Fiscal Management Services

**FOCUS** provides fiscal management services to clients including the Jersey Urban Debate League.



# HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

**FOCUS** Human Services Division provides an array of services to residents of Essex and Hudson Counties. The services include adult basic education, seniors' nutrition programs and adult protective services (APS). The objective of the division is to provide members of our community the tools necessary for empowerment, growth, and self-sufficiency.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Evenings & Saturdays)

### FOCUS/Essex County College Extension Center

This transition program offers bilingual students with a High School Diploma or General Equivalent Diploma (GED) the opportunity to complete college credit preparatory courses prior to entering the main campus.

### Adult Basic Education English as a Second Language (ESL)

Entry-level ESL instruction courses are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings (6-9pm) to adults residing in Essex and West Hudson counties.



### Integrated English Civics Education

This program allows immigrants and other limited English proficient speakers the opportunity to improve their English literacy skills while learning about U.S. history and system of government.

For information regarding **FOCUS** Education Programs, contact Ana Chavarria at (973) 624-2528 ext. 119, or e-mail [amchavarria@focus411.org](mailto:amchavarria@focus411.org)

## SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

### Adult Protective Services (APS)

This program protects vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, which prevents inappropriate institutionalization and reduces unnecessary stress and dysfunction of clients and their caregivers/family. For information contact: Antoinette M. Ray at (866) 90FOCUS (36287), or e-mail at [amray@focus411.org](mailto:amray@focus411.org)

## SENIORS PROGRAMS

### Hispanic Seniors Program

A comprehensive array of services is offered in our headquarters in a friendly cultural environment to help improve a senior's overall quality of life. Some of the services are: Congregate Meals, Case Management, and Meals-on-Wheels. For information contact: Maria V. Manangao at (973) 624-2528 ext. 140 or e-mail at [mvmanangao@focus411.org](mailto:mvmanangao@focus411.org)



### Suburban Essex Congregate Nutrition (SECN)

The goal of this program is to promote better health among older adults through improved nutrition and education. There are three (3) sites that are located throughout Essex County. Contact: Jackie J. Jones at (862) 215-2729 or e-mail at [jjones@focus411.org](mailto:jjones@focus411.org)

Senior Building Complex      Irvington, NJ  
Nutley Park & Recreation Bldg.      Nutley, NJ  
Grover Cleveland Senior Center      Caldwell, NJ



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## FOCUS MISSION

Provide community leadership by developing a variety of health and human development initiatives which advance the community toward self-sufficiency, growth, empowerment, and a better quality of life.

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