



Prevention:

Within our Prevention Department, we have a host of positions that help support case management with meeting the needs of our client families and as well families from the community. We host a variety of community events on both a monthly and annual basis. Whether it is Cafes, our Prom Gear Exchange, Community Fest or Operation Bundle Up— which is our annual winter coat initiative that has distributed upwards of 5,000 coats to children and families over the past 5 years— the well being of families is always our top priority. Events are FREE, childcare is provided for some and families have the opportunity to meet and engage with our team as well as meet some of their neighbors. They are able to gain valuable resources that can assist with clothing, food pantries, early invention services for young children, employment resources, utility assistance and so much more. Our community engagement events are shared and promoted on our social media, through community canvassing and through the help of our many partner agencies as well.

Strengthening Families:

Strengthening Families is a research-based & evidence-informed approach via the Center for the study of Social Policy. The approach is strength based and family focused. The Protective Factor framework applies to all families and is centered around 5 Protective Factors; Parental Resilience, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Social Competence, Positive Social Connections, and Concrete Supports. When the all 5 factors are being used, it promotes well-being for the individual as well as for the family unit by decreasing safety risks and reducing the potential for neglect and abuse, resulting in stronger family units and optimal child development. The 5 Protective Factors are introduced and explored through the Parent Café, which are safe spaces where parents can support and learn from one another. They help parents to recognize their strengths and build upon them. It is a great way to discuss any concerns,. A meal and childcare are always provided as well as the opportunity to build connections

Recruitment:

Catholic Community Services (CCS) exists to transform lives and create environments where every child is valued, families are strong, and communities are united for the good of all. Oure Resource Home Coordinators actively recruit individuals and families who are passionate and committed in wanting to become a resource parent as part of their mission in life. Prospective parents will be prepared, trained and supported to accept and care for children as well as connected to valuable community resources that they may need by our sub-contracted partners. If you choose to adopt a child, 24 hour support is provided. Coordinated respite care services and immediate access to an on-call case manager for afterhours emergencies. Whether you foster or adopt a child, you will receive monthly financial support until the child is 18. The stipend is intended to help with clothing, food, personal hygiene products and personal allowance for the child. Also, if a child has special needs or a mental and/or behavioral health condition, the monthly stipend may increase.