FCIU is not designated to work in situations in which the primary problem is risk of suicide or child abuse and neglect.

In an emergency dial 911

24/7 HOTLINES:

NJ Child Abuse Hotline (DCP&P)
1-877– NJ ABUSE (1-877-652-2873)
Report any concerns of abuse or neglect.

NJ Peer Support and Suicide Prevention Hopeline 1-855-654-6735

PerformCare 1-877-652-7624
NJ Children’s System of Care’s single entry point for services to help with behavioral, emotional, intellectual, developmental and/or substance use challenges.

Children’s Crisis Mobile Response
Call PerformCare (1-877-652-7624) and ask for Mobile Response for immediate crisis outreach for children/teens experiencing an emotional or behavioral episode.

Psychiatric Intervention Program (PIP)
609-344-1118
Designated screening center provides mental health assessment, outreach and emergency services.

Dream Catcher 1-800-286-4184
http://www.acwc.org/dreamcatcher.htm

Referrals to the Juvenile Family Crisis Unit are accepted from parent/guardian, adolescent, school, court, law enforcement and community agencies.

For further information call
Juvenile Family Crisis
(609) 645-5861

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Shoreview Building
101 South Shore Road
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What is Juvenile Family Crisis?

A “Juvenile Family Crisis” is the legal term for family problems such as parent-teen conflict, running away, truancy, or other risky behaviors or conditions which endanger the family unit.

What is the Juvenile Family Crisis Unit?

The Juvenile Family Crisis Unit (FCIU) is a legally mandated service providing a 24-hour quick response to Atlantic County residents.

The program is designed to provide early intervention to assist families who are experiencing serious difficulties in managing the behavior of their adolescent children (ages 10-17). The program works with the family as a team.

A goal of the program is to intercede in family conflicts before they reach the point of requiring formal court action. A primary objective is to promote and strengthen the integrity of the family.

FCIU staff assess the immediate needs in order to stabilize the crisis. The program offers brief, short term family crisis counseling and based on the identified needs, will refer youth/family to appropriate supports and community services.

FCIU participates in Station House Adjustments, helps address truancy issues in collaboration with local schools and accepts referrals for educational counseling about the dangers of sexting.

Who Can Refer?

Anyone can make a referral. Often referrals come from parent/guardian, adolescent, school, court, law enforcement and social service agencies.

Is there a fee for this service?

There is no fee.

Court Involvement

The Superior Court of New Jersey provides extra support and assistance on an as-needed basis.