Hello Mr. Roman and NJ Local Boards of Health,

I want to share with you one of the best things that our NJ Department of Children and Families provides. Family Success Centers are “one-stop” shops that provide resources and supports for families before they find themselves in crisis. They offer primary child abuse prevention services to families and bring together concerned community residents, leaders, and community agencies to address the problems that threaten the safety and stability of families and the community. Family Success Centers offer a warm and welcoming home-like environment that provides family friendly activities and resources within communities to strengthen families. There is no cost to access the services they provide.

Program Services include:
· Access to information on child, maternal and family health services, economic self-sufficiency and job readiness
· Information and referral services (connection to off-site public social services and private resources)
· Life skills training
· Housing services
· Parent education
· Parent-child activities
· Advocacy

There are 57 Family Success Centers in New Jersey. To locate a program near you, please visit: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/families/support/success/ and share broadly with your community.

Thank you,
Rick
Rick Hager
Community Outreach Coordinator
Office of Communications, Legislative and Public Affairs
Release of FY24 Request for Application (Autism)

The New Jersey Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism (Council) is pleased to announce that the Request for Application (RFA) is now open for FY24.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to support research capable of advancing the mission of the Council and to offer funding for initiatives that address important problems relevant to autism:

- Two-year Predoctoral Research Fellowships
- Three-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
- Two-year (maximum) Basic Science Pilot Research Grants
- Three-year (maximum) Clinical Pilot Research Grants, and
- One-year Autism Concept Projects, and
- Five-year New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence*

* RFA to be released before January 1, 2023

For more information about the opportunities, as well as eligibility requirements, please see the posted RFAs on the Council’s website at [https://www.state.nj.us/health/autism/grant/](https://www.state.nj.us/health/autism/grant/).

Letters of Intent are required and the templated form should be submitted by email in PDF format to NJGCA@doh.nj.gov (subject line: [Applicant last name] FY24 RFA Letter of Intent) no later than February 9, 2023. The Council will acknowledge receipt of the application within two business days. Applicants will be informed whether to submit a full application by Mid-February 2023.
U.S. could be severe, according to recent CDC data. Flu hospitalizations are on the rise, and they are higher than usual at this time in the season. Flu is one of several respiratory illnesses circulating, including RSV and COVID-19.

Data-visualization tools help NJ communities plan for climate change

Public Health Scholarships Available at the Rutgers School of Public Health!

Rutgers School of Public Health is offering scholarships to NJ residents pursuing a Master of Public Health (MPH) or Population Health Certificate here at the School. Applicants can follow this link for more information about the grant.
Dear Colleague,

Rutgers Center for State Health Policy (CSPH) is recruiting for a talented and highly skilled Medicaid Research Scholar to join our team. CSPH has been the designated evaluator of New Jersey’s Medicaid 1115 waiver demonstrations since 2012, and this scholar will have the opportunity to play a major collaborative role in the evaluation of the next round of waiver demonstrations, including interacting with leadership from NJ Medicaid.

Importance of Catching Children Up on Recommended Vaccinations

Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children, Early in the 2022-2023 Fall and Winter

Actions for Healthcare Providers to Prevent Serious Respiratory Disease, Hospitalization, and Death