

Ocean County Early Learning Council
Participating Agencies / Individuals

Beachwood Nursery School, Beachwood

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Ocean County

Child and Youth Programs, NAES,
Lakehurst, US Navy

Department of Children and Families

FACES / Healthy Families,
Preferred Children's Services

Georgian Court University

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Investors Savings Bank

Laura Jinotti

Lighthouse Preschool, Lakewood

Tara Maffei, MSW

Merrill Lynch, Toms River

Ocean Affiliate of NAEYC

Ocean County College

Ocean County Department of Human Services

O.C.E.A.N., Inc.

Ocean County Library

Ocean County Mental Health Board

Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

Ocean County Superintendent of Schools

Ocean Partnership for Children

Oceans of Fun Nursery School, Toms River

Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey

Regional Perinatal Consortium
of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Inc.

Marcia Schoolmaster Bennett, Early Childhood Consultant

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey,
Ocean County Office

Treasured Angels Preschool, Barnegat

Unity Day Care, Lakewood

Youth Services Commission of Ocean County

The Children's Home Society of NJ
1433 Hooper Avenue, Suite 340
Toms River, New Jersey 08753



... working to enhance the well being
of children in Ocean County through
improved early care and education.



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Who we are...

The Council is a not-for-profit organization comprised of volunteers who are concerned with the development of healthy children and families. Members represent a variety of community groups and organizations, including child care, faith based, educational, and governmental sectors.

The Council organizes and presents several **Community Learning Series** events – presentations on topics of interest to those who have, those who care for and those who care about children. Recent topics have included Positive Discipline, Keeping Our Children Safe, and Children with Special Needs. These programs are free and open to the public; professional development/ continuing education credits are awarded to participants. Each event also includes an opportunity for participants to visit informational tables provided by various agencies of interest to families.

Mission...

The mission of the Ocean County Early Learning Council is to enhance the well being of children in Ocean County through improved early care and education. The Council facilitates the collaboration of agencies that serve children and families by increasing the quality of early childhood programs, providing educational opportunities for parents and professionals, and advocating for the needs of young children.

Healthy Children – Healthy Communities



Care about your community and your children.

Vision and Goals...

The Council will strive to:

- ❖ Enhance the quality of early childhood programs
- ❖ Increase parent involvement
- ❖ Increase the availability and affordability of professional development
- ❖ Build community partnerships

How you can participate...

Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the conference room of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey. Please call CHS at (732) 557.9633 for additional information.

Attend a **Community Learning Series** event. Contact us at the number above, and ask to be put on the mailing list for upcoming programs.

Participate as a **program presenter** or refer a **speaker**. The Council is always looking for outstanding presenters on topics related to early childhood and parenting. Our budget is limited, but please contact us to discuss these opportunities.

Donate your time or your financial resources – contributions are always welcome, from a raffle prize for a Community Learning Series event, to a speaker sponsorship or donation toward refreshments or publicity.