



The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Ocean County Family Success Center Increases Community Awareness through the Ocean County Mall

Toms River, NJ (July 2, 2014) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's (CHSofNJ) Ocean County Family Success Center (OCFSC) has partnered with the County Connection Office of the Ocean County Mall to raise awareness of the critical services offered throughout the county. Families and individuals interested in learning more about the many programs and services available to them through CHSofNJ and the OCFSC can now stop in the County Connection Office, near JC Penney.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to reach new and existing CHSofNJ families through the County Connection Office in the Ocean County Mall," said Choresse Chambers, Ocean County Family Success Center Supervisor. "There are many children and families in Ocean County that could benefit from our programs and services such as our Hurricane Sandy Homeowner Renter Assistance Program (SHRAP), our Sandy Expanded Services for families impacted by the storm, the Improving Pregnancy Outcomes Program: Every Woman Counts or our Ocean County Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R), and we are thrilled to now have our Family Success Center information prominently displayed in such a popular location."

With regular bus transportation courtesy of Ocean Ride from various locations around Ocean County to the Ocean County Mall, the OCFSC hopes to reach individuals who may not have their own reliable transportation, and have been unable to access the OCFSC office at 1433 Hooper Avenue. Most Ocean Ride buses are lift-equipped and can accommodate the needs of persons using mobility devices such as wheelchairs and motor scooters. Schedules and bus routes are available at the County Connection Office in the Ocean County Mall.



CHSofNJ's OCFSC displays signage in the County Connection Office of the Ocean County Mall to reach shoppers who may not be familiar with the agency or its programs and services. A table at the store's entrance holds CHSofNJ fliers, brochures and other important community information.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by insuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About The Ocean County Family Success Center

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Ocean County Family Success Center (OCFSC) is located at 1433 Hooper Avenue, Suite 121 in Toms River. The OCFSC is open Monday, Thursday & Friday from 8:30AM – 4:30PM, Tuesday from 12:00PM – 8:00PM, and Wednesday 11:00AM – 7:00PM. Services available to participants include access to parent education, parent-child activities, housing services, job readiness, home visiting, information and referrals. All services are free and confidential, and offered in English and Spanish. For more information about the OCFSC, call **732-557-5037**. To learn more about the Sandy Homeowner/Renter Assistance Program (SHRAP), please call **732-608-7238** or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.