Having Fun!

The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey
OF NEW JERSEY®

Founded in 1894, The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey is a nonsectarian, non-for-profit private agency that promotes the welfare of infants, children, adolescents and parents throughout New Jersey and Bucks County, Pennsylvania. As a comprehensive counseling, placement, parenting education and child care agency, CHS of NJ touches the lives of 41,000 children and families each year.

We save children’s lives and build healthy families.

Values

We value services that work, that are all evaluated, and that help children and parents to help themselves. Our services are delivered with dignity, cultural sensitivity and respect for our clients.

Vision

Every child is in a safe, caring, and permanent family. All children and parents have the skills and knowledge they need to help themselves long after our active case involvement has ended.

Major Service Areas

♥ Child Welfare/Permanency
♥ Clinical/Mental Health
♥ Early Childhood and Parenting Education
♥ Maternal/Child Health
♥ Family & Community
♥ School Based
♥ Child Care
♥ Kinship

A Fun and Educational Program

CHS of NJ will not factor the Adoptive Family’s race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, marital status, or sexual orientation into its decision to approve or not approve the Adoptive Family’s home study.

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Program Content

The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey (CHS of NJ) offers Positive Impact After-School Program. It is a fun and educational after-school program. CHS of NJ is committed to providing a high quality, youth centered after school program that builds self esteem, academic success, life skills and offers youth a “caring” school based family that will look out for them.

Positive Impact offers a comprehensive and balanced set of after school activities including academic support and enrichment, visual and performing arts, sports, and community service. Each afternoon also includes critical nutritious snacks. It is a constructive alternative for urban youth to joining gangs.

Days and Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Each day that school is in full session

Fee
There are no fees for this program.

Targeted Population
Open to 200 Grace A. Dunn Middle School students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Students are welcome to enroll in the program regardless of their level of academic ability, English language proficiency, or behavioral/emotional needs.

Program Information
The program maintains a 1:10 or 1:12 adult to child ratio.

Staff
Program Coordinator, Site Supervisor, Group Leaders, Educational Specialists, Activities Specialists, and Volunteers.

Louise McCants-Shabazz
Director of KIKS

Activities

Chat and Chew
A time for students to relax, have refreshments, and chat with friends.

Homework Support
Students will be encouraged to complete their homework with assistance from staff. Educational specialists will provide students with academic enrichment such as tutoring especially in math and reading, study skills, test-taking skills, etc.

Activity/Club Enrichment
Fun and stimulating “club” activities such as Dance, Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Top Model, Photography, Kids Court, MALE R.O.O.M. (Removing Obstacles Occurring in Manhood), Ladies Club, Flag Football, Community Corner, Paper Chasers, Chorus, Lego Robotics, Youth Advisory Board, recreational activities, games galore and much, much more.

Community Service
Each year the students choose several civic volunteer community activities to complete.

Highlights

Scheduling
The Positive Impact Program offers a unique schedule of activities that are divided into three 13 week group sessions. The schedule allows each student to choose up to 6-10 activities per year. Students are encouraged to participate and learn different skills. At the end of each Positive Impact session, there is a Finale Program to showcase the talents of the students. A student can be in the program throughout each school year.

Sample Schedule
Monday through Thursday
3:00 – 3:30 Chat & Chew
3:30 – 4:15 Homework Support/Tutoring
4:15 – 5:15 Club Activities
5:15 – 6:00 Recreational & Games Galore

Family Fun Fridays
3:00 – 4:00 Dinner
4:00 – 5:00 Club Activities
5:00 – 6:00 Family Fun Games

Rewards
The Positive Impact Program continually rewards students for positive behaviors, attendance and academic improvements. There are student of the month awards, dedication awards, honor roll awards, respect-ready-responsible awards and the student of the year award.

Trips
Field trips such as bowling trips, movie trips, community service trips and recreational trips will be taken throughout the year. Students must be in good standing to participate in any activity.