

April Newsletter



From the Desk of the Community Manager

At FPSC, we often say that it takes a village to help families in crisis, but what does that truly mean? It means no one should have to face hardship alone. It means that when someone is struggling, our community steps in-not just as bystanders, but as active participants lifting them up.

Homelessness and housing insecurity are not just statistics; they are the reality for parents working multiple jobs but still unable to afford rent, for children who don't know where they will sleep tonight, for families who fall through the cracks of traditional support systems. These challenges belong to all of us because a strong community takes care of it own.

When we come together-whether by donating, volunteering, or simply spreading awareness-we create a network of hope and support. We provide stability to the person living out of their car. We give a family the resources they need to secure permanent housing. We remind those in need that they are not forgotten.

Your role in this community is vital. Every donation you provide, every dollar you give, every hour you volunteer sends a powerful message.

"You are not alone. We are in this together."

As we move into spring, a season of renewal, I invite you to continue to be a part of this mission. Whether through a donation, attending our Casino Night Fundraiser, or sharing our message with others, your support changes lives.

Thank you for being the heart of our community. Together, we are stronger, and together, we will continue to make a difference.

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Community Events

Warren County Veteran Expo:
4/3/2025 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Belvidere Manor Banquet Hall
689 Water St Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

All Warren County Veterans are welcome to attend. Veterans will have access to employers, community resources, Veteran vendors, food vendors, activities and much more. Stop by our table for information on our veteran programs and services!

The Walkkill Valley Community Coalition Town Hall:

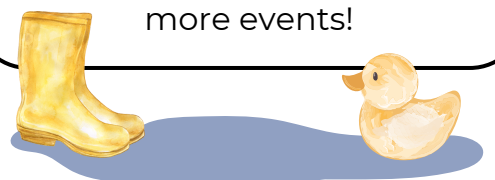
4/15/2025 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Walkkill Valley Regional High.

The event is for all families in the Walkkill community (Franklin, Hamburg, Hardyston, and Ogdensburg) to celebrate the accomplishments of their students and also to raise awareness about Alcohol Awareness month.

Healthy Kids Day at the Y:
4/26/2025 11:00am - 2:00pm
Sussex County YMCA

This free community event is the Y's national initiative to improve health and well-being of families, with the goal to get kids and families moving, learning, and living healthier lifestyles. This day is fun of fun, active play, and educational activities!

Check out our website for more events!



April is Financial Literacy Month: Building Stronger Futures Through Finances

This month we are raising awareness about the importance of financial literacy. Family Promise of Sussex County is dedicated to helping families develop skills they need for long-term stability. Through our Financial Literacy classes, we provide the tools necessary for financial independence.

This program consists of five classes that cover the topics of credit Reports, FICO scores, budgeting, debt, payments, and savings. These classes are taught by a certified financial counselor. Our case managers also work regularly with their clients providing one-on-one coaching and budgeting.

Did You Know?

Many families experiencing homelessness struggle with limited financial knowledge, making it harder to break the cycle of poverty.

With the support from FPSC's Financial Literacy classes, families and individuals are equipped with the skills to manage expenses, save for the future, and secure stable housing.



FREE

Money Management Classes

CLASS SCHEDULE

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Every Thursday
Starting April 3rd
Ending May 1st

5:00pm-
6:30pm



Register for Financial Literacy Classes

If you are interested in attending these classes, please call **973-579-1180**. Anyone looking to improve their knowledge about finances are welcome to attend. Our classes are a judgement free zone.

A Mother's Struggle

When Emma found herself living out of her car with her 11-month-old son, she never imagined this would be her reality. Just months ago, she was working full-time, paying rent, and dreaming of a bright future for her baby boy. After losing her job unexpectedly and exhausting her savings, she had no where else to go.

She reached out for help-calling social services, shelters, and any program that she could find. Because of strict program limitations and eligibility requirements, she didn't qualify for traditional assistance. She wasn't fleeing domestic violence. She wasn't battling addiction. She wasn't chronically homeless. She's a mother who has fallen on hard times, and trying to keep her baby safe while she figures out the next steps.



At Family Promise of Sussex County, we see stories like Emma's far too often. Families and individuals who don't fit into the system but desperately need support. This is where your donations matter the most.

With your help, we can provide:

- ♥ **Emergency assistance** for gas, food, and other essential supplies
- ♥ **Short-term motel stays** to get families and individuals off the streets
- ♥ **Financial support** to help cover the move-in costs for stable housing

Emma, and those in similar situations, do everything they can to get back on their feet, but they cannot do it alone. Will you help to ensure that families like hers don't have to sleep in their cars tonight?

How you can support our mission, and strengthen our community:

Sponsor Casino Night or Purchase Tickets - Casino Night is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. All proceeds go towards our Housing Hope Emergency Shelter Program and our housing stabilization and sustainability programs.

Our Housing Hope Emergency Shelter program provides assistance to people like Emma, who don't fit within the parameters of our housing programs but still need our help.

Our other programs can help provide rental assistance, case management, financial coaching, employment search assistance, food, and clothing.

Donate to Our Mission - You can make a monetary donation through our online donation page, Venmo, PayPal, or a check. We also accept new clothing, household items, and unperishable food items. Check out our website for more information!
www.familypromisesussex.org

Spread the Word - Share, like, and follow us on our social media platforms to help spread the word about FPSC's mission!