Mission Statement

Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) of Southern New Jersey is dedicated to helping people successfully meet the challenges of daily life. We are a non-profit agency that provides quality, affordable, and accessible social services to Jewish individuals and families in need. JFCS is also responsive to the needs of the broader community on a non-discriminating basis. We place the highest value upon treating people with dignity and respect and are guided by the Jewish tradition of helping people help themselves.

Special Needs

Our Special Needs Program is committed to enhancing the quality of life of individuals with special needs, and providing support, education, and networking opportunities for their families. Our goal is to develop programs and services in support of individuals with special needs so that they can achieve their highest potential and lead independent and fulfilled lives as members of our community.

Supported Employment

Supported employment services are available to high school graduates through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) and the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). They include assessments, job development, job coaching, and follow along supports. Vocational services are also available on a fee-for-service basis.

Transition Services

Through contracts with local high schools, assistance is provided for the transition from school to adult life. Vocational assessments, job sampling, and job coaching are available to high school students in community settings.

Social and Recreational Program

The SAIL Program (Supports to Achieve Independent Living) provides social and recreational opportunities and life skill supports for high functioning young adults who have graduated from high school. Activities include cultural events, informal get-togethers, lifelong learning classes, community service projects, and participation on Special Olympics teams.

Self Directed Services

As a qualified provider of Self Directed Services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), we offer two programs.

Enrichment Day Program

TOPS (To Our Positive Success), a day program for young adults, offers physical fitness classes, music workshops, culinary activities, and creative arts programming in addition to life skills lessons and intergenerational socialization.

Work Training

The WorkFit Program enables individuals to purchase the services of our qualified job coaches to assist them with attaining and maintaining work experiences.

Financial Literacy Program

This program empowers people with special needs to become economically responsible by teaching them how to budget and save their earned income through a combination of interactive coursework, trips to local banks, and supported banking.

Case Management

Assistance is available to coordinate, advocate, and make referrals for support services within the community.

Counseling

Counseling services are available from licensed professionals for individuals or family members. Most third-party insurances are accepted. For those without insurance, we offer sliding scale fees based on income.

Sibling Support

The SibShops group provides unique opportunities for brothers and sisters of individuals with special needs. Participants learn about disabilities and discuss the challenges and feelings associated with having a sibling with special needs. Through this program they interact with peers, build coping skills, create friendships, and have fun. This program is geared towards children ages 8 to 12.

Respite Care

Respite services are available for eligible families who have a child with special needs living at home through the Family Support Program of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to serve as job mentors, special friends, coaches for our Special Olympics teams, and instructors to teach classes such as art, music, or computers at our enrichment day program.