



## Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County is founded on a belief that together is better.

The story of Jewish Family Service begins in 1862 when the Ladies Sewing Aid Society, Hebrew Benevolent Union, Sisterhood of Zion and Women's Jewish Benevolent Society joined to form the Federation of Jewish Charities. In 1930 the Federation established the Jewish Welfare Society, and in 1947 the Jewish Welfare Society changed its name to the Jewish Community Service Society and reorganized into three departments: Family Service, Child Care and Vocational Service.



In 1960 the Jewish Community Service Society became Jewish Family Service and was located in the Sidway Building at the corner of Main and Goodell Streets.



We have been providing comprehensive mental health services since 1958 . . .

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and became a leading regional resettlement agency in the 1970s.



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Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County  
continues to build on our legacy of collaboration in  
the interest of doing our part to help "repair the world."



Mental Health Therapy and Treatment

Clinical social workers in the New York State-licensed JFS Mental & Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic help individuals of all ages; families and care-givers develop strategies and skills to define and manage emotional, behavioral and interpersonal challenges. We are also community leaders in the fight to de-stigmatize mental illness, and partner with other organizations to offer Mental Health First Aid training that teaches ways to identify and respond appropriately to a mental health crisis.

Health Home /  
Care Coordination



Today our JFS Health Home/Care Management Services team works with physicians, healthcare providers, long-term care organizations, legal services and other supports to prioritize and efficiently integrate multiple health and social service needs for Medicaid seniors and clients of all ages. JFS Care Coordinators ensure access to the full complement of services needed to stay healthy, out of the emergency room and out of the hospital.

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Career Services

Expert JFS Career Services counselors help people of all ages in all stages of life optimize their working-life. We help people identify transferrable skills, assess individual interests and make major, progressive life changes.



Immigrant and Refugee Services



During the 1970s JFS led the resettlement of Russian Jews to Buffalo. Today, we shepherd families and individuals from troubled regions all over the world through the challenging transition to a viable new life in America. We are proud of our leadership and partnerships in the development of American Sign Language classes for deaf refugees, of community connections that broaden immigrant and refugee support – and of our continued administration of the collaborative Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture, a community-based initiative that supports immigrants and refugees, asylum-seekers, Holocaust Survivors and others survivors of extreme physical and emotional trauma in need of specialized care.

*we are better today because  
you are a link in our lifeline . . .  
thank you!*

JFS is a Lifeline to New Hope

Jewish Family Service of Buffalo & Erie County believes that everyone should have access to a lifeline of new hope and compassionate care when they need it.

In every area of support JFS is focused on client-centered treatment of the whole self, guided by the essential connection between mental well-being, physical wellness and positive self-worth.

**JFS VISION:** Any person living in the JFS Buffalo service area coping with a significant life challenge or personal change will have a lifeline that leads to new hope and compassionate care.

**JFS MISSION:** JFS Buffalo partners with families, children and individuals of all beliefs and backgrounds to help them succeed in transition and overcome the challenges of everyday life.

Every JFS staff member maintains the highest level of professionalism in the delivery of our Counseling and Referral Services: Mental / Behavioral Health Treatment  
▶ Care Management / Health Home Services ▶ Community Support ▶  
Career Services ▶ Immigrant and Refugee Services



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