

Other Important Phone Numbers

Probation AFY Intake:

(631) 853-7889

*All calls are initially screened and reviewed by
Probation and forwarded to EAC for opening in AFY *

MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM:

(631) 952-3333

Diagnostic, Assessment & Stabilization

Hub (DASH) (24/7):

(631) 952-3333

Sagamore Respite:

(631) 370-1874

Response of Suffolk:

(631) 751-7500

CPEP

(Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program)

at Stony Brook University Medical Center

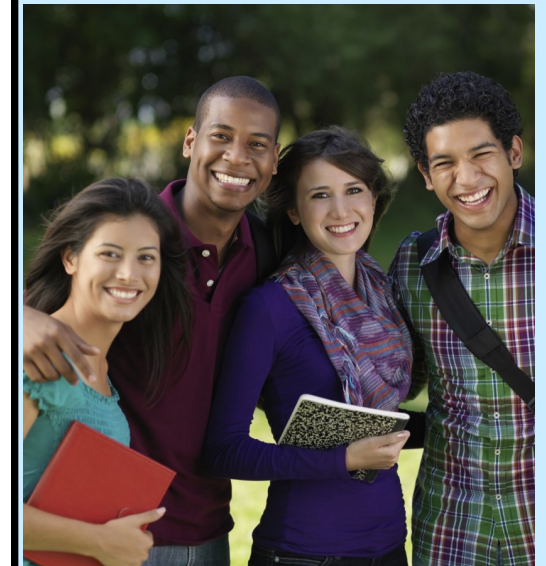
(631) 444-6050

Mission Statement

Family Service League helps individuals, children and families to mobilize their strengths and improve the quality of their lives at home, in the workplace and in the community.



Alternatives for Youth (AFY) Family Support Program



The AFY Family Support Philosophy

The AFY Program is a parent driven program with its philosophy founded on empowering parents/guardians and equipping families for success and restoration.

- Youth are taught emotional, social, and life skills.
- In-home “Wrap-around services” aid in equipping families to improve family function, communication, and decision making skills in the youth.
- Home visitations provide the worker with a deeper insight into the family dynamics, strengths, and concerns, allowing the family to be served in a familiar and comfortable setting.
- The program is solution focused, educational and culturally responsive, and offers advocacy, skill building, and re-direction.
- Parents/Guardians of AFY youth must commit to positive change in order for the program to be successful.



The AFY Program encourages a path towards positive interaction among family members in order to live together cohesively. **The AFY program does not have the authority to remove a child from the home.**

This preventative program is designed to avert the referral of youth to the Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) probation system. This is achieved through care coordination between families and the Family Support Workers as they provide home visitations, advocacy/referrals, and after-school activities.

Referral Process

To enroll youth in the AFY Program, a parent or guardian can contact the Suffolk County Office of Probation at (631) 853-7889. Upon review and acceptance, the referral is transferred from Probation to the first intervention phase of AFY at the Education Assistance Corporation, (EAC). Depending upon the youths’ progress in reaching goals in the first phase of AFY, youth are either discharged or continue onto longer care services with Family Service League AFY where the family works with the Family Support Worker for an average of six months.

Persons Served

The AFY Family Support Program serves adolescents and their families throughout Suffolk County. There is no minimum age for a child to be enrolled in the program however, when the adolescent reaches the age of 18 referrals to other accessible services will be made as needed.

Services Provided

(Resources and referrals including, but not limited to...)

In Home:

- **Family Communication Component** (6 week 1:1)
- Informal Counseling
- Bi-Lingual Services
- Parent Skill Building
- 1:1 Anger Management
- Life Skill Building (Self-Esteem, Executive Functioning, Social Functioning, Anxiety and Depression Coping)
- *Why Try* Curriculum

Referrals to:

- Counseling
- Parent Support Workshops
- Camp Programs
- School Advocacy
- Peer Support Services
- Suffolk County Youth Bureau Agencies
- Tutoring
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Recreational Programs

Program Hours

Families are visited in their homes at mutually agreed upon times. The program operates during normal business hours, weekdays from 9am-5pm, but scheduling is flexible to accommodate the needs and schedules of each family. Family Support Workers can also visit youth during school hours upon the approval of parent or guardian.

Program Location

Family Service League
Iovino South Shore Family Center
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Bay Shore, New York 11706

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